GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

*Senate Bill 354, “AN ACT, CONSISTENT WITH HOUSE BILL 966 OF THE 2019 REGULAR SESSION, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR LEGISLATELY MANDATED COMPENSATION INCREASES FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND, CONTINGENT UPON THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 966 OF THE 2019 REGULAR SESSION, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR LEGISLATELY MANDATED COMPENSATION INCREASES FOR CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL EMPLOYEES AND INCREASED FUNDING FOR TUITION GRANTS FOR GRADUATES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS.”*

The General Assembly continues to shortchange teachers and non-certified school personnel like cafeteria workers, bus drivers and teacher assistants, despite a robust economy and decent raises for other state employees. Educators deserve more if our schools are to remain competitive with other states and keep good teachers.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

[Signature]
Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 8th day of November 2019, at 9:53 a.m. for reconsideration by that body.
SECTION 5.1. Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective July 1, 2019.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 31st day of October, 2019.

Philip E. Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved __________m. this ___________ day of ____________, 2019

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Date NOV. 8, 2019
Time 9:53 a.m.
Signed Sarah Holland

Senate Bill 354-Ratified