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PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 115 (2013-2014) [STATE MINIMUM WAGE/INFLATION INCREASES](#). Filed Feb 14 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENT OF THE STATE'S MINIMUM WAGE BASED UPON INCREASES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.*

Amends GS 95-25.3 to add a new subsection (a1) that requires the minimum wage to be increased on January 1, 2014, and every January 1 thereafter, by the cost of living as measured by the percentage increase of the consumer price index calculated by the US Department of Labor. Requires the Commissioner of Labor to calculate the indexed minimum wage. Effective when the act becomes law.

Intro. by Adams.

[GS 95](#)

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[Employment and Retirement](#)

H 117 (2013-2014) [REVISE LAWS FOR UNOCCUPIED SCHOOL BUSES](#). Filed Feb 18 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE SPEED LIMIT FOR A SCHOOL BUS WITH NO CHILD PASSENGERS ON BOARD.*

Under current law it is unlawful for a school bus driver to drive a school bus occupied by one or more children at a rate of speed more than 45 miles and unlawful to drive a school activity bus at a rate of more than 55 miles per hour on the state's highways or public vehicular areas.

Amends GS 20-218(b) as the title indicates. Requires a school bus driver to drive a school bus or a school activity bus no faster than the posted speed limit on public highways or public vehicular areas of the state, providing that there are no child passengers on the school bus or activity bus. Also provides that the driver is not required to use hazard lights when traveling on the interstate when no children are on board.

Intro. by Brody, Jeter.

[GS 20](#)

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[Transportation](#)

H 118 (2013-2014) [CONSULAR DOCUMENTS NOT ACCEPTABLE AS ID](#). Filed Feb 18 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN CONSULATE OR EMBASSY DOCUMENTS MAY NOT BE USED TO DETERMINE A PERSON'S IDENTIFICATION OR RESIDENCE FOR GOVERNMENTAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES.*

Current law provides that a matricula consular (Consular Identification Card) issued by the Mexican Consulate for North Carolina, or a substantially similar document issued by the consulate or embassy of another country, is acceptable as a reasonably reliable indicator of residency for specified purposes.

Adds new Article 18, *Identification Documents*, to GS Chapter 15A, enacting new GS 15A-306 to declare that documents issued by a consulate or embassy of another country, including the matricula consular, are no longer acceptable to use as an identification card or as an indicator of residency by a justice, judge, clerk, magistrate, law enforcement officer, or other government official.

Prohibits any local government from establishing by policy or ordinance the use of a matricula consular or similar document issued by a consulate or embassy of another country as a form of identification to determine the identity or residency of any

person. Repeals any local government policy or ordinance that contradicts this provision of new GS 15A-306.

Makes conforming changes to GS 20-7(b4), GS 58-2-164(c), and GS 106A-55.3(b).

Intro. by Cleveland, Hager, Millis, Szoka.

GS 15A, GS 20, GS 58, GS 108A

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Insurance, Transportation, Court System, Local Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, Public Assistance, Immigration

PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 14 (SL 2013-1) (2013-2014) **INCREASE ACCESS TO CAREER/TECHNICAL ED.** Filed Jan 30 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP CAREER AND COLLEGE ENDORSEMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS, INCREASE ACCESS TO CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND TO WORK WITH THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLING IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN HIGH NEED EMPLOYMENT AREAS.*

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Enacted February 18, 2013. Effective February 18, 2013.

Intro. by Tillman, Brown, Soucek.

GS 115C

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Education, State Board of Education

S 97 (2013-2014) **PROPERTY TAX/DEANNEXATION.** Filed Feb 18 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE RELEASE OF PROPERTY TAXES IN ANY AREA THAT WAS PART OF A MUNICIPALITY FOR SIX MONTHS OR LESS AND THEN DEANNEXED.*

Amends Article 12 of GS Chapter 105 by enacting new, GS 105-282.2, requiring a municipality to release or refund any property taxes levied on property within that municipality's corporate limits for six months or less prior to deannexation if no notice of the tax has yet been sent to the taxpayer; eligible taxpayers are not required to apply for the refund or release which must be made pursuant to Article 27 of GS Chapter 105. Effective when the act becomes law.

Intro. by Goolsby.

GS 105

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Local Government, Tax

S 98 (2013-2014) **REQUIRE PULSE OXIMETRY NEWBORN SCREENING.** Filed Feb 18 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND THE NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO INCLUDE NEWBORN SCREENING FOR CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE UTILIZING PULSE OXIMETRY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD FATALITY TASK FORCE.*

As the title indicates. Includes whereas clauses identifying data and statistics to support the expansion of the Newborn Screening Program. Amends GS 130A-125 to require the Newborn Screening Program to include a pulse oximetry screening

for each newborn in order to detect congenital heart defects. Directs the Commission for Public Health to adopt temporary and permanent rules to include pulse oximetry screening in the Newborn Screening Program. Specifies issues that must be addressed by the rules governing pulse oximetry screening.

Intro. by Brock, Pate, Stein.

[GS 130A](#)

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[Department of Health and Human Services, Health](#)

LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 116 (2013-2014) [CARRBORO OFFICE OF ALDERMAN](#). Filed Feb 18 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF ALDERMAN SHALL BE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES OR MAY BE FILLED THROUGH A SPECIAL ELECTION PROCESS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.*

Amends Section 2-2 of the Carrboro Town Charter (SL 1987-476, as amended by SL 2007-270) as the title indicates. Does not apply to vacancies in the mayor's office. Makes this act effective when it becomes law and applies to any vacancy on the board of aldermen occurring on or after that date.

Intro. by Insko, Foushee.

[Orange](#)

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LOCAL/SENATE BILLS

S 95 (2013-2014) [TABOR CITY ELECTION](#). Filed Feb 18 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN ELECTION PROCEDURE FOR MIDTERM VACANCIES IN TABOR CITY.*

Identical to [H 106](#), filed 2/14/13.

As title indicates, amends GS 160A-63 to set out a revised election procedure to fill midterm vacancies in Tabor City. Provides that the procedure expires December 31, 2013.

Intro. by Walters.

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[Elections](#)

S 96 (2013-2014) [32ND SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Feb 18 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 32ND SENATORIAL DISTRICT.*

Blank bill.

Intro. by Parmon.

[Forsyth](#)

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ACTIONS ON BILLS**PUBLIC BILLS****H 10: REMOVE ROUTE RESTRICTION FOR NC 540 LOOP.**

Senate: Rec From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Transportation

H 15: VARIOUS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CHANGES.

Senate: Rec From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources

H 23: DIGITAL LEARNING COMPETENCIES/SCHOOL EMP'EEES.

Senate: Rec From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Education/Higher Education

H 24: DV ABUSER TREATMENT PROGRAM/AMENDMENTS (NEW).

Senate: Rec From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Judiciary II

H 44: TRANSITION TO DIGITAL LEARNING IN SCHOOLS.

Senate: Rec From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Education/Higher Education

H 66: CAPTIVITY LICENSE AND PERMIT AMENDMENTS.-AB

Senate: Rec From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources

H 109: MOTORCYCLE HELMET LAW/STUDY (NEW).

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Transportation, if favorable, Judiciary Subcommittee B

H 110: PUBLIC CONTRACTS/PROJECT LABOR.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Government, if favorable, Finance

H 111: WORKERS COMP COVERAGE/PUBLIC RECORDS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Judiciary Subcommittee A

H 112: MODIFICATIONS/2013 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (NEW).

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Commerce and Job Development

H 113: HONOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY HEROES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 117: REVISE LAWS FOR UNOCCUPIED SCHOOL BUSES.

House: Filed

H 118: CONSULAR DOCUMENTS NOT ACCEPTABLE AS ID.

House: Filed

S 4: NO N.C. EXCHANGE/NO MEDICAID EXPANSION.

Senate: Withdrawn From Cal

Senate: Placed On Cal For 02/19/2013

S 14: INCREASE ACCESS TO CAREER/TECHNICAL ED.

Signed by Gov. 2/18/2013

Ch. SL 2013-1

S 50: DISCHARGED VETERANS/IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Judiciary Subcommittee A

S 90: WILKES CC MULTICAMPUS FUNDING.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Appropriations/Base Budget

S 91: PROHIBIT EXPUNCTION INQUIRY.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Judiciary II

S 93: EXPAND AVIATION SALES TAX EXEMPTION.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Finance

S 94: YADKIN VALLEY CAREER ACADEMY FUNDING.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref to Education/Higher Education. If fav, re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget

S 97: PROPERTY TAX/DEANNEXATION.

Senate: Filed

S 98: REQUIRE PULSE OXIMETRY NEWBORN SCREENING.

Senate: Filed

LOCAL BILLS

H 106: TABOR CITY ELECTION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Government

H 107: EASTERN REGION/DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS (NEW).

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Government, if favorable, Finance

H 108: ROWAN VEHICLE PERSONAL USE EXEMPTION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Finance

H 116: CARRBORO OFFICE OF ALDERMAN.

House: Filed

S 92: 43RD SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 95: TABOR CITY ELECTION.

Senate: Filed

S 96: 32ND SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.

Senate: Filed

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