

The procedure for bills to be voted on and become session law comprises of passing the Senate chamber and then moving to the House chamber to be approved. The House chamber can make amendments in the bill and submit them back to the Senate. If the original chamber disagrees to the amendments, the two presiding officers may appoint members to a conference committee for discussion. The process begins again in each chamber for approval, once the bill passes both chambers through three readings it is prepared to be presented to the governor.

Thus far this session there has been 672 senate bills which includes 134 bills filed this week. In comparison to 675 senate bills filed from the previous long session in 2017.

One of the important things coming out of the Appropriation for Education committee includes UNC Laboratory Schools. Started in 2016 the University of North Carolina laboratory Schools was initiated to advance learning and teaching by developing partnerships between universities and schools to ensure that children can excel academically in the community.

By 2019, six UNC universities will open laboratory schools serving K-8 students in low-performing school districts. UNC Charlotte in fall 2019 will be opening Niner University Elementary which will serve 150 students in grades K-2 located on the campus of James Martin Middle School and by fall 2022 plans to expand to grade 5.

"This legislative session will be ongoing throughout 2019 it is important that we continue to hear from our constituents so that we can vote in the best interest of our communities and State of NC, " Said Senator Joyce Waddell

