

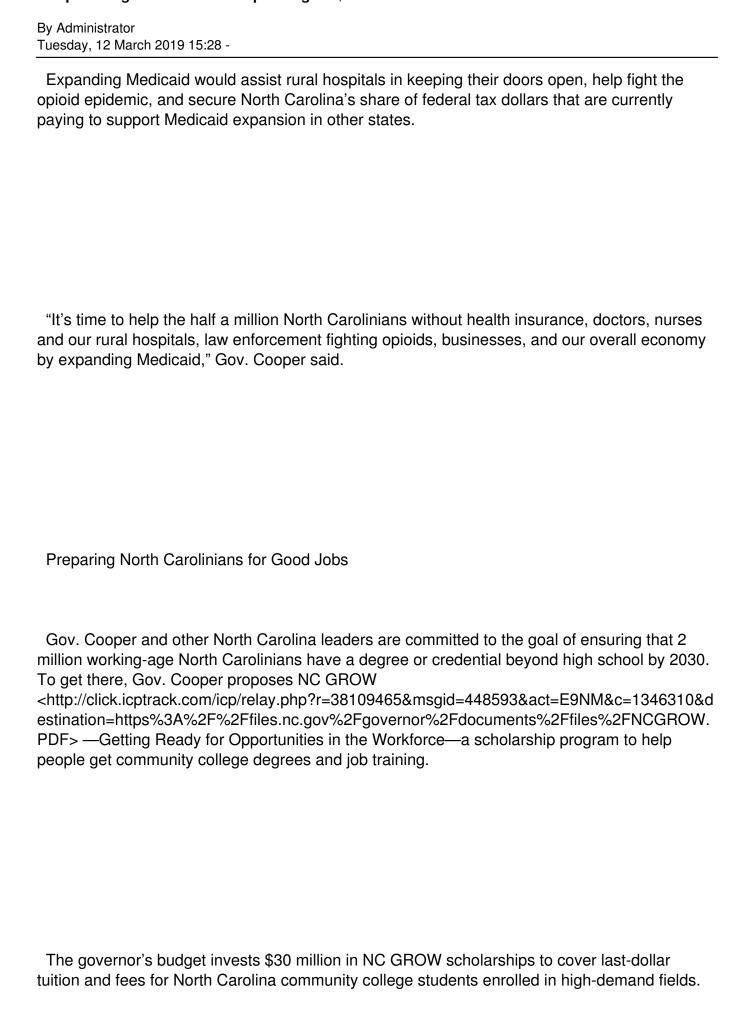
A bond is the fiscally responsible option for making these investments, offering stability for school districts, colleges and universities, and local governments planning their budgets. It also allows the people of North Carolina the chance to voice their opinion on making these public investments.

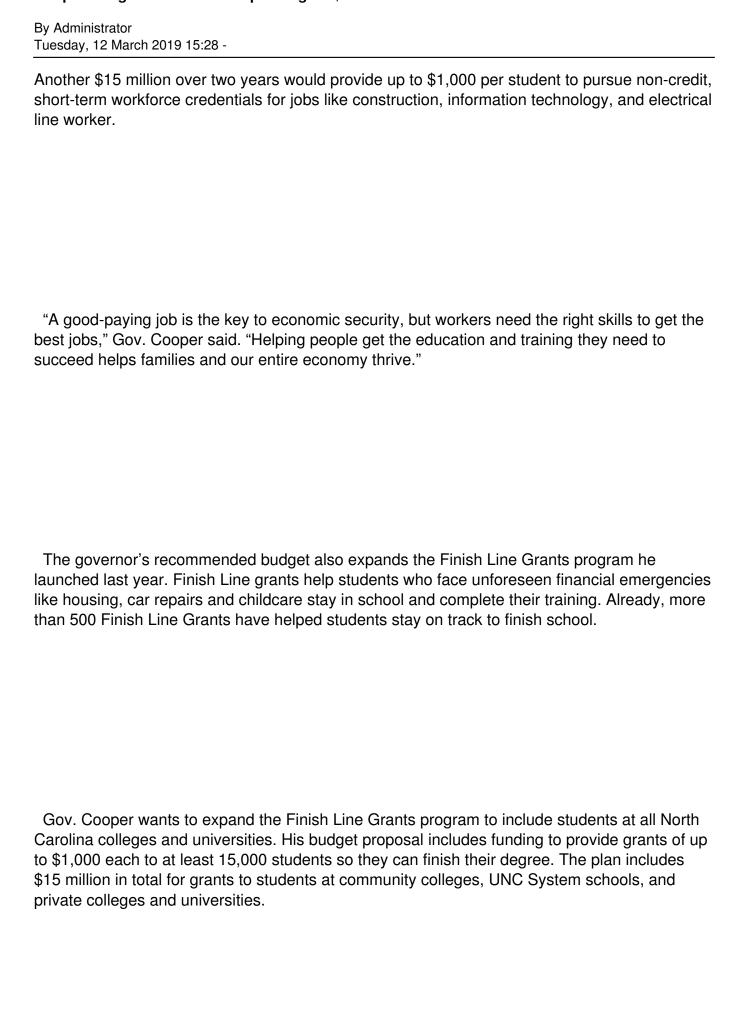
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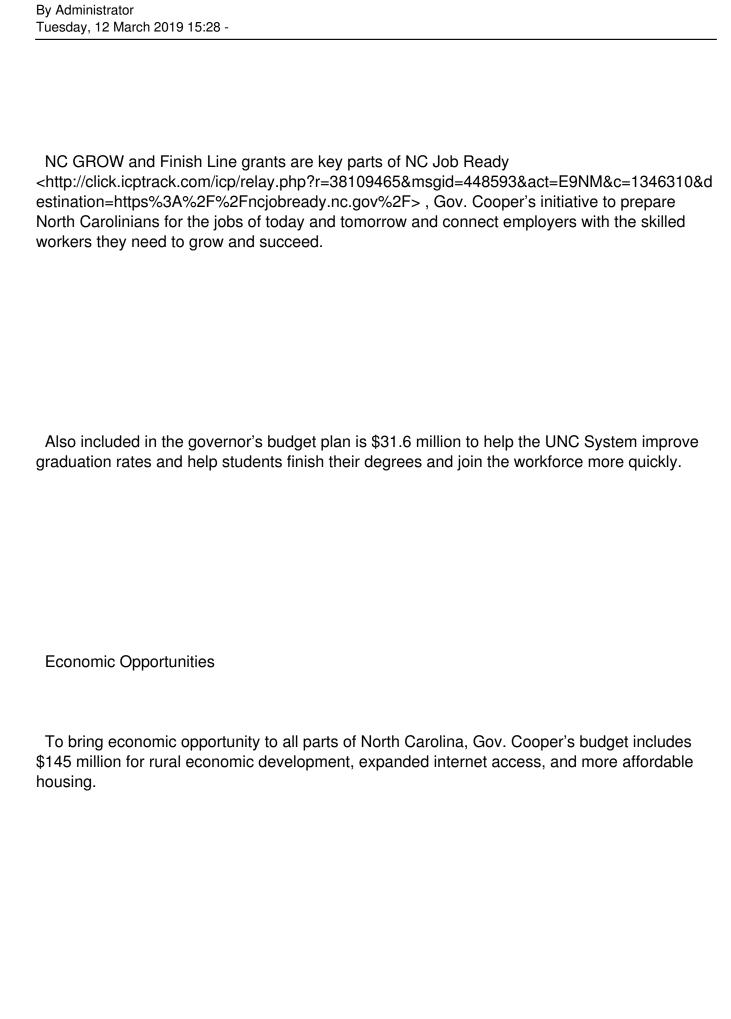
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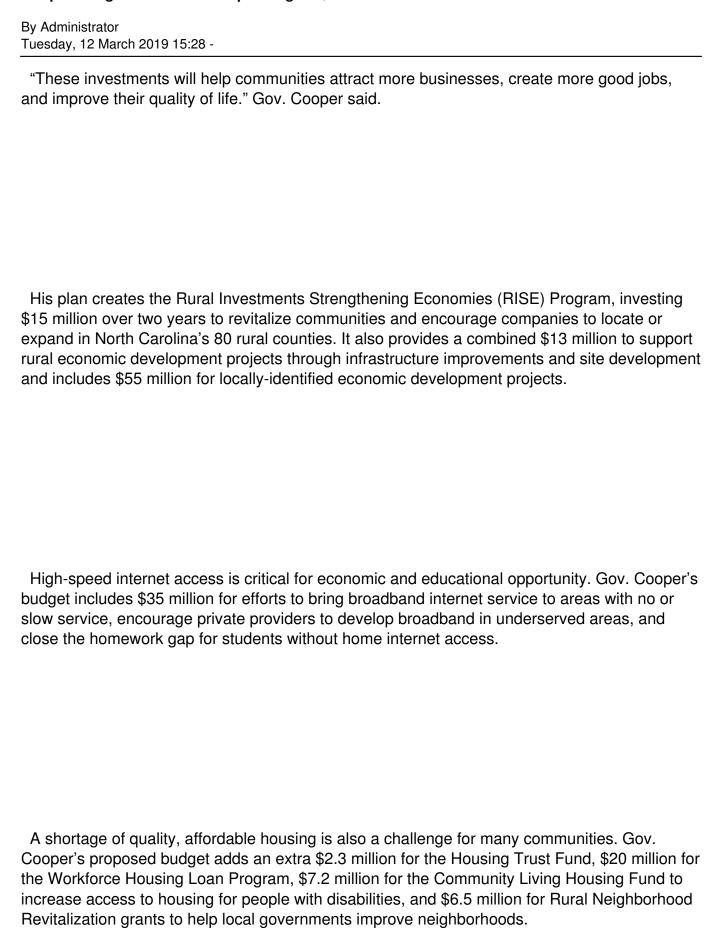
# **Expanding Medicaid**

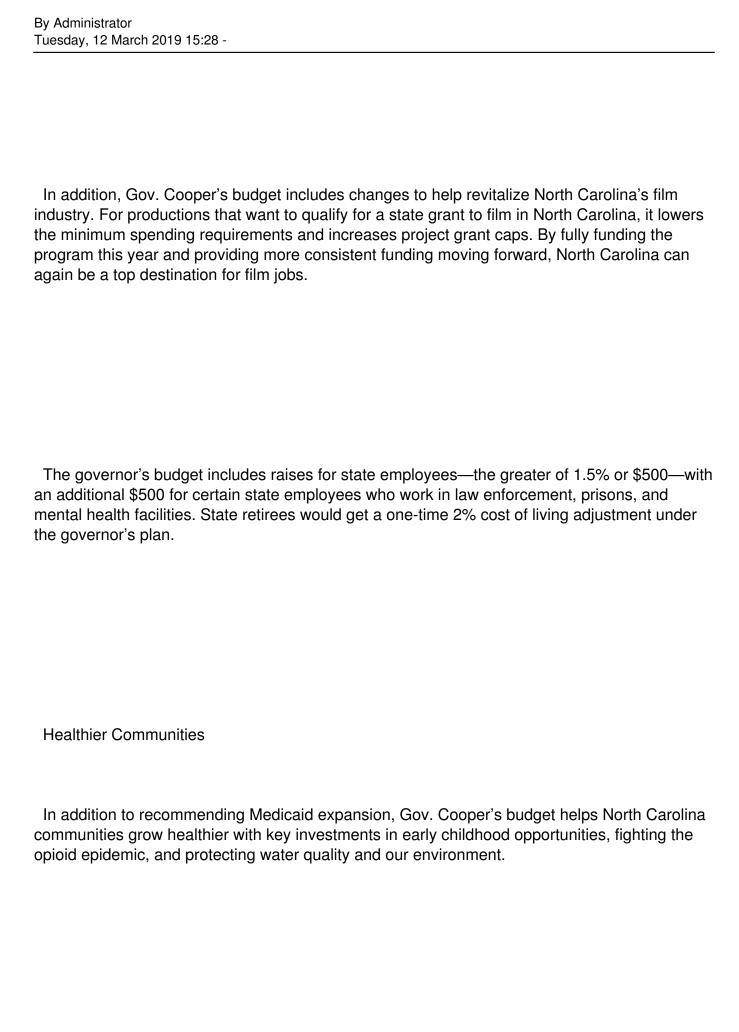
Gov. Cooper's budget plan recommends expanding Medicaid to bring \$4 billion into North Carolina's economy, create an estimated 40,000 jobs and provide more affordable health care for 500,000 people. North Carolina would become the 38th state to expand Medicaid to cover people who currently earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but too little to afford private health insurance.











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The plan invests more than \$95 million over two years in early education and child development, helping implement North Carolina's Early Childhood Action Plan <a href="http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=38109465&msgid=448593&act=E9NM&c=1346310&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fgovernor.nc.gov%2Fnews%2Fgovernor-cooper-releases-2019-nc-early-childhood-action-plan>. It adds over 2,000 more childcare subsidy slots each year for children from low-income working families to receive high-quality care and increases the NC Pre-K- reimbursement rate so more children can attend high-quality Pre-K. Smart Start would see a 10 percent increase to support families and children in all 100 counties, including by expanding home visiting programs.

To fight the opioid epidemic, Gov. Cooper's budget directs more than \$15 million to expand opioid treatment and recovery services. To help abused and neglected children, the plan provides \$1.1 million to improve child welfare services and add critical staffing and training.

To protect people's health and drinking water, Gov. Cooper's budget provides \$6.3 million to analyze water for emerging compounds and more than \$3 million to match federal funds for clean water and drinking water infrastructure. The proposal also sets aside funds to renovate and expand the state's primary environmental lab. The governor's plan invests in clean energy and protects waterways and green space by providing a combined \$20 million in additional funds to the Clean Water Management Trust Fund and the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund.

