

2025 Child Fatality Task Force Legislative Status Chart June 30, 2025

The [2025 CTF Action Agenda](#) contains the 2025 CTF recommendations and the [2025 CTF Annual Report](#) explains the recommendations in more depth.

The chart below contains the status of legislation relevant to CTF 2025 recommendations. Note the following:

- The Senate and House have each passed their versions of the budget. Senate budget bill text is [here](#); the Senate committee report is [here](#); House budget bill text is [here](#); House committee report is [here](#). The bill has been sent to a conference committee.
- Certain bills were subject to the May 8 “crossover” deadline, whereby a bill must pass one chamber to remain eligible for consideration; bills with fiscal implications (appropriations, fees, etc.) are typically not subject to this deadline (this is the case with most CTF recommendations below).
- This chart tracks any legislation that relates to 2025 CTF recommendations, regardless of whether its language is well-aligned with a CTF recommendation.

CTF 2025 Recommendation (abbreviated)	Relevant Bills (<i>click on the link to the bill to see bill status and information</i>)	Status as of 6-30-25
Endorse legislation to raise the legal age for sale of tobacco products in NC from 18 to 21 to align with federal law; legislation to include licensing of tobacco product retailers & enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Companion bills H 430 = S 318 address these recommendations including raising the age, licensing, and enforcement. (Note that this CTF recommendation endorses the efforts of the NC Alliance for Health; these bills take the approach recommended by the Alliance.) • S 533 raises the age for sale of tobacco products to 21. • Companion bills S 483 = H 507 raise the age for sale of tobacco products to 21. 	<p>These bills have seen no movement.</p> <p>Bills are not subject to crossover deadline.</p>
Support legislation to prevent child and youth access to intoxicating cannabis (certain hemp-derived products) through age requirements, licensing of retailers, regulation of packaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H 680 addresses most CTF recommendations related to intoxicating cannabis and is focused on preventing access to those under 21 and requiring licensing of retailers. • Parts of S 265 and H 607 address CTF recommendations related to intoxicating cannabis; these bills are more broad in addressing cannabis than CTF recommendations. • Companion bills S 483 = H 507 address some of the CTF recommendations related to intoxicating cannabis. • A new version of H 328 adds regulation of hemp-derived consumable products to prohibitions of such products on school grounds and includes provisions that address the CTF recommendations on protecting kids from the harms from cannabis. A new version of S 328 prohibits hemp-derived consumable products from being possessed by or sold to those under 21; the bill does not include any other regulation of hemp products that were recommended by the CTF. 	<p>H 680, S 265, H 607, S 483=H 507 have not seen movement.</p> <p>H 328 passed the Senate and is in the House Rules Committee.</p> <p>S 328 passed the House and is in the Senate Rules Committee.</p> <p>Bills are not subject to crossover deadline.</p>
Strengthen child passenger safety law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S 430 and H 368 address the recommendations of the CTF to strengthen the law in 3 areas (these bills are not companion bills as there are differences, but they are similar). 	<p>H 368 passed the House unanimously and is in the Senate Rules Committee</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Companion bills S 483 = H 507 address the recommendations of the CFTF to strengthen the law in 3 areas. 	
Recurring funding for more school nurses, social workers, counselors & psychologists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Companion bills S 360 = H 464 provide \$95 million in recurring funds to provide for at least one nurse in every school. Governor Stein's proposed budget includes \$32.7 million in recurring funds for school nurses, social workers, counselors, and psychologists. Companion bills S 483 = H 507 appropriate \$65.5 million recurring for these positions. 	The Senate budget does not appropriate new funds for this purpose; it moves \$13.9 million from the Child and Family Support Teams program to the School Health Personnel allotment. The House budget does not appropriate funds for this purpose.
Endorse legislation to address addictive algorithms in social media that harm kids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S 514 and H 860 address this CFTF recommendation. (Note that this CFTF recommendation endorses the efforts of the Young People's Alliance; this bill takes the approach recommended by the YP Alliance.) Companion bills S 483 = H 507 address addictive algorithms and other aspects of social media related to use by those under 18. <p>(Note that there have been other bills introduced this session that relate to social media, but they address age restrictions and not addictive algorithms.)</p>	H 860 received a favorable report from the House Commerce & Economic Development Committee and was sent to the Appropriations Committee Bills are not subject to crossover deadline.
Recurring funding for the NC S.A.F.E. firearm safe storage education and awareness campaign	Governor Stein's proposed budget includes \$2.26 million for the NC S.A.F.E initiative	Neither the Senate budget nor the House budget includes funds for this purpose.
Legislation to strengthen the law addressing safe storage of firearms to protect minors	There has been no legislation introduced that addresses the specific recommendation of the CFTF to remove the phrase "resides in the same premises as a minor" from the current law (G.S. 14-315.1).	No bill.
Recurring additional funding for the prevention of sleep-related infant deaths	Companion bills S 483 = H 507 appropriate \$250K in <i>nonrecurring</i> funds for this purpose.	Neither the Senate budget nor the House budget includes funds for this purpose.
Funding to enable Medicaid reimbursement of doula services	Companion bills S 483 = H 507 appropriate funding for this purpose.	Neither the Senate budget nor the House budget includes funds for this purpose.
Legislation addressing Fetal & Infant Mortality Reviews (FIMRs)	No legislation introduced (there has been legislation introduced that would create a state-level FIMR, but this is different than what was recommended by the CFTF, which was legislation to enable local FIMR programs.)	No bill.
Expansion of funding for early child care system, including child care subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several bills filed this session would appropriate funds for child care, including: S 281, companion bills S 483 = H 507, SB 412, H 316, H 651 Governor Stein's proposed budget includes \$87.9 million in funding to increase provider rates for subsidized child care and \$26.7 million to expand slots for NC Pre-K. 	Both the House and Senate budgets include funding to increase child care subsidy rates, using federal block grant funding. The House budget also provides \$25 million recurring to decrease the co-pay for families receiving subsidized child care.

