



## The Daily Bulletin: 2013-04-17

### PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 135 (2013-2014) [ADJUST LANDFILL PERMIT FEE TIMING](#). Filed Feb 20 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR PERMITS FOR SANITARY LANDFILLS AND TRANSFER STATIONS TO REFLECT EXTENSION OF THE DURATION OF THESE PERMITS AS DIRECTED BY S.L. 2012-187, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION.*

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Amends GS 130A-295.8(c) to add the following permit fees: (1) \$2,500 for ten year tire monofill permit; (2) \$2,000 for ten year tire monofill amendment; and (3) \$625 for tire monofill, major modification.

**Intro. by Samuelson, McElraft, McGrady.**

[GS 130A](#)

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**Environment, Department of Environmental Quality  
(formerly DENR)**

H 139 (SL 2013-27) (2013-2014) [ADOPT UNIFORM DEPLOYED PARENT CUST/VISIT. ACT](#). Filed Feb 20 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE UNIFORM DEPLOYED PARENTS CUSTODY AND VISITATION ACT.*

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE UNIFORM DEPLOYED PARENTS CUSTODY AND VISITATION ACT. Enacted April 16, 2013. Effective October 1, 2013.

**Intro. by Glazier, Stevens, Davis, D. Ross.**

[GS 50, GS 50A](#)

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**Family Law, Court System, Military and Veteran's Affairs**

H 242 (2013-2014) [VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. SALES TAX REFUND CHANGE](#). Filed Mar 6 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE SALES TAX REFUND FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SQUADS.*

House committee substitute makes the following changes to the 1st edition.

Changes the long title.

Amends GS 105-164.14(b)(2a), providing that volunteer fire departments and volunteer emergency medical services squads that are exempt from income tax under the Code or financially accountable to a city as defined in GS 160A-1, a county, or a group of cities and counties are allowed a refund under this subsection (previously, any organization that was a volunteer fire department or a volunteer emergency medical services squad was allowed a refund).

Provides that this act becomes effective July 1, 2013, applying to sales made on or after that date (previously, 1st edition had more extensive and tiered enacting clause).

**Intro. by Tine, Setzer, Wray, Dobson.**

GS 105

[View summary](#)**Public Safety and Emergency Management, Tax**

H 248 (2013-2014) **TAXPAYER DEBT INFORMATION ACT**. Filed Mar 6 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE DISCLOSURE ON THE BALLOT THAT AUTHORIZATION OF INDEBTEDNESS INCLUDES INTEREST AND THAT TAXES MAY BE LEVIED TO REPAY THE INDEBTEDNESS.*

House committee substitute makes the following changes to the 1st edition.

Deletes the proposed changes to GS 159-52(b) and deletes new GS 142-15.4 (general obligation ballot question).

Amends GS 159-55 to provide that when a bond order is introduced, the finance officer or some other officer designated by the governing board is to file a statement with the clerk that (1) estimates the amount of interest that will be paid on the bonds over the expected term of the bonds and (2) summarizes the assumptions on which the estimated interest calculations are based. Includes additional guidelines regarding the statement of estimated interest on the bonds and provides that the statement may include other qualifications deemed appropriate by the finance officer. Specifies that the validity of bonds authorized by the order cannot be challenged on the grounds that there is a discrepancy between actual interest cost of the bonds and the estimate set out in the statement of estimated interest. Directs that the statement be filed with the Local Government Commission and maintained by the clerk.

Amends GS 159-56 to require that clerk to publish a bond order after its introduction with a statement appended that indicates the estimated interest that the finance officer included in the statement of estimated interest. Provides that the publication of the bond order may also include a summary of the assumptions on which the interest estimate is based.

Amends GS 159-58 to require that the publication of the bond order as adopted must also contain an appended statement of the estimated amount of interest that will be paid over the expected term of the bonds.

Amends GS 156-61(d) to modify the form of question as stated on the ballot.

Provides that this act is effective when it becomes law and applies to bonds issued under bond orders introduced on or after that date, and that this act does not affect the validity of any bonds issued under bond orders introduced prior to the effective date.

Amends the long title.

**Intro. by Conrad, Fulghum, Cleveland, Blust.**

GS 159

[View summary](#)**Budget/Appropriations, Local Government, State Government**

H 266 (2013-2014) **STANDARDS FOR SOME NURSERY STOCK PURCHASES**. Filed Mar 7 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE PROHIBITION OF COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSIONS, CITIES, AND COUNTIES FROM REQUIRING THAT NURSERY STOCK THAT IS PURCHASED WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION, CITY, OR COUNTY RESPECTIVELY MEET ANY STANDARD FOR NURSERY STOCK THAT IS STRICTER THAN THE AMERICAN STANDARD FOR NURSERY STOCK ADOPTED BY THE AMERICAN NURSERY AND LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION, UNLESS THE STRICTER STANDARD IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY.*

House committee substitute makes the following changes to the 1st edition. Deletes all provisions of the act and replaces it with a study, as the title indicates. Requires the Legislative Research Commission to report to the 2013 Regular Session of the General Assembly when it reconvenes in 2014.

**Intro. by Turner, R. Brawley.**

STUDY

[View summary](#)**Local Government, General Assembly**

H 269 (2013-2014) [CHILDREN W/DISABILITIES SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS](#). Filed Mar 11 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES*.

House committee substitute makes the following changes to the 1st edition.

Amends GS 115C-112.3, (*Scholarship Grants*), providing that eligible students awarded grants cannot be enrolled in a public school.

Amends GS 115C-112.5 (*Authority reporting requirements*), providing that the Authority will make an annual report no later than August 1 (was, July 1) to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) on the number of students who (1) received scholarship grants for the previous school year and (2) were enrolled in an LEA or charter school for the semester preceding the semester for which a scholarship grant was awarded. Also requires the Authority to make an annual report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee no later than October 1 (was, March 1) on the dispensation of scholarship grants.

Allows the Authority to retain up to \$200,000 of the funds appropriated for fiscal year 2013-2014 for administrative costs associated with the scholarship grant program. For fiscal year 2014-2015 and subsequent years, the Authority can retain up to 2% annually (previously, the Authority was allowed to retain 1% annually).

Sets out the requirement and conditions for being considered a prior scholarship grant recipient for priority in awarding of scholarship grants under GS 115C-112.3(a). Adds the requirement that the Department of Revenue provide the Authority with a list of people claiming the credit for the taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

**Intro. by Jordan, Brandon, Jones, Stam.**

[GS 105, APPROP, GS 115C](#)

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[Budget/Appropriations, Education](#)

H 272 (2013-2014) [DOT/DMV CHANGES #2](#) Filed Mar 11 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LAWS AFFECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES*.

House amendment makes the following changes to the 3rd edition.

Makes organizational and technical changes.

**Intro. by Stam, Jackson, Bryan.**

[GS 136](#)

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[Property and Housing, Department of Transportation](#)

H 449 (2013-2014) [STATE CONTRACTS/FURNITURE](#). Filed Mar 27 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A VENDOR IS QUALIFIED FOR PURPOSES OF ANY STATE FURNITURE REQUIREMENTS CONTRACT IF THE VENDOR'S PRODUCTS ARE INCLUDED ON A UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA) FURNITURE SCHEDULE, THE VENDOR IS A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED VENDOR FOR THE GSA FURNITURE SCHEDULE, AND THE VENDOR OFFERS PRODUCTS ON THE SAME PRICING AND SPECIFICATIONS AS THE GSA FURNITURE SCHEDULE*.

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Deletes the proposed changes to GS 143-57.1(a) (3), and instead provides as follows. Amends GS 143-57.1(a) to move the provisions in (a)(4) which allows an agency to

purchase from a certified vendor but requires the most economical purchase, into new (c). Also enacts new (a1) providing that vendors that meet the four specified requirements are treated as qualified vendors under any state furniture requirements contract. Amends the act's long title.

**Intro. by Starnes.**

GS 143

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**Executive**

H 584 (2013-2014) [SUSPEND TRUCK INSPECTION/SEVERE WEATHER](#). Filed Apr 4 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE GOVERNOR TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND ROUTINE WEIGHT INSPECTIONS OF TRUCKS PRIOR TO SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS.*

House committee substitute makes the following changes to the 1st edition.

Amends GS 20-118.1(b), providing that when weather or a related imminent threat is likely to cause serious damage or loss to livestock, poultry, or crops to be harvested, the Governor, upon request of the Commissioner of Agriculture, can temporarily suspend the provisions of GS 20-118.1(a) for vehicles hauling the specified agricultural products to processing facilities or points of further distribution. This does not permit any violation of the gross weight requirements as found in GS 136-72. The suspension will end when the Governor determines the threat has passed.

**Intro. by Dixon, Horn, J. Bell, Brisson.**

GS 20

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**Transportation**

H 587 (2013-2014) [ALTERNATE ACT/PLAN FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS \(NEW\)](#). Filed Apr 4 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE AN ALTERNATE ACT AND PLAN PRECURSOR TEST FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS.*

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Amends GS 115C-147.11(c)(4) to prohibit the State Board of Education from requiring the administration of the ACT test or any precursor to the test to any student enrolled in the Occupational Course of Study or the Extended Course of Study; allows the development of alternative assessment measures for these students.

**Intro. by Whitmire, Holloway, Blackwell, Glazier.**

GS 115C

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**Education**

H 588 (2013-2014) [PUBLIC SCHOOL REPORT/FLEXIBILITY](#). Filed Apr 4 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM FORMS MORE EFFICIENT AND REDUCE THE FREQUENCY OF CERTAIN EDUCATION REPORTS.*

House committee substitute makes the following changes to the 1st edition.

Changes the long title.

Makes a technical change.

Deletes new subsection GS 115C-174.11(e), concerning flexibility in remediation methods for high-performing schools, from 1st edition.

Deletes Part IV, *Charter Transportation Flexibility*, from the 1st edition.

**Intro. by Whitmire, Langdon, Glazier, Martin.**

GS 115C

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H 589 (2013-2014) [VIVA/ELECTION REFORM \(NEW\)](#). Filed Apr 4 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT BY ESTABLISHING THE VOTER INFORMATION VERIFICATION ACT TO PROMOTE THE ELECTORAL PROCESS THROUGH EDUCATION AND INCREASED REGISTRATION OF VOTERS AND BY REQUIRING VOTERS TO PROVIDE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION BEFORE VOTING TO PROTECT THE RIGHT OF EACH REGISTERED VOTER TO CAST A SECURE VOTE WITH REASONABLE SECURITY MEASURES THAT CONFIRM VOTER IDENTITY AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT RESTRICTION, AND TO FURTHER REFORM THE ELECTION LAWS.*

House committee substitute changes to the 1st edition are to be summarized.

**Intro. by Warren, Murry, T. Moore, Samuelson.**

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H 719 (2013-2014) [EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2013](#). Filed Apr 10 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2013.*

House committee substitute makes the following changes to the 1st edition.

Amends GS 115C-325 regarding the determination of a teacher's career status when a teacher has been employed by a North Carolina public school system for four consecutive years. Provides that probationary teachers rated "highly effective" by the end of the fourth year of evaluations in accordance with the State Board of Education (SBE) teacher evaluation process, achieve career status. Provides that probationary teachers rated as "in need of improvement" by the end of the fourth year of evaluations under the SBE evaluation process, does not achieve career status and is not to teach beyond the current school term.

Further amends GS 115C-325 to add definitions for the following terms: (1) teacher performance evaluation standards, (2) teacher performance ratings, and (3) teacher status. Revokes the career status of a teacher with career status who receives a status rating of "in need of improvement" for two consecutive years. Provides that if after two years, the teacher receives a rating of "highly effective" then the teacher achieves career status; however, if the teacher receives a status of "effective," the teacher is eligible for a vote of the local board of education on whether to grant the teacher career status. Provides that if at the end of two years, the teacher receives a performance status of "in need of improvement," the teacher becomes an at-will employee and does not achieve career status. Deletes changes to subsection (e)(3) regarding inadequate performance.

Provides that the board may not refuse to renew the contract of any probationary teacher or to reemploy any teacher not under contract because the teacher, in good faith, reported a violation of law or local board policy (was, a violation of law) by a member of the local board of education or by an employee of the local board. Provides that a probationary teacher has a right to a hearing before the local board if the superintendent recommends not to give the probationary teacher career status and the probationary teacher is (1) eligible for career status under sub-subdivision (c)(1)c or subdivision (c)(1a) or subdivision (c)(2) of GS 115C-325; however, provides an exception to the right to a hearing if the reason for the recommendation is a justifiable decrease in the number of positions.

Amends GS 115C-45(c), regarding appeals to the local board and to superior court, making it effective when the act becomes law and applying beginning with the 2014-15 school year.

**Intro. by Holloway, Glazier, Blackwell, L. Hall.**

[STUDY, GS 115C, GS 143](#)

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H 786 (2013-2014) **RECLAIM NC ACT**. Filed Apr 10 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO STUDY MEASURES FOR ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IN THIS STATE; AND TO CLARIFY WHICH EMPLOYERS ARE SUBJECT TO THE STATE'S E-VERIFY LAWS.*

**False Identification Documents.** Amends GS 14-100.0 to make it unlawful to knowingly possess, manufacture, or sell a false or fraudulent form of identification for deception, fraud, or other criminal conduct. Makes it a I felony to violate the statute, except makes the following a Class 1 misdemeanor: (1) violation based on the mere possession of a false or fraudulent form of id; (2) violation by a person under age 21 for the purpose of purchasing alcohol; and (3) violation by a person under age 18 for the purpose of purchasing tobacco products or cigarette wrapping papers. Amends GS 20-30 to extend the provisions of the statute to include fraudulent restricted drivers permits, in addition to licenses, learners permits, and special identification cards. Makes violations of the statute a Class I felony, except (1) it is a Class H felony to sell or offer for sale any reproduction or facsimile or simulation of a drivers' license, learner's permit, restricted drivers permit, or special identification card, (2) a violation by a person under the age of 21 for the purposes of purchasing alcohol is a Class 1 misdemeanor, and (3) a violation by a person under 18 for the purpose of purchasing tobacco products or cigarette wrappers is a Class 2 misdemeanor. Makes organizational changes to the statute. Makes a conforming change to GS 143-341. Effective December 1, 2013, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

**Rebuttable Presumption Against the Pretrial Release of Certain Undocumented Aliens.** Amends GS 15A-533 to create a rebuttable presumption that no condition of release will reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required and the safety of the community if the person is unlawfully present in the US and a judicial officer finds that there is reasonable cause to believe the person committed (1) one or more of the following: a sex offense, a violent felony, a driving offense, a drug offense, or a gang offense; or (2) an offense not listed in (1) and the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement has guaranteed that, in all such cases, it will issue a detainer for the initiation of removal proceedings and agree to reimburse the state for the cost of incarceration from the time of the issuance of the detainer. Makes conforming changes. Effective December 1, 2013, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

**Reimbursement of Cost of Incarcerating Undocumented Aliens.** Enacts new GS 148-2.1 requiring an undocumented alien prisoner, as defined, to reimburse the state for the actual cost of incarceration, to be remitted to the General Fund. Provides that any reimbursement that is unpaid is a "debt" and may be set off against any state income tax refund, and allows collection of the debt through the setoff for at least 10 years from the time of release or termination, or until the debt is satisfied. Allows the judge to include in the order a requirement that the individual pay an amount estimated to be sufficient to cover the total actual cost of incarceration over the entirety of the prisoner's incarceration. Amends GS 148-33.1 to make a conforming change. Effective December 1, 2013, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

**Immigration Status Checks for Certain Persons Lawfully Stopped, Detained, or Arrested.** Enacts new GS 15A-506 to allow a law enforcement officer or agency to make a reasonable attempt to verify the immigration status of a person lawfully stopped, detained, or arrested, where reasonable suspicion exists that the person is an alien unlawfully present in the US. Requires that the verification be made as soon as possible and within 24 hours of the stop, detention, or arrest. Sets out conditions under which the statute does not apply, including when verifying the person's immigration status may hinder or obstruct the investigation, and when the person can provide one the listed types of valid identification. Effective December 1, 2013, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

**Miscellaneous.** Enacts new GS 64-9 to specify permissible methods for verifying immigration status. Enacts new GS 64-10 allowing records relating to immigration status to be admissible in court without further foundation or testimony from a records custodian if the record is certified as authentic by the federal agency responsible for keeping records. Enacts new GS 64-11 to provide for the transportation of an unlawfully present alien by state or local law enforcement. Enacts new GS 64-12 to provide for the construction of the Chapter and to establish a severability clause.

**Prohibit Use of Certain Documents for Identification Purposes.** Enacts new GS 15A-306 to prohibit the use of the following documents in determining a person's actual identity or residency (1) matricular consular or similar document is used by another country, and (2) an identity document issued or created by any person, organization, country, city, or other local authority, except where expressly authorized by the General Assembly to be used. Amends GS 20-7 and GS 58-2-164, removing matricular consular and similar documents from those that are reasonably reliable indicators of residency. Amends GS 108A-55.3 (Verification of State residency required for medical assistance) to remove a document issued by a foreign consulate verifying the applicant's intent to live in the state or that the applicant is residing in the state to seek employment or with a job commitment, from the list of documents that may be used to prove state residency. Effective October 1, 2013.

**E-Verify.** The following changes are effective as follows: (1) October 1, 2013 for contractors that employ 500 or more employees as of that date, and their subcontractors, (2) January 1, 2014, for contractors that employ 100 or more employees but fewer than 500 as of that date, and their subcontractors, and (3) July 1, 2014, for all other contractors and subcontractors. Amends GS 153A-449 (counties) and GS 160A-20.1 (cities) to prohibit a county or city from entering into a contract unless the contractor and the subcontractors register and participate in E-Verify. Amends GS 143-129 (Procedure for letting of public contracts) to prohibit awarding contracts subject to the statute unless the contractor and subcontractors register and participate in E-Verify. Enacts new GS 143-48.5 requiring the use of E-Verify by contractors and subcontractors in contracts subject to Article 3 (Purchases and Contracts) of GS Chapter 143. Amends GS 147-33.95 to make contracts subject to Part 4 (Procurement of Information Technology) of Article 3D of GS Chapter 147 subject to the E-Verify requirement.

The following changes are effective when they become law. Amends GS 64-25 to exclude from the definition of employee, an individual whose term of employment is customarily affected by the seasonality of the industry in which the individual is employed, or less than year round. Repeals GS 64-26(c), which exempted a seasonal temporary employee employed for 90 or fewer days during a 12-consecutive-month period from the E-Verify requirements. Enacts new GS 64-39 to prohibit penalties against an employer if a violation or alleged violation of GS 64-26 (Verification of employee work authorization) was with respect to an employee who possesses a valid restricted drivers permit or a valid restricted identification card.

**Require Undocumented Alien Drivers to Obtain Restricted Drivers Permits.** Amends GS 20-4.01 to add a definition of criminal history that includes a history of conviction of state or federal crimes, misdemeanor or felony, that includes the (1) criminal offenses set forth in the specified Articles of GS Chapter 14, including endangering executive and legislative officers, homicide, and public intoxication; (2) possession or sale of drugs in violation of the NC Controlled Substances Act; and (3) alcohol-related offenses. Amends GS 20-7(f)(3) to provide that the durations in the statute also apply to permits and identification cards, in addition to licenses. Adds to the conditions upon which the durations do not apply, a determination that a restricted drivers permit or a restricted identification card should be issued pursuant to new (t); provides that a restricted drivers permit or restricted id card can not expire later than one year after the date of issuance. Amends GS 20-7(i) to add restricted drivers permits and restricted identification cards to those subject to the fee schedule. Provides that the fee for an initial one-year restricted permit or an initial one-year restricted id card is to be set by the Secretary of Transportation. Sets a \$25 fee for renewal of a restricted drivers permit or a restricted id card. Enacts new GS 20-7(t) providing that the Division of Motor Vehicles will issue a restricted drivers permit or a restricted id card to an applicant not lawfully present in the US who meets the four specified requirements. Also requires that such an issued permit or id card meet specific format requirements that distinguish it from other permits and cards, and requires the certain information be included. Provides that when the laws refer to a drivers license, the term includes a restricted drivers permit, except when the law confers a benefit, privilege, or right for which lawful presence is a prerequisite. Amends GS 20-15 to require canceling and revoking the restricted drivers permit of a person convicted of violation GS 20-313 (Operation of motor vehicle without financial responsibility a misdemeanor). Effective October 1, 2013.

**Impoundment and Sale of Vehicles for Driving while License Revoked, Driving Without a License, and Driving While Failing to Maintain Financial Responsibility.** Enacts new GS 20-28.10 providing as follows. Allows a judge to determine whether a vehicle driven at the time of the underlying offense becomes subject to an order of forfeiture and specifies times at which the determination may be made. Defines an underlying violation as (1) driving while license is revoked under an impaired drivers license revocation, (2) a violation of GS 20-313 (Operation of motor vehicle without financial responsibility a misdemeanor), or (3) driving without a license or a restricted drivers permit. Requires the vehicle to be subject to a forfeiture order if the greater weight of the evidence shows that the defendant is guilty of an underlying violation, unless listed conditions are satisfied. Specifies requirement of notifying possible innocent parties of the forfeiture. Provides for notification to the insurance company of damage caused to a vehicle while committing the underlying offense or incident to the seizure, and requires that claim proceeds be paid to the clerk of superior court. Sets out the procedure and hearing requirements for the disposal of a vehicle that has been ordered forfeited, and has not been released to an innocent owner. Provides for the process of releasing a motor vehicle to an innocent owner. Provides the process for releasing a forfeited vehicle to the lienholder. Orders authorizing the release of a seized vehicle must require the payment of towing and storage charges incurred because of the seizure and impoundment. Establishes the duties of an officer concerning seizing a vehicle and for providing notice of seizure. Sets out requirements for providing notice of impoundment to the Division of Motor Vehicles, any lienholder, and to an innocent owner. Requires additional specified notifications to lienholders.

Requires a magistrate to review the affidavit of impoundment presented by the seizing officer and order the vehicle to be held if the magistrate determines that the requirements of the statute have been met. If the magistrate determines that the requirements have not been met, an order must be made to release the vehicle. Provides for effecting an order of seizure.

Provides procedures for the towing of a seized motor vehicle and for custody of the vehicle. Allows a motor vehicle owner, other than the driver at the time of the underlying offense, to apply for pretrial release of the vehicle and specifies the conditions under which the vehicle may be released. Also allows a nondefendant motor vehicle owner to petition for a pretrial determination that the petitioner is an innocent owner and sets out relevant procedures. Allows a lienholder to file a petition requesting the court to order pretrial release of a seized motor vehicle, and specifies the procedure for doing so.

Provides for the claiming and handling of insurance proceeds when the vehicle is damaged incident to the conduct that gave rise to the seizure of the vehicle. Provides for the expedited sale of seized vehicles in specified circumstances. Allows for the removal of personal property from the vehicle.

Requires notice to the attorney for the county board of education on all proceedings regarding underlying offenses related to a vehicle subject to forfeiture. Also gives the attorney the right to appear and be heard on all issues related to the seized vehicle.

If the driver is convicted of an underlying offense, the defendant is to be ordered to pay the costs paid or owing for the towing, storage, and sale of the vehicle to the extent the costs were not covered by the sale proceeds. Requires trials of underlying offenses to be scheduled on the seizing officer's next court date, or within 30 days of the offense, whichever is first. Prohibits continuing the case unless specified conditions are met. Provides for the release of the vehicle upon a dismissal or finding of not guilty. Includes further guidance on the sale of a forfeited vehicle, use of the sale proceeds, and retention of a vehicle. Provides that an order of forfeiture is stayed pending appeal.

Effective December 1, 2013, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

**Intro. by Warren, Jordan, B. Brown, Collins.**

[GS 14](#), [GS 15A](#), [GS 20](#), [GS 58](#), [GS 64](#), [GS 108A](#), [GS 143](#), [GS 147](#), [GS 148](#), [GS 153A](#), [GS 160A](#)

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**Motor Vehicle, Immigration**

H 952 (2013-2014) [DELAY SALES TAX DISTRIB. CHANGE EFFECT. DATE](#). Filed Apr 16 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DELAY THE EFFECT OF CHANGING THE DISTRIBUTION METHOD OF THE FIRST ONE-CENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALES AND USE TAX.*

Amends GS 105-472(b) updating the period of time for which the method of distribution chosen by a board of county commissioners for the first one cent sales and use tax will take effect. Instead of the next succeeding fiscal year, the distribution will be in effect in the county during the fiscal year succeeding the next succeeding fiscal year. The previous method of distribution must continue in effect until a resolution changing the method of distribution is properly adopted and delivered if the board fails to adopt a resolution or if it is not timely delivered to the secretary of revenue. The method of distribution will take effect on the first day (instead of July) of each fiscal year.

The fiscal year is from October 1 to September 30.

**Intro. by Hamilton.**

[GS 105](#)

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**Tax**

H 955 (2013-2014) [SCHOOL BOARD FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT](#). Filed Apr 16 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY OF SCHOOL BOARDS BY AUTHORIZING LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO RAISE REVENUE FOR THE SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION.*

Authorizes eligible local school boards, beginning with the the 2014-15 fiscal year, to levy and collect taxes for the support of public education as provided in this act.

Identifies as eligible local school boards those satisfying the following criteria: (1) the local board is elected, not appointed and (2) the local board and the board of county commissioners of each county in which the local school administrative unit (LEA) is located must have passed resolutions authorizing the local school board to levy taxes under this act.

Permits the local board to levy and collect taxes under this act beginning with the first fiscal year that starts more than six months after the adoption of the necessary resolutions by the board of county commissioners and the local school board. Provides that the tax levying authority encompasses authority to take other actions necessary to implement the taxing authority for the fiscal year.

Designates eligible local boards granted taxing authority as units of local government under GS 159-7(b)(15) and directs that they follow the provisions of the *Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act* in Article 3 of GS Chapter 159, instead of the *School Budget and Fiscal Control Act* in Article 31 of GS Chapter 115C. However, directs the eligible local boards to continue to follow the budget format and fund structure in the *School Budget and Fiscal Control Act*. Instructs an eligible local board to file required reports with both the secretary of the Local Government Commission and the State Board of Education (SBE).

Designates the superintendent for the eligible local board to be the chief budget officer. Provides that any questions arising about the budget format and procedures to be followed by the eligible local boards is to be resolved by the Local Government Commission.

Confers the same authority to levy and collect property tax for purposes of public education to the eligible local boards of education as that held by a board of county commissioners. Provides that eligible local boards have the same authority and follow the same procedures as a municipality in the collection of the ad valorem tax under Article 22 of GS Chapter 105, with specified exceptions.

Directs the Local Government Commission and the Office of State Budget and Management to assist each eligible local board in developing plans to ensure the availability of sufficient revenues for the operation of schools during the start of the initial fiscal year for the eligible local boards to exercise taxing authority. States that the provisions of GS 105-374(h) and GS 105-375k, concerning joint foreclosure and consolidation of liens, respectively apply to eligible local boards under this act to the same extent as to counties, cities, and other taxing units.

Abolishes supplemental taxes enacted for the support of schools, effective July 1 of the initial fiscal year in which the eligible local board has the authority to levy and collect taxes. Provides that Article 36 of GS Chapter 115C concerning tax supplements for school purposes does not apply in counties in which the local board is eligible to levy and collect taxes.

Provides additional specifications regarding the distribution of local sales tax proceeds, interlocal agreements pertaining to existing indebtedness and related local sales tax proceeds, the use and transfer of capital reserve funds, and the issuance of bonds by local boards of education.

Amends GS 159-168 to expand the definition for *unit* to include a school unit whose board is authorized to levy and collect taxes. Enacts new GS 115C-458.1 to authorize the SBE to make loans from the State Literary Fund directly to eligible local boards which are authorized to levy and collect taxes.

Amends GS 115C-452 to provide that in counties where the local board has been authorized to levy and collect taxes, the clerk of superior court is to remit the clear proceeds of all penalties and forfeitures and all fines collected in the General Court of Justice directly to the finance officer (the superintendent) of the LEA. In a county where there is both a county board of education and a city board of education with taxing authority, directs the clerk to remit the proceeds to the finance officer of the county LEA and designates responsibility to the county finance officer to determine and remit to the city finance officer the city's portion of the proceeds based on projected average daily membership.

Specifies responsibilities and authority previously delegated to the board of county commissioners which no longer apply. These include: erecting school buildings, providing equipment for buildings, fire prevention, lease purchases and installment purchase contracts, operational leases of school building and facilities, capital leases of school buildings and facilities, and the public school building capital fund. Limits an eligible local board's taxing ability to the authority provided in this act.

Provides that nothing in this act prohibits a board of county commissioners from providing additional financial support to an eligible local board of education at its discretion.

Sets limitations on the tax rate for the initial fiscal year, prohibiting an eligible local board from setting a tax rate greater than the rate necessary to produce sufficient revenue to offset the county appropriations, calculated on a per-pupil basis, that are no longer available to the public schools for that fiscal year, plus the amount needed to cover the cost-of-living increase from the previous fiscal year. Specifies the responsibility of the board of county commissioners to provide notice to the eligible local

board by May 1 before the start of the fiscal year regarding any county funds other than property and sales tax revenue previously appropriated to the local board that will no longer be available. Specifies guidelines for the eligible local board to calculate the property tax rate.

**Intro. by Gill, Richardson, McManus, Carney.**

[GS 115C, GS 159](#)

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H 956 (2013-2014) [REGULATE OWNERSHIP OF AGGRESSIVE DOG BREEDS](#). Filed Apr 16 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE OWNERSHIP OF AGGRESSIVE DOG BREEDS*.

Enacts new Article 82B in GS Chapter 58 regulating ownership of dogs falling into the category of defined *aggressive dog breed*. Ownership of a dog that is of an aggressive dog breed is prohibited after January 1, 2014, unless the owner (1) submits to a criminal background check, (2) enrolls in a course of instruction of no less than four hours of education about responsible ownership and temperament of the breed, (3) notifies the issuer of the person's homeowner's or renter's insurance policy, and (4) applies to the Department of Insurance for a special permit to possess the dog at a fee of no more than \$25. Sets out the requirements for the permitting process and allows an owner to appeal a permit denied.

Effective January 1, 2014, violation of this statute may result in a penalty of up to \$50.

Effective January 1, 2015, violation of this statute is a Class 3 misdemeanor.

Applies to persons who take ownership of dogs covered by the act on or after January 1, 2014.

**Intro. by R. Moore.**

[GS 58](#)

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[Animals](#)

H 957 (2013-2014) [FOOD DESERT ZONES](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE TAX INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE THE DELIVERY AND AVAILABILITY OF NUTRIENT DENSE FOODS IN FOOD DESERT ZONES*.

Enacts GS 143B-437.014, defining *food desert zone* and *nutrient dense food* and requiring the Secretary of Commerce to make written documentation, upon application by a county, as to whether an area is a food desert zone. A determination that the statute is effective is for 10 years.

Amends GS 105-129.81, adding subsection (10a) defining *food desert zone* and subsection (19a) defining *nutrient dense food*.

Amends GS 105-129.83, adding subsection (a1) providing a tax credit for taxpayers engaged in the retail sale of food if the taxpayer is located in a food desert zone and has gross receipts from the sale of nutrient dense food at a minimum of 10% of the total gross receipts.

Adds "food desert zone" to the types of zones qualifying a taxpayer for the credit in the following statutes: GS 105-129.83(1); GS 105-129.87(b), (c), and (e); and GS 105-129.88(a), (c), and (e).

Amends GS 105-129.87(a), clarifying that a taxpayer meeting the eligibility requirements and satisfying the threshold requirement for new job creation will receive a tax credit equal to the credit for a development tier one area if the new job is located in a food desert zone.

Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

**Intro. by Holley.**

[GS 105, GS 143B](#)

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H 958 (2013-2014) [COMPLIANCE DISMISSALS/FEE](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' OFFICES, CLERKS OF COURT'S OFFICES, AND THE HIGHWAY PATROL TO FULL STAFFING LEVELS AND PROVIDE NECESSARY TRAINING AND OFFICER SAFETY TO JUSTICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPLIANCE DISMISSAL FEE.*

Enacts new GS 7A-304.1 creating an alternative to the payment of fines for a person charged for any of the motor-vehicle related offenses set forth in section (b). Accordingly, a person may elect to provide proof of compliance to the district attorney prior to or on the scheduled court appearance date and the district attorney may agree to voluntarily dismiss the case in exchange for the person's signed waiver of appearance and payment of a compliance dismissal fee of \$50. This fee will be used to offset the costs incurred by the clerks' offices and district attorneys' in prosecuting those specified charges and to enhance training of all law enforcement and justice officers in North Carolina. Specifies the use of funds and the amounts to be allocated to support district attorneys' offices and clerks of superior court, for training justice and law enforcement offices, and maintaining the Highway Patrol at full staffing levels. Applies to compliance dismissals granted on or after July 1, 2013.

**Intro. by McNeill, Faircloth, Stam, Glazier.**

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[Court System, Motor Vehicle](#)

H 959 (2013-2014) [LARGE MFG. FACILITY EXTENSION/STUDY OF 1%/\\$80 \(NEW\)](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND BY TWO YEARS THE PERIOD FOR WHICH A LARGE MANUFACTURING AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITY IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE ONE PERCENT/EIGHTY-DOLLAR PRIVILEGE TAX ON PURCHASES OF CERTAIN MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT AND TO DIRECT THE REVENUE LAWS STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE SCOPE AND APPLICATION OF THE ONE PERCENT/EIGHTY-DOLLAR PRIVILEGE TAX APPLICABLE TO MILL MACHINERY AND CERTAIN OTHER MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT.*

Amends GS 105-187.51B(a) adding subsection (6) imposing a privilege tax at a rate of 1% of the sales price of the equipment or personal property up to \$80 per item on a company engaged in fabrication of metal work that purchases equipment or an attachment or repair part that is (1) capitalized by the company for tax purposes and (2) used by the company in the fabrication of metal products or used to create equipment for the fabrication of metal products.

Effective July 1, 2013.

**Intro. by Malone, Lewis, Starnes, Collins.**

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H 962 (2013-2014) [MUNICIPAL SALES TAX](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE MUNICIPALITIES TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX.*

Enacts Article 47 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes authorizing municipalities to levy, by resolution, an additional one-half percent sales and use tax provided the municipality provides 10 days of public notice and holds a hearing on the issue of adopting the resolution. The adoption, levy, collection, administration, and repeal of the additional tax is to be in accordance with Article 39. The municipality may use the net proceeds of this levied tax for the purposes of beach nourishment; street and sidewalk construction and improvements; traffic signals; street lighting; street and directional signage; police, fire, and rescue services; and services (2013-2014)

**Intro. by Hamilton.**

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H 963 (2013-2014) [SHARE ARREST WARRANT STATUS/JDIG](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO VERIFY WHETHER THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF AN APPLICANT FOR OR RECIPIENT OF A JOB DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT GRANT (JDIG) IS A FLEEING FELON OR A PROBATION OR PAROLE VIOLATOR, TO DIRECT INTERAGENCY COOPERATION AND INFORMATION SHARING IN ORDER TO VERIFY THE ELIGIBILITY STATUS OF AN APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT, AND TO DENY JDIG GRANTS TO AN APPLICANT EITHER OF WHOSE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER IS A FLEEING FELON OR A PROBATION OR PAROLE VIOLATOR.*

Enacts new GS 143B-437.52A requiring the Department of Commerce (DOC) to notify an applicant for and recipient of a Job Development Investment Grant (JDIG) that release of confidential information from the applicant's records may not be protected if a warrant for arrest is issued against the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the applicant. The DOC is required to verify whether the CEO or CFO of the applicant or recipient is (1) fleeing to avoid prosecution, custody, or confinement after conviction or (2) violating a condition of probation or parole imposed under federal or state law. The DOC is directed to cooperate with the Office of the State Controller, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and Department of Public Safety to develop protocols to implement this section.

Enacts new GS 143B-437.52B prohibiting the DOC from approving a JDIG if the department has information that the CEO or CFO have an outstanding warrant for arrest arising from a charge of violating conditions of parole or probation or from a felony charge.

Enacts new GS 114-19.34 allowing the Department of Justice (DOJ) to provide to the DOC from the State and National Repositories of Criminal Histories (SNRCH) the criminal history of the CEO or CFO of the applicant for a JDIG. The DOC must also submit the applicant's request and form signed by the CEO or CFO acknowledging the receipt of notification along with any identifying information required by the SNRCH or DOJ. The applicant or recipient must pay \$100 to process the request for the criminal history report.

**Intro. by Luebke, Holley, Harrison, Foushee.**

[GS 114, GS 143B](#)

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[Criminal Law and Procedure](#)

H 964 (2013-2014) [APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2013](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

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**Intro. by Dollar.**

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H 965 (2013-2014) [TEACHER LICENSURE FEES](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FEES FOR TEACHER LICENSURE; TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH THE AUTHORITY TO RAISE THE FEES; AND TO MAKE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO LICENSURE.*

Amends GS 115C-296(a2), removing the requirement that the State Board of Election (the State Board) impose a particular schedule of fees for teacher licensure and administrative changes and granting the State Board discretion to adopt rules establishing a fee schedule for licensure services. The State Board is required to provide an online licensure management system allowing electronically submitted applications.

Amends GS 115C-296(a2)(1), changing the maximum fee for an application for demographic or administrative changes to a license from \$30 to \$45.

Amends GS 115C-296(a2)(2), changing the maximum fee for an application for a duplicate license or copies of documents in license files from \$30 to \$45.

Amends GS 115C-296(a2)(3), changing the maximum fee for an application for a renewal, extension, addition, upgrade, and variation to a license from \$55 to \$80.

Amends GS 115C-296(a2)(4), changing the maximum fee for an initial application for New, In-State Approved Program Graduate from \$55 to \$80.

Amends GS 115C-296(a2)(4), adding subsection (4a) allowing a maximum fee of \$80 for an In-State license review.

Amends GS 115C-296(a2)(5), changing the maximum fee for an initial application for out-of-state licenses from \$85 to \$125.

Amends GS 115C-296(a2)(5), adding subsection (5a) allowing a maximum fee of \$80 for verification of North Carolina licenses for another state.

Amends GS 115C-296(a2)(6), changing the maximum fee for all other applications from \$85 to \$125.

Effective July 1, 2013.

**Intro. by Lucas, Johnson, Whitmire, Fisher.**

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H 966 (2013-2014) [CAP FUEL TAX](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CAP THE FUEL TAX RATE AT THE CURRENT CAPPED LEVEL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 AND AT THE RATE OF THIRTY-SIX AND ONE-HALF CENTS PER GALLON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015.*

Enacts a cap on fuel tax rates. Accordingly, the motor fuel excise tax rate may not exceed 37.5 cents per gallon from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, and 36.5 cents per gallon from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.

Effective July 1, 2013.

**Intro. by Blust, Setzer, Murry, Bryan.**

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[Transportation, Tax](#)

H 967 (2013-2014) [2013 APPROPRIATIONS ACT](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

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**Intro. by Johnson.**

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H 968 (2013-2014) [INCREASE SUCCESSFUL CTE PARTICIPATION](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK LEADING TO INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS AND CREDENTIALS TO ENHANCE THE EMPLOYABILITY OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BY IMPLEMENTING A BONUS PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS.*

Amends GS 115C-12 adding subsection (41) requiring the State Board of Education (the State Board) to establish and determine the impact of a career and technical education incentive program.

Enacts new GS 115C-156.2 encouraging students to enroll and successfully complete rigorous coursework and credentialing in career and technical education. Local school administrative units will receive bonuses for each student who earns an approved industry certification or credential. Provides further guidelines on awarding bonus funds and awarding funds based on industry certification rankings. Each school year, the Department of Commerce is required to provide the State Board with a list of those occupations in high need of skilled employees. Local school administrative units must also consult with local industries, employers, and workforce development boards to identify certifications and credentials that the school may offer.

Requires the State Board to report annually to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the number of students in career and technical educational courses who earned (1) community college credit and (2) industry certifications and credentials.

Appropriates \$1,252,157 for 2013-14 and \$7,011,200 for 2014-15 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to cover specified costs.

Applies beginning with the 2013-14 school year.

**Intro. by Blackwell, Holloway, Johnson, Martin.**

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H 969 (2013-2014) [BROADEN SUCCESSFUL AP PARTICIPATION](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO BROADEN SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION BY STUDENTS IN ADVANCED COURSES TO HELP ELIMINATE ACHIEVEMENT AND ACCESS GAPS AND TO CREATE PERFORMANCE INCENTIVES FOR SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE IN ADVANCED COURSES.*

Amends GS 115C-12(9)c1. requiring the annual "report card" to include measures of Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme participation and Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate examination participation and performance.

Enacts new GS 115C-83.4A expanding accessibility to advanced courses and encouraging students to take advanced courses by offering various incentives. Exempts public school students from paying exam administration fees for advanced courses and registration fees in which the student is enrolled, regardless of exam score. Awards bonuses to teachers of Advanced Placement Courses for students who earn scores of three or higher on the AP exams and for teachers of International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme courses who score four or higher on the exams. Requires local boards of education to provide information to students and parents on advanced courses and to ensure that high school students have access to advanced courses in language arts, math, science, and social studies. Requires the State Board of Education to seek partners to assist in improving college readiness and to assist in ensuring students have access to high quality rigorous academics with a focus on access to advanced courses; specifies actions to be taken by the partnership.

Amends GS 115C-174.18, changing "Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test" to "Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)."

Appropriates \$14,760,609 for 2013-14 and \$15,802,800 for 2014-15 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction. Specifies how the funds are to be used.

Requires the State Board of Education to report annually to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, beginning July 1, 2014, on advanced courses.

Effective July 1, 2013, and applies beginning with the 2013-14 school year.

**Intro. by Blackwell, Holloway, Johnson, Martin.**

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H 970 (2013-2014) [FUNDS FOR NC FOOD BANKS](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA FOOD BANKS.*

Appropriates \$4 million for 2013-14 and \$4 million for 2014-15 from the General Fund or any available federal Block Grant funds to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide additional funding to NC food banks. The funds will be allocated equally among six food banks throughout the state. Effective July 1, 2013.

**Intro. by Earle.**

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

H 971 (2013-2014) [A FAMILY FOR EVERY CHILD/FOSTER CARE](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FAMILY FOR EVERY CHILD FOSTER CARE INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE PERMANENCY OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN LIVING IN FOSTER CARE.*

Amends GS 108A-50.2, changing "Special Children Adoption Fund" to "Adoption Promotion Fund."

Recodifies GS 131D-10.1 through GS 131D-10.9 as Part 1 of Article 1A and enacts new Part 2, *A Family for Every Child Initiative*, consisting of GS 131D-10.9A and GS 131D-10.9B.

Enacts GS 131D-10.9A creating the 11-member Permanency Innovations Initiative Oversight Committee (the Committee). The Committee is directed to (1) design and implement a data tracking methodology to collect and analyze information to gauge the success of the initiative; (2) develop a methodology to identify short and long-term cost savings in the provision of foster care and any potential reinvestment strategies; (3) oversee program implementation to ensure fidelity to the program models; and (4) study, review, and recommend other policies and services that may positively impact permanency and well-being outcomes.

Enacts GS 131D-10.9B creating a Permanency Innovations Initiative Fund (Fund) that will support a demonstration project with services provided by Children's Home Society of North Carolina. This fund will (1) improve permanency outcomes for children living in foster care, (2) improve engagement with biological relatives of children in or at risk of entering foster care, and (3) reduce costs associated with maintaining children in foster care.

Appropriates \$1.5 million for 2013-14 and \$1.5 million for 2014-15 from the General Fund to the Division of Social Services to restore funds to the Adoption Promotion Fund. Appropriates \$2.5 million for 2013-14 and \$4.25 million for 2014-15 from the General Fund to the Division of Social Services for the fund.

Effective July 1, 2013.

**Intro. by Avila, Samuelson, Burr, Stam.**

[APPROP, GS 108A, GS 131D](#)

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H 972 (2013-2014) [ELIMINATE CONTINUING CARE PROP. TAX EXEMPTION](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE PROPERTY TAX BENEFIT FOR QUALIFIED RETIREMENT FACILITIES.*

Repeals GS 105-278.6A which provided a property tax benefit for qualified retirement facilities. Makes a conforming change to GS 105-164.14(b) to remove qualified retirement facilities from the list of those nonprofit entities that are allowed a refund under this subsection. Amends subdivision (4) of GS 105-164.14(b) to provide that a retirement facility licensed under Article 64 of GS Chapter 58 and designed for elderly residents is allowed a refund under subsection (b) if the retirement facility meets all of the specified listed conditions. Effective for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2013.

**Intro. by Ramsey.**

GS 105

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H 973 (2013-2014) **FUNDS/TWO-TIERED PAY FOR THREE-WAY CONTRACTS**. Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, TO DEVELOP A TWO-TIERED SYSTEM OF PAYMENT FOR LOCAL INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC BEDS OR BED DAYS BASED ON ACUITY LEVEL; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH AND ANNUALLY REPORT ON PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR THIS TWO-TIERED SYSTEM OF PAYMENT; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT THIS TWO-TIERED SYSTEM OF PAYMENT.*

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services (Department), Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, to develop and implement a 2-tiered system of payment for purchasing local inpatient psychiatric beds or bed days. The 2-tiered system will be based on acuity level, with an enhanced rate of payment for inpatient psychiatric beds for individuals with higher acuity levels. The Department must establish performance measures to assess the effectiveness of the 2-tiered system and report to specified legislative entities by March 1, 2014.

\$2 million is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services for the 2013-14 fiscal year and \$2 million for the 2014-15 fiscal year for the purpose of purchasing local inpatient psychiatric beds or bed days.

Effective July 1, 2013.

**Intro. by Martin, Burr, Avila, Hollo.**

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H 974 (2013-2014) **GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET**. Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

Due to the fact that Governor McCrory's proposed budget was released on March 20, 2013, and has been available to the public well in advance of the filing of H 974, we will not be including a summary of the bill version of his budget. For the content of the bill, please follow the link to the bill on the General Assembly's site above. Further information on the Governor's proposed budget can also be found on the Office of State Budget and Management's website at <http://osbm.nc.gov/thebudget>.

**Intro. by Dollar, Johnson, Holloway, Burr.**

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H 975 (2013-2014) **MODIFY LOW WEALTH SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA**. Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LOW WEALTH COUNTIES SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FORMULA.*

Prohibits the State Board of Education from considering income earned by military personnel when they are deployed outside of the United States or the income calculation of unfunded retirement liabilities of civilian employees of the Armed Forces in computing a county's allotment from the Low Wealth Counties Supplemental Funding Allotment.

Effective July 1, 2013.

**Intro. by Lucas, Cleveland, Glazier, Szoka.**

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H 977 (2013-2014) [REENTRY FUNDS](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO REINVEST FUNDS SAVED FROM JUSTICE REINVESTMENT IN ROBESON AND LENOIR COUNTIES AS A MODEL PROGRAM FOR THE STATE.*

Appropriates \$750,000 for 2013-14 and \$750,000 for 2014-15 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety to provide contractual services in Robeson and Lenoir counties that will provide persons on probation and post-release supervision with evidence-based vocational and educational opportunities, housing, on-the-job training, job placement, substance abuse treatment, counseling, and mental health services to lower recidivism and improve reentry services.

Effective July 1, 2013.

**Intro. by C. Graham, G. Graham.**

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H 978 (2013-2014) [SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATH/FEES](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS MAY CHARGE NONRESIDENTS FEES FOR EDUCATION SERVICES AND MAY ALSO CHARGE ANYONE PARTICIPATING IN EXTRACURRICULAR ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL.*

Amends GS 116-40.22(c) referencing an exception provided in subsection (e). Amends GS 116-40.22 adding subsection (e) authorizing the UNC Board of Governors (the Board) to approve the imposition of fees not inconsistent with actions of the General Assembly for distance education services provided by the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (the School) to nonresidents and students participating in extracurricular enrichment programs sponsored by the school.

Amends GS 116-143(c) referencing an exception provided in subsection (e). Amends 116-143 adding subsection (e) authorizing the Board to approve the imposition of fees not inconsistent with actions of the General Assembly for distance education services provided by the School to nonresidents and students participating in extracurricular enrichment programs sponsored by the School.

Effective July 1, 2013, and applies beginning with the 2013-14 spring semester.

**Intro. by Jordan, Horn.**

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H 979 (2013-2014) [DOT FUNDING TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO SUPPORT AND ENHANCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT IS INTEGRAL TO THE STATE'S TRANSPORTATION NEEDS.*

Appropriates \$16 million in nonrecurring funds for 2013-14 and 2014-15 from the Highway Fund to the Department of Transportation to expedite commercial growth as well as job creation or retention, targeted to areas of economic interest integral to the state's overall transportation needs. Funds may not be used for the construction or repair of roads or bridges. Effective July 1, 2013.

**Intro. by Torbett.**

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H 980 (2013-2014) [MEDICAID/2012-2013 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS](#) Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR THE 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR.*

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**Intro. by Burr.**

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H 981 (2013-2014) [NEW MHDDSA REGION & PSYCH. HOSPITAL](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE COMMISSION FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES TO DESIGNATE AN ADDITIONAL REGION TO MEET THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN SOUTH CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY, OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW STATE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL IN THIS NEWLY DESIGNATED SOUTH CENTRAL REGION.*

Directs the Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services to amend the rules adopted pursuant to GS 143B-147(a)(1) to designate an additional region in south central North Carolina for the admission, treatment, and professional care of individuals in that area with mental illness, intellectual or developmental disabilities, or substance abuse disorders. Specifies counties to be included in the region.

\$23,996,906 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the 2013-14 fiscal year for the purpose of planning, site development, and construction of a new State psychiatric hospital. Requires a report to specified legislative entities once a site is identified.

\$95,987,625 is appropriated from the General Fund to DHHS for the 2014-15 fiscal year for the purpose of construction of the new state psychiatric hospital.

Appropriations are effective July 1, 2013.

**Intro. by Burr, Howard, McNeill, Carney.**

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H 982 (2013-2014) [MODIFY MEDICAID SUBROGATION STATUTE](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MEDICAID SUBROGATION STATUTE IN RESPONSE TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT DECISION IN WOS V. E.M.A.*

Amends GS 108A-57(a) deleting the county as an entity that will be subrogated. Also requires a personal injury or wrongful death claim brought by a medical assistance beneficiary against a third party to include a claim for all medical assistance payments for health care items or services furnished to the beneficiary as the result of the injury referred to in the statute as the Medicaid claim.

Amends GS 108A-57, adding subsection (b) establishing presumptions for Medicaid claims that exceed or do not exceed one-third of the medical assistance beneficiary's gross recovery.

Amends GS 108A-57, adding subsection (c) outlining the procedure for a medical assistance beneficiary to dispute the presumptions established in subsection (b).

Amends GS 108A-57(d), changing the amount of assistance distributed to the Department to the portion presumptively determined under subsection (b) or the portion judicially determined under subsection (c) of this section.

Amends GS 108A-57(e) specifying that the United States and the state of North Carolina are entitled to share in each net recovery by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Amends GS 108A-57, adding subsection (h) granting authority to enforce this section to DHHS and allowing DHHS to adopt administrative rules for this purpose.

**Intro. by Burr, Avila.**

[GS 108A](#)

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H 983 (2013-2014) [2013 FISHERIES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DESIGNATE RED DRUM, SPOTTED SEA TROUT, AND STRIPED BASS AS COASTAL GAME FISH; TO COMPENSATE COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN FOR CERTAIN LOSSES DUE TO COASTAL GAME FISH DESIGNATIONS; TO INCREASE COASTAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE FEES; TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE MARINE FISHERIES OBSERVER PROGRAM; AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE DREDGING OF SHALLOW DRAFT NAVIGATION CHANNELS.*

Enacts new GS 113-192 designating red drum, spotted sea trout, and striped bass as coastal game fish. These species may only be taken by hook-and-line in waters designated for coastal game fish, many not be bought or exchanged, and may not be possessed for the purpose of sale, barter, exchange or transport in commerce within the state or export from the state.

Enumerates four exceptions in subsection (c) to allow purchase, sale, barter, exchange, possession and transport of these fish.

Requires the Marine Fisheries Commission to make mitigation payments from the NC Marine Resources Fund to commercial fishermen who can demonstrate actual financial losses due to a coastal game fish designation. Requires mitigation payments to be made for specified circumstances. Payments are limited to a total of \$1 million.

Amends GS 113-174.2(c) increasing the Annual Resident Coastal Recreational Fishing License (CRFL) from \$15 to \$20, the Annual Nonresident CRFL from \$30 to \$40, the Ten-Day Resident CRFL from \$5 to \$10, and the Ten-Day Nonresident CRFL from \$10 to \$20.

Appropriates \$1 million for 2013-14 from the General Fund to the Division of Marine Fisheries for the Marine Fisheries Observer Program.

Amends GS 105-449.126 adding "Shallow Draft Navigation Channel Dredging Fund" (Fund) to the title and adding subsection (b). Under subsection (b) the Secretary must credit to the Fund one-half of one percent of the amount allocated to the Highway Fund from the excise tax on motor fuel, to be used for dredging activities described in new GS 143-215.73F.

Enacts GS 143-215.73F establishing the Shallow Draft Navigation Channel Dredging Fund as a special revenue fund. Revenue in the Fund may only be used to provide the state's share of the cost associated with any dredging project designed to keep a shallow draft navigation channel navigable and safe. Projects must be cost-shared with non-state dollars on a one-to-one basis. Defines shallow draft navigation channel.

Effective July 1, 2013.

**Intro. by Murry, Wray.**

[GS 105, APPROP, GS 113, GS 143](#)

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[Budget/Appropriations, Aquaculture and Fisheries](#)

H 984 (2013-2014) [BUDGET AUTHORITY AMENDMENTS](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ZERO-BASED BUDGETING FOR THE STATE BUDGET BY THE 2019-2021 FISCAL BIENNIUM.*

Enacts new GS 143C-3-3.1 defining *zero-based budget* and directing the Governor, with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, to establish a schedule for phasing in the zero-based budget over a period of four fiscal years, beginning with the executive branch. The Governor must also identify which state agencies will be required to submit a zero-based budget for each of the four fiscal years.

Amends GS 143C-3-5, adding subsection (h) defining *zero-based budget* and setting timeframes by which the Governor must present a zero-based budget.

**Intro. by Blust.**

GS 143C

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**Budget/Appropriations**

H 986 (2013-2014) [STATE FUNDS FOR SCHOOLS DO NOT REVERT](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT STATE FUNDS ALLOTTED TO LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS DO NOT REVERT AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR.*

As title indicates. Effective June 30, 2013.

**Intro. by Riddell, Arp, Foushee, McManus.**

GS 143C

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**Education**

H 987 (2013-2014) [EMERGENCY STUN GUN USE BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL PERSONNEL MAY CARRY STUN GUNS ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICIES ADOPTED BY THE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR STUN GUNS FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL.*

Amends GS 14-269.2(g) adding subsection (7) adding an exception to the prohibition of weapons on educational property and setting out criteria for a school employee to carry a stun gun on educational property. Effective December 1, 2013.

Amends GS 115C-47 adding subsection (18b) granting authority to local boards of education to adopt rules and policies allowing school employees to carry stun guns on educational property.

Amends GS 115C-238.29E(d) allowing the board of directors of a charter school to adopt rules and policies allowing school employees to carry stun guns on educational property.

Amends GS 143B-601 adding subsection (15) requiring the development of a school crisis and safety program providing instruction for principals, assistant principals, and teachers, including a safety course that involves the actual firing of stun guns.

Appropriates \$200,000 for 2013-14 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to provide grants for stun guns.

Unless otherwise indicated, effective August 1, 2013.

**Intro. by Riddell, Saine, Richardson.**

APPROP, GS 115C, GS 14, GS 143B

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**Criminal Law and Procedure, Budget/Appropriations, Education**

H 989 (2013-2014) [APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2013](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES, AND*

*FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

Blank bill.

**Intro. by Holloway.**

APPROP

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H 990 (2013-2014) [WESTERN REGION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE WESTERN REGIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY.*

Appropriates \$2 million for 2014-15 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to establish the Western Regional Leadership Academy to increase the number of principals and assistant principals qualified to lead transformational change in schools in both rural and urban areas.

Effective July 1, 2013.

**Intro. by Blackwell, Moffitt, Queen, Hager.**

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**Budget/Appropriations, Education**

H 991 (2013-2014) [NCCAT/PRINCIPAL LEADERSHIP/FUNDS](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO RESTORE FUNDING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHING AND TO SUPPORT THE DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP IN PRACTICE AND FUTURE-READY PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL PROGRAMS.*

Appropriates \$3 million dollars for 2013-14 and \$3 million dollars for 2014-15 in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to restore funding to the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) to provide professional development to teachers.

Appropriates \$10.7 million dollars for 2013-14 and \$10.7 million dollars for 2014-15 in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to provide funds for the Distinguished Leadership in Practice and Future-Ready Leadership Programs that provide leadership training and professional development to principals and assistant principals respectively. These funds shall be used to support the programs currently offered in Raleigh, Charlotte and Wilmington and to add another location at the NCCAT facility situated near the campus of Western Carolina University.

Effective July 1, 2013.

**Intro. by Queen, Tine, Johnson, Horn.**

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**Budget/Appropriations, Education**

H 993 (2013-2014) [FUNDS FOR POISON CONTROL](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO PROVIDE STATEWIDE POISON CONTROL SERVICES THROUGH THE CAROLINAS POISON CENTER.*

Appropriates \$1.4 million for 2013-14 and \$1.4 million for 2014-15 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, to increase the state contract with the Carolinas Poison Center, the designated poison center for North Carolina operated by Carolinas Medical Center.

Effective July 1, 2013.

**Intro. by Bryan, Arp, Earle.**

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S 29 (2013-2014) **NC RAILROAD COMPANY REPORTING AND DIVIDENDS**. Filed Jan 31 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO (1) STRENGTHEN OVERSIGHT, ANNUAL REPORTING, AND STRATEGIC PLANNING BY THE NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD COMPANY, (2) REQUIRE A ONE-TIME CASH DIVIDEND OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD COMPANY TO THE HIGHWAY FUND, (3) REQUIRE AN ANNUAL CASH DIVIDEND OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD COMPANY TO THE HIGHWAY FUND, AND (4) REQUIRE THE TRANSFER OF LOW-INCOME NON-CORRIDOR PROPERTIES FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD COMPANY TO THE STATE.*

Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to the 1st edition.

Changes the long title.

Amends GS 124-15 to provide that one of the Governor's seven appointments to the board of directors must be a Board of Transportation appointee and another one of the seven appointments must be the Secretary of Commerce or the Secretary's designee (previously, two of the Governor's seven appointments to the board of directors had to be Board of Transportation appointees).

Amends GS 124-16, changing its title to *Strategic plan and capital investment plan required of State-owned railroad company; performance management system*, providing that State-owned railroad companies must prepare and maintain a comprehensive strategic plan and a capital investment plan (previously, only a comprehensive strategic plan was required).

Amends GS 124-17, which requires each railroad company to submit an annual report to specified committees, adding several required components to the annual report.

Establishes the Freight Rail & Rail Crossing Safety Improvement Account within the Highway Fund as a separate, nonreverting account.

Directs each railroad company with trackage in more than two counties to issue a \$15.5 million cash dividend by June 30, 2013, to be deposited in the Freight Rail & Rail Crossing Safety Improvement Account (previously, amount was to be deposited into the General Fund).

Rewrites GS 124-5.1, which details state use of dividends, providing that any dividends of the railroad company received by the State will be deposited into the Freight Rail & Rail Crossing Safety Improvement Account for the enhancement of rail service and railroad-roadway crossing safety which can include specified project types (previously, funds were to be deposited into the General Fund and no limits on their use was provided).

Amends GS 124-18, which requires railroad companies with trackage in more than two counties to issue an annual cash dividend of 25% of the company's income from trackage rights agreements for the previous year. Provides that Directors of any railroad company who vote for or assent to the dividend required under this section will not be held liable under GS 55-8-33 (previously, the dividend was stated to be a minimum of 25%, and no protection for Directors was provided).

Requires railroad companies with trackage in more than two counties to issue dividends of non-corridor real property, as specified, by June 30, 2013. Provides that the value of the real property dividend must be based on either an appraisal of the fair market value or the ad valorem tax value for the parcel. Directs the Department of Administration to sell the properties and deposit proceeds in the Freight Rail and Rail Crossing Safety Improvement Account (was, the General Fund).

**Intro. by Hartsell.**

GS 124, GS 136

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S 123 (SL 2013-28) (2013-2014) [CLARIFY SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCE LAW](#). Filed Feb 21 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE EXISTING LAW PERTAINING TO SEX OFFENDERS RESIDING NEAR SCHOOLS OR DAY CARE CENTERS.*

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE EXISTING LAW PERTAINING TO SEX OFFENDERS RESIDING NEAR SCHOOLS OR DAY CARE CENTERS. Enacted April 16, 2013. Effective April 16, 2013.

**Intro. by Meredith.**

GS 14

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**Criminal Law and Procedure, Corrections  
(Sentencing/Probation)**

S 175 (SL 2013-29) (2013-2014) [BANKING LAWS CLARIFICATIONS/CORRECTIONS](#). Filed Mar 4 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS TO CHAPTER 53C OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.*

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS TO CHAPTER 53C OF THE GENERAL STATUTES. Enacted April 16, 2013. Effective April 16, 2013.

**Intro. by Brown.**

GS 53, GS 53C

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**Banking and Finance**

S 180 (2013-2014) [AUTO INSURANCE/ALLOW OPTIONAL ENHANCEMENTS](#). Filed Mar 5 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW INSURANCE COMPANIES WRITING PRIVATE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE IN NORTH CAROLINA TO OFFER OPTIONAL PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS.*

Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to the 1st edition.

Changes the effective clause to provide that this act becomes effective July 1, 2013 and applies to optional enhancements filed and approved on or after that date (previously, only established that it becomes effective on July 1, 2013).

**Intro. by Apodaca.**

GS 58

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**Insurance, Transportation**

S 240 (2013-2014) [DEVELOP RULES FOR RELEASE OF PATH MATERIALS](#). Filed Mar 7 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD TO DEVELOP RULES GOVERNING REQUESTS FOR AND RELEASE OF PATHOLOGICAL MATERIALS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION ON PATHOLOGICAL MATERIALS.*

The House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Specifies that the NC Medical Board is to enact rules governing the procedures regarding the request for and release of (was, request for) pathological materials made to clinical labs.

**Intro. by Goolsby.**

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**Department of Health and Human Services, Health**

S 248 (2013-2014) **CHOICE OF HEARING AID SPECIALIST**. Filed Mar 11 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT PATIENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THEIR HEARING AID SPECIALIST UNDER THEIR HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS, TO AUTHORIZE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS BOARD TO INCREASE CERTAIN FEES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE STATUTE ON CHOOSING SERVICES OF PROVIDERS.*

Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to the 1st edition.

Amends subsections (a1) and (a2) of GS 58-5-30 to remove the listing of individual categories of health care providers and replace the list with a general reference to the right to choose services of certain providers as listed in subsection (b) of this section. Amends subsection (b), moving the types of providers previously listed in subsections (a1) and (a2) to subsection (b) and adding a licensed hearing aid specialist to the provider types listed. Makes some additional organizational changes to include all provider types listed in this statute in subsection (b) and renumbers the subsection accordingly.

Makes a conforming change to GS 135-48.51(12).

Provides that this act becomes effective October 1, 2013 (was, October 1, 2012).

Amends the long title.

**Intro. by Hartsell.**

GS 58, GS 93D, GS 135

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**Health, Health Insurance, Health Care Facilities and Providers**

S 287 (2013-2014) **NOTICE PUBLICATION--CERTAIN LOCAL GOVS. (NEW)**. Filed Mar 13 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF GUILFORD AND MECKLENBURG COUNTIES, AND ALL THE MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED IN THOSE COUNTIES, TO GIVE PUBLIC NOTICES ELECTRONICALLY.*

Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to the 1st edition.

Changes the long title.

Deletes GS 153A-52.2(c5), which required notice to be provided to public libraries and the clerk of superior court.

Provides that this act applies only to the counties of Burke, Graham, Guilford, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Mecklenburg, Swain, Union, and Wake and any municipality located wholly within those counties; to the City of High Point; and to the Town of Morrisville (previously, only applied to the County of Guilford, the Cities of Greensboro and High Point, and the Town of Morrisville).

Amends SL 2007-86 concerning electric notice for public hearings, as amended, to remove Apex, Garner, and Knightdale from the act.

**Intro. by Wade, Barringer.**

**Burke, Davidson, Durham, Forsyth, Graham, Guilford, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Mecklenburg, Randolph, Swain, Union, Wake**

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S 374 (2013-2014) [NC PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET FLEXIBILITY ACT](#). Filed Mar 19 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET FLEXIBILITY ACT.*

Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to the 1st edition.

Amends GS 115C-105.25(b)(1a) to provide that funds for children with disabilities, career and technical education, and other purposes may also be transferred as provided through any rules that the State Board of Education (SBE) adopts to ensure compliance with federal regulations (was, transferred only as permitted by federal law and conditions of federal grants). Permits positions allocated for classroom teachers to be converted to dollar equivalents to contract for visiting international exchange teachers (was, deleted this subdivision in the 1st edition).

Amends GS 115C-301 to delete requirement that significant increases in class size be reported to the SBE by February 1 of each year. Provides that local boards of education may request allotment adjustments and that the SBE may allot additional positions within the available funds. Deletes any reference to a significant increase in class size as a basis for the request for an allotment adjustment.

Amends GS 115C-276(k) to make a conforming change deleting requirement to report by February 1 annually exceptions to individual class size and daily teaching load maximums.

Amends GS 115C-105.25 to require that each local school administrative unit (LEA) publish specified information about LEA expenditures on its web site by October 15 annually (was, August 1 annually).

**Intro. by Tillman, Barringer, Wade.**

[GS 115C](#)

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S 426 (2013-2014) [CHANGE DEADLINE/AUDITEE RESPONSE.-AB](#) Filed Mar 26 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE DEADLINE FOR AN AUDITEE'S RESPONSE TO A PERFORMANCE AUDIT.*

Senate amendment makes the following change to the 1st edition.

Provides that in regards to audits of economy and efficiency and program results, the auditee's written response will be included in the final report if received within 10 days from receipt of a draft report from the Auditor (was, if received on or before the deadline set by the Auditor).

**Intro. by J. Davis.**

[GS 147](#)

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[State Government, State Agencies](#)

S 430 (2013-2014) [CLARIFY ELECTRIC LOAD CONTROL PROCESS](#). Filed Mar 26 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT FROM PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS PERSONS INSTALLING ELECTRIC LOAD CONTROL SWITCHES UNDER THE LAWS REGULATING ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES UNDER THE LAWS PERTAINING TO BUILDING INSPECTION PERMITS FOR COUNTIES AND CITIES.*

Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to the 1st edition.

Amends GS 87-43.1, altering the exception found in the previous edition to the provisions of Article 4 of GS Chapter 87 (*Electrical Contractors*), providing that the provisions of this article do not apply to specified work done by an electric power supplier, as defined in GS 63-133.8, or an electrical contractor contracted by the electric power supplier, as long as the work is subject to oversight from a licensed electrical contractor.

Amends 153A-357(a) and GS 160A-417(a), both sections dealing with the planning and regulation of development for cities/towns and counties, providing that a permit is not required for the installation, maintenance, or replacement of any load control device or equipment by an electric power supplier, as defined in GS 62-133.8, or an electrical contractor contracted by the electric power supplier, as long as the work is subject to oversight from a licensed electrical contractor.

**Intro. by Brown.**

[GS 87, GS 153A, GS 160A](#)

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**Local Government**

S 520 (2013-2014) [WC/RECORD FULL IC HEARINGS](#). Filed Mar 28 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT HEARINGS OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION ARE RECORDED.*

House committee substitute makes the following changes to the 1st edition.

Amends GS 97-85, creating new GS 97-85(b), previously enacted as GS 97-84(b) in 1st edition. Makes technical changes to original language.

**Intro. by Daniel.**

[GS 97](#)

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**State Government**

S 594 (2013-2014) [OMNIBUS JUSTICE AMENDMENTS](#). Filed Apr 2 2013, *AN ACT TO REMOVE PROHIBITIONS ON CARRYING CONCEALED FIREARMS BY ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES, NORTH CAROLINA APPELLATE JUSTICES AND JUDGES, AND CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR CARRYING A CONCEALED FIREARM; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR GIVING OR SELLING A CELL PHONE TO AN INMATE AND TO MAKE POSSESSION OF A CELL PHONE BY AN INMATE UNLAWFUL; TO AMEND THE OFFENSE OF MAKING THREATS AGAINST OR ASSAULTING LEGISLATIVE, EXECUTIVE, OR COURT OFFICERS; TO CREATE AN OFFENSE WHEN AN INMATE SOLICITS ANOTHER TO COMMIT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE; TO INCREASE PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS OF THE AMUSEMENT DEVICE SAFETY ACT; TO PROPERLY IMPLEMENT CURRENT EXPUNCTION PROVISIONS; TO ADD QUALIFIED RETIRED CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS TO OFFICERS EXEMPT FROM CONCEALED CARRY COURSE; TO CONFORM STATE LAW WITH THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT DECISION IN HALL V. FLORIDA; TO ADD THE UNFAIR USE OF CRIMINAL RECORD INFORMATION TO THE CONSUMER PROTECTION LAWS; TO DIRECT MERGERS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; AND TO AUTHORIZE REMOTE VIDEO TESTIMONY BY FORENSIC AND CHEMICAL ANALYSTS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.*

Senate committee substitute makes the following change to the 2nd edition.

Amends GS 108A-29.1, to provide that DHHS will require that for two parent households, both parents must comply with the drug-testing requirement (previous edition referred to two-parent families).

**Intro. by J. Davis.**

[GS 108A](#)

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**Public Assistance**

S 687 (2013-2014) [INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT CUSTODY ORDERS](#). Filed Apr 2 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ALLOWING A CLERK OR ASSISTANT OR DEPUTY CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OR A MAGISTRATE TO ISSUE BY FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION AN INVOLUNTARY INPATIENT COMMITMENT CUSTODY ORDER TO A PETITIONING PHYSICIAN, ELIGIBLE*

*PSYCHOLOGIST, OR DESIGNEE AT A TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR FACILITY WHEN THE RESPONDENT IS ALREADY PHYSICALLY PRESENT AT THE TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR FACILITY.*

Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to the 1st edition.

Amends GS 122C-261(d)(5), making a clarifying change.

**Intro. by Parmon, Brunstetter.**

GS 122C

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**Mental Health**

S 725 (2013-2014) [GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET](#). Filed Apr 17 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

Identical to [H 974](#) filed 4/17/13.

Due to the fact that Governor McCrory's proposed budget was released on March 20, 2013, and has been available to the public well in advance of the filing of H 974, we will not be including a summary of the bill version of his budget. For the content of the bill, please follow the link to the bill on the General Assembly's site above. Further information on the Governor's proposed budget can also be found on the Office of State Budget and Management's website at <http://osbm.nc.gov/thebudget>.

**Intro. by Brunstetter, Hunt, Brown.**

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## LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 224 (SL 2013-30) (2013-2014) [ASHEVILLE ETJ AND ANNEXATION](#). Filed Mar 5 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 160A OF THE GENERAL STATUTES WITH RESPECT TO THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE.*

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 160A OF THE GENERAL STATUTES WITH RESPECT TO THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE. Enacted April 17, 2013. Effective April 17, 2013, except as otherwise provided.

**Intro. by Moffitt, Ramsey.**

Buncombe

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## LOCAL/SENATE BILLS

S 317 (2013-2014) [GUILFORD AND STANLY ELECTION SYSTEMS \(NEW\)](#). Filed Mar 13 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM ELEVEN TO NINE MEMBERS, TO*

*ESTABLISH REVISED DISTRICTS FOR THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THAT BOARD, AND TO DISTRICT THE STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.*

Senate committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Amends Section 2 of SL 1991-78 to require that beginning in 2016, one member of the Guilford County Board of Education is to be elected from each of the nine numbered districts and one is to be elected from each of the two lettered districts. Provides that in the 2016 election and biennially thereafter, members for all districts are to be elected to two-year terms. Makes conforming changes, including delineating lettered districts.

Effective December 1, 2016, repeals Section 6 of SL 1991-78 (providing for the filling of vacancies).

Provides that the act does not affect the terms of office of members elected in 2010 or 2012.

**Intro. by Wade.**

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S 325 (2013-2014) [WAKE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS](#). Filed Mar 13 2013, *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL BE ELECTED FROM DISTRICTS.*

Senate committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Extends the effective dates stated throughout the provisions of the act to 2016 (was, 2014). Deletes the proposed language in SL 1975-717, Section 7, that extended terms to four years.

Provides that an election is to be held in 2013 (was, no election in 2013) for the Wake County Board of Education for Districts 1, 2, 7, and 9, but those elected serve terms to expire on the first Monday in July of 2016. The districts for such election are those established in 2011 by the Wake County Board of Education under GS 115C-37(i). The terms of members of the Wake County Board of Education elected in 2011 are extended to expire on the first Monday in July of 2016. Provides that no election for members of the Wake County Board of Education is to take place in 2015.

**Intro. by Hunt, Barefoot.**

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## ACTIONS ON BILLS

### PUBLIC BILLS

**H 10: REMOVE ROUTE RESTRICTION FOR NC 540 LOOP.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Added to Calendar*

*House: Failed Concur In S Com Sub*

**H 75: KILAH'S LAW/INCREASE CHILD ABUSE PENALTIES.**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

*Senate: Ordered Enrolled*

**H 135: ADJUST LANDFILL PERMIT FEE TIMING.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*  
*House: Placed On Cal For 04/18/2013*

**H 176: CHARTER SCHOOL ELECTION.**

*House: Reptd Fav*  
*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*  
*House: Placed On Cal For 04/18/2013*

**H 198: MARCH OF DIMES ANNIVERSARY.**

*House: Adopted*

**H 200: REQUIRE CERTAIN GENERAL REAPPRAISALS.**

*House: Reptd Fav*  
*House: Re-ref Com On Finance*

**H 203: REVISIONS/HOMEOWNER/HOMEBUYER PROTECTION ACT.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

**H 242: VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. SALES TAX REFUND CHANGE.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*  
*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*  
*House: Placed On Cal For 04/18/2013*

**H 248: TAXPAYER DEBT INFORMATION ACT.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*  
*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*  
*House: Placed On Cal For 04/18/2013*

**H 266: STANDARDS FOR SOME NURSERY STOCK PURCHASES.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*  
*House: Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 269: CHILDREN W/DISABILITIES SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*  
*House: Re-ref Com On Finance*

**H 272: DOT/DMV CHANGES #2**

*House: Amend Adopted A1*  
*House: Passed 2nd Reading*  
*House: Passed 3rd Reading*  
*House: Ordered Engrossed*  
*House: Amend Adopted A1*  
*House: Passed 2nd Reading*  
*House: Passed 3rd Reading*  
*House: Ordered Engrossed*

**H 291: START-UP FUNDS FOR NEW CHARTER SCHOOLS.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*  
*House: Ref to the Com on Education, if favorable, Appropriations*

**H 315: PLASTICS LABELING REQUIREMENTS.**

*House: Reptd Fav*  
*House: Re-ref Com On Environment*

**H 336: CONTINUING BUDGET AUTHORITY (NEW).**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On Appropriations*

**H 402: TRICARE SUPPLEMENT FOR FLEX ACCOUNTS.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On Appropriations*

**H 449: STATE CONTRACTS/FURNITURE.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/18/2013*

**H 481: REDUCE NEEDLE STICK INJURIES.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 514: HONOR PETE CUNNINGHAM.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Placed On Cal For 05/07/2013*

**H 543: GUARDIANSHIP ROLES OF MHDDSA PROVIDERS (NEW).**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On Health and Human Services*

**H 584: SUSPEND TRUCK INSPECTION/SEVERE WEATHER.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/18/2013*

**H 587: ALTERNATE ACT/PLAN FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS (NEW).**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/18/2013*

**H 588: PUBLIC SCHOOL REPORT/FLEXIBILITY.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/18/2013*

**H 589: VIVA/ELECTION REFORM (NEW).**

*House: Serial Referral To Finance Added*

*House: Serial Referral To Appropriations Added*

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Finance*

**H 591: REPORTING AND TERMS FOR LONG. DATA BOARD.**

*Senate: Rec From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Education/Higher Education*

**H 638: INCREASE MEMBERSHIP OF AREA BOARDS.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref Com On Health and Human Services*

**H 719: EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2013.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/18/2013*

**H 945: FUNDS/ENFORCE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES LAWS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Appropriations*

**H 946: EXTEND QUALIFIED BUSINESS VENTURE TAX CREDIT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Finance*

**H 947: FUNDS FOR FUTURES FOR KIDS PROGRAM.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Appropriations*

**H 948: NOTICE FOR TAX LEVIES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Finance*

**H 949: MARKET BASED RECYCLING.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Commerce and Job Development, if favorable, Environment, if favorable, Finance*

**H 950: UNC/SALARY INCREASES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Appropriations*

**H 951: ELIMINATE TAX DESIGNATION FOR POLITICAL PARTY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Elections, if favorable, Finance*

**H 957: FOOD DESERT ZONES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 958: COMPLIANCE DISMISSALS/FEE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 959: LARGE MFG. FACILITY EXTENSION/STUDY OF 1%/\$80 (NEW).**

*House: Filed*

**H 960: INNOVATION THROUGH LOCAL SCHOOLS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 961: TAX MODERNIZATION AND SIMPLIFICATION.**

*House: Filed*

**H 962: MUNICIPAL SALES TAX.**

*House: Filed*

**H 963: SHARE ARREST WARRANT STATUS/JDIG.**

*House: Filed*

**H 964: APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2013.**

*House: Filed*

**H 965: TEACHER LICENSURE FEES.***House: Filed***H 966: CAP FUEL TAX.***House: Filed***H 967: 2013 APPROPRIATIONS ACT.***House: Filed***H 968: INCREASE SUCCESSFUL CTE PARTICIPATION.***House: Filed***H 969: BROADEN SUCCESSFUL AP PARTICIPATION.***House: Filed***H 970: FUNDS FOR NC FOOD BANKS.***House: Filed***H 971: A FAMILY FOR EVERY CHILD/FOSTER CARE.***House: Filed***H 972: ELIMINATE CONTINUING CARE PROP. TAX EXEMPTION.***House: Filed***H 973: FUNDS/TWO-TIERED PAY FOR THREE-WAY CONTRACTS.***House: Filed***H 974: GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET.***House: Filed***H 975: MODIFY LOW WEALTH SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA.***House: Filed***H 976: GUN SAFETY ACT.***House: Filed***H 977: REENTRY FUNDS.***House: Filed***H 978: SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATH/FEES.***House: Filed***H 979: DOT FUNDING TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.***House: Filed***H 980: MEDICAID/2012-2013 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS***House: Filed***H 981: NEW MHDDSA REGION & PSYCH. HOSPITAL.***House: Filed***H 982: MODIFY MEDICAID SUBROGATION STATUTE.***House: Filed***H 983: 2013 FISHERIES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 984: BUDGET AUTHORITY AMENDMENTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 985: TAX REDUCTION AND SIMPLIFICATION.**

*House: Filed*

**H 986: STATE FUNDS FOR SCHOOLS DO NOT REVERT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 987: EMERGENCY STUN GUN USE BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL.**

*House: Filed*

**H 988: WC/FUND FOR MISCLASSIFIED WORKERS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 989: APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2013.**

*House: Filed*

**H 990: WESTERN REGION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY.**

*House: Filed*

**H 991: NCCAT/PRINCIPAL LEADERSHIP/FUNDS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 992: PHOEBE'S LAW.**

*House: Filed*

**H 993: FUNDS FOR POISON CONTROL.**

*House: Filed*

**H 994: MAKE FILM CREDIT NONREFUNDABLE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 995: NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS LICENSING ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 996: SCHOLARSHIPS FOR VETERANS & NEEDY STUDENTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 997: STEM TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

*House: Filed*

**H 998: TAX SIMPLIFICATION AND REDUCTION ACT (NEW)**

*House: Filed*

**S 29: NC RAILROAD COMPANY REPORTING AND DIVIDENDS.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 91: PROHIBIT EXPUNCTION INQUIRY.**

*Senate: Failed Concur In H Com Sub*

**S 122: SEX TRAFFICKING/SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION.**

*Ratified*

**S 148: EXEMPT CERTAIN STEEL TUBING/ELECTRICAL K'ORS.**

*Ratified*

**S 180: AUTO INSURANCE/ALLOW OPTIONAL ENHANCEMENTS.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

**S 181: AUTO INSURANCE/YOUNG DRIVER CLASSIFICATION.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

**S 222: REVISE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES REPORTING.**

*House: Rec From Senate*

**S 239: AMEND NC BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT.**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

**S 240: DEVELOP RULES FOR RELEASE OF PATH MATERIALS.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

**S 248: CHOICE OF HEARING AID SPECIALIST.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Finance*

**S 287: NOTICE PUBLICATION--CERTAIN LOCAL GOVS. (NEW).**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

**S 358: GUARANTEED ASSET PROTECTION WAIVERS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Insurance, if favorable, Judiciary Subcommittee A*

**S 374: NC PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET FLEXIBILITY ACT.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 426: CHANGE DEADLINE/AUDITEE RESPONSE.-AB**

*Senate: Amend Adopted A1*

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

*Engrossed*

**S 430: CLARIFY ELECTRIC LOAD CONTROL PROCESS.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

**S 452: JURISDICTIONAL AMTS/ARBITRATION/SM CLAIMS CT.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Cal*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 520: WC/RECORD FULL IC HEARINGS.***Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute**Senate: Com Substitute Adopted***S 594: OMNIBUS JUSTICE AMENDMENTS.***Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute**Senate: Com Substitute Adopted**Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute**Senate: Com Substitute Adopted***S 635: TRANSMISSION LINE OWNERSHIP.***Senate: Passed 2nd Reading**Senate: Passed 3rd Reading***S 639: BD. OF AGRICULTURE MODIFICATIONS.***Senate: Passed 2nd Reading**Senate: Passed 3rd Reading***S 687: INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT CUSTODY ORDERS.***Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute**Senate: Com Substitute Adopted**Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary I***S 712: ID CARD FOR HOMEBOUND PERSONS.***House: Passed 1st Reading**House: Ref To Com On Transportation***S 725: GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET.***Senate: Filed***LOCAL BILLS****H 222: BUNCOMBE COUNTY/USE DESIGN-BUILD METHODS.***House: Rec To Concur S Com Sub**House: Rec From Senate***H 224: ASHEVILLE ETJ AND ANNEXATION.***Ratified**Ch. SL 2013-30***H 318: WINSTON-SALEM/SEISMIC CODES.***House: Reptd Fav**House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)**House: Placed On Cal For 04/18/2013***H 409: SHELBY DEANNEXATION.***House: Reptd Fav**House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)**House: Placed On Cal For 04/18/2013***H 468: HIGH POINT ELECTIONS/TRYON CHARTER AMENDMENTS***Senate: Rec From House**Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On State and Local Government*

**H 517: ROCKINGHAM/NO RIGHT-OF-WAY SPOTLIGHTING.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/18/2013*

**S 56: WALLACE/SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

**S 67: SURRY COMM. COLLEGE/YADKIN CTY. LAND TRANSFER (NEW).**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 290: WAYNESVILLE ANNEXATION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 317: GUILFORD AND STANLY ELECTION SYSTEMS (NEW).**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

**S 325: WAKE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

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