

## **\$21 Billion Budget Rolled Out By North Carolina Senate**

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RALEIGH, (AP) — Republicans in the North Carolina Senate are geared up to move their budget adjustments through the chamber by the end of the week.

GOP budget-writers have completed their proposal to spend more than \$21 billion in state funds for the year beginning July 1. They'll take the plan through three committees Thursday, starting with the appropriations panel. The measure adjusts the second year of the two-year budget approved last summer and attempts to raise salaries significantly for teachers who agree to give up their job protections as veteran educators. Money for the proposal comes in part from cost-cutting elsewhere in the public schools.

The spending plan also attempts to shift the State Bureau of Investigation and State Crime Lab out from under the Attorney General's Office.