



# 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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POSTSECONDARY READINESS	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Sector
Continue Support for Cooperative Innovative High Schools by securing availability in each Prosperity Zone. [Gov. Office, NCDPI]	\$1.88M (R)	\$1.88M (R)	K-12
Note: Funds for 8 schools without recurring support and for additional schools facing Tier designation changes			
Fully Fund Online Remedial Content Subscriptions for all High Schools. [Gov. Office, NCDPI]	\$469K (R)	\$469K (R)	K-12
Provide Funding for a CCRG Effectiveness Coordinator. [Gov. Office, NCDPI]	\$77.5K (R)	\$77.5K (R)	K-12
<b>Contribution to 2M by 2030: Targeted readiness support for thousands of students each year</b>			
POSTSECONDARY ACCESS	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Sector
Strengthen Early Emphasis on Career Planning by increasing availability of Career Development Coordinators in middle schools. [Gov. Office]	\$100K (R)	\$10M (R)	K-12
Expand Availability of NC Community College Career Coaches, doubling NC school districts served to provide statewide coverage. [myFutureNC estimate]	\$1.5M (R)	\$1.5M (R)	CC
Expand the College Advising Corps (CAC) to increase services in current counties (82) and provide services in all 100 counties by 2023. [Gov. Office (FY21-22 \$2.6M, FY22-23 \$2.95M), CAC (FY21-22 \$2.4M, FY22-23 \$2.6M)]	\$2.4M (R)	\$2.6M (R)	UNIV
Increase Support for FAFSA Completion by expanding NCSEEA capacity. [NCSEEA]	\$745K (R)	\$745K (R)	UNIV (NCSEEA)
Provide Schools with Targeted FAFSA Completion Data to increase completion rates. [myFutureNC]	\$55K (R)	\$55K (R)	mFNC
<b>Contribution to 2M by 2030: Statewide increase in postsecondary enrollment</b>			
POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Sector
Consolidate and Simplify Public Need-Based Aid Grants, per recommendations in the UNC/NCCCS NC Scholarship plan. [NCCCS, UNC System]	Budget-Neutral		CC, UNIV (UNC)
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. [Gov. Office, NCICU]	\$11M (R)*	\$11M (R)*	UNIV (NCSEEA)
*Note: Gov. Office: \$11M net expansion of need-based aid (additional \$15M of total expansion recommendation covered by receipts). NCICU: \$6M (NR) for COVID-related need-based student aid.	\$6M (NR)*		UNIV (NCICU)
<b>Contribution to 2M by 2030: Statewide increase in postsecondary completion rates</b>			



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LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Sector
Expand Enrollment and Completion Supports by providing completion incentives [FY21-22 \$30M (R), FY22-23 \$40M (R)] and exam fee coverage [\$6.5M (R)] for marketable, industry-recognized credentials. [Gov. Office, NCDPI]	<b>Budget-Neutral*</b>	<b>\$6.5M (R)*</b>	K-12
*Note: \$6.5M (R) starting FY21-22, but NCDPI recommends using federal ESSER III funds for FY21-22	<b>\$30M (R)</b>	<b>40M (R)</b>	CC
<b>Contribution to 2M by 2030: More high school graduates with marketable credentials</b>			
POSTSECONDARY FOUNDATIONS	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Sector
<b>Broadband:</b>			
Accelerate Support for Longer-Term Broadband Infrastructure Solutions. [Gov. Office]	<b>Budget-Neutral*</b>	<b>Budget-Neutral*</b>	
*Note: Gov. Office recommends using \$515M from federal ARP funds			
Continue to Provide Short-Term, Bridging Connectivity Efforts for areas still awaiting high-speed support. [Gov. Office]	<b>\$30M (NR)*</b>	<b>Budget-Neutral*</b>	
*Note: Gov. Office recommended \$30M (NR) as part of supplemental budget recommendations (Feb 2021) in addition to using \$100M from federal ARP funds			
Support Efforts to Address Localized Online Learning Needs via targeted improvements to higher education technology infrastructures. [Gov. Office]	<b>Budget-Neutral*</b>	<b>Budget-Neutral*</b>	K-12, CC, UNIV
*Note: Gov. Office recommends applying \$13.4M from Dish Network settlement (K-12) in addition to using \$150M from federal ARP funds (CC, UNIV)			
<b>Contribution to 2M by 2030: Greater availability of online degree &amp; credential opportunities</b>			
<b>Data:</b>			
Support Rapid Upgrades of Public Sector Data Systems by modernizing Enterprise Resource Platforms. [Gov. Office, NCDPI, NCCCS]	<b>\$3.5M (R)</b> <b>\$28.5M (NR)</b>	<b>\$3.5M (R)</b>	CC
*Note: Gov. Office budget for K-12 modernization: FY21-22 \$30M (NR), FY22-23 \$15M (NR)	<b>\$7.1M (R)*</b> <b>\$101.3M (NR)*</b>	<b>\$7.1M (R)*</b>	K-12
Increase the Availability of Cross-Sector Attainment-Relevant Data by procuring data from the National Student Clearinghouse. [myFutureNC]	<b>Budget-Neutral*</b>	<b>\$168K (R)*</b>	K-12
*Note: myFutureNC recommends using existing federal funds for FY21-22; myFutureNC estimate for FY22-23 and future years: \$168K per year			
<b>Contribution to 2M by 2030: Strategic response to local &amp; statewide attainment challenges</b>			