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PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 13 (2015-2016) [AMEND SCHOOL HEALTH ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT](#). Filed Jan 28 2015, *AN ACT REQUIRING EACH CHILD PRESENTED FOR ADMISSION INTO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE FIRST TIME TO SUBMIT PROOF OF A RECENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT. REQUIRING ABSENCES DUE TO THE FAILURE TO PRESENT THE HEALTH ASSESSMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM NOT BE SUSPENSIONS AND STUDENTS BE ALLOWED TO MAKE UP THE WORK MISSED, AND REQUIRING THE HEALTH ASSESSMENT TRANSMITTAL.*

House amendment #3 makes the following changes to Amendment #1.

Amends GS 130A-440 to provide that a child cannot be suspended for absences accrued for failure to present the required health assessment transmittal form after the termination of 60 calendar days (was, 30 calendar days).

Intro. by Torbett.

GS 115C, GS 130A

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Health and Human Services, Health

H 16 (2015-2016) [REPEAL OUTDATED REPORTS.-AB](#) Filed Jan 28 2015, *AN ACT TO REPEAL OUTDATED AND UNNECESSARY INSURANCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.*

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

Removes GS 58-36-3(c) and GS 58-40-130(e) from the list of statutory provisions repealed in the 1st edition. Makes a conforming change deleting language regarding reporting requirements in the aforementioned statutes.

Intro. by Pendleton.

GS 58

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Business and Commerce, Insurance, Government, State Agencies, Department of Insurance

H 50 (2015-2016) [AMEND MAND. RETIRE. AGE/JUDGES & MAGISTRATES](#). Filed Feb 4 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR MAGISTRATES, JUDGES, AND JUSTICES OF THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE TO REQUIRE RETIREMENT ON DECEMBER 31 OF THE YEAR THE MAGISTRATE, JUDGE, OR JUSTICE ATTAINS THE AGE OF 72.*

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

Amends GS 7A-4.20, making a technical correction.

Intro. by McNeill, Hurley, Stam.

GS 7A, GS 135

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Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Employment and Retirement

H 72 (2015-2016) **SOG PILOT PROJECT STANDARDS**. Filed Feb 10 2015, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO COORDINATE A WORKING GROUP CHARGED WITH DEVELOPING STANDARDS FOR STATE AGENCIES TO USE WHEN DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING PILOT PROJECTS MANDATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF STATE BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT TO ADOPT RULES IMPLEMENTING THE STANDARDS.*

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

Changes the long title.

Amends the proposed language of GS 143-162.3(a), deleting language that referred to the convening of a work group by the UNC School of Government as well as language that required the draft standards to be presented to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee and to the Office of State Budget and Management by December 1, 2016.

Makes conforming changes, changing references to the "standards" to the "rules." Makes clarifying changes.

Adds that the provisions concerning pilot projects applies to those required by the General Assembly on or after June 1, 2017.

Intro. by Hurley, Turner, Carney, Lucas.

APPROP, GS 143

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, UNC System

H 129 (2015-2016) **HIGH ACHIEVING TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS**. Filed Mar 3 2015, *AN ACT TO CREATE THE HIGH ACHIEVING TUITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TOP PERFORMING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTENDING NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGES.*

House committee substitute to the 2nd edition makes the following changes.

Amends the High Achieving Tuition Scholarship Program (Program) eligibility requirements to provide that a student is deemed eligible who (1) is either a citizen or eligible non-citizen (was, had to be a US citizen) and (2) gains admission as a student at a North Carolina community college in a curriculum program (was, gains admission as a degree-seeking student). Adds to initial eligibility requirements and the annual renewal eligibility requirements the provision that the student must affirmatively state that the student does not have a felony conviction for a controlled substance offense under Article 5 of GS Chapter 90.

Provides that either of the following is a basis for revoking a scholarship award at the conclusion of the first semester of an academic year: (1) failing to maintain a course load of a minimum of 12 credit hours or (2) default or unpaid refund on a student financial aid program. Deletes failure to maintain a 2.5 grade point average as a basis for scholarship revocation. Removes controlled substance offense as a basis for scholarship revocation to conform with amended admission eligibility requirements requiring that an eligible student not have a felony conviction for a controlled substance offense.

Charges community colleges with responsibility for ensuring that scholarship recipients are provided counseling and

assistance in maintaining the necessary grade point average.

Adds an appropriation of \$50,000 from the General Fund to the State Education Assistance Authority (Authority) for the 2015-16 fiscal year for administrative costs related to the implementation of the Program. Adds provision to permit the Authority to use up to 5% of the appropriated funds for administrative costs associated with the Program. Deletes provision indicating that it is the intent of the General Assembly to appropriate \$3.5 million in recurring funds for the 2017-18 fiscal year for administrative costs and scholarship awards.

Provides that a student successfully receiving deferred admission to a constituent institution of the University of North Carolina is contingent on the successful completion of an associate's degree and remaining in good standing in the scholarship Program while enrolled in the community college.

Intro. by Elmore, Dobson, Holloway, McNeill.

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, State Board of Education](#)

H 133 (2015-2016) [MODIFY SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS](#). Filed Mar 3 2015, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES PER SEMESTER AND TO MODIFY THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF TUITION FOR THOSE STUDENTS.*

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

Amends GS 115C-112.6 to require the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (Authority) to adopt rules providing for the pro rata return of funds if a student withdraws prior to the end of the semester from a school that has received scholarship funds for the withdrawn student.

Amends the effective date clause to provide that the Authority must adopt rules within 60 days of the effective date of the act that provide for the pro rata return of funds if a student withdraws prior to the end of the semester from a school that has received scholarship funds for the withdrawn student.

Intro. by Jordan, Jones, Stam.

[GS 115C](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

H 148 (2015-2016) [INSURANCE AND SAFETY INSPECTION/MOPEDS](#). Filed Mar 3 2015, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF MOPEDS TO HAVE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT A POLICY OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, TO PROVIDE THAT MOPEDS ARE SUBJECT TO SAFETY INSPECTIONS, AND TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES RELATED TO THE LAW REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF MOPEDS.*

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

Deletes proposed changes to GS 20-183.2, which provided that mopeds are subject to safety inspection requirements.

Intro. by Shepard, R. Brown, Carney.

[GS 20, GS 58](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Insurance, Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Transportation](#)

H 151 (2015-2016) [PROPERTY INSURANCE RATEMAKING REFORM](#). Filed Mar 3 2015, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FAIRNESS AND EQUITY OF THE PROPERTY INSURANCE RATE-MAKING PROCESS BY PROVIDING FOR GREATER TRANSPARENCY REGARDING THE ROLE OF CATASTROPHE MODELING IN PROPERTY INSURANCE RATE FILINGS, BY PROVIDING THAT MODELED LOSSES IN A PROPERTY RATE FILING BE PROPERLY ALLOCABLE TO NORTH CAROLINA, AND BY REQUIRING THE RATE BUREAU TO DESIGNATE IN A FILING THAT PORTION OF THE RATE IN EACH TERRITORY ALLOCABLE TO WIND AND HAIL.*

Makes technical changes to punctuation.

Intro. by Tine, Setzer, J. Bell, Jackson.

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[Business and Commerce, Insurance, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing](#)

H 152 (2015-2016) [NEW HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT](#). Filed Mar 4 2015, *AN ACT TO ENACT A HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT.*

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

Makes a clarifying change to the effective date.

Intro. by S. Ross, Hardister, Lewis, Glazier.

GS 105

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, Tax](#)

H 173 (2015-2016) [OMNIBUS CRIMINAL LAW BILL](#). Filed Mar 9 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS CRIMINAL LAWS FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING TRIAL COURT EFFICIENCY.*

House amendment #2 makes the following changes to the second edition.

Amends Rule 803(6) of the Rules of Evidence found in GS Chapter 8C to allow a custodian of business records to authenticate such records by way of affidavit or by document under seal under Rule 902 of the Rules of Evidence made by the custodian in lieu of in-person testimony (previously, language allowed the custodian to authenticate by certification). Amends proposed language to require that the authentication of evidence by affidavit must be confined to the records of non-parties (was, required the method of authenticating evidence to be confined to the records of non-parties).

Intro. by Stam, Faircloth, Glazier, Turner.

GS 7A, GS 8C, GS 14, GS 15, GS 15A, GS 20, GS 50, GS 50B, GS 122C, GS 143B

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[Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Family Law, Evidence, Motor Vehicle, Court System, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Health and Human Services, Mental Health](#)

H 211 (2015-2016) [EXPAND USE OF TOXICOLOGY FUNDS](#). Filed Mar 11 2015, *AN ACT TO EXPAND THE AUTHORIZED USES OF GRANT FUNDS PROVIDED TO THE CONFERENCE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS*.

House amendment #1 makes the following changes to the 1st edition.

Amends Section 18B.4 of SL 2013-360, concerning funds allocated to the Conference on District Attorneys for district attorneys across the state to obtain toxicology analyses from local hospitals, providing that the funding can be used to obtain specified analyses from private, in-state laboratories approved as specified (previously, did not limit the use of funding to "in-state" laboratories).

Intro. by Stevens, Bryan, Floyd, D. Hall.

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[Courts/Judiciary, Court System](#)

H 242 (2015-2016) [WHITE COLLAR INVESTIGATION](#). Filed Mar 16 2015, *AN ACT TO EXPAND THE LIST OF CRIMES FOR WHICH AN INVESTIGATIVE GRAND JURY MAY BE CONVENED*.

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

Removes violations of GS 14-230 (failing to discharge duties) from the list of violations for which an investigative grand jury can be convened.

Intro. by Faircloth, Stam.

[GS 15A](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure](#)

H 294 (2015-2016) [PROHIBIT CELL PHONE/DELINQUENT JUVENILE.-AB](#) Filed Mar 18 2015, *AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO PROVIDE A CELL PHONE TO A DELINQUENT JUVENILE IN CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY*.

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

Amends GS 14-258.1(d) to clarify that any person who knowingly gives or sells a mobile telephone or other wireless communications device or a component of such a device to a person who is not an inmate or a delinquent juvenile (was, person who is not an inmate) for delivery to an inmate or a delinquent juvenile in the custody of the Department of Public Safety is guilty of a Class H felony.

Intro. by Boles.

[GS 14](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Juvenile Law, Delinquency, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure](#)

H 295 (2015-2016) [JUVENILE MEDIA RELEASE.-AB](#) Filed Mar 18 2015, *AN ACT TO PERMIT THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS APPROPRIATE TO RELEASE CERTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT AN ESCAPED DELINQUENT JUVENILE.*

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

Changes the long title.

Deletes proposed language in GS 7B-3102(a) which required the Division of Juvenile Justice (Division) to determine the level of threat posed to the community by an escaped juvenile and if deemed appropriate, release to the public the specified information. Amends same subsection to require the release of a statement by the Division as to the juvenile's threat to self or to others only when deemed appropriate by the Division.

Intro. by Boles.

[GS 7B](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Juvenile Law, Delinquency](#)

H 334 (2015-2016) [CHARTER SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY FEES](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO ALLOW A CHARTER SCHOOL TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.*

Enacts new GS 115C-218.50(b) providing that charter schools can establish fees for extracurricular activities with the approval of the board of directors. Sets out limitations for the fee schedule, providing that the fees can not exceed the fees for the same extracurricular activities charged by a local school administrative unit in which 10% or more of the students enrolled in the charter school reside. Makes organizational and technical changes.

Effective when bill becomes law and applies beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

Intro. by Jeter, Steinburg.

[GS 115C](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

H 335 (2015-2016) [GREEN TEACHER NETWORK PILOT PROGRAM](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE GREEN TEACHER NETWORK PILOT PROGRAM.*

Appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction for 2015-16, to be used by Green Teacher Network Inc., a nonprofit, to fund a three-year pilot program to transform two Title I schools into outdoor learning centers, based on the national model developed by Real Green Schools. Provides that Title I schools referred to in this act are those identified under Part A of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Effective July 1, 2015.

Intro. by Jeter.

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Public Instruction](#)

H 336 (2015-2016) [HOA-JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO STUDY HOMEOWNERS' PROTECTION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNANCE, ASSESSMENTS, AND RECORD-KEEPING OF THEIR HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS*.

Establishes the Joint Legislative Study Committee on Homeowners' Associations (Committee), consisting of 12 members, with six members from the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, and six from the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore. Sets out provisions for establishing cochairs and for filling vacancies on the Committee. Provides that the Committee may exercise all powers provided for under GS 120-19 and GS Chapter 120, Article 5A. Sets out the topics the Committee can study, including homeowners' protection and participation in the governance of their homeowners' associations, particularly as to assessments and record-keeping.

Allows the Committee to submit an interim report to the 2015 General Assembly when it reconvenes in 2016, with a final report, including findings and legislative recommendations, to be submitted to the 2017 General Assembly. Requires the Committee to terminate after the filing of its final report.

Intro. by Jeter, Cotham, Schaffer, R. Moore.

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing](#)

H 338 (2015-2016) [FAIL TO OBTAIN DL/INCREASE PUNISHMENT](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES OF FAILING TO OBTAIN A DRIVERS LICENSE BEFORE DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE*.

Enacts new GS 20-35(a3) concerning penalties for failing to obtain a license, providing that a second or subsequent offense under GS 20-7(a) for failing to obtain a license before driving a motor vehicle will be a Class 2 misdemeanor if at the time of each offense the person was ineligible for a driver's license because he or she did not meet the requirements in GS 20-7. Provides for a \$400 fine for violations of this subsection. Further provides that a conviction for a third or subsequent offense of the above can result in an active sentence of not less than 20 days and not more than 60 days and the vehicle driven at the time of the offense will be subject to forfeiture. Provides that the above provisions do not apply to someone that fails to obtain a license before driving a vehicle but is eligible to receive a driver's license at the time of the offense or to a person who is driving on a revoked or suspended license.

Enacts new GS 20-28.10, Seizure, impoundment, forfeiture of motor vehicles for certain offenses of failing to obtain a license before driving a motor vehicle, providing that if a person is convicted of a third or subsequent offense of GS 20-35(a3), the vehicle being driven at the time of the offense will become subject to seizure, impoundment, and forfeiture. Provides legal authority and procedures governing the seizure, impoundment, and forfeiture, including GS 20-28.2 through GS 20-28.9 and GS 20-54.1. Provides a definition for an *innocent owner*, which is a person who did not know and had no reason to know that the defendant was engaging in a violation of GS 20-35(a3).

Effective December 1, 2015, applying to offenses committed on or after that date.

Intro. by Millis.

[GS 20](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle](#)

H 339 (2015-2016) [ADD FONTA FLORA TRAIL TO STATE PARKS SYSTEM](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO*

AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF THE FONTA FLORA LOOP TRAIL IN BURKE COUNTY TO THE STATE PARKS SYSTEM.

Identical to [S 221](#), filed 3/10/15.

Authorizes the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to add the Fonta Flora Loop Trail in Burke County to the State Parks System. Requires DENR to support, promote, encourage, and facilitate the establishment of trail segments on state park lands and on lands of other federal, state, local, and private landowners. Provides that on segments of the Fonta Flora Loop Trail that cross property controlled by agencies or owners other than DENR's Division of Parks and Recreation, the laws, rules, and policies of those agencies or owners govern the use of the property. Includes findings about the benefits and interest in the trail.

Intro. by Blackwell.

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[Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, Cultural Resources and Museums, State Agencies, Department of Environment and Natural Resources](#)

H 340 (2015-2016) [WEEKEND BURIALS/STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT PROVIDING FOR WEEKEND BURIALS AT ALL OF THE STATE'S VETERANS CEMETERIES.*

Amends GS 65-44 to allow burial services to be conducted at all state veterans cemeteries (was, at two specified cemeteries) on Monday through Sunday, except when the service falls on a state or federal holiday (was, state holiday).

Intro. by Shepard, Cleveland, Boles, Whitmire.

[GS 65](#)

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[Military and Veteran's Affairs](#)

H 341 (2015-2016) [CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/NBOME & OTHER DRUGS](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO ADD "NBOME" COMPOUNDS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES TO THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES SCHEDULES.*

Amends GS 90-89, Schedule I controlled substances, adding Acetyl Fentanyl to the schedule under the opiates subdivision. Also adds Methoxetamine to Schedule I under the subdivision for hallucinogenic substances. Creates a new subdivision (6) for NBOMe compounds setting out the different chemical formulations of NBOMe compounds, which are all governed under Schedule I.

Amends GS 90-90(3) making a clarifying change providing that the salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers are included in the schedule for Methylphenidate.

Amends GS 90-94, Schedule VI controlled substances, deleting Tetramethylcyclopropanoylindoles from the list of synthetic cannabinoids included and controlled under Schedule VI. Adds several synthetic cannabinoids to the list, including 3-(cyclopropylmethanone), Indole carboxaldehydes, Indole carboxamides, Indole carboxylic acids, Indazole carboxaldehydes, Indazole carboxamides, and Indazole carboxylic acids.

Effective December 1, 2015, applying to offenses committed on or after that date.

Intro. by Jackson, Faircloth, Horn, Stevens.

[GS 90](#)

H 342 (2015-2016) [SUPPORTING TITLE I SCHOOLS](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO ALLOW LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO SET A SCHOOL CALENDAR THAT MEETS THE INSTRUCTIONAL NEEDS IN COMMUNITIES WITH A LARGE POPULATION OF TITLE I SCHOOLS*.

Amends GS 115C-84.2 to exempt local school administrative units with 50% or more of the schools located in the unit operating a schoolwide Title I program during the prior two school years from the statute's school opening and closing dates requirements. Applies beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

Intro. by Holloway.

[GS 115C](#)

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H 344 (2015-2016) [GUBERNATORIAL TEAM TICKET](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO HAVE THE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR RUN AS A TEAM ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES*.

Amends Section 2 of Article III of the NC Constitution, subject to approval at a statewide election in November 2018, by adding a new subsection that establishes in general elections, starting in 2020 and every four years after that, each candidate for office of Governor will form a joint candidacy with a candidate for Lieutenant Governor so that only a single vote will be needed (Governor and Lieutenant Governor running together). Sets out the amendment as it would appear on the ballot at the November 2014 statewide election. If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the amendment, the State Board of Elections will certify the amendment to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State will then enroll the amendment in the permanent records of that office and the amendment will be effective January 1, 2020.

Amends GS 163-98, effective January 1, 2020, requiring that a convention for a new political party that nominates a gubernatorial candidate must also nominate a candidate for Lt. Governor or the nomination for Governor is void. Also provides that a nomination for Lt. Governor without an accompanying nomination for Governor is void.

Amends GS 163-106(h), effective January 1, 2020, making technical changes and adding language allowing a person to file a notice of candidacy for Lt. Governor and also file for state representative or state senator.

Enacts new GS 163-115.1, effective January 1, 2020, providing that a political party that nominates a candidate for Governor under Article 10 of GS Chapter 163 must also nominate a candidate for Lieutenant Governor (Lt. Governor), otherwise the nomination for Governor is void. Also establishes that a political party nominating a candidate for Lt. Governor under Article 10 of GS Chapter 163 must also nominate a candidate for Governor, otherwise the nomination for Lt. Governor is void.

Amends GS 163-122, effective January 1, 2020, to require that petitions filed for an unaffiliated candidate must include the names of candidates for both Governor and Lt. Governor. Specifies language to be included on the petition.

Amends GS 163-123, effective January 1, 2020, adding a new subsection (c1) to provide that declaration of intent filed for the office of Governor or the office of Lt. Governor is to be a joint declaration identifying both candidates and signed by both candidates.

Amends GS 163-165.6, effective January 1, 2020, to require that the offices of the Governor and Lt. Governor be combined on the ballot listing the nominees of each party or unaffiliated nominees together so that a vote for a candidate for one office is a vote for the candidates for both offices.

Amends GS 163-182.1, effective January 1, 2020, to provide that a write-in vote will not be counted unless the voter has written in the name for a candidate for Governor and a candidate for Lt. Governor and vice versa.

Sections 2 through 8 of the bill become effective only if the constitutional amendment proposed in Section 1 is approved by the voters. If so approved, those sections become effective beginning January 1, 2020.

Intro. by Jones, Lambeth, Malone, McGrady.

[CONST, GS 163](#)

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[Constitution, Government, Elections, State Government, Executive](#)

H 346 (2015-2016) [COUNTIES/PUBLIC TRUST AREAS](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT COUNTIES MAY ENFORCE ORDINANCES WITHIN THE STATE'S PUBLIC TRUST AREAS*.

Enacts new GS 153A-145.3 (Counties enforce ordinances within public trust areas), providing that a county can, by ordinance, define, prohibit, regulate, or abate acts, omissions, or conditions upon the state's ocean beaches and can also prevent or abate any unreasonable restriction of the public's right to use the state's ocean beaches. This authority extends to the state's ocean beaches within or adjacent to the county's jurisdictional boundaries. Provides that this new statute should not be construed in several ways, including to limit the authority of the state or a state agency or affect applicable common law or other authority to regulate the state's ocean beaches nor to impair the right of the people of North Carolina to the free use and enjoyment of the state's ocean beaches or specified ownership rights.

Amends GS 113-131, making conforming changes and including a reference to GS 153A-145.3, providing that counties do have authority to adopt and enforce ordinances under GS 153A-145.3, notwithstanding GS 113-131.

Intro. by Steinburg.

[GS 113, GS 153A](#)

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[Government, Local Government](#)

H 348 (2015-2016) [NC RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT*.

Adds new Article 9, The North Carolina Religious Freedom Restoration Act, to GS Chapter 147.

Prohibits state action from burdening a person's right to exercise of religion unless applying the burden to that person's exercise of religion in this particular instance: (1) is essential to further a compelling governmental interest and (2) is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest. Defines burden as any action that constrains, inhibits, curtails, or denies the exercise of religion by any person or compels any action contrary to a person's exercise of religion, and includes withholding benefits; assessing criminal, civil, or administrative penalties; or exclusion from governmental programs or access to governmental facilities. Defines additional terms used in the Article. Allows a person whose exercise of religion has been burdened, or is likely to be burdened, to assert such violation or impending violation as a claim or defense in a judicial proceeding, regardless of whether the State or one of its political subdivisions is a party to the proceeding. Allows the person asserting such a claim or defense to obtain appropriate relief and specifies what that relief may include.

Includes a severability clause.

Applies to cases, actions, and causes of action for which the trial court had not entered final judgment as of the date that the act becomes law.

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Government, State Government

H 349 (2015-2016) **DEVELOP BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY PLAN**. Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE PROVISION OF BROADBAND ACCESS IN ALL AREAS OF NORTH CAROLINA BY PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A STATE BROADBAND PLAN BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER AND BY SPECIFYING THAT BROADBAND SERVICE PROVIDERS MAY OFFER COMMUNICATIONS AND BROADBAND SERVICES IN AREAS WHERE THE INCUMBENT SERVICE PROVIDER IS NOT PROVIDING BROADBAND SERVICE.*

States the General Assembly's findings on the availability of community broadband connectivity.

Requires the Office of the State Chief Information Officer (Office), through its Office of Digital Infrastructure, with the assistance of the Department of Transportation, the Department of Administration, the Department of Commerce, North Carolina State University, and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, to develop a state broadband plan to ensure that all citizens of North Carolina have access to broadband capability. Specifies components that must be included in the plan. Requires the Office to report by May 1, 2016, to the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Technology on the State broadband plan, including recommendations for necessary legislative action and cost estimates for achieving the objectives set forth in the plan.

Requires funding to implement the act be provided by the Office using funds from the Information Technology Fund.

Amends GS 62-113 to allow a broadband service provider providing voice grade communication services within a defined service territory or franchise area who elects to provide broadband service in areas outside (was, area contiguous to) its service territory or franchise area to provide the service as an incident to such broadband service to a customer when the incumbent telecommunications or cable provider is not currently providing broadband service to the customer, without violating its service territory restrictions or franchise agreement.

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Government, State Agencies, Office of Information Technology Services, Public Enterprises and Utilities

H 350 (2015-2016) **RESTORE DRIVING PRIVILEGES/COMPETENCY**. Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO RESTORE THE DRIVERS LICENSE OF A PERSON ADJUDICATED TO BE RESTORED TO COMPETENCY.*

Identical to [S 349](#), filed 3/19/15.

Enacts new GS 20-17.1A providing that if otherwise eligible the Division of Motor Vehicles (Division) must restore the driver's license of a person adjudicated to be restored to competency after receiving notice from the clerk of court in which the adjudication is made. This does not require the Division to restore the driver's license of a person if (1) the person's driver's license was revoked because of a conviction or other act requiring revocation and (2) the person has not met the requirements for restoration of the person's driver's license.

Amends GS 35A-1130 add that the clerk of court must send a certified copy of an order adjudicating that the ward is restored to competency to the Division. Makes language gender-neutral.

Effective July 1, 2015.

Intro. by Farmer-Butterfield, Richardson, Hurley, Turner. GS 20, GS 35A

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S 6 (2015-2016) **STATE HEALTH PLAN/REHIRED RETIREE ELIGIBILITY**. Filed Jan 28 2015, *AN ACT TO ALLOW RETIREES WHO RETURN TO WORK FOR THE STATE IN NONPERMANENT POSITIONS TO RETAIN THEIR COVERAGE OPTIONS UNDER THE STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES RATHER THAN LIMITING SUCH RETIREES' COVERAGE OPTIONS TO THE "BRONZE LEVEL" HIGH-DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLAN NECESSITATED BY THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.*

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

Amends GS 135-48.40, deleting proposed language which directed the Department of State Treasurer, using a process developed by that Department, to reimburse an employing unit with the cost of providing coverage to an eligible retiree enrolled in the State Health Plan. Adds language which provides that the employing unit must pay the employer premiums for retirees who enroll pursuant to GS 135-48.40(b)(1a).

Intro. by Tillman, Barefoot.

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Employment and Retirement, Government, State Agencies, Department of State Treasurer, State Government, State Personnel, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Insurance

S 52 (2015-2016) **CITIES/MEANS FOR ACTIVATING PARKING METERS**. Filed Feb 10 2015, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO ALLOW ACTIVATION OF PARKING METERS BY COINS, TOKENS, CASH, CREDIT CARDS, DEBIT CARDS, OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS.*

Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to the 1st edition. Adds that the act also does not repeal or limit the authority to activate parking meters and use the proceeds from the meters that was granted to the towns of Wrightsville Beach, Carolina Beach, Kure Beach, and the cities of Wilmington and Durham.

Intro. by Krawiec.

GS 160A

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Government, Local Government, Transportation

S 159 (2015-2016) **TRANSFERRED PROPERTIES IN CORRECTED REVALS**. Filed Mar 3 2015, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL TAXES BY THE APPROPRIATE OWNERS OF RECORD FOR CORRECTED REVALUATIONS.*

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

Amends Section 3 of SL 2013-362 regarding the transfer of real property that has been undervalued as a result of errors, which has resulted in an underpayment of taxes on the real property. Provides that if the property has changed owners in

a tax year that requires reappraisal under SL 2013-362 resulting in underpayment, the taxes for each tax year before the fiscal year in which the transfer occurred and inclusive of the fiscal year in which the transfer occurred are to be collected against the owner of record as of January 1 of each tax year for which unpaid taxes exist. Permits the prior owner to enter into an agreement for a payment plan that is not more than 60 months in duration. Provides that if the unpaid taxes remain unpaid at the end of the 60 months, the collection method would be by levy, as provided in GS 105-367, or attachment and garnishment, as provided in GS 105-368.

Provides that if the current owner or a previous owner paid the underpaid taxes, the current owner may assert a valid defense for a refund of a tax imposed through clerical error under GS 105-381. Provides that the underpaid taxes are to be treated as taxes on discovered (was, undiscovered) property under GS 105-312, except that discovery penalties do not apply. Makes additional technical corrections.

Intro. by Tarte, Rucho.

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, Tax

S 305 (2015-2016) **NCEMPA ASSET SALE**. Filed Mar 17 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE COST RECOVERY FOR ACQUISITION OF JOINT MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN GENERATING FACILITIES, TO AUTHORIZE MUNICIPALITIES THAT ARE MEMBERS OF JOINT MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCIES TO ENTER INTO SUPPORT CONTRACTS, AND TO ISSUE BONDS TO PAY THE COSTS OF PROJECTS THAT ARE SOLD.*

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

Amends GS 62-133.14 to add to the factors that must be considered in determining the amount of the annual rider to the electric public utility's rates that the customer allocation method approved by the Utilities Commission (Commission) in the electric public utility's most recent general rate case must be used. Adds to the items that must be included in the rider's annual adjustment any changes to the customer allocation method determined in any general rate proceeding occurring after the initial establishment of the rider.

Amends GS 159B-14, concerning issuance of bonds for refinancing bonds for costs to a project to no longer limit power supply arrangements to those authorized in GS 159B-12.

Intro. by Newton, Pate, Bryant.

GS 62, GS 159B

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Government, Local Government, Public Enterprises and Utilities

S 369 (2015-2016) **SALES TAX FAIRNESS ACT**. Filed Mar 23 2015, *AN ACT TO PHASE-IN THE CONVERSION OF THE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES AUTHORIZED UNDER ARTICLES 39, 40, AND 42 TO A STATE SALES AND USE TAX THAT IS ALLOCATED TO THE COUNTIES AND CITIES ON A PER CAPITA BASIS AS A LOCAL REVENUE SOURCE.*

Multiple provisions amended in this act are amended more than once with differing effective dates for the changes that are made.

Under current law, Articles 40 and 42 authorize North Carolina counties, which meet the provisions of Articles 40 and 42, to levy and collect sales and use tax in addition to any other state and local sales and use taxes levied under state law. Repeals Articles 40 (First One-Half Cent Local Government Sales and Use Tax) and 42 (Second One-Half Cent Local Government Sales and Use Tax) of GS Chapter 105 (Taxation). Effective January 1, 2016.

Repeals GS 105-164.13B, which provided that food was exempt from the sales and use tax in Article 5 of GS Chapter 105, except for the following food items: (1) dietary supplements; (2) food sold in a vending machine; (3) prepared food, other than bakery items sold without utensils by an artisan bakery; (4) candy; and (5) soft drinks. Amends GS 105-164.4(a), which imposes a privilege tax on a retailer doing business in North Carolina, to increase the general rate of tax from 4.75% to 5.75%, effective January 1, 2016. Again amends GS 105-164.4(a), as amended in this act, to increase the general tax from 5.75% to 6.25%, effective January 1, 2017. Amends GS 105-164.4(a), as amended by this act, to increase the general rate of tax to 6.75% (was, 6.25%), effective January 1, 2018. Adds new subdivision (15) to GS 105-164.4(a), effective January 1, 2016, to provide that the percentage rate of tax on food is 2% with the exception of the food items previously listed in GS 105-164.13B (repealed in this act) as not exempt from the sales and use tax. Deletes soft drinks from the list of food items that are not exempt from the sales and use tax rate in Article 5, GS Chapter 105.

Amends Part 8 of Article 5 of GS Chapter 105, adding a new GS 105-164.44M, Distribution of part of sales tax revenue to counties and cities, effective January 1, 2016. Provides for an annual appropriation from the General Fund to the counties and cities in the amounts necessary to make the distribution under this statute. Declares that the General Assembly finds that the revenue distributed under this section is local revenue and not a state expenditure for the purposes of Section 5(3) of Article II of the North Carolina Constitution. Prohibits the Governor from reducing or withholding the distribution. Sets out the provisions regarding the monthly distribution by the Secretary of part of the taxes imposed by GS 105-164.4 to the counties and cities, including calculating the amount to be distributed and the deduction, for local government services. Provides the amount of taxes imposed by GS 105-164.4 that the Secretary must distribute monthly to the counties and cities is an amount equal to 17.39% of the net proceeds of the sales and use tax imposed at the general rate of tax. Requires the Secretary to allocate the distribution to the counties on a per capita basis and provides criteria regarding the phase-out adjustment factor, including a table specifying counties and the applicable adjustment factor. Also requires the Secretary allocate the revenue from the sales tax on food. Directs the Secretary to determine a per capita figure for use in making distributions among a county and its cities. Requires a county to use 22.5% of the revenue it receives via the distribution of part of the sales tax revenue for public school capital outlay. Allows a county to use part or all of the revenue for any lawful purpose with authorization from the local Government Commission. Provides that an ineligible city is disregarded for all purposes under this section and defines criteria that makes a city ineligible.

Effective January 1, 2017, amends GS 105-164.44M, as enacted in this act, to change the amount of taxes imposed by GS 105-164.4 that the Secretary must distribute monthly to the counties and cities to an amount equal to 24% (was, 17.39%) of the net proceeds of the sales and use tax imposed at the general rate of tax. Also amends the adjustment factor for the indicated counties.

Effective January 1, 2018, amends GS 105-164.44M, as enacted in this act, to change the amount of taxes imposed by GS 105-164.4 that the Secretary must distribute monthly to the counties and cities to an amount equal to 29.63% (was, 24%) of the net proceeds of the sales and use tax imposed at the general rate of tax. Makes additional changes to the county allocation and the distribution between counties and cities.

Repeals GS 105-164.44M(d1), concerning the phaseout of the adjustment factor and (d2), concerning the allocation of sales tax on food effective January 1, 2018.

Makes a conforming change to GS 105-536 (Limitations), deleting references to Articles 40 and 42, repealed in this act. Amends GS 105-537(a) to provide criteria under which the board of county commissioners may exercise its authority to levy a local sales and use tax at the rate of 0.25%. Effective January 1, 2016.

Amends GS 105-536, as amended by this act, to provide that Article 5 of GS Chapter 105 applies only to counties that levy a one-half percent (was, the first one-cent) sales and use tax under Article 39 of GS Chapter 105 or SL 1967-1096. Effective January 1, 2017.

Effective January 1, 2020, amends GS 105-537(a), as amended in this act, to provide that if a majority of voters in a special election approve the levy of the local sales and use tax, the board of county commissioners may, by resolution,

after 10 days of public notice, levy a local sales and use tax at a rate of 0.25%.

Amends Article 39 of GS Chapter 105, adding new GS 105-464A, Reduction in Tax Rate, to provide that the tax rate authorized under Article 39 is one-half percent for sales occurring on or after January 1, 2017, and a county's resolution to levy a 1% local sales and use tax, enacted before January 1, 2017, is considered to be a resolution authorizing the levy of a one-half percent local sales and use tax under Article 39. Requires a board of elections that holds a special election on the question of repealing a local sales and use tax authorized under Article 39 to modify the form of the ballot question in accordance with the changes made by GS 105-464A. Also adds a new section to Chapter 1096 of the 1967 Session Laws, as amended, to specifically apply the provisions of new GS 105-464A to Mecklenburg County. Effective January 1, 2017.

Repeals Article 39 (first one cent local government sales and use tax) of GS Chapter 105 and SL 1967-1096 as amended by this act, effective January 1, 2018.

Effective January 1, 2018, amends Article 46, One-Quarter Cent County Sales and Use Tax, of GS Chapter 105. Makes a conforming change to reflect the repeal by this act of Article 39 of GS Chapter 105 and SL 1967-1096. Adds new subsections to GS 105-537, which provide for setting the effective date for the levy of a local sales and use tax by a county board of commissioners, the required process for the county board of commissioners to provide notification upon adopting a resolution levying the tax, and provisions regarding the collection and administration of the tax in GS 105-538. Provides details as to building materials that are exempt from the provisions of Article 46.

Enacts new GS 105-539 to provide information as to the scope of the sales and use tax, including sourcing and credit for tax paid. Also enacts new GS 105-540 regarding exemptions and refunds, and new GS 105-541 regarding the Secretary's responsibilities in the distribution of revenue from the sales and use tax collected. Enacts new GS 105-542 to provide the requirements for the repeal of a 0.25% sales and use tax, including the ballot question requirements. Makes additional conforming changes. Effective January 1, 2018, and applies to sales occurring on or after that date.

Provides that this act does not affect the rights or liabilities of a taxing county, a taxpayer, or another person that arise under a statute repealed by this act before the effective date of its repeal and does not affect the right to any refund or credit of a tax that accrued under the repealed statute before the effective date of its repeal.

Except as otherwise indicated, this act is effective when it becomes law.

Intro. by Brown, B. Jackson, Clark.

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[Government, Tax, Local Government](#)

S 372 (2015-2016) [RENEWABLE ENERGY SAFE HARBOR](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO EXTEND THE CREDIT FOR INVESTING IN RENEWABLE ENERGY PROPERTY*.

Amends the sunset provisions for GS 105-129.16A, concerning tax credits for renewable energy property, providing that the tax credit expires on January 1, 2016, for renewable energy property unless the taxpayer meets all specified requirements, upon which the tax credit will expire on January 1, 2017. The requirements include: the taxpayer submitting a written statement to the Secretary of Revenue on or before October 1, 2015, specifying the location and good faith estimate of the total cost, total credit that is anticipated to be claimed, and the total size of megawatt capacity of each installation of renewable energy property proposed. Also requires an application fee of \$1,000 per megawatt capacity, with a minimum fee of \$5,000. Further requires the taxpayer to submit specified documents concerning renewable energy property already under construction and installation as of January 1, 2016, to the Secretary of Revenue on or before March 31, 2016.

Intro. by Rucho, Tillman, Rabon.

GS 105

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Environment, Energy, Government, Tax, Public Enterprises and Utilities

S 373 (2015-2016) **REPEAL MAP ACT**. Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO REPEAL THE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR OFFICIAL MAP ACT*.

Repeals Article 2E, Transportation Corridor Official Map Act, of GS Chapter 136. Makes a conforming change to GS 47-30(l), deleting a reference to Article 2E, repealed in this act.

Makes an additional conforming change, repealing GS 160A-458.4 and subsection (c) of GS 161-14.

Directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to study developing a process for acquiring land for future highway construction that is in accordance with the holding in *Kirby v. North Carolina Department of Transportation*, No. COA14-184 (NC Ct. App. 2015). Requires the DOT to report its findings, recommendations, and any legislative proposals to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee no later than six months after this act becomes law.

Except as otherwise indicated, this act is effective when it becomes law and applies to maps filed on or after that date.

Intro. by Krawiec, Daniel.

STUDY, GS 47, GS 136, GS 160A, GS 161

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Government, Local Government, Transportation

S 374 (2015-2016) **MODIFY FOR-HIRE LICENSE LOGBOOK REQUIREMENT**. Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO MAKE VOLUNTARY THE REQUIREMENT THAT A HOLDER OF A FOR-HIRE COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE MAINTAIN A LOGBOOK SUMMARIZING CATCH AND EFFORT STATISTICAL DATA, AND TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION TO ALLOW THE DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES TO CONDUCT A STAKEHOLDER INPUT AND EDUCATION PROCESS*.

Amends GS 113-174.3(e) to make it voluntary for a for-hire commercial recreational fishing license holder to submit to the Division of Marine Fisheries (Division) in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources logbooks summarizing catch and effort statistical data (previously, the submission of logbooks was required).

Amends Section 14.8(ab) of SL 2013-360 to establish that the effective date for the above change to a voluntary submission of logbooks is effective January 1, 2016.

Requires the Division, prior to the implementation of the logbook requirements, to conduct a 12-month implementation process to include input from stakeholders and public workshops to provide education for those subject to the requirement. The process must also include the establishment of a stakeholder advisory group, as specified. Requires the Division to review and provide written responses to issues raised by the advisory group as well as to report to the Environmental Review Commission no later than January 15, 2016, concerning the implementation process as required above.

Intro. by Cook.

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Environment, Aquaculture and Fisheries

S 375 (2015-2016) [ADOPT OSPREY AS OFFICIAL STATE RAPTOR](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT ADOPTING THE OSPREY AS THE OFFICIAL RAPTOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA*.

Enact new GS 145-48 adopting the osprey as the state's official raptor.

Intro. by Cook.

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[Government, Cultural Resources and Museums](#)

S 376 (2015-2016) [CLARIFY DISCLOSURE REQS./ELECTIONEERING COMM.](#) Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAWS PERTAINING TO DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS*.

Amends GS 163-278.6 concerning definitions for the regulation of political campaigns providing clarifying changes that the term "electioneering communication" includes communicated materials that refer to a clearly identified candidate for elected office, regardless of whether the candidate is opposed or unopposed in both the primary and general election for that office. Clarifies that the term "electioneering communication" does not include communications made while the General Assembly is in regular session, as defined in GS 163-278.13B(a)(3), concerning a specific piece of legislation introduced in either chamber of the General Assembly identified by bill number and short title, urging any audience to communicate with members of the General Assembly about a specific piece of legislation.

Intro. by Cook.

[GS 163](#)

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S 377 (2015-2016) [APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR DRUG OVERDOSE MEDS.](#) Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF OPIOID ANTAGONISTS FOR THE TREATMENT OF OPIOID-RELATED DRUG OVERDOSES*.

Appropriates \$50,000 for 2015-16 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services for the purchase of opioid antagonists. Requires that (1) \$25,000 of the funds be used to purchase opioid antagonists to be distributed for free to an incorporated, nonprofit organization in this state that provides services to individuals at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose or to the friends and family members of an at-risk individual and (2) \$25,000 of the funds be used to purchase opioid antagonists to be distributed for free to North Carolina law enforcement agencies. Effective July 1, 2015.

Intro. by Bingham.

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

S 378 (2015-2016) [INCREASE PUNISHMENT/MISD. DEATH BY VEHICLE](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES OF MISDEMEANOR DEATH BY VEHICLE*.

Amends GS 20-141.4, concerning felony and misdemeanor death by vehicle, establishing a new offense, Aggravated Misdemeanor Death by Vehicle, providing that a person commits this offense when (1) the person unintentionally

causes the death of another person; (2) the person was engaging in the violation of any state law or local ordinance applying to the operation or use of a vehicle or to the regulation of traffic other than impaired driving; (3) the commission of the offense in (2) is the proximate cause of death; and (4) the person has three or more previous convictions for a violation of any state law or local ordinance applying to the operation or use of a vehicle or to the regulation of traffic, other than impaired driving, within seven years of the date of the offense. Makes conforming changes. Establishes that aggravated misdemeanor death by vehicle is a Class A1 misdemeanor, providing that a person convicted of this offense can be sentenced to an active sentence of not more than one year. Nothing in these provisions prevents a greater sentence from being imposed if the conduct is prohibited by another provision of law that provides greater punishment. Makes conforming changes.

Effective December 1, 2015, applying to offenses committed on or after that date.

Intro. by Bingham.

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[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle](#)

S 379 (2015-2016) [CEMETERIES LOCATED ON STATE PROPERTY](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT RELATING TO CEMETERIES LOCATED ON STATE PROPERTY.*

Enacts new Article 13, Cemeteries on State Property, in GS Chapter 65. Requires the head of each state agency to (1) identify and inventory all known cemeteries within the property boundaries of state-owned land that is allocated to the agency and (2) give a copy of the inventory to the State Property Office and the Department of Cultural Resources. Requires the Department of Cultural Resources to (1) map, mark, and delineate all cemeteries on state property and (2) ensure that all cemetery boundaries on state property are clearly laid out, defined, and marked and to preserve them from encroachment. Provides that state agencies are not required to provide funds or resources to maintain cemeteries on state property, except when required or necessary to correct a safety hazard. Allows state agencies to allow a family member or other interested person to maintain cemeteries and erect specified structures within the cemetery if doing so does not constitute a safety hazard.

Intro. by Bingham, McKissick.

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[Government, State Agencies, Department of Cultural Resources, State Government, State Property, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health](#)

S 380 (2015-2016) [LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROTECT THOSE WHOSE PROPERTY IS BEING TAKEN BY EMINENT DOMAIN BY PROVIDING THAT WHEN A LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONDEMNOR IS NOT AN ELECTED BOARD, A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTED BOARDS APPOINTING IT MUST APPROVE FILING OF THE CONDEMNATION ACTION, TO ALSO REQUIRE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A BOARD CONSISTING OF APPOINTED PERSONS MAY NOT LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IS LOCATED.*

Amends Article I of the North Carolina Constitution adding Section 19.1 qualifying the ability of local governments to take land by eminent domain. Accordingly, if a local governmental subdivision is granted authority by the General Assembly to exercise the power of eminent domain, and the governing body of that entity is not composed entirely of elected officials, then prior to the commencement of any condemnation action the condemnation action may be filed only if (1) a majority of the members of the entity are appointed by boards consisting of elected officials, (2) a majority of all

the entities making appointments to that entity have approved initiation of the action, and (3) there is approval by the governing board of the county where the property is located.

Further amends Article I of the North Carolina Constitution adding Section 19.2 requiring a local governmental subdivision to get prior approval to be granted approval by the governing body of the county where a property is located prior to an initial levy of taxes where (1) a property is subject to taxation, (2) the subdivision seeks to exercise the power of ad valorem taxation of the property, but (3) the local governmental subdivision is not composed entirely of persons elected by the people.

Amendment is to be submitted to voters at a statewide election to be conducted on November 1, 2016. Provides that the amendment, if passed by the voters, becomes effective upon certification and applies to takings after that date.

Intro. by Clark, Krawiec.

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Constitution, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, Local Government

S 381 (2015-2016) **COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PILOT PROJECT/FUNDS**. Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO REDUCE HEALTH CARE EXPENDITURES FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES AND HOSPITAL STAYS BY ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PILOT PROJECT*.

Appropriates \$210,000 for 2015-16 to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Office of the Secretary, to implement a community paramedicine pilot project, with a focus on expanding the role of paramedics to allow for community-based initiatives resulting in care that avoids nonemergency use of emergency rooms and 911 services and avoids unnecessary admissions into health care facilities.

Requires the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services (NCOEMS) to set the requirements necessary to qualify as a community paramedic eligible to participate in the pilot program and requires DHHS to consult with the NCOEMS to define the objectives, set standards, and establish the required outcomes for the project.

Requires DHHS to establish up to three pilot program sites to implement the pilot project. Allows each program site to be awarded up to \$70,000 for 2015-16 and allows preference to be given to counties who already have an established community paramedic program.

Requires DHHS to report to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division by June 1, 2016, on the progress of the project, including an evaluation plan based on the US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration Office of Rural Health Policy's Community Paramedicine Evaluation Tool. Requires DHHS to submit a final report that includes specified items to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division by November 1, 2016.

Effective July 1, 2015.

Intro. by Rabon, Lee, Tucker.

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S 382 (2015-2016) [RFI/PRIVATIZATION OF FERRY SYSTEM](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FOR THE PRIVATIZATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FERRY SYSTEM*.

Requires the Board of Transportation (Board) to issue a request for information for the privatization of the North Carolina Ferry System. Requires the Board to report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division by February 1, 2016, on the result of the request for information and whether privatization is more cost effective.

Intro. by Rabon, Harrington, Meredith.

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Transportation

S 383 (2015-2016) [STUDY/FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO I-95](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY WAYS TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERSTATE 95*.

Requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to study ways to fund improvements to Interstate 95 from the South Carolina to Virginia borders. Requires DOT to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee by February 1, 2016.

Intro. by Rabon, Meredith, Clark.

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Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation, Transportation

S 384 (2015-2016) [INCREASE PAY/EXPERIENCED TEACHERS](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SALARY OF EXPERIENCED TEACHERS BY ADDING STEPS TO THE TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULE*.

Establishes the teacher salary schedule for 2015-16, applicable to teachers with years of experience from 0 to 36+ years; the schedule includes 13 salary steps. Appropriates \$20,049,275 for 2015-16 and \$20,049,275 for 2016-17 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to implement the provisions of this act. Effective July 1, 2015.

Intro. by

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Public Instruction

S 385 (2015-2016) [PAYROLL PROCESSOR SURETY BONDS](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT PAYROLL PROCESSORS DOING BUSINESS IN THIS STATE OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN A SURETY BOND OR A POLICY OF CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY INSURANCE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO SET THE AMOUNT OF SURETY BONDING REQUIRED AND TO REGULATE THE CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY INSURANCE OPTION*.

Amends GS Chapter 58 by enacting new Article 89B, Regulation of Payroll Processors. Provides two terms and definitions for use in the section, *employer* and *payroll processor or processor*. Requires all payroll processors

conducting business in North Carolina to obtain a bond to provide security that the processor will operate in accordance with the applicable laws of the state as well as federal laws, including paying taxes to the state and federal government for the employers they service. Directs the Commissioner of Insurance (Commissioner) to determine the surety bond amount based on the volume of a payroll processor's business and prohibits it from exceeding the lowest amount required to protect the public. The bond must also designate the Commissioner or his or her designee as payee. Sets out uses of proceeds from the bond, including for the benefit of any employer that might have a cause of action against the processor. Also requires the Commissioner to establish a program of periodic review of the amount of surety bonding required and regular examinations of payroll processors. Directs the Commissioner to adopt rules to effectuate the surety bond requirement. Sets out minimum requirements that the rules must contain or provide, including rules concerning notification of changes to surety bonds.

Establishes insurance policy requirements for payroll processors, allowing all processors to maintain contractual liability insurance for 100% of the volume of the payroll processor's business in lieu of the surety bond. Requires all forms relating to the above insurance policies to be filed with the Commissioner. Sets out provisions that each policy must contain.

Establishes record keeping requirements, allowing all payroll processors to maintain records of all its processing service activity in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and practices. Requires such records to be maintained for at least six years from the end of the fiscal year in which the activity took place. Authorizes the Commissioner to conduct examinations of any payroll processor as often as deemed appropriate by the Commissioner. Allows the Commissioner to contract with third parties to expedite and complete the specified processes and activities and exempts those contracts from specified statutes.

Sets out confidentiality requirements for information collected or submitted pursuant to this new Article. Allows the Commissioner to enter into cooperative agreements with certain agencies and to engage experts in carrying out the regulatory functions of the Article.

Provides for injunctive relief and temporary or permanent orders to prevent or restrain violations of the Article. Authorizes the Commissioner to issue cease and desist orders for violations of the Article or rules or agreements entered into or promulgated as a result of the Article. Sets out provisions concerning the need to issue emergency cease and desist orders, providing that they are effective immediately upon service and remain effective for 90 days.

Effective January 1, 2016, or six months after the date of ratification, whichever is sooner.

Intro. by Curtis.

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[Business and Commerce, Insurance](#)

S 386 (2015-2016) [REGISTERS OF DEEDS/UCC RECORDING FEES](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO SPECIFY FEES FOR RECORDING INSTRUMENTS GOVERNED BY THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE WITH REGISTERS OF DEEDS*.

Amends the uniform fees statute for registers of deeds found in GS 161-10 to provide a fee structure for services related to financing statements or other records, including \$38 for filing and indexing financial statements or records with two or fewer pages; for filing and indexing financial statements or records with more than two pages, \$45 for the first 10 pages plus \$2 for each additional page; and a \$38 fee for responding to an information request and other specified communications. Sets out actions and activities to which the above provisions do not apply.

Amends GS 25-9-525 making technical, clarifying, and conforming changes.

Effective October 1, 2015, applying to instruments registered on or after that date.

Intro. by Curtis.

[GS 25, GS 161](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Court System](#)

S 387 (2015-2016) [SBE CONFIRMATIONS](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A JOINT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ACT ON A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.*

As title indicates.

Intro. by Tillman, Soucek.

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S 388 (2015-2016) [READING ASSESSMENTS](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO ALLOW LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO SELECT A DIAGNOSTIC READING ASSESSMENT FOR THE READ TO ACHIEVE PROGRAM AMONG THREE ASSESSMENTS APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.*

Amends GS 115C-174.11 to require the State Board of Education (State Board) to approve three diagnostic reading assessment instruments that meet specified requirements for selection by local school administrative units. Requires each local school administrative unit to select one of the three reading assessments. Applies beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

Intro. by Tillman, Soucek, Barefoot.

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S 389 (2015-2016) [COST TO COMPLY/FED ED FUNDS/PED STUDY](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO STUDY THE FINANCIAL COSTS TO THE STATE AND LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS TO RECEIVE FEDERAL EDUCATIONAL FUNDS AND THE COST TO THE STATE AND LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS OF COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL MANDATES RELATED TO THE FUNDING.*

Requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to study, report, and provide any supporting data to the Program Evaluation Division (Division) by January 1, 2016, on the cost to local education agencies of complying with federal education funding mandates. Requires the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee to consider including an evaluation of the cost of compliance with federal education funding mandates for K-12 education in the Division's 2015-16 Work Plan. Requires, if it is included in the Work Plan, the Committee to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly at a date to be determined.

Intro. by Daniel.

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, General Assembly, State Agencies, Department of Public Instruction](#)

S 390 (2015-2016) [NC CANCER TREATMENT FAIRNESS](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN COVERAGE FOR ORALLY ADMINISTERED ANTICANCER DRUGS*.

Identical to [H 306](#), filed 3/18/15.

Enacts new GS 58-3-282, concerning coverage for certain anticancer drugs, applicable to every health benefit plan offered by an insurer that provides coverage for prescribed, orally administered anticancer drugs that are used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells and that provides coverage for intravenously administered or injected anticancer drugs, requiring that such plans must provide coverage for prescribed, orally administered anticancer drugs on a basis no less favorable than the coverage provided for the intravenously administered or injected anticancer drug.

Prohibits coverage for orally administered anticancer drugs from being subject to prior authorization, dollar limit, co-payment, coinsurance, deductible provision, or any other out-of-pocket expense that does not apply to intravenously administered or injected anticancer drugs.

Prohibits achieving compliance by reclassifying drugs or increasing cost-sharing expenses imposed on anticancer drugs. Provides that if out-of-pocket expenses are increased for anticancer drugs then the same must also be applied to the majority of comparable medical or pharmaceutical benefits of the policy, contract, or plan.

Applies to insurance contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after January 1, 2016. However, provides that it does not become effective if the act is determined by the federal government to create a state-required benefit that is in excess of the essential health benefits pursuant to 45 CFR 155.170(a)(3).

Intro. by Tarte, Hise.

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[Health and Human Services, Health, Health Insurance](#)

S 391 (2015-2016) [ENJOIN STREET GANG/EXPIRES IN THREE YEARS](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT AN INJUNCTION PROHIBITING STREET GANG ACTIVITY THAT CONSTITUTES A PUBLIC NUISANCE EXPIRES THREE YEARS AFTER ENTRY OF THE ORDER RATHER THAN ONE YEAR*.

Amends GS 14-50.43, as the title indicates. Applies to orders entered by the court on or after December 1, 2015.

Intro. by Tarte.

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure](#)

S 392 (2015-2016) [LEFT TURN ON RED/DDI](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO ALLOW LEFT TURNS AT TRAFFIC CONTROL LIGHTS EMITTING A STEADY RED LIGHT ON DIVERGING DIAMOND INTERCHANGES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS*.

Amends GS 20-158 to allow a driver to make a left turn after stopping at a red light if the vehicle is: (1) exiting an interstate and entering a diverging diamond interchange with traffic traveling from right to left or (2) entering an interstate and exiting a diverging diamond interchange with traffic traveling from right to left. Applies to offenses committed on or after October 1, 2015.

Intro. by Tarte.

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S 393 (2015-2016) [BRIAN GARLOCK ACT](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO MAKE USING A MOBILE TELEPHONE OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE UNLAWFUL WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE ON A PUBLIC STREET, HIGHWAY, OR PUBLIC VEHICULAR AREA UNLESS HANDS-FREE EQUIPMENT IS USED BY THE OPERATOR.*

Repeals the following statutes: (1) GS 20-137.3 (Unlawful use of a mobile phone by persons under 18 years of age); (2) GS 20-137.4 (Unlawful use of a mobile phone); and (3) GS 20-137.4A (Unlawful use of mobile telephone for text messaging or electronic mail).

Enacts new GS 20-137.3A to prohibit driving while using a mobile telephone or electronic communication device unless it is done using hands free equipment; violations are an infraction with a \$100 fine and no court costs. Prohibits a person under age 18 from driving while using a mobile phone or electronic communication device except when communicating an emergency to a specified entity; violations are an infraction with a \$25 fine, with no court costs. Prohibits driving a school bus while using a mobile phone or electronic communication device except when communicating an emergency to a specified entity; violations are a Class 2 misdemeanor, including a fine of not less than \$100 and the costs of court. Prohibits operating a commercial motor vehicle while using a mobile telephone or electronic communication device; however, does not (1) prohibit the use of hands-free equipment or (2) supersede any more restrictive provisions for operators of commercial motor vehicles prescribed by federal law or regulation. Violations while operating a commercial motor vehicle are an infraction with a \$100 fine and no court costs Specifies exceptions to these prohibitions, including using a global positioning system, navigation system, or portable music player affixed, mounted, or installed in a motor vehicle (although does not authorize a person to manually type or enter text, numbers, or symbols into a global positioning system, navigation system, or portable music player while driving) and use of a mobile telephone or electronic communication device by specified public safety officers while in the performance of, and for a purpose related to, their official duties. Creates a rebuttable presumption that a person holding a mobile telephone or electronic communication device in his or her hand or hands while driving is using a mobile telephone or electronic communication device. Prohibits a insurance premium surcharge or assessment of points under the classification plan adopted under GS 58-36-65 for a violation of the statute. Requires that one driver's license point be assessed for subsequent offenses committed during specified timeframes. Prohibits local governments from passing any ordinance regulating the use of mobile telephones or electronic communication devices while operating a motor vehicle, commercial motor vehicle, or school bus.

Makes conforming changes to GS 20-16.

Effective December 1, 2015, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Intro. by Tarte, Bingham.

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[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle](#)

S 394 (2015-2016) [PREEMPTION AFFIRMATION ACT](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO ENSURE STATEWIDE UNIFORMITY OF FIREARMS LAWS.*

Amends GS 14-409.40, Statewide uniformity of local regulation adding a new subsection (a2) which provides further intent behind the statute as deterring and preventing the violation of this statute and the rights protected under the Constitution and laws of the State related to firearms and ammunition by laws passed under the color of local or state authority. Adds language further prohibiting counties or municipalities from regulating in any manner the taxation, manufacture, or transportation of firearms, ammunition, components, dealers in firearms or handgun components (currently prohibits regulations of only the possession, ownership, storage, transfer, sale, purchase, licensing, and registration of above firearm(s) or related).

Enacts new GS 14-409.40(h), which provides penalties and liability for counties and municipalities that violate the General Assembly's exclusive authority to regulate firearms and ammunition, including providing for a court to declare such ordinance or regulation invalid and issue a permanent injunction against the local government as well as civil fines of up to \$5,000 against the elected official or head of any other governmental entity for a knowing and willful violation of the above prohibition on regulation.

Effective December 1, 2015, applying to violations occurring on or after that date.

Intro. by Tarte.

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S 395 (2015-2016) [REFORM MEDICAL EXAMINER SYSTEM](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO REFORM THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL EXAMINER SYSTEM BY (1) ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL OFFICE STRUCTURE; (2) REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER (OCME) TO OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN NATIONAL ACCREDITATION; (3) ESTABLISHING MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS, CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONNEL CONDUCTING DEATH INVESTIGATIONS AND AUTOPSIES; (4) INCREASING THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS WITHIN OCME DEDICATED TO PERFORMING AND ASSISTING WITH DEATH INVESTIGATIONS AND AUTOPSIES; (5) APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THESE REFORMS; AND (6) ESTABLISHING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO MONITOR THE STATUS OF REFORM IMPLEMENTATION.*

To be summarized.

Intro. by Tarte.

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health](#)

S 396 (2015-2016) [LIMIT NUMBER OF STUDIES/MPOS AND RPOS](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF STUDIES CONDUCTED BY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS AND RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS.*

As the title indicates. Amends GS 136-202 to limit each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and amends GS 136-212 to limit each Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO) to only conducting studies for projects which the MPO has sufficient funding available to begin work on or complete, regardless of any state law to the contrary.

Effective when this act becomes law and applies to studies conducted on or after that date.

Intro. by Tarte.

[GS 136](#)

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[Government, Local Government, Transportation](#)

S 397 (2015-2016) [OPEN & FAIR COMPETITION/WATER & WASTEWATER](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO ENSURE OPEN AND FAIR COMPETITION WITH RESPECT TO THE MATERIALS USED IN WASTEWATER, STORMWATER, AND OTHER WATER PROJECTS.*

Enacts new GS 143-129.10 prohibiting a public entity (as defined) from preferring one type of acceptable piping material (as defined) over another in conducting specified activities related to a water, wastewater, or stormwater drainage project if it is funded with state funds, unless sound engineering practices suggest that one type is more suitable. Effective October 1, 2015.

Intro. by Sanderson, Rabin.

[GS 143](#)

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[Public Enterprises and Utilities](#)

S 398 (2015-2016) [CONVENTION OF STATES](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF THE STATES WITH THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION*.

Identical to [H 321](#), filed 3/19/15.

Applies to Congress for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that (1) impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, (2) limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and (3) limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress. Specifies that this application is a continuing application until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the states have made identical or substantially similar applications. The application expires September 30, 2015, if the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have not made identical or substantially similar applications. Requires the Secretary of State to transmit copies of this act to specified entities.

Intro. by Sanderson, Krawiec, Hise.

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S 399 (2015-2016) [JOINT AGENCY & WASTE AUTHORITY/TAX EXEMPTION](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO EXEMPT CERTAIN JOINT AGENCIES AND REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES FROM SALES AND MOTOR FUEL EXCISE TAXES*.

Under current law, GS 105-164.14(c)(17) identifies certain governmental entities as allowed annual refunds of the sales and use tax paid under Article 5 of GS Chapter 105 on direct purchases of tangible personal property and services.

Amends GS 105-164.14(c)(17) to include as a government entity allowed a refund of sales and use tax under Article 5 a joint agency created by interlocal agreement under GS 160A-462 to provide (1) fire protection, (2) emergency services, or (3) police protection.

Amends GS 105-449.88 to provide that the excise tax on motor fuel does not apply to motor fuel sold to a joint agency created by interlocal agreement under GS 160A-462 to provide (1) fire protection, (2) emergency services, or (3) police protection for its use. Also provides that the motor fuel excise tax does not apply to motor fuel sold to a regional solid waste management authority created under GS 153A-421 for its use.

Effective July 1, 2015, and applies to sales made on or after that date.

Intro. by Sanderson.

[GS 105](#)

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[Government, Tax, Public Enterprises and Utilities](#)

S 400 (2015-2016) [ENCOURAGE ACCESS TO BOY SCOUTS/GIRL SCOUTS](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE ACCESS TO BOY SCOUTS AND GIRL SCOUTS ORGANIZATIONS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS*.

Amends GS 115C-47, GS 115C-218.75, and GS 115C-238.66 to encourage local boards of education, charter schools, and regional schools to facilitate access for students to participate in the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Prohibits student participation in activities offered by these organizations from interfering with instructional time during the school day.

Intro. by Barringer, Daniel, Newton.

GS 115C

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

S 401 (2015-2016) [PILOT/SPORTS FOR STUDENTS W/ DISABILITIES](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO USE FUNDS TO CONDUCT A PILOT PROGRAM ON INTEGRATED COMMUNITY-BASED ADAPTED SPORTS PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES*.

Identical to [H 314](#), filed 03/19/15.

Allows the Department of Public Instruction (Department) to use up to \$300,000 each fiscal year, from the funds appropriated to the Department or State Aid for Public Schools for the 2015-17 fiscal biennium, to develop and implement a pilot program for an integrated community-based adapted sports program for students with disabilities in grades K-12. Requires the pilot program to be consistent with the "Dear Colleague" letter addressing equal access to extracurricular athletics for students with disabilities released by the US Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, on January 25, 2013. Sets out further requirements for the program. Effective July 1, 2015.

Intro. by Barringer, Tillman, Woodard.

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Education, Government, State Agencies, Department of Public Instruction

S 402 (2015-2016) [AMEND COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE DEFINITION](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CONTAINED IN THE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE BROKER LIEN ACT*.

Amends the definition for *commercial real estate* found in GS 44A-24.2, concerning definitions for the Commercial Real Estate Broker Lien Act, providing that the term describes real property or interest therein that at the time it is made the subject of an agreement for broker services is lawfully used for sales, office, research, institutional, warehouse, manufacturing, industrial, or mining purposes or for multifamily and/or residential purposes involving five or more dwelling units (was, or for multifamily residential purposes involving five or more dwelling units).

Intro. by Gunn.

GS 44A

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Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing

S 403 (2015-2016) [HONOR DEAN SMITH](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DEAN EDWARDS SMITH, LEGENDARY MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH*

CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL.

As title indicates.

Intro. by Gunn, Barringer, Foushee.

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Government, Cultural Resources and Museums, State Agencies, UNC System

S 404 (2015-2016) [INCREASE SHERIFFS' SUPP. PENSION COURT COST](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PORTION OF COURT COSTS USED FOR THE SHERIFFS' SUPPLEMENTAL PENSION FUND*.

Amends 7A-304(a) concerning costs in criminal actions, providing that out of criminal case in the superior or district court, where the defendant is convicted or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or when costs are assessed against the prosecuting witness, there will be a cost assessed for the supplemental pension benefits of sheriffs in the amount of \$2.50 (was, \$1.25).

Effective July 1, 2015, and applies to court costs imposed or collected on or after that date, but creates an exception for misdemeanor cases disposed of on or after that date by written appearance, waiver of trial or hearing, or plea of guilty or admission of responsibility in specified circumstances.

Intro. by Gunn.

GS 7A

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Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Employment and Retirement, Government, Public Safety

S 405 (2015-2016) [TRACK SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN EPILEPSY](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER TO TRAIN MEDICAL EXAMINERS HOW TO RECOGNIZE SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN EPILEPSY (SUDEP) AND TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER SUDEP IS A KNOWN OR SUSPECTED CAUSE OF DEATH IN EACH CASE UNDER ITS JURISDICTION*.

Amends GS 130A-379 to require the Chief Medical Examiner to establish a sudden unexplained death in epilepsy (SUDEP) awareness training program to educate medical examiners on SUDEP and how to investigate whether it is a cause of death.

Amends GS 130A-385 to require the Chief Medical Examiner's inquiries about the cause and manner of death for each death under investigation to include an inquiry to determine if death was a result of a seizure or epilepsy. Specifies actions that must be taken if the autopsy findings are consistent with the definition of known or suspected sudden unexplained death in epilepsy. Makes language gender-neutral.

Effective October 1, 2015.

Intro. by Gunn.

GS 130A

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Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health

S 406 (2015-2016) [REPEAL FEE FOR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO REPEAL THE REGISTRATION AND ANNUAL FEES REQUIRED FOR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS*.

Repeals GS 94-12, as the title indicate. Effective July 1, 2015.

Intro. by Barefoot, Barringer, Daniel.

[GS 94](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing](#)

S 407 (2015-2016) [MODIFY TAX ON VAPOR PRODUCTS AND USE OF TAX](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TAX ON VAPOR PRODUCTS AND THE USE OF THE TAX ON VAPOR PRODUCTS*.

Amends GS 105-113.35 to set the tax on vapor products at three cents multiplied by the percent of nicotine concentration in the consumable product and by the volume of the consumable product in milliliters, rounded down to the nearest cent (was, the tax was five cents per fluid milliliter of consumable product). Requires invoices for vapor products issued by manufacturers to state the amount of nicotine in the consumable product in milligrams instead of milliliters and adds that they must also state the volume of the consumable products in milliliters and the percent of the nicotine concentration. Effective July 1, 2015.

Intro. by Clark.

[GS 105](#)

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[Government, Tax](#)

S 408 (2015-2016) [FIREARMS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS/SECURITY GUARDS](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROHIBITION REGARDING THE CARRYING OF A CONCEALED WEAPON ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY DOES NOT APPLY TO AN ARMED SECURITY GUARD AT A COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR PUBLIC SCHOOL WHILE DISCHARGING THE GUARD'S DUTIES*.

Under current law, GS 14-269.2 provides a prohibition against carrying a concealed weapon on campus or other educational property but also identifies exemptions from the prohibition against concealed firearms on campuses and other educational property in subsection (g) of GS 14-269.2.

Enacts a new subdivision (8) under GS 14-269.2(g) to provide that a person registered under GS Chapter 74C as an armed security guard is exempt from the concealed firearm prohibition when that person is acting in the discharge of the guard's duties and with the permission of the college, university, or superintendent of the local school administrative unit. Requires the college, university, or superintendent to provide a list of the armed security guards employed by the college, university, or public school upon request from any law enforcement agency, and to update the list as necessary. Provides that a person whose name is not included on the list provided to a local law enforcement agency is not guilty of a criminal violation of this section because the person's name is omitted from the list, as long as the person satisfies the criteria of this subdivision.

Effective December 1, 2015.

Intro. by D. Davis.

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education](#)

S 409 (2015-2016) [NEED-BASED SCHOLARS/PRIVATE COLLEGES](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY TO BE USED TO SUPPORT NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.*

Appropriates \$5.1 million for 2015-16 and \$5.1 million for 2016-17 from the General Fund to the State Education Assistance Authority to be used as title indicates. Effective July 1, 2015.

Intro. by D. Davis, Pate.

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[Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations](#)

S 410 (2015-2016) [FUNDS FOR ECU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE BRODY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY.*

Appropriates \$8 million for 2015-16 and \$8 million for 2016-17 from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors to be allocated to the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. Effective July 1, 2015.

Intro. by D. Davis, Pate.

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[Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations](#)

S 411 (2015-2016) [ADDITIONAL EXPUNCTION/DISMISS OR NOT GUILTY](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURT, IN ITS DISCRETION, MAY ALLOW A PERSON WHO WAS CHARGED WITH A NONVIOLENT CRIME WHEN THE PERSON WAS LESS THAN 26 YEARS OLD AND LATER HAD THE CHARGES EXPUNGED AND WHO IS CHARGED WITH A SUBSEQUENT NONVIOLENT CRIME THAT WAS DISMISSED OR FOR WHICH THERE ARE FINDINGS OF NOT GUILTY TO EXPUNGE THE SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL CHARGES.*

Enacts new GS 15A-146.1 concerning the expunction of records when charges for nonviolent crimes are dismissed or there are findings of not guilty, setting out two terms and definitions for the section, "crime" and "nonviolent misdemeanor or nonviolent felony." Provides that a person that has an expunction for a crime charged when the person was less than 26 years old that was dismissed or which a finding of not guilty was entered and who is charged with a subsequent crime that is dismissed or a finding of not guilty is entered can file a petition in the charging court for an order to expunge from all official records any entries relating to the person's apprehension or trial for the subsequent crime. Provides that such a petition to expunge for the subsequent crime cannot be filed earlier than five years after the date the order for the first expunction was entered. Sets out five items that must be contained in the petition, including an affidavit by the petitioner and a statement that the petition is a motion in the cause in the case wherein the petitioner was charged.

Provides that after filing the petition, it will be served on the district attorney of the court where the charge for the subsequent crime was dismissed or not guilty entered. Provides a 30 day window for the district attorney to file any objections and requires notification as to when the hearing for the petition is scheduled. Allows the court to grant an additional 30 days to file objections to the petition upon a showing of good cause. Requires the district attorney to notify the victim, if any, of the motion for expunction.

Sets out seven findings that the court must establish after the hearing to grant the additional expunction, including that the petitioner has not previously been granted an expunction under this statute and they have no outstanding warrants or pending criminal cases. If the court denies the petition it must include findings as to the reason for the denial.

Sets out specified provisions and requirements for individuals receiving an additional expunction, including certain protections from perjury charges and a requirement that persons disclose any and all charges if pursuing certification under GS Chapter 17C or Chapter 17E. Directs the court, state and local government agencies to expunge entries made as a result of the charges that were expunged. Requires the reversal of any administrative actions taken as a result of the charges that were expunged. Provides that the above provisions do not apply to the State DNA Database or Databank or to fingerprint records.

Establishes a fee of \$175 to file the petition for expunction of a criminal record under this statute.

Effective December 1, 2015.

Intro. by McKissick, Bingham, Daniel.

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Corrections \(Sentencing/Probation\), Criminal Law and Procedure](#)

S 412 (2015-2016) [LIMIT CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO LIMIT THE USE OF SECRECY ORDERS AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS IN CERTAIN CIVIL ACTIONS*.

Enacts new GS Chapter 7C, Concealment of Public Hazards. Provides that in actions alleging personal injury, wrongful death, or monetary or property damages caused by a public hazard, no confidentiality agreement may be entered into or enforced unless a final protective order regarding that information is entered. Defines public hazard as a release or threatened release of any substance that poses a threat to public health or safety by presenting a present or future danger of death, bodily injury, or physical or emotional disability to persons other than parties to the confidentiality agreement exposed to such substance. Requires the court to find that a confidentiality agreement is in the public interest before entering into a final protective order. Allows an interested party to appeal the grant or denial of a final protective order to the court of appeals. Provides that nothing in the act is deemed to limit a court's authority or discretion to prohibit the enforcement of a part or all of any confidentiality agreement, settlement agreement, stipulated agreement, or protective order in other cases. Also provides that the statute does not prohibit or compel the disclosure of the monetary amount of the settlement agreement or the entry of an enforcement order of that part of a confidentiality agreement, settlement agreement, or stipulated agreement between the parties which requires the nondisclosure of the amount of money paid in settling the claim.

Effective October 1, 2015, and applies to court orders and private agreements entered into on or after that date.

Intro. by McKissick, Bingham, Daniel.

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[Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law](#)

S 413 (2015-2016) [STATE EMPLOYEE STATE OF EMERGENCY LEAVE](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR OR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO GRANT UP TO FIVE DAYS OF LEAVE ANNUALLY TO STATE EMPLOYEES AFFECTED BY EMERGENCIES*.

Amends GS 166A-19.10 to give the Governor the power to authorize leave for state employees affected by emergencies in accordance with new GS 166A-19.76A.

Enacts new GS 166A-19.76A to provide that whenever a state of emergency is declared under GS 166A-19.20 (Gubernatorial or legislative declaration of state of emergency), the issuing authority may authorize up to five days of

leave for affected state employees. Requires the order or resolution declaring the state of emergency to include the leave authorization and refer to this statute. Specifies additional items that may be included in an emergency declaration authorizing leave. Specifies annual limits that the total amount of leave must not exceed. Leave authorized under the statute is not subject to GS Chapter 126 (NC Human Resources Act), but leave taken under the statute is subject to new GS 126-8.6.

Enacts new GS 126-8.6 to provide that if an issuing authority authorizes leave time for state employees under GS 166A-19.76A, the leave must not be allowed to accumulate toward the employee's leave balance or be counted against the employee's accumulated earned leave balance or creditable service toward retirement.

Amends GS 166A-19.76 to provide that the statute does not limit leave authorized under GS 166A-19.76A.

Intro. by McKissick, D. Davis, Meredith.

GS 126, GS 166A

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**Employment and Retirement, Government, State
Government, Executive, State Personnel**

S 414 (2015-2016) **REGULATE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SERVICES**. Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATORS OF DIGITALLY DISPATCHED PREARRANGED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES*.

To be summarized.

Intro. by McKissick, Meredith.

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Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle

S 415 (2015-2016) **NC VIRTUAL PUBLIC SCHOOL/UMSTEAD EXEMPTION**. Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION TO THE UMSTEAD ACT FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA VIRTUAL PUBLIC SCHOOL*.

Amends GS 66-58, Sale of merchandise or services by governmental units, as the title indicates.

Intro. by Clark.

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**Business and Commerce, Education, Elementary and
Secondary Education**

S 416 (2015-2016) **NO ONE-YR SEPARATION REQ/FELONY CONVICTION**. Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIRED ONE-YEAR PERIOD OF SEPARATION FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE WHEN A SPOUSE IS CONVICTED OF A CERTAIN LEVEL FELONY AND THE CONVICTED FELON'S SPOUSE IS THE NAMED VICTIM*.

Amends GS 50-6 to allow a spouse to seek a divorce without meeting the one year separation requirement if that spouse is a victim of the other spouse's Class A, B1, B2, C, D, E, or F felony, or attempt or conspiracy thereof.

Intro. by J. Jackson, Harrington, Barringer.

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Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Family Law

S 417 (2015-2016) [HABITUAL IMPAIRED DRIVING/10-YEAR PERIOD](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO ADJUST HOW THE TEN-YEAR PERIOD FOR DETERMINING WHETHER A PERSON COMMITTED THE OFFENSE OF HABITUAL IMPAIRED DRIVING IS CALCULATED.*

Amends GS 20-138.5 to provide that in calculating the 10-year period for determining whether a person has committed habitual impaired driving, any period of time during which the person was incarcerated is to be excluded. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2015.

Intro. by J. Jackson, J. Davis, Hartsell.

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S 418 (2015-2016) [AMEND STATUTORY RAPE/15 YRS. OLD OR YOUNGER](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF STATUTORY RAPE OR SEXUAL OFFENSE OF A PERSON WHO IS THIRTEEN, FOURTEEN, OR FIFTEEN YEARS OLD TO APPLY TO ANY VICTIM WHO IS FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER.*

Amends GS 14-27.7A as the title indicates. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2015.

Intro. by J. Jackson, Daniel, Bingham.

GS 14

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure](#)

S 419 (2015-2016) [LIMIT REVOLVING DOOR EMPLOYMENT](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE STATE FROM CONTRACTING WITH CONTRACTORS WHO UTILIZE FORMER STATE EMPLOYEES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF STATE CONTRACTS WITHIN A SIX-MONTH WAITING PERIOD AFTER A STATE EMPLOYEE HAS TERMINATED EMPLOYMENT WITH THE STATE.*

Enacts new GS 143-59.5 prohibiting the Secretary of Administration (Secretary) and other entities subject to Article 3 (purchases and contracts) from contracting with a vendor that employs or contracts with a person who is a former state employee and uses that person in the administration of a contract with the state. Requires the Secretary to require each vendor submitting a bid or contract to certify that they will not use a former state employee in administering a contract with the state. Makes it a Class I felony to knowingly submit a false certification. Violations of the statute void the contract. Defines *administration of a contract* and *former state employee*.

Applies to contracts entered into on or after October 1, 2015.

Intro. by Hise.

GS 143

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[Employment and Retirement, Government, State Government, State Personnel](#)

S 420 (2015-2016) [ACCOUNTABILITY FOR TAXPAYER INVESTMENT BOARD](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE STATE AGENCIES AND CERTAIN NON-STATE ENTITIES TO DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT, AND MAINTAIN INFORMATION SYSTEMS THAT PROVIDE UNIFORM, PROGRAM-LEVEL ACCOUNTABILITY INFORMATION*

REGARDING THE PROGRAMS OPERATED BY THOSE AGENCIES.

Enacts new Article 2E, Accountability for Taxpayer Investment Act, to GS Chapter 143 to require uniform, program-level accountability information in state government. Article 2E applies to any state agency in the executive branch and to any non-state entity that receives state funds. Defines non-state entity as any of the following non-state agencies discretely presented as a component unit in the State Comprehensive Annual Financial Report by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board: an individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, or any other organization or group acting as a unit. Includes additional definitions applicable to Article 2E.

Effective July 1, 2015, creates the Taxpayer Investment Accountability Board (Board), with four specified members. Details meeting requirements, administration criteria, and Board responsibilities including the publication of an annual report.

Directs each state agency, and each non-state entity receiving state funds, to establish, implement, and maintain a system to provide uniform, program-level accountability information that accurately conveys the mission, responsibilities, and activities of the state agency or entity and any other information required by the Board. Requires the system to comply with Board guidelines, be updated on a timely basis, and be accessible to NC citizens. Lists items to be included in the information system, including performance measures for each program, revenues by source and expenditures by purchasing category, and a listing of all employees.

Requires each agency or non-state entity to file annual certificates of compliance, with the first certificate due June 30, 2017. Requires internal auditors in applicable state agencies to conduct annual compliance audits and submit audit reports to the State Auditor and State Controller by April 1, 2017, and annually thereafter. Authorizes the State Auditor to verify compliance on an annual basis.

Permits any person to institute a suit in superior court requesting a judgment that the state agency or non-state entity failed to comply with Article 2E, and grants specific performance. Sets forth additional provisions related to actions for noncompliance. Directs the Office of State Human Resources to adopt rules for the organization charts and manager-to-employee ratios and to provide templates and technical assistance. Also directs the Office of State Budget and Management and the Office of Information Technology to provide technical assistance and software as required.

Makes a conforming change to GS 150B-1(c), exempting the Board from the Administrative Procedure Act.

Directs each state agency or non-state entity subject to proposed Article 2E to bring its current information system into compliance and to use existing resources to do so.

Effective July 1, 2016, unless otherwise provided.

Intro. by Hise.

[GS 143, GS 150B](#)

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[Government, State Agencies, Office of State Auditor, Office of State Budget and Management, Office of State Personnel](#)

S 421 (2015-2016) [MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *A JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.*

As the title indicates.

Intro. by Brown.

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LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 70 (2015-2016) [CHARLOTTE FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT](#). Filed Feb 10 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW ESTABLISHING THE CHARLOTTE FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM*.

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

Amends Section 12 of Chapter 926 of the 1947 Session Laws, as amended by various other session laws, providing that, for benefit accrual purposes, the Charlotte Firefighters' Retirement System (System) treats an individual who, on or after January 1, 2007 (was, January 12, 2007), dies or becomes disabled while performing qualified military service as if the individual had resumed employment in accordance with reemployment rights under USERRA on the day preceding death or disability and terminated employment on the date of death or disability.

Makes technical corrections to section 2 and 3 introductory language.

Intro. by

[Mecklenburg](#)

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[Employment and Retirement, Government, Public Safety](#)

H 333 (2015-2016) [TOWN OF CARY/CONVEY PROPERTY W/RESTRICTIONS](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF CARY TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN TO SELL, EXCHANGE, OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS DEEMED TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST*.

Amends the Charter of the Town of Cary, being SL 2005-117, enacting a new Article XI, Sale, Lease, and Disposition of Property. Authorizes the Town Council to sell, exchange, or otherwise transfer any interest in real property to any purchaser, subject to covenants, conditions, and restrictions as the Town Council deems to be in the public interest. Provides that such conveyances must be made in accordance with applicable provisions of law. Authorizes the Town to invite bids or written proposals for the purchase or transfer of any interest or property. Allows for the transfer to be made contingent on the necessary rezoning of the property.

Intro. by D. Hall.

[Wake](#)

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H 337 (2015-2016) [TOWN OF CARY/RELEASE UNNEEDED EASEMENTS](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF CARY TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN COUNCIL TO DELEGATE TO THE CITY MANAGER THE AUTHORITY TO DISPOSE OF EASEMENTS THAT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED BY THE TOWN*.

Identical to [S 248](#), filed 3/11/15.

Adds a new Article to the Cary Town Charter giving the town council the ability to authorize the city manager or deputy city manager to dispose of water or sewer easements or similar interests in real property without town council approval if it is: (1) part of an exchange for other water and sewer easements or similar interests in property or (2) when the easement or similar interest in real property is no longer needed by the town. Specifies that Article 12 (sale and disposition of property) of GS Chapter 160A of the General Statutes does not apply to these dispositions of property.

Intro. by Dollar, D. Hall.

[Wake](#)

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H 343 (2015-2016) [CLAYTON/EXTEND ETJ AREA](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT EXTENDING THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE TOWN OF CLAYTON*.

Allows Clayton to exercise the powers granted in Article 19 (planning and regulation of development) of GS Chapter 160A in the specified area.

Intro. by Daughtry.

[Johnston](#)

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H 345 (2015-2016) [CURRITUCK COUNTY/REMOVE ABANDONED VESSELS](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO ALLOW CURRITUCK COUNTY TO REMOVE ABANDONED VESSELS FROM NAVIGABLE WATERS*.

Amends SL 2013-182, as the title indicates.

Intro. by Steinburg.

[Currituck](#)

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H 347 (2015-2016) [MODIFY GRAHAM COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE AUTHORIZATION TO GRAHAM COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX*.

Rewrites and recodifies Section 1 of Chapter 969 of the 1985 Session Laws, concerning the Graham County Occupancy Tax, as Sections 2 and 3 of this act.

Authorizes the Graham County Board of Commissioners to levy a room occupancy tax of up to 3%. Provides that the tax must be levied, administered, collected, and repealed as provided in GS 153A-155 (Uniform provisions for room occupancy taxes). Requires the Graham County Tourism Development Authority (TDA) to use at least two-thirds of the occupancy tax proceeds to promote travel and tourism in the county and the remainder for other tourism-related expenditures. Mandates that at least one-third of the TDA's members must be affiliated with businesses that collect the tax in the county and at least one-half must be currently active in the county's travel and tourism promotion. Requires the Graham County Board of Commissioners to adopt a resolution to modify the TDA to conform with the requirements of the act.

Deletes Graham County from the list of counties to which the provisions of the following Session Laws apply to: Chapter 969 of the 1985 Session Laws, Chapter 118 of the 1987 Session Laws, and Chapter 195 of the 1987 Session Laws, all concerning occupancy taxes.

Makes conforming changes to GS 153A-155.

Requires the Graham County Board of Commissioners to adopt the resolution concerning the TDA within 60 days of the effective date of the act.

Intro. by West.

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LOCAL/SENATE BILLS

S 140 (2015-2016) [LAKE SANTEETLAH OCCUPANCY TAX AUTHORIZATION](#). Filed Mar 3 2015, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF LAKE SANTEETLAH TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX.*

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

Authorizes the town council of Lake Santeetlah to levy a room occupancy tax of up to 3% of the gross receipts from the rental of an accommodation within the town that is subject to sales tax imposed by the state under GS 105-164.4(a)(3).

Deletes language from the 1st edition that imposed more detailed specifications than "rental accommodation" and that provided that the tax did not apply to accommodations furnished by nonprofit charitable, educational, or religious organizations when provided in furtherance of their nonprofit purpose.

Intro. by J. Davis.

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ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 13: AMEND SCHOOL HEALTH ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT.

House: Amend Adopted A3

House: Passed 3rd Reading

House: Ordered Engrossed

H 16: REPEAL OUTDATED REPORTS.-AB

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 03/25/2015

H 29: TECHNICAL CHANGES TO COURSES OF STUDY STATUTE.

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 41: IRC UPDATE/REV LAWS TECH CHANGES.

House: Ref To Com On Finance

H 50: AMEND MAND. RETIRE. AGE/JUDGES & MAGISTRATES.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 03/25/2015

H 72: SOG PILOT PROJECT STANDARDS.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Re-ref Com On Appropriations

H 82: EXECUTION/NONSECURE CUSTODY ORDER/CHILD ABUSE.

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 106: AMEND BANKING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP (NEW).

House: Postponed To 03/31/2015

H 129: HIGH ACHIEVING TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS.

House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2

House: Re-ref Com On Appropriations

H 133: MODIFY SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Re-ref Com On Appropriations

H 146: AMEND ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES LAWS.

House: Postponed To 03/25/2015

H 148: INSURANCE AND SAFETY INSPECTION/MOPEDS.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Re-ref Com On Insurance

H 151: PROPERTY INSURANCE RATEMAKING REFORM.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 03/25/2015

H 152: NEW HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 03/25/2015

H 173: OMNIBUS CRIMINAL LAW BILL.

House: Amend Adopted A2

House: Passed 3rd Reading

House: Ordered Engrossed

H 183: REPEAL MAP ACT.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On Finance

H 201: ZONING CHANGES/CITIZEN INPUT.

House: Amend Failed A1

House: Passed 2nd Reading

H 211: EXPAND USE OF TOXICOLOGY FUNDS.

House: Amend Adopted A1

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

House: Ordered Engrossed

H 216: GREAT LEADERS FOR GREAT SCHOOLS/STUDY.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 03/25/2015

H 242: WHITE COLLAR INVESTIGATION.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 03/25/2015

H 291: HAZ. MATERIALS IN SAFE DEPOSIT BOX.-AB

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref Com On Judiciary II

H 294: PROHIBIT CELL PHONE/DELINQUENT JUVENILE.-AB

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 03/25/2015

H 295: JUVENILE MEDIA RELEASE.-AB

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 03/25/2015

H 321: CONVENTION OF STATES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Judiciary I, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 323: REINSTATE SETOFF DEBT COLLECTION/UNC HEALTH.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Appropriations

H 324: PARTISAN BD. OF ED. ELECTIONS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Elections

H 325: REENACT CHILD CARE CREDIT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 326: LOTTERY GAME TO BENEFIT VETERANS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Finance

H 327: ALLOW USE OF PEPPER SPRAY BY EMS WORKERS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Judiciary II

H 328: HIGHWAY SAFETY/CITIZENS PROTECTION ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Judiciary I, if favorable, Finance

H 330: EXPAND MEDICAID TO ALL BELOW 133% FPL/FUNDS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Health, if favorable, Appropriations

H 331: SHERIFFS' SUPP. PENSION FUND/SICK LEAVE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Pensions and Retirement

H 332: NATURAL GAS ECON. DEV. INFRASTRUCTURE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Public Utilities

H 334: CHARTER SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY FEES.

House: Filed

H 335: GREEN TEACHER NETWORK PILOT PROGRAM.

House: Filed

H 336: HOA-JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE.

House: Filed

H 338: FAIL TO OBTAIN DL/INCREASE PUNISHMENT.

House: Filed

H 339: ADD FONTA FLORA TRAIL TO STATE PARKS SYSTEM.

House: Filed

H 340: WEEKEND BURIALS/STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES.

House: Filed

H 341: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/NBOME & OTHER DRUGS.

House: Filed

H 342: SUPPORTING TITLE I SCHOOLS.

House: Filed

H 344: GUBERNATORIAL TEAM TICKET.

House: Filed

H 346: COUNTIES/PUBLIC TRUST AREAS.

House: Filed

H 348: NC RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT.

House: Filed

H 349: DEVELOP BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY PLAN.

House: Filed

H 350: RESTORE DRIVING PRIVILEGES/COMPETENCY.

House: Filed

S 6: STATE HEALTH PLAN/REHIRED RETIREE ELIGIBILITY.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Placed On Cal For 03/25/2015

S 29: DOB REDACTION REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

S 52: CITIES/MEANS FOR ACTIVATING PARKING METERS.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

S 71: STAGGER RRC MEMBER TERMS.

Senate: Reptd Fav

S 123: UNIFORM FRAUDULENT TRANSFER ACT.

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

S 159: TRANSFERRED PROPERTIES IN CORRECTED REVALS.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Finance

S 199: FUNDS DEPOSITED WITH CLERK OF COURT.

Senate: Reptd Fav

S 298: SCHOOL BUS CAMERAS/CIVIL PENALTIES.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Education/Higher Education. If fav, re-ref to Judiciary II

S 299: PORT USAGE CONTRACTS/PUBLIC RECORDS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary I

S 301: DOT/PURCHASE OF CONTAMINATED LAND.-AB

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Transportation. If fav, re-ref to Judiciary I

S 303: PROTECT SAFETY/WELL-BEING OF NC CITIZENS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources. If fav, re-ref to Judiciary I

S 304: ADMINISTRATION OF LOGO SIGN PROGRAM.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Transportation

S 305: NCEMPA ASSET SALE.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

S 306: EXPAND 1%/\$80 RATE FOR MILL MACHINERY.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Finance

S 307: ELIMINATE TOLLING ON FERRIES/APPROPRIATION.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Transportation. If fav, re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget

S 308: 0.00 ALCOHOL RESTRICTION-ALL DWI.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Transportation. If fav, re-ref to Judiciary I

S 309: AMEND HABITUAL DWI.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Transportation. If fav, re-ref to Judiciary I

S 310: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/BAIL & AGGRAVATING FACTOR.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary I

S 311: REGISTER OF DEEDS/FILING FALSE MARRIAGE DOCS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary II

S 312: MOTOR FLEET TELEMATICS PILOT PROJECT.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Transportation

S 313: LICENSE PLATE/RETIRED REGISTER OF DEEDS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Transportation

S 314: REFORM ABANDONED LIVESTOCK PROCEDURES.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources

S 315: SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Education/Higher Education

S 317: STRENGTHEN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES MONITORING.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Health Care. If fav, re-ref to Judiciary I

S 318: PED RECS/PUBLICLY FUNDED SUBSTANCE ABUSE SVCS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Health Care

S 320: REVISIONS TO OUTDOOR ADVERTISING LAWS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Commerce. If fav, re-ref to Finance

S 321: EXEMPT BUILDERS' INVENTORY.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Commerce. If fav, re-ref to Finance

S 326: INCREASE JDIG PROGRAM FUNDING.

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Special Message Sent To House

House: Special Message Received From Senate

S 357: PROHIBIT IMPROPER REPORTING TO CREDIT AGENCY.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 358: MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR PRIMARY CARE.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 359: PROMOTE NC-THINKS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 360: 2015 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE'S APPOINTMENTS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 361: OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REFORM STUDY.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 362: AMEND CERTAIN EXPUNCTION LAWS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 363: EXPAND OUTDOOR FOOD SERVICE AT PUBLIC EVENTS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 364: MAP ACT REVISIONS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 365: EXPAND MEDICAID TO ALL BELOW 133% FPL/FUNDS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 366: AMEND CERTAIN REQ/PERMANENCY INNOVATION COMM.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 367: ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE ACT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref to Health Care. If fav, re-ref to Finance

S 368: RECOGNIZE DEPT OF DEFENSE CHILDCARE STANDARDS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Health Care

S 369: SALES TAX FAIRNESS ACT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Finance

S 370: E-SIGNATURES/VEHICLE TITLE AND REGISTRATION.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 371: LME/MCO CLAIMS REPORTING.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 372: RENEWABLE ENERGY SAFE HARBOR.

Senate: Filed

S 373: REPEAL MAP ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 374: MODIFY FOR-HIRE LICENSE LOGBOOK REQUIREMENT.

Senate: Filed

S 375: ADOPT OSPREY AS OFFICIAL STATE RAPTOR.

Senate: Filed

S 376: CLARIFY DISCLOSURE REQS./ELECTIONEERING COMM.

Senate: Filed

S 377: APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR DRUG OVERDOSE MEDS.

Senate: Filed

S 378: INCREASE PUNISHMENT/MISD. DEATH BY VEHICLE.

Senate: Filed

S 379: CEMETERIES LOCATED ON STATE PROPERTY.

Senate: Filed

S 380: LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 381: COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PILOT PROJECT/FUNDS.

Senate: Filed

S 382: RFI/PRIVATIZATION OF FERRY SYSTEM.

Senate: Filed

S 383: STUDY/FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO I-95.

Senate: Filed

S 384: INCREASE PAY/EXPERIENCED TEACHERS.

Senate: Filed

S 385: PAYROLL PROCESSOR SURETY BONDS.

Senate: Filed

S 386: REGISTERS OF DEEDS/UCC RECORDING FEES.

Senate: Filed

S 387: SBE CONFIRMATIONS.

Senate: Filed

S 388: READING ASSESSMENTS.

Senate: Filed

S 389: COST TO COMPLY/FED ED FUNDS/PED STUDY.

Senate: Filed

S 390: NC CANCER TREATMENT FAIRNESS.

Senate: Filed

S 391: ENJOIN STREET GANG/EXPIRES IN THREE YEARS.

Senate: Filed

S 392: LEFT TURN ON RED/DDI.

Senate: Filed

S 393: BRIAN GARLOCK ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 394: PREEMPTION AFFIRMATION ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 395: REFORM MEDICAL EXAMINER SYSTEM.

Senate: Filed

S 396: LIMIT NUMBER OF STUDIES/MPOS AND RPOS.

Senate: Filed

S 397: OPEN & FAIR COMPETITION/WATER & WASTEWATER.

Senate: Filed

S 398: CONVENTION OF STATES.

Senate: Filed

S 399: JOINT AGENCY & WASTE AUTHORITY/TAX EXEMPTION.

Senate: Filed

S 400: ENCOURAGE ACCESS TO BOY SCOUTS/GIRL SCOUTS.

Senate: Filed

S 401: PILOT/SPORTS FOR STUDENTS W/ DISABILITIES.

Senate: Filed

S 402: AMEND COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE DEFINITION.

Senate: Filed

S 403: HONOR DEAN SMITH.

Senate: Filed

S 404: INCREASE SHERIFFS' SUPP. PENSION COURT COST.

Senate: Filed

S 405: TRACK SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN EPILEPSY.

Senate: Filed

S 406: REPEAL FEE FOR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.

Senate: Filed

S 407: MODIFY TAX ON VAPOR PRODUCTS AND USE OF TAX.

Senate: Filed

S 408: FIREARMS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS/SECURITY GUARDS.

Senate: Filed

S 409: NEED-BASED SCHOLARS/PRIVATE COLLEGES.

Senate: Filed

S 410: FUNDS FOR ECU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.

Senate: Filed

S 411: ADDITIONAL EXPUNCTION/DISMISS OR NOT GUILTY.

Senate: Filed

S 412: LIMIT CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS.

Senate: Filed

S 413: STATE EMPLOYEE STATE OF EMERGENCY LEAVE.

Senate: Filed

S 414: REGULATE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SERVICES.

Senate: Filed

S 415: NC VIRTUAL PUBLIC SCHOOL/UMSTEAD EXEMPTION.

Senate: Filed

S 416: NO ONE-YR SEPARATION REQ/FELONY CONVICTION.

Senate: Filed

S 417: HABITUAL IMPAIRED DRIVING/10-YEAR PERIOD.

Senate: Filed

S 418: AMEND STATUTORY RAPE/15 YRS. OLD OR YOUNGER.

Senate: Filed

S 419: LIMIT REVOLVING DOOR EMPLOYMENT.

Senate: Filed

S 420: ACCOUNTABILITY FOR TAXPAYER INVESTMENT BOARD.

Senate: Filed

S 421: MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH.

Senate: Filed

LOCAL BILLS

H 70: CHARLOTTE FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Re-ref Com On Appropriations

H 130: DAVIE COUNTY/FOOD FOR DETENTION FACILITIES.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 143: CHARLOTTE/CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 322: ZONING/RECREATIONAL LAND REQ.-MORRISVILLE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Local Government

H 329: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEX./CERTAIN SCHOOL SYSTEMS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Education - K-12

H 333: TOWN OF CARY/CONVEY PROPERTY W/RESTRICTIONS.

House: Filed

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