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2016 Short Session Traditional Public Education Summary

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K-12 Education

- Increased K-12 public school funding by \$314M to \$8.73B in 2016-17.
- Teachers receive an average 4.7 percent raise.
- Provides funding to hire 450 additional first grade teachers to reduce class sizes.
- Establishes performance-based bonuses for Advanced Placement, Career and Technical Education, and 3rd grade reading teachers.
- School based administrators will receive a 1.5% salary increase and ½% nonrecurring bonus as well as experience-based step increase.
- Supports implementation of NC Digital Learning Plan with \$4.7M in funding.
- Supports innovative principal leadership program with \$3.5M in funding
- Fully funds Teacher Assistants
- Provides for collection of data in common format to study impact of later school start times for the secondary level.

Community Colleges

- Increased community college funding by over \$30M to \$1.96B in 2016-17.
- Funds for recurring salary increase and nonrecurring bonuses for community college employees.

Universities

- Increased university funding by \$169M to \$2.9B in 16-17. North Carolina is 4th in the nation in state support for university students.
- Permanent employees will receive a 1.5% annual salary increase and ½% one-time bonus.
- Provides no in-state tuition increases for standard undergraduate college term (usually 4 years) at all North Carolina public universities. This provides budget certainty for students and parents and provides an incentive for students to complete their degrees.
- Limits student fee increases to no more than 3% per year.

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