

2026 North Carolina Legislative Report

ISSUE	STATUS		IMPACT
Cardiac Emergency Response Plans in Schools		PASSED!	Over 2 million residents will be prepared in the event of a cardiac emergency in North Carolina public schools. Includes \$4 million for school AED purchase.
Healthy Food Produce Perscription Program		PASSED!	\$5 million appropriated to work with health plans to provide a Healthy Foods Prescription Program.
SUN Bucks		PASSED!	Provides funds for SUN Bucks, which provides \$120 per eligible child to purchase food during the summer months when schools are out.
Healthy Oppurtunities Pilot Porgram		PASSED!	\$9 million for 1115 waivers that connect beneficiaries enrolled in Medicaid managed care plans to food, housing, and transportation.
Healthy School Meals for All		PROGRESS	Community Eligibility provisions retained and students now allowed to consume breakfast in the classroom.
Tobacco 21		STALLED	Lawmakers have adopted language prohibiting youth under 21 from entering vape shops. This is not comprehensive language.
Double Up North Carolina		STALLED	Lawmakers were not able to agree on funding Double Up Food Bucks this session. We will try again in the new fiscal year!