

- (2) Meal service.
- (3) Transportation services to the campus where the student is assigned.

**SECTION 4.** As the Department of Health and Human Services continues to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance for COVID-19 vaccinations of frontline essential workers, local boards of education are encouraged to coordinate with local health departments and other vaccine providers to facilitate coordinating and scheduling COVID-19 vaccination events for frontline K-12 school-based employees.

**SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.



Deanna Ballard  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

**VETO**



Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Roy Cooper  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ .m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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Signed Sarah Holland





Roy Cooper, Governor  
*State of North Carolina*

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

***Senate Bill 37, "AN ACT TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO IN-PERSON LEARNING FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELVE."***

Students learn best in the classroom and I have strongly urged all schools to open safely to in-person instruction and the vast majority of local school systems have done just that.

However, Senate Bill 37 falls short in two critical areas. First, it allows students in middle and high school to go back into the classroom in violation of NC Department of Health and Human Services and CDC health guidelines. Second, it hinders local and state officials from protecting students and teachers during an emergency.

As I have informed the Legislature, I would sign the bill if these two problems are fixed.

As written, the bill threatens public health just as North Carolina strives to emerge from the pandemic.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Cooper".

Roy Cooper  
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021, at 4:47 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

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