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**COVID-19 Relief Bill**

**Charlotte, NC-** The state legislature returned Tuesday, April 28, 2020 for the first time since the pandemic spread to North Carolina, to start a historic session like no other.

Many lawmakers wore masks and sat apart from each other in a Legislative Building that was much more empty, and quiet, than usual. Our primary task is to pass COVID-19 relief.

On Saturday, May 2, 2020 the House and Senate passed Senate Bill 704 unanimously, sending it to the Governor.

**\$1.5 Billion Relief Package**

Including:

- \$75 million for School Nutrition
- \$50 million for PPEs and Sanitation supplies
- \$50 million for Rural and Underserved Communities
- \$20 million for Mental Health Needs
- \$125 million for Small Business Loans
- \$300 million to support Local Government
- \$25 million for Testing and Tracing

Gov. Roy Cooper signed a financial-relief package Monday, two days after state lawmakers unanimously approved it as a response to the coronavirus. The governor also said details about what he calls Phase One of his reopening plan will be announced by Wednesday.

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