

The Daily Bulletin: Monday, February 2, 2015

PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 35 (2015-2016) [EDUCATION INNOVATION TASK FORCE](#). Filed Feb 2 2015, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION INNOVATION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE STUDY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION INNOVATION.*

Creates the Legislative Task Force on Education Innovation (Task Force). Provides for 19 members with nine members each appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and appoints the 2015 North Carolina Teacher of the Year as a member of the Task Force.

Provides specific criteria for the composition of the Task Force membership, the filling of vacancies, and the selection of co-chairs. Provides additional criteria regarding the setting of meetings, staffing, and the general operation of the Task Force.

Directs the Task Force to determine if there is a need to create a permanent entity dedicated to examining innovative practices in education designed to improve student achievement throughout North Carolina. Directs the Task Force to do the following as part of its study: (1) assess the appropriateness of establishing a permanent entity to study education innovation and provide recommendations to the General Assembly on incorporating innovative practices in public schools and higher education, including the use of state funds for this purpose; (2) examine options for the appropriate structure for a permanent entity to study education innovation; (3) gather information from stakeholders in the areas of public schools and higher education on the establishment of a permanent entity to study education innovation; and (4) study any other issues the Task Force deems relevant.

Requires the Task Force to submit a final report on its study and its recommendations to the 2017 General Assembly. Requires the Task Force to terminate on December 31, 2016, or upon the filing of its final report to the General Assembly, whichever occurs first.

Intro. by Elmore, S. Martin, Horn, Cotham.

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PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 14 (2015-2016) [ACAD. STANDARDS/RULES REVIEW/COAL ASH/FUNDS](#). Filed Feb 2 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE LITIGATION EXPENSES OF THE RULES REVIEW COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS REVIEW COMMISSION; TO REQUIRE THAT THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS REVIEW COMMISSION POST CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS ON ITS WEB SITE; AND TO CLARIFY COAL ASH MANAGEMENT COMMISSION APPROPRIATIONS.*

Directs the State Board of Education to transfer \$100,000 to the Office of Administrative Hearings so that the Rules Review Commission can pay for any litigation related costs associated with the defense of the *North Carolina State Board of Education v. The State of North Carolina and the Rules Review Commission* lawsuit filed November 7, 2014. Funds are to remain available during the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Directs the Department of Public instruction to transfer \$275,000 to the Department of Administration (DOA) in order to support the operations of the Academic Standards Review Commission, established pursuant to SL 2014-78. Directs an amount equal to the total costs that the DOA incurred in supporting the operations of the Academic Standards Review Commission (Commission) to be credited to the DOA. Sets out and details three types of expenses that the remaining funds can be used for, as authorized by the Commission, including, (1) administrative assistance, (2) technical assistance, and (3) per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances. Provides that the funds are to remain available for such expenditure until the Commission terminates on December 31, 2015, or when its final report is filed, whichever occurs first. Any remaining funds revert to the General Fund on June 30, 2016. Establishes that none of the above funds transferred to the Commission can be used to conduct any survey related to the adoption of academic standards or to contract for such work due to the resources which have already expended to this end. Clarifies that the Commission is subject to the Public Records Act and the Open Meetings Law. Details and clarifies other duties the Commission must comply with. Prevents the State Board of Education, in meeting the required fund transfer, from making reductions to the operating budget of the Department of Public Instruction or making reductions in funding or positions to five specified programs/schools.

Amends GS 62-302.1 to provide that 26.5% of the moneys in the Coal Combustion Residuals Management Fund must be used by the Coal Ash Management Commission with any remainder to be used by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) (was, money in the Fund could only be spent pursuant to a General Assembly appropriation). Effective July 1, 2014.

Amends Section 15(c)-15(e) of SL 2014-122 to provide that up to twenty-five receipt-supported positions are to be created in DENR to carry-out specified duties related to the Coal Ash Management Act of 2014 (previously, required 25 positions to be created). Provides for an appropriation from the Coal Combustion Residuals Management Fund to the Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$630,000 to support the five positions in the Division of Emergency Management for the 2014-15 fiscal year (previously, appropriated any remaining funds in the Coal Combustion Residuals Management Fund, after the appropriation to DENR, to the Department of Public Safety for 2014-15 fiscal year). Enacts new Section 15(e) of SL 2014-122, renumbering the previous Section 15(e) to Section 15(f), and provides that if moneys in the Coal Combustion Residuals Management Fund are insufficient to support appropriations in Section 15(c) or 15(d) of SL 2014-122 for the 2014-15 fiscal year, said appropriations are to be reduced on a proportional basis. Effective July 1, 2014.

Intro. by Brown, Harrington, B. Jackson.

[GS 62](#)

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[Education, Environment, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Public Instruction, Department of Administration, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Public Safety, State Board of Elections](#)

ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 21: [RESTORE TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM.](#)

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Appropriations

H 22: ENHANCE UI PROGRAM INTEGRITY/REPORTING.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Finance

H 23: DES BOARD OF REVIEW.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Finance

H 24: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAW CHANGES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Finance

H 26: RESTORE EDUCATIONAL SALES TAX HOLIDAY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Finance

H 27: REENACT EITC.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Finance

H 28: ROOT OUT POVERTY/APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Appropriations

H 29: TECHNICAL CHANGES TO COURSES OF STUDY STATUTE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Education - K-12

H 30: NAME/ADDRESS OF LOTTERY WINNER CONFIDENTIAL.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Judiciary III

H 31: 0.00 ALCOHOL RESTRICTION-ALL DWI.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Judiciary II

H 32: AMEND HABITUAL DWI.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Judiciary II

H 33: NEW JUDGE/ADA WAKE COUNTY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Appropriations

H 35: EDUCATION INNOVATION TASK FORCE.

House: Filed

S 2: MAGISTRATES RECUSAL OF CIVIL CEREMONIES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 3: STATE EMPMS./NO PAYROLL DUES DEDUCTIONS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 6: STATE HEALTH PLAN/REHIRED RETIREE ELIGIBILITY.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 7: ALLOW SEATING FOR FOOD STAND CUSTOMERS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 9: ADD IT COMMITTEE.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 11: CONFIRM BOARD OF REVIEW/HOLLIDAY.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 12: CONFIRM BOARD OF REVIEW/CAMPBELL.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 13: CONFIRM BOARD OF REVIEW/DORAN.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 14: ACAD. STANDARDS/RULES REVIEW/COAL ASH/FUNDS.

Senate: Filed

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Appropriations/Base Budget

LOCAL BILLS

H 25: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEX./ALAMANCE-BURLINGTON.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Education - K-12, if favorable, Commerce and Job Development

H 34: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEXIBILITY/CERTAIN COUNTIES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Education - K-12, if favorable, Commerce and Job Development

S 5: UNION COUNTY LOCAL ACT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 8: WINSTON-SALEM/PARKING METERS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 10: 46TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

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