



2021 Recommended Legislative Actions



INCREASING EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT



POSTSECONDARY READINESS

Increase Access to Existing Readiness and Remedial Resources for All Qualifying Students by continuing support for Cooperative Innovative High Schools and fully funding online remedial content subscriptions for high schools.

Expand Support for Remedial Instructors by providing funding for a Career & College Ready Graduates effectiveness coordinator.



POSTSECONDARY ACCESS

Expand Access to Postsecondary and Career Advising by strengthening early emphasis on career planning, expanding availability of NC Community College Career Coaches and expanding the presence of the College Advising Corps.

Re-Envision Access to Postsecondary Financial Aid by increasing support for FAFSA completion.



POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Reform Public Need-Based Student Aid by consolidating and simplifying public need-based aid grants and updating state grant IT system and outreach efforts.

Strengthen Postsecondary Student Support by expanding financial supports for students most at risk of failing to earn high-value degrees or credentials.



LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

Increase Supports for Credentialing Students by expanding enrollment and completion supports already available to degree-seeking students.



POSTSECONDARY FOUNDATIONS

Expand Broadband Access by accelerating support for immediate and longer-term connectivity solutions.

Modernize Sector Data Systems by supporting rapid system upgrades and **Capture a Broader Array of Attainment-Relevant Data** by increasing availability of cross-sector data.



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Continue Support for Cooperative Innovative High Schools by expanding their availability in each Prosperity Zone. [NCDPI, Governor's Office]	\$1.88M - \$2.19M (R)	K-12
Fully Fund Online Remedial Content Subscriptions for all High Schools. [Governor's Office, NCDPI]	\$469K (R)	K-12
Provide Funding for a CCRG Effectiveness Coordinator. [Governor's Office, NCDPI]	\$77.5K (R)	K-12
Contribution to 2M by 2030: Targeted readiness support for thousands of students each year		

POSTSECONDARY ACCESS

Strengthen Early Emphasis on Career Planning by increasing availability of Career Development Coordinators in middle schools. [Governor's Office]	\$100K (R)¹	K-12
Expand Availability of NC Community College Career Coaches, doubling NC school districts served to provide statewide coverage. [myFutureNC estimate]	\$1.5M (R)	CC
Expand the College Advising Corps to increase services in current counties (82) and provide services in up to 10 additional counties. [Governor's Office, College Advising Corps]	\$2.4M-\$2.6M (R)	UNIV
Increase Support for FAFSA Completion by expanding NCSEEA capacity. [NCSEEA]	\$745K (R)	UNIV/ NCSEEA
Investigate Options for Providing Schools with Targeted FAFSA Completion Data to increase completion rates. [myFutureNC]	\$55K (NR)	
Contribution to 2M by 2030: Statewide increase in postsecondary enrollment		

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Consolidate and Simplify Public Need-Based Aid Grants, per recommendations in the UNC/NCCCS NC Scholarship plan. [NCCCS, UNC System]	Budget-Neutral	CC, UNIV
Update State Grant IT System and Outreach Efforts to support the NC Scholarship plan. [NCSEEA]	\$5M (NR)	UNIV/ NCSEEA
Expand Student Financial Supports for students most at risk of failing to complete a high-value credential or degree. [Governor's Office, NCICU]	\$11M (R)² \$6M (NR)³	UNIV
Contribution to 2M by 2030: Statewide increase in postsecondary completion rates		

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

Expand Enrollment and Completion Supports by providing completion incentives and exam fee coverage for marketable, industry-recognized credentials. [Governor's Office, NCDPI]	\$36.5M (R)⁴	K-12, CC
Contribution to 2M by 2030: More high school graduates with marketable credentials		

POSTSECONDARY FOUNDATIONS

(Specific broadband recommendations forthcoming, pending clarity on availability and usage of anticipated federal funding)	TBD	
Contribution to 2M by 2030: Greater availability of online degree & credential opportunities		
Support Rapid Upgrades of Public Sector Data Systems by modernizing Enterprise Resource Platforms. [Governor's Office, NCDPI, NCCCS] ⁵	\$3.5M-\$40.5M (R) \$42.4M-\$58.5M (NR)	K-12, CC
Increase the Availability of Cross-Sector Attainment-Relevant Data by procuring data from the National Student Clearinghouse. [myFutureNC Estimate]	Budget-Neutral⁶	K-12
Contribution to 2M by 2030: Strategic response to local & statewide attainment challenges		

¹ The Governor's recommended budget includes an expansion to \$10.1M (R) beginning with FY 2022-23.

² Governor's recommended budget: \$11M=net expansion of need-based aid (additional \$15M of total expansion recommendation covered by receipts).

³ NCICU: \$6M (NR) for COVID-related need-based student aid.

⁴ \$30M (R) for incentives, with a recommended expansion to \$40M (R) for FY 2022-23; \$6.5M (R) for exam fees.

⁵ **NCDPI modernization:** Gov. Office: \$30M (NR); + \$15M (NR) for FY 2022-23; NCDPI \$37M (R) + \$13.9M (NR); **NCCCS modernization:** Gov. Office, NCCCS: \$3.5M (R) + \$28.5M (NR).

⁶ myFutureNC recommends using existing federal funds for FY 2021-22; myFutureNC estimate for FY 2022-23ff: ca \$168K per year.