

## The Daily Bulletin: Wednesday, March 25, 2015

### PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 127 (2015-2016) [DOT CONDEMNATION CHANGES](#). Filed Mar 2 2015, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MEASURE OF DAMAGES IN A CONDEMNATION ACTION INITIATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO PROVIDE THAT INTEREST ON A DOT CONDEMNATION AWARD SHALL BE PAID FROM THE DATE OF TAKING UNTIL THE DATE THE JUDGMENT IS PAID; TO AUTHORIZE A DEFENDANT IN SUCH AN ACTION TO RECOVER ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS IF THE JUDGMENT EXCEEDS THE DEPOSIT BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OR MORE; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL SEND ANY RELOCATION NOTICE REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW WITHIN A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME.*

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

Reinstates, with one exception, the provisions of GS 136-112, deleted in the 1st edition. Provides that the measure of damages in a condemnation action initiated by the Department of Transportation (DOT) where the entire tract of property is taken would be fair market value of the tract at the time of the taking. Provides that for a taking of less than the entire tract, the measure of compensation would be the difference between the fair market value of the entire tract immediately before the taking and the fair market value of the remainder of the tract immediately after the taking, without (was, with) any consideration being given to any special or general benefits resulting from the use of the part taken away for highway purposes.

Makes the changes to GS 136-113, regarding interest as just compensation, effective October 1, 2015.

Amends GS 136-119(b) to direct that the court with jurisdiction of the condemnation action instituted by the DOT to award right or title to, or interest in, such real property that the court believes will reimburse the owner for reasonable costs, disbursements, and expenses as specified in GS 40A-8. Provides that in determining what amount constitutes reasonable attorneys' fees the judge must consider the extent to which the party has provided to the other party, in advance of the trial, the written appraisal reports of those witnesses testifying at trial.

Deletes Section 4 of this bill which amended GS 136-44.51(b) and would have reduced to 180 days any delay of a building permit issuance due to the Transportation Corridor Official Map Act.

Also deletes GS 136-89.53, as amended in this act, which would have clarified that land owners are entitled to compensation for partial control of easements of access by DOT within a controlled-access facility.

Amends GS 136-103(a) to require that the DOT provide written notice of relocation required by federal law together with the summons, complaint, declaration of taking, and notice of deposit required by GS 136-103(d). Effective October 1, 2015.

Makes conforming changes to the long title to reflect changes to the content of the bill.

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

GS 136

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**Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation, Transportation**

H 156 (2015-2016) [LEGAL NOTICES/REQUIRE INTERNET PUBLICATION](#). Filed Mar 4 2015, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE INTERNET WEB SITE PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES*.

House committee substitute makes changes to the 1st edition.

Makes conforming and clarifying changes to GS 1-597 in new subsections (c), (d), and (e) regarding regulations governing Internet website publication of legal notices.

**Intro. by Avila, Malone, Davis, Harrison.**

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H 201 (2015-2016) [ZONING CHANGES/CITIZEN INPUT](#). Filed Mar 10 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE CITY COUNCILS RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT IN ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS*.

House amendments make the following change to the 2nd edition.

Amendment #2 adds a new Section 5.5 to amend GS 160A-364(a). Under current law, before adopting, repealing, or amending any ordinance under Article 19 (planning and regulation of development) the city council is required to hold a public hearing on the matter and provide public notice of that hearing. Requires that in addition to publishing such notice in a newspaper of general circulation, the city council must give written notice to all adjacent property owners at least 30 days before the date of the public hearing.

House amendment #3 provides that this act applies to zoning ordinance changes initiated (was, adopted) on or after the May 1, 2015, effective date.

**Intro. by Stam, Goodman, Jackson.**

[GS 122C, GS 160A](#)

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Land Use, Planning and Zoning, Government, Local Government](#)

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 AND TO CLARIFY THAT RECORDS GATHERED BY AN INVESTIGATIVE GRAND JURY ARE PART OF THE FILE OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AND SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE TO THE DEFENDANT*.

House amendment #1 makes the following changes to the 2nd edition.

Changes the long title.

Amends GS 15A-623(h) to provide that any records gathered in the course of the grand jury investigation as well as the record of the examination of witnesses become part of the file of the prosecutor's office as those terms are defined in GS 15A-903(a)(1).

**Intro. by Faircloth, Stam.**

[GS 15A](#)

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

H 265 (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.*

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

Amends new GS 62-133.14, which allows the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission), upon petition of an electric public utility and after a hearing, to approve an annual rider to the electric public utility's rates to recover specified costs, adding a new requirement that the Commissioner must utilize the customer allocation methodology approved by the Commission in the electric public utility's most recent general rate case in determining the amount of the rider. Adds a new annual adjustment to the rider that the utility is required to file, providing that it must file any changes to the customer allocation methodology determined in any general rate proceeding occurring after the initial establishment of the rider.

Amends proposed GS 159B-14, deleting "as authorized in GS 159B-12" from the provision that allowed the issuance of refinancing bonds for the purpose of financing any collateral posting requirements of replacement power supply arrangements as authorized in GS 159B-12.

**Intro. by Collins, S. Martin, Stam, Pierce.**

[GS 62, GS 159B](#)

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

H 267 (2015-2016) [AMEND RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTICE ACT.-AB](#) Filed Mar 17 2015, *AN ACT AMENDING THE RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTICE ACT.*

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

Amends GS 90-648, deleting the following language from the term "practice of respiratory care": that the term also means any act by which an individual holds himself or herself out to the public or represents that the individual is authorized to practice respiratory care in this state.

Amends GS 90-652 deleting the authority of the NC Respiratory Care Board (Board) to investigate the activities of persons not licensed under this Article whom the Board has reasonable cause to believe are engaged in the practice of respiratory care.

Amends GS 90-661, concerning the requirement of a license to perform certain acts in the practice of respiratory care, adding that it is unlawful for anyone to advertise, hold out to the public, or represent in any manner that he or she is authorized to practice respiratory care in North Carolina unless he or she is currently licensed as specified.

Amends GS 90-661(c), which provides protection from liability for persons, partnerships, firms, associations, authorities or other entities acting in good faith by taking the language out of the proposed subsection and placing it in new GS 90-663.1, Immunity from civil liability.

Amends the effective dates for the act, providing that Section 5 of the act becomes effective October 1, 2015, and Section 3 and 4 of the act become effective October 1, 2016. The remainder is effective when the bill becomes law.

**Intro. by Goodman.**

[Mecklenburg](#)

H 281 (2015-2016) [RECORDS TO MEDICAL EXAMINER](#). Filed Mar 18 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE DIVISION OF ADULT CORRECTION TO PROVIDE COPIES OF ALL RECORDS TO THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH OF AN INMATE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DIVISION.*

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

Amends proposed GS 148-10.5, concerning deaths of inmates and subsequent records, clarifying that the records sent to the Chief Medical Examiner after the death of an inmate are used for the purpose of determining the cause and manner of death. Provides that the Chief Medical Examiner has to request copies of the records concerning any report the State Bureau of Investigation makes if it investigates the death of the inmate. Further provides that any records provided to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner pursuant to this statute are not considered public records as defined in GS 132-1 if the records would not be public records in the custody of the Division of Adult Correction or the State Bureau of Investigation.

**Intro. by L. Hall, Setzer, Cunningham, Pierce.**

GS 148

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**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Corrections  
(Sentencing/Probation), Health and Human Services,  
Health, Public Health**

H 286 (2015-2016) [DENTAL HYGIENISTS/INTRAORAL LOCAL ANESTHETICS](#). Filed Mar 18 2015, *AN ACT AMENDING THE DENTAL HYGIENE ACT TO AUTHORIZE PROPERLY TRAINED DENTAL HYGIENISTS TO ADMINISTER INTRAORAL LOCAL DENTAL ANESTHETICS UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED DENTIST.*

Current law defines the practice of dentistry in North Carolina to include the administration of anesthetics of any kind in the treatment of dental or oral diseases or physical conditions or in preparation for any operation within the oral cavity.

House committee substitute amends the 1st edition as follows.

Amends GS 90-29(b)(6) to exclude a lawfully certified dental hygienist licensed in this state who administers intraoral local dental anesthetics by infiltration and block techniques under the direct supervision of a dentist from the statutes that regulate the practice of dentistry.

Also amends GS 90-221 to delete the definition for "Direct supervision."

Makes a technical change to GS 90-233(a1) to correct a statutory reference, adding GS 90-221(2)a [was, GS 90-221(a)].

Amends GS 90-233(a6), added in the 1st edition, to require that a dental hygienist authorized to administer intraoral local dental anesthetics by infiltration and block techniques under the direct supervision of a dentist licensed in North Carolina must have been properly certified by the Board in addition to having completed a program approved by the Board under GS 90-233.6.

Recodifies GS 90-233.5 (1st edition) as GS 90-233.6 and enacts new GS 90-233.5 to direct the Board to certify a licensed dental hygienist who has completed a program approved by the Board in accordance with the provisions of GS 90-233.6.

Amends GS 90-233.6(c) to require that dental hygienists will have to submit at least 2 hours of Board approved

continuing education annually under GS 90-225.1 that is related to the administration of intraoral local dental anesthetics.

Deletes subsection (d) of GS 90-233.6 which provided that as long as a lawfully authorized dental hygienist was qualified and working under the supervision of a dentist licensed in this state, the administration of intraoral local dental anesthetics by the hygienist is not prohibited or otherwise limited by GS 90-29(b)(6).

**Intro. by Jones.**

**GS 90**

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**Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers**

H 303 (2015-2016) **DISPUTE RESOLUTION AMENDMENTS**. Filed Mar 18 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING MEDIATED SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES IN SUPERIOR COURT, MEDIATION IN DISTRICT COURT DOMESTIC CASES, AND THE REGULATION OF MEDIATORS, TO ESTABLISH A DISPUTE RESOLUTION FUND FOR MONIES COLLECTED THROUGH THE EXISTING ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF MEDIATORS AND MEDIATION TRAINING PROGRAMS, AND TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO FALSELY REPRESENT ONESELF AS A CERTIFIED MEDIATOR OR TO FALSELY REPRESENT A MEDIATOR TRAINING PROGRAM AS CERTIFIED.*

House committee substitute to the 1st edition amends GS 7A-38.1(l) and GS 7A-38.4A(j) to replace "disciplinary proceedings" where that phrase currently appears, with the phrase "disciplinary hearings."

**Intro. by Horn, Daughtry, Davis, Stevens.**

**GS 7A**

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**Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law**

H 351 (2015-2016) **CLARIFY UTILITY RATES**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY TAX CHANGES ENACTED IN S.L. 2013-316 MUST BE REFLECTED IN UTILITY RATES.*

Amends Section 4.2 of SL 2013-316 as the title indicates, effective January 1, 2014.

Also requires the Utilities Commission to order a utility to add interest to money refunded to its customers for refunds resulting from the reduction of the corporate income tax rate effective beginning January 1, 2014. Applies to refunds issued on or after the date the act becomes law.

**Intro. by Arp, Collins, Warren.**

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**Government, Tax, Public Enterprises and Utilities**

H 352 (2015-2016) **STANDARD OF PROOF/PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO ALTER THE STANDARD OF PROOF FOR PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS AND DISPATCHERS.*

Enacts new Article 7, Liability for Public Safety Telecommunicators and Dispatchers in GS Chapter 99E. Enacts new GS 99E-56 requiring that any person acting as a 911 or public safety telecommunicator or dispatcher at a public safety answering point who is sued in a civil action arising from performing the person's job be entitled to a standard of clear and convincing evidence.

Applies to any cause of action arising on or after the date the act becomes law.

**Intro. by Torbett.**

GS 99E

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[Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Government, Public Safety](#)

H 354 (2015-2016) [CHARTER SCHOOL TRANSPARENCY ACT](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY IN THE OPERATION OF CHARTER SCHOOLS*.

Amends GS 115C-218.1 to require that a charter school application also include the principal officer responsible for making funding requests to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

Enacts new GS 115C-218.17 allowing the board of directors of a charter school to contract with a vendor or company to perform services in connection with the school's operation. Requires the board of directors to ensure that all operational activities of the management company are conducted in compliance with state and federal law and the school's charter. Requires the charter school board of directors to notify the State Board of Education (SBOE) and DPI of any contract entered into under this statute. Requires the board of directors to submit a copy of the contract and a list of all employees paid by the vendor or company assigned to manage or work at the school, a budget and expenditure report, and corporate structure of the vendor or company within 30 days of entering into a contact for educational or financial management (and annually thereafter).

Amends GS 115C-218.25 to make the inspection of charter school personnel records for those employed directly or indirectly by contract (was, directly employed), by the board of directors subject to Article 21A (privacy of employee personnel records).

Amends GS 115C-218.100 to require the board of directors of a charter school to transmit final financial information to DPI upon the effective date of closure. Requires that allotments for state and federal funds be adjusted with instructions on how to calculate the final adjustment. Requires DPI to arrange for a closing audit, and requires DPI, if the closing audit indicates that the charter school has overdrawn any funds in the final allotment adjustment, to notify the school's board of directors in writing. Requires the school's board of directors to refund the money to DPI within 20 days following receipt of a notification of overpayment.

Amends GS 115C-218.105 to add that a charter school that has been placed on noncompliance status in finance, governance, or academics by DPI for that school year, or in two prior school years, is not automatically eligible for an annual adjustment to funding based on a projection of up to 20% greater than prior year enrollment. Requires providing documentation supporting increases over prior year enrollment numbers and estimates of expected student attendance. Requires the State Board to provide initial funding based on the prior year's funding for average daily membership and allows for adjustment when the State Board verifies the enrollment increases. Applies beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

**Intro. by Cotham.**

GS 115C

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

H 355 (2015-2016) [ENHANCE PROTECTION FOR GROUP HOME RESIDENTS](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO ENHANCE PROTECTIONS FOR CLIENTS OF FACILITIES WHOSE PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE CARE, TREATMENT, HABILITATION, OR REHABILITATION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS BY INCREASING PUNISHMENTS FOR CLIENT*

*ABUSE, EXPLOITATION, OR NEGLECT; BY IMPOSING A REPORTING REQUIREMENT ON EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS WHO WITNESS A SEXUAL OFFENSE OR OFFENSE AGAINST MORALITY PERPETRATED AGAINST A CLIENT; AND BY MAKING FAILURE TO REPORT THESE VIOLATIONS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.*

Amends GS 122C-66 to provide that an employee or a volunteer at facilities that provide services for the care and treatment of persons with mental illness, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse disorders that knowingly causes pain or injury to a client is guilty of a Class A1 misdemeanor (was, Class 1). Imposes a duty on an employee or volunteer who witnesses or has knowledge of abuse or exploitation of clients to report the violation to designated authorized personnel at the facility. Makes failure to do so a Class 1 misdemeanor (was, Class 3 misdemeanor punishable only by a fine).

Imposes a duty on an employee or volunteer at a facility who witnesses a client become the victim of a sexual offense or offense against morality (a violation of Article 7A or Article 26 of GS Chapter 14) to report the allegations within 24 hours after witnessing the violation to the department of social services in the county where the facility serves the client and to the district attorney in the district where the facility serves the client. Makes a violation of this provision a Class A1 misdemeanor. Prohibits harassing or threatening of an employee making a report by any other employee or volunteer. Provides that except for violations of the requirement to report violations of Article 7A or Article 26 of GS Chapter 14, as provided for in (b1) of GS 122C-66, the facility is to investigate or provide for investigation of reports made under this section. Directs the county department of social services and the district attorney to investigate reports made under subsection (b1) or to provide for the investigation of such reports.

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

**Intro. by Reives, Stam.**

**GS 122C**

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**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Health and Human Services, Mental Health**

H 356 (2015-2016) **NCUC REG. FEE CHANGES**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE CAP ON THE UTILITIES REGULATORY FEE RESERVE, TO SET THE REGULATORY FEE IN STATUTE, AND TO ALLOW THE COMMISSION TO RAISE OR LOWER THE FEE.*

To be summarized.

**Intro. by Arp, Collins, Warren.**

**GS 62**

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**Public Enterprises and Utilities**

H 357 (2015-2016) **TOXICOLOGY REPORTS/DISTRICT COURT**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A WRITTEN TOXICOLOGY ANALYSIS MAY BE INTRODUCED AS EVIDENCE IN A DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL PROSECUTION WITHOUT EXPERT TESTIMONY PROVIDED THERE IS A RIGHT TO TRIAL DE NOVO.*

Enacts new GS 8-58.21, Toxicology analysis admissible as evidence in criminal prosecution in district court, providing that in any criminal prosecution in district court a laboratory report of a written toxicology analysis that states the results and is signed and sworn to by the person performing the analysis can be admissible in evidence without the testimony of the analyst who prepared the report, if certain specified criteria are satisfied, including that the analysis complies with GS 8-58.20(b), concerning lab accreditation, and that the conducting analyst complies with the provisions of GS 8-58.20(c) concerning affidavit requirements.

Provides that any defendant that wants to contest the results of the analysis that has been submitted into evidence retains the right to subpoena the person who performed the analysis in order to testify in the criminal prosecution in district court. If the analyst fails to testify and the case is not continued for the analyst to do so, the results of the analysis are inadmissible at trial in the district court. Provides that nothing in this section can be construed as an abrogation of any state or federal right, with the exception of the right to a jury trial in district court.

Effective October 1, 2015, applying to trials commencing on or after that date.

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

**GS 8**

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**Courts/Judiciary, Evidence**

H 358 (2015-2016) **SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADE SCALE**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO EXTEND THE USE OF THE FIFTEEN-POINT SCALE FOR ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADES FOR THE 2014-2015 AND 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEARS ONLY*.

Identical to [S 450](#), filed 3/25/15.

Current law, under GS 115C-83.15, requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to calculate a school performance score for all schools in the state based on a formula using school achievement and growth data and to convert the total school performance score to a 100-point scale, which is used to determine a school performance grade for each school based on a 10-point scale where a performance score of 90 or above is an overall performance grade of A, a school performance score of at least 80 is an overall performance grade of B, a school performance score of at least 70 is an overall performance grade of C, a school performance score of at least 60 is an overall performance grade of D, and a school performance score of less than 60 is an overall performance grade of F.

Provides that regardless of the provisions of GS 115C-83.15(d), the SBE is required, only for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years, to convert the total school performance score to a 100-point scale and to determine a school performance grade for each school based on a 15-point scale where a performance score of 85 or above is an overall performance grade of A, a school performance score of at least 70 is an overall performance grade of B, a school performance score of at least 55 is an overall performance grade of C, a school performance score of at least 40 is an overall performance grade of D, and a school performance score of less than 40 is an overall performance grade of F.

**Intro. by Johnson, Horn, Holloway, Elmore.**

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education**

H 359 (2015-2016) **EXCELLENCE IN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SCHOOL-BASED ADMINISTRATOR SALARY SCHEDULE; PROVIDE PERFORMANCE BONUSES TO PRINCIPALS OF SCHOOLS EXCEEDING EXPECTED STUDENT GROWTH; AND TO DIRECT THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO STUDY EXCELLENCE IN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP*.

Enacts the Excellence in School Leadership Act, as the title indicates. Provides a series of "whereas" clauses setting out the policy reasons supporting this act, which include the importance of a school principal in ensuring the effectiveness of all teachers in a school and the academic success of students.

Appropriates \$8 million for the 2015-16 fiscal year and \$8 million for the 2016-17 fiscal year from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to be used to increase pay under the school-based administrator salary schedule by 3% effective July 1, 2015.



Additionally appropriates from the General Fund to DPI the sum of \$1.5 million for fiscal year 2015-16 and \$1.5 million for the 2016-17 fiscal year to provide principals of schools that exceed annual growth expectations for student achievement, as measured by the Education Value-Added Assessment System (EVAAS), with a annual bonus of \$2,000.

Directs the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee (Committee) to study excellence in school leadership and make recommendations on the recruitment, preparation, induction, support, and retention of school principals and assistant principals. Sets out issues the Committee must study. Requires the Committee to report to the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.

**Intro. by Johnson, Holloway, Horn, Elmore.**

**APPROP, STUDY**

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

H 360 (2015-2016) **RAISE MINIMUM WAGE/SET COLA**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT AMENDING THE WAGE AND HOUR ACT TO RAISE THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE AND PROVIDE FOR AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENT TO REFLECT INCREASES IN THE COST OF LIVING*.

Amends GS 95-25.3 to require employers to pay employees the higher of wages of at least \$10.10 (was, \$6.15) per hour, effective on Labor Day 2015, or the minimum wage in the Fair Labor Standards Act. Adds a new subsection (a1) that requires the minimum wage to be increased on January 1, 2016, and every January 1 thereafter, by the cost of living as measured by the percentage increase of the consumer price index calculated by the US Department of Labor. Requires the Commissioner of Labor to calculate the indexed minimum wage. Effective when the act becomes law.

**Intro. by Harrison, Carney, D. Hall.**

**GS 90**

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**Employment and Retirement**

H 361 (2015-2016) **PRINCIPLE-BASED RESERVING**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PRINCIPLE-BASED VALUATION IN THE LIFE INSURANCE STANDARD VALUATION LAW AND STANDARD NONFORFEITURE PROVISIONS IN THE NORTH CAROLINA INSURANCE LAW*.

To be summarized.

**Intro. by Collins, Tine, Setzer.**

**GS 58**

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**Business and Commerce, Insurance**

H 362 (2015-2016) **CITIES/BUSINESS REGISTRATION**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO REQUIRE BUSINESSES TO REGISTER ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND TO IMPOSE A REGISTRATION FEE*.

Enacts new GS 160A-194.1 allowing a city, by ordinances, to require any business operating within the city's corporate limits to register with the city annually. Requires the registration information to be used by the city to create a contact database for police and fire departments, the provision of city services, and the enforcement of city ordinances. Allows the city to impose a fee of up to \$50 for maintaining the database. Effective June 30, 2015.

**Intro. by Faircloth.**

GS 160A

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**Business and Commerce, Government, Local Government**

H 364 (2015-2016) [CLARIFY LAWS ON EXEC. ORDERS AND APPOINTMENTS](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN COMMISSIONS AND TO MODIFY APPOINTMENTS TO SEVERAL STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS*.

To be summarized.

**Intro. by Lewis.**

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## **PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS**

S 105 (2015-2016) [INCLUDE NO. VETERANS EMPLOYED/ANNUAL REPORT](#). Filed Feb 19 2015, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT INFORMATION ABOUT THE NUMBER OF VETERANS EMPLOYED BY A CORPORATION OR A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY BE INCLUDED IN ANNUAL REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THOSE CORPORATIONS*.

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

Amends GS 55-16-22 making a clarifying change to the proposed language from the previous edition. Adds new subsection (i) providing terms for use in this section, including *number of full-time equivalent employees, qualifying service, and veteran*.

Amends GS 57D-2-24, making a clarifying change to the proposed language from the previous edition. Adds new subsection (e) providing the definitions of terms for use in this section, including *number of full-time equivalent employees, qualifying service, and veteran*.

Amends the proposed GS 55-1-51 to provide that the Secretary of State must use the specified reported information to compile summary information about the number of veterans employed in the state by corporations and LLCs and publish the information on its website annually by October 1 (was, June 1).

Directs the Department of Labor, the Department of Insurance, the Employment Security Commission, the Department of Commerce, and the Industrial Commission to assist the Secretary of State in notifying the public of the requirements of GS 55-16-22(a3)(6) and GS 57D-2-24(a)(7).

Changes the effective date of the act to January 1, 2016 (was, October 1, 2015).

**Intro. by Brown, Meredith.**

GS 55, GS 57D

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**Business and Commerce, Corporation and Partnerships,  
Military and Veteran's Affairs**

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.*

Reforms the North Carolina Medical Examiner System (MES) as the title indicates.

### **Organizational Changes**

Amends GS 130A-377 to direct the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to establish and maintain five regional offices, including a central office (was, organizational structure consisted of a central office and district offices as considered necessary by DHHS) to ensure that postmortem medico-legal examinations and services are available and properly managed in all regions of the state.

Amends GS 130A-378 to clarify that the Secretary of Health and Human Services (Secretary) appoints the Chief Medical Examiner (CME). Adds a requirement that in order to maintain the appointment as CME, the CME must fulfill continuing education requirements of GS 130A-382 and carry out the duties and responsibilities set out in Article 16 (Postmortem Investigation and Disposition) of GS Chapter 130A and as assigned by the Secretary.

Amends GS 130A-379 to specify that the duties and powers of the CME include: (1) ensuring that the Office of the CME obtains and maintains accreditation by the National Association of Medical Examiners or an alternative national entity offering accreditation approved by the Secretary and (2) performing autopsies but limits the number of autopsies performed by the CME to no more than 100 autopsies annually. Permits the CME to assume primary responsibility for any case under the jurisdiction of the Office of the CME within the restrictions as indicated regarding the total number of autopsies that the CME may perform in a single year.

Requires the CME to employ board-certified forensic pathologists, medical examiners, medico-legal death investigators, and administrative personnel to serve as staff in each of the regional offices. Additionally provides that the CME may employ forensic chemists to provide toxicological and related support to the regional offices.

Amends GS 130A-382 to provide that the CME is to hire (was, CME appointed county medical examiners for a three-year term) county medical examiners based on qualifications and training of the applicants. Directs DHHS to establish continuing education requirements for medical examiners employed by the Office of the CME. Provides additional criteria regarding continuing education requirements, including a mandatory, annual in-service training program for medical examiners. Requires that each medical examiner be assigned to a specific regional office at the direction of the CME based on the total population of each region.

Enacts new GS 130A-382A, which requires the CME to assign medico-legal death investigators to each of the regional offices. Provides details as to the required qualifications, the duties, certification requirements, and continuing education requirements for persons filling positions as medico-legal death investigators.

Provides that regardless of the provisions of GS 130A-382A as enacted by this act, a person hired as a medico-legal death investigator between July 1, 2015, and July 1, 2019, who has served as a coroner in North Carolina, has two years from the date of hire to successfully complete the certification program established by DHHS under GS 130A-382A(d), as amended by this act. Effective July 1, 2015.

Amends GS 130A-383 regarding the jurisdiction of a medical examiner. Clarifies circumstances under which a death occurs or is believed to have occurred that requires notifying the nearest regional medical examiner's office.

Amends GS 130A-385 to specify the duties of the medico-legal death investigator as well as those of the medical examiner upon receipt of a notice of a death under GS 130A-383, as amended by this act.

### **Changes to Medical Examiner Investigation and Autopsy Fees**

Amends GS 130A-387 to increase the fee to be paid to a medical examiner for each investigation and prompt filing of the required report to \$250 (was, \$100). Specifies that this fee does not apply to investigations and reports completed by employees of the Office of the CME. Directs the Office of the CME to use its own employees to complete investigations and required reports to the maximum extent possible. Effective July 1, 2015; however, repeals GS 130A-387, as amended by this act, effective July 1, 2019.

Amends GS 130A-389 to set the fee for an autopsy as \$2,800 (was, \$1,250). Provides that this fee does not apply to autopsies or other studies performed by employees of the office of the CME. Directs the Office of the CME to use its own employees to complete these autopsies and other studies to the maximum extent possible. Effective July 1, 2015; however, repeals GS 130A-389, as amended by this act, effective July 1, 2019.

### **Status Report on Implementation of Organizational Changes**

Declares that it is the intent of the General Assembly to have the Office of the CME achieve full implementation of the organizational changes in this act by July 1, 2019. Requires that the Office of the CME, beginning January 2016, and every six months thereafter until the organizational changes are fully implemented, provide status reports to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division. Specifies minimal information and data on the progress of the organizational changes to be covered in the status reports. Effective July 1, 2015.

### **Appropriations**

Effective July 1, 2015, appropriates funds in unspecified amounts from the General Fund to DHHS, Division of Public Health, Office of the CME, to establish additional full-time equivalent positions for forensic pathologists, medical examiners, and certified medico-legal death investigator positions. Also appropriates an unspecified amount of funds from the General Fund to DHHS, Division of Public Health, Office of the CME, to establish forensic pathologist fellowships at the state's regional autopsy centers located at Wake Forest University and East Carolina University. Appropriates an unspecified amount of funds from the General Fund to DHHS, Division of Public Health, Office of the CME, to fund the increase in the death investigation fee and also appropriates an unspecified amount from the General Fund to DHHS, Division of Public Health, Office of the CME, to fund the increase in the autopsy fee. Provides that each of these unspecified amount appropriations are for the 2015-16 and the 2016-17 fiscal years. Provides that the effective date for all of the appropriations is July 1, 2015.

Except as otherwise indicated, the remainder of this act becomes effective July 1, 2019.

**Intro. by Tarte.**

**APPROP, GS 130A**

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health**

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*.

Amends the title of GS Chapter 20, Article 10, to Financial Responsibility of Taxicab Operators and Providers of Digitally Dispatched Prearranged Transportation Services (was, Financial Responsibility of Taxicab Operators).

Enacts new GS 20-280.1 concerning requirements for digitally dispatched prearranged transportation, setting out definitions for use in this section, including participating driver or driver, transportation network company (TNC), and transportation network company insurance (TNC insurance). Requires the TNC to disclose in writing to its drivers specified insurance information, including the insurance coverage limits of liability that the TNC provides, and also state

that the driver's personal automobile insurance will not provide coverage when the driver uses a vehicle in connection with a company's online application or platform. Requires the TNC to provide direct notice of participation in the transportation network (network) to the driver's personal auto insurance unless that insurer is providing TNC insurance to the driver.

Sets out requirements concerning the TNC and its' driver's required levels of insurance, providing that the following insurance requirements apply from the time a driver accepts a ride request on the TNC's online-enabled application or platform until the driver completes the transaction on the online-enabled application or platform or until the ride is complete, whichever is later: (1) requires the TNC insurance to be primary with coverage of at least \$1 million for death, personal injury, and property damage and sets out how this requirement can be fulfilled; (2) requires the TNC insurance to also provide for \$1 million coverage for uninsured motorist coverage and underinsured motorist coverage; (3) requires that the insurer, in regards to insurance coverage indemnify the insured; and (4) provides that a TNC can meet the above obligations by verifying that a driver is maintaining coverage that meets the above coverage amounts and the policy is specifically written for the driver's participation in the network.

Sets out five requirements concerning the TNC and its driver's required levels of insurance, providing that the following insurance requirements apply from the time a driver logs on to the TNC's online-enabled application or platform until the driver accepts a request to transport a passenger, and from the time the driver completes the transaction on the online-enabled application or platform or the ride is complete, whichever is later, until the driver either accepts another ride request or logs off the online-enabled application or platform, including requiring (1) the NC insurance to be primary with coverage of at least \$50,000 for death and personal injury per person, \$100,000 for death and personal injury per accident, and \$30,000 for property damage; (2) TNC insurance to also provide uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage as required by GS 279-21(b)(3); and (3) that the TNC maintain coverage that provides excess coverage for the TNC and the driver for at least \$200,000 per occurrence to cover any liability arising from the use of a vehicle with the TNC's application or platform. Sets out other requirements concerning the above levels of insurance and obligations. Provides guidance in regards to lapsed policies and which policy claims must be filed first. Also provides that the provisions do not limit any liability of the company in regards to claims exceeding the amounts of the required coverage limits.

Provides that private passenger automobile insurance policies are not affected or required to provide any excess coverage when drivers are logged into an online-enabled application or platform until the driver logs off or the passenger exits the vehicle.

Prohibits personal automobile insurance from providing coverage, unless expressly providing such coverage during the time outlined by the above provisions. Specifies other limits of personal automobile insurance as well as allowing such insurance to offer liability insurance policy for drivers that participate in the TNC's online-enabled application or platform, with certain limitations and requirements.

Requires a TNC or its insurer to cooperate with insurers that are involved in a claims coverage investigation, requiring the facilitation and exchange of specified information.

Prevents the TNC from disclosing to a third party any personally identifiable information about a TNC passenger unless (1) the customer knowingly consents, (2) disclosure is made in accordance with a requirement of state law, and (3) disclosure is made to the Attorney General to investigate a complaint filed against the TNC or a driver and the Attorney General treats the information as confidential.

Sets out requirements for carrying proof of insurance coverage and requires the provision of this information in the event of an accident.

Effective July 1, 2015.

S 422 (2015-2016) [COUNTY OMNIBUS LEGISLATION](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT REESTABLISHING THE STATE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES STUDY COMMISSION; DIRECTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO STATEWIDE APPROACHES TO CONTROL INVASIVE AQUATIC NOXIOUS WEEDS IN THE STATE'S WATERS; DIRECTING THE REVENUE LAWS COMMITTEE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL IMPACTS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF EXEMPTING PREVIOUSLY TAXABLE PROPERTIES FROM THE PROPERTY TAX BASE WHEN ACQUIRED BY NONPROFITS; AND CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF COUNTIES TO ESTABLISH RESIDENTIAL RECYCLABLE MATERIALS COLLECTION PROGRAMS.*

Establishes the 13-member State Payment in Lieu of Taxes Study Commission (Commission). Membership includes three House members and three members of the public (based on recommendation from the NC Association of County Commissioners and the NC League of Municipalities) appointed by the Speaker of the House, three Senate members and three members of the public (based on recommendation from the NC Association of County Commissioners and the NC League of Municipalities) appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Secretary of Revenue. Provides for designating a cochair, filling vacancies, securing meeting space, assigning professional staff, and exercising powers. Requires the Commission to study issues relating to the development of a state payment in lieu of taxes for state properties. Allows the Commission to submit an interim report on the results of its study to the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives at any time by filing a copy of the report with specified offices. Requires the Commission to submit a final report on the results of its study to the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, before the 2017 General Assembly convenes, by filing a copy of the report with the specified offices. Terminates the Committee upon the earlier of the convening of the 2017 General Assembly or upon the filing of the Committee's final report.

Requires the Environmental Review Commission (ERC) to study issues relating to statewide approaches to control invasive aquatic noxious weeds in the state's waters, including necessary funding. Requires the ERC to report its findings and recommendations to the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.

Requires the Revenue Laws Study Committee (Committee) to study issues relating to the financial impacts on local governments of exempting previously taxable properties from the property tax base when the property is acquired by nonprofits. Requires a report on the Committee's findings and recommendation to the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.

Amends GS 153A-292 to allow a board of county commissioners to establish, by ordinance, a program for collecting residential recyclable materials. Also allows imposing a fee for the program, sets limitations on that fee, and provides parameters for setting and imposing the fee. Allows a county to operate a residential recycling collection program within a city's corporate limits upon the adoption of a resolution by the city's governing board.

**Intro. by J. Davis, Foushee.**

[STUDY, GS 153A](#)

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[Environment, Aquaculture and Fisheries, Government, General Assembly, Tax, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health](#)

S 423 (2015-2016) [FOSTER CARE FAMILY ACT](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO ALIGN STATE LAW WITH FEDERAL LAW BY PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPORT OF HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF A REASONABLE AND PRUDENT PARENT STANDARD FOR DECISIONS MADE BY A FOSTER PARENT OR A DESIGNATED OFFICIAL FOR A CHILD CARE INSTITUTION AND REVISING TO THE JUVENILE CODE*

*UNDER THE LAWS PERTAINING TO ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY REGARDING JUVENILE PLACEMENT; TO PROVIDE LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR FOSTER PARENTS; TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO OBTAINING A DRIVERS LICENSE FOR FOSTER CHILDREN BY DIRECTING THE NORTH CAROLINA REINSURANCE FACILITY TO MAKE AVAILABLE A NONOWNER AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY FOR FOSTER CHILDREN, BY PROVIDING THAT MINORS AGED SIXTEEN AND OVER IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ARE COMPETENT TO CONTRACT FOR AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE, BY SPECIFYING PERSONS OTHER THAN THE FOSTER PARENT WHO MAY SIGN FOR A FOSTER CHILD TO OBTAIN A LEARNER'S PERMIT OR PROVISIONAL DRIVERS LICENSE, AND BY CLARIFYING THAT FOSTER PARENTS DO NOT VIOLATE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS BY ALLOWING FOSTER CHILDREN WITH THEIR OWN INSURANCE COVERAGE TO OPERATE A VEHICLE OWNED BY THE FOSTER PARENT; AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY A MEDICAID WAIVER FOR CHILDREN WITH SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE.*

Enacts new GS 131D-10.2A, Reasonable and prudent parenting standard (standard), providing that this standard is characterized by careful and sensible parental decisions that maintain a child's health, safety, and best interests while encouraging the child's emotional and developmental growth. Requires every child care institution to designate an on-site official to apply the standard. Caregivers are required to use this standard in determining participation in extracurricular, enrichment, and social activities for foster children. Prohibits liability being placed on a caregiver or a county department of social services for an act or omission if actions and decisions were made in accordance with the standard. Provides that a caregiver exercising the standard has the authority to allow or prevent a child from participating in normal childhood activities, understood to include, but not limited to, extracurricular, cultural, enrichment, and social activities as well as overnight activities outside direct supervision of the caregiver for periods over 24 hours up to 72 hours. Provides protection from liability for caregivers in regards to injuries to the child occurring as a result of the authority of the above provisions unless the action or inaction of the caregiver that resulted in the injury is by willful or reckless misconduct.

Amends GS 7B-505(b) concerning juvenile placement while in nonsecure custody, providing that the court will order the Department of Social Services to make diligent efforts to notify relatives and custodial parents of the juvenile's siblings that the juvenile is in nonsecure custody, as well as notify them about any hearing schedule to occur pursuant to GS 7B-506, unless the court finds such action is contrary to the best interests of the child.

Amends GS 7B-800.1(a)(4) and GS 7B-901, both concerning hearings regarding the juvenile, requiring that required notifications or efforts to notify relatives of the juvenile be considered in regards to the hearings is also required for parents with custody of a sibling of the juvenile.

Enacts new GS 7B-903.1, Juvenile placed in custody of a county department of social services, authorizing a county department of social services to make decisions generally made by a juvenile's custodian for a juvenile in its custody, including educational decisions and consenting to the sharing of the juvenile's information. Authorizes the delegation of this authority to a juvenile's parent, foster parent, or another individual. Further authorizes a county department of social services with custody or placement responsibility to make decisions concerning normal childhood activities. Allows the court to set alternative parameters for approval of such activities if such authorization is not in the juvenile's best interest.

Enacts new GS 7B-912, Juveniles 14 years of age and older; Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement, setting out the requirement that for juveniles in custody of county departments of social services who have reached the age of 14 at a permanency planning hearing, the court must inquire and make written findings in regards to (1) services provided to assist the juvenile in transitioning to adulthood, (2) any steps the county department of social services is taking to ensure the foster family or other placement provider is following the reasonable and prudent parent standard, and (3) whether the juvenile has regular opportunities to engage in age or developmentally appropriate activities.

Requires the court, at or before the last scheduled permanency hearing, but at least 90 days before a juvenile turns 18 years old, to inquire as to whether the juvenile has copies of the specified vital records and to determine which person or entity should assist in obtaining these documents before the age of 18.

Provides that the plan of Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA) is only available as a juvenile's permanent plan when the court finds that specified requirements are met, including, but not limited to, that the juvenile is

16 or 17 years old and that APPLA is the best permanency plan for the juvenile. If APPLA is the juvenile's permanent plan, then the court must question the juvenile and make written findings addressing the juvenile's desired permanency outcome.

Enacts new GS 58-36-43, Development of policy form or endorsement for personal liability insurance for foster parents, providing that the NC Rate Bureau must develop an optional policy form or endorsement to be filed with the Commissioner of Insurance for approval no later than May 1, 2016. The same is to provide liability insurance for foster parents licensed under GS Chapter 131D, Article 1A, to provide foster care in a family foster home or therapeutic foster home. Sets out what coverage the policy form or endorsement must provide. Provides that such liability insurance is not required to cover acts or omissions of a foster parent when such are not in compliance with written instructions received from the placing agency or Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Enacts new GS 58-37-35(g) concerning the North Carolina Motor Vehicle Reinsurance Facility (Facility) providing that with the approval of the Commissioner of Insurance, the Facility will establish a form of nonfleet private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance providing named nonowner coverage for a foster child in state custody. Sets out requirements that the policy must meet, including that the policy only applies to one child and that the policy is portable if the foster child's placement for foster care changes, as long as the placement is in North Carolina. Enacts new GS 48A-4, Certain minors competent to contract, providing that a minor who is 16 or older and who is in legal custody of DHHS is qualified and competent to contract for the purchase of an automobile insurance policy with the consent of the court with continuing jurisdiction over the minor's placement. Sets out certain limitations and requirements for the policy. Amends GS 20-11(i) concerning application for a limited learner's permit and provisional driver's license providing that for minors in the legal custody of the DHHS, a guardian ad litem or attorney advocate, a case manager or other type of case worker, or the court with continuing jurisdiction over the minor's placement can sign the application. Enacts new GS 20-309(a2) providing that the owner of a motor vehicle who is a foster parent providing foster care to a person between the ages of 16 and 21 does not violate the requirements of the article by allowing the motor vehicle to be operated by the person if the person is covered by a nonowner motor vehicle insurance policy issued by the Facility. Effective October 1, 2015.

Directs DHHS to design and draft, but not submit, a 1915(c) Medicaid waiver to serve children with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) in home and community-based settings. Allows DHHS to submit drafts of the waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to solicit feedback but not submit the waiver for CMS approval until authorized by the General Assembly. Directs DHHS to report the waiver, other findings, and any other options or recommendations to best serve children with SED to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services by December 1, 2015. Sets out what the report should contain, including an in-depth analysis of the cost per slot.

**Intro. by Barringer, Harrington, Tucker.**

[GS 7B, GS 20, GS 48A, GS 58, GS 131D](#)

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**[Business and Commerce, Insurance, Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Family Law, Motor Vehicle, Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Child Welfare](#)**

S 424 (2015-2016) [FOSTERING SUCCESS](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO EXTEND THE PROVISION OF FOSTER CARE TO THE AGE OF 19 YEARS AND MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES; AUTHORIZE THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION TO ADOPT RULES IMPLEMENTING THE EXPANSION OF FOSTER CARE THROUGH AGE 19; PROVIDE FOR THE EXTENSION OF GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES THROUGH AGE 19; REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION OF A STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO DRAW-DOWN FEDERAL IV-E FUNDS FOR THE EXPANSION OF FOSTER CARE THROUGH AGE 19; AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT.*



Includes various whereas clauses concerning the value of educational attainment.

Amends GS 108A-48, concerning the State Foster Care Benefits Program (Program), deleting all the provisions in subsection (b) concerning limiting benefits to individuals younger than 18 years old except in the specified circumstances. Provides new language which allows the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to continue to provide benefits under the Program to an individual who has attained the age of 18 and has chosen to continue to receive foster care services to 19 years of age if they are (1) completing secondary education or equivalent, (2) enrolled in an institution that provides postsecondary or vocational education, (3) are participating in a program or activity designed to promote or remove barriers to employment, (4) employed for at least 80 hours per month, or (5) are incapable of completing the educational or employment requirements of this subsection due to a medical condition or disability.

Amends GS 108A-49.1 and 131D-10.2, concerning foster care, making conforming changes reflecting the above changes.

Enacts new GS 131D-10.2A, Foster care through 19 years of age, providing that children can receive foster care services until the age of 19 whether or not they have continued in foster care after the age of 18 or left prior to reaching age 19 as provided by law or after meeting specified requirements.

Amends GS 131D-10.5, concerning the powers and duties of the Social Services Commission, adding the duty to adopt rules necessary for the expansion of foster care for individuals that are 18 years old and have chosen to continue receiving foster care services until 19 years old, pursuant to GS 131D-10.2A.

Directs the DHHS Division of Social Services (Division) to develop a plan for the expansion of foster care services for individuals 18 years old that opt to continue receiving such services until the age of 19. Requires the Division to report on the plan to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division no later than October 1, 2015. A report regarding the implementation of the plan is to be made to the same parties no later than November 1, 2016.

Requires DHHS, no later than 60 days after the implementation of the plan, to submit a state plan amendment to the US Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families to make federal payments for foster care and adoption assistance under Title IV-E.

Directs the Division of Social Services to design the Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP) as specified. Provides that the GAP will reimburse legal guardians for room and board and will be set at the same rate for foster care room and board reimbursement rates. Directs the Social Services Board to adopt rules to establish the GAP.

Appropriates from the General Fund to DHHS \$56,042 for fiscal year 2015-16 in order to develop the plan for expansion of foster care services. Effective October 1, 2015.

Appropriates from the General Fund to DHHS \$1,328,499 for the 2016-17 fiscal year to implement the plan for the expansion of foster care services. Effective July 1, 2016.

Unless otherwise noted above, act becomes effective August 1, 2016.

**Intro. by Barringer, Harrington, Tucker.**

**APPROP, GS 108A, GS 131D**

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**Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Family Law, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Child Welfare**

S 425 (2015-2016) [DOT CONDEMNATION CHANGES](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MEASURE OF DAMAGES IN A CONDEMNATION ACTION INITIATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO PROVIDE THAT INTEREST ON A DOT CONDEMNATION AWARD SHALL BE PAID FROM THE DATE OF TAKING UNTIL THE DATE THE JUDGMENT IS PAID; TO AUTHORIZE A DEFENDANT IN SUCH AN ACTION TO RECOVER ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS IF THE JUDGMENT EXCEEDS THE DEPOSIT BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OR MORE; TO PROVIDE THAT A PROPERTY OWNER IS ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION FOR PARTIAL CONTROL OF ACCESS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL SEND ANY RELOCATION NOTICE REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW WITHIN A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME.*

Amends the following statutes as the title indicates: (1) GS 136-112, to provide that the measure of damages in a condemnation action initiated by the Department of Transportation (DOT) is as provided in GS 40A-63 and 40A-64 (concerning just compensation for takings), deleting language that provided for other measures of damages; (2) GS 136-113, regarding the determination of interest as a part of just compensation on a DOT condemnation award providing that interest is to be calculated from the date of taking to the date the judgment is paid (previously, to the date of the judgment, effective July 1, 2015; and (3) GS 136-119, regarding the recovery of costs, including attorneys' fees if certain conditions apply, adding language that provides that fees can be awarded when the final judgement exceeds the initial deposit by 25 percent or more. Provides that attorneys' fees cannot exceed 1/3 of the difference between the judgment award, plus interest, and the initial deposit. Makes organizational changes.

Amends GS 136-89.53 (New and existing facilities; grade crossing eliminations), to clarify that compensation that land owners are entitled to, when an existing street or highway is designated as and included within a controlled-access facility and that street or highway abuts their land, also includes compensation for partial control of access.

Amends GS 136-103(a) to require the Department of Transportation, when condemnation is necessary, to provide written notices of relocation required by federal law no earlier than five working days before instituting a filing under this subsection and no later than one working day prior to instituting a filing pursuant to this subsection. Effective October 1, 2015, applying to condemnation actions filed on or after that date.

Unless otherwise noted above, this act becomes effective July 1, 2016, applying to condemnation actions filed on or after that date.

**Intro. by Krawiec, Daniel.**

[GS 136](#)

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation, Transportation](#)

S 426 (2015-2016) [DENR ATTRACTIONS DYNAMIC PRICING FLEXIBILITY](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES WITH RESPECT TO ADMISSION OR OTHER RELATED ACTIVITY FEES AT THE NORTH CAROLINA ZOOLOGICAL PARK, STATE PARKS, AND THE NORTH CAROLINA AQUARIUMS FROM RULE MAKING UNDER CHAPTER 150B OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.*

Amends GS 150B-1 to exempt the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) from rulemaking with respect to admission fees or activity fees at the North Carolina Zoo, State Parks, and the North Carolina Aquariums.

Requires DENR, or any other responsible department, to establish admission fees and activity fees using a dynamic pricing strategy, which is defined as the adjustment of fees from time to time to reflect marketing forces with the effect of maximizing revenues from use of these state resources to the extent practicable to offset General Assembly appropriations. Repeals any current rules related to fees upon the effective date of a new fee.

Applies to admission fees or activity fees charged on or after the date the act becomes law.

**Intro. by Brock, Cook, Wade.**

GS 150B

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**Government, APA/Rule Making, Cultural Resources and Museums, State Agencies, Department of Environment and Natural Resources**

S 427 (2015-2016) **NC-THINKS/AWARDS ALLOCATION CHANGES**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT AMENDING THE ALLOCATION OF NC-THINKS SUGGESTION PROGRAM FUNDS*.

Amends GS 143-345.22(a) as the title indicates. Provides that 50% (was, 20%) of the funds saved or increased due to a state employee's suggestion or innovation per the NC-Thinks suggestion program are to be distributed to the state employee or divided equally among the team members if the suggestion or innovation comes from a group. Removes the cap of \$20,000 on the distribution. Directs that 25% (was, 30%) of the annualized savings or increased revenues goes to the implementing agency for nonrecurring budget items. Provides that the remaining 25% of the annualized savings or increased revenues goes to the General Fund for nonrecurring budget items when allowed by law or policy. Effective July 1, 2015, and applies to suggestions and innovations made on or after that date.

**Intro. by Brock.**

GS 143

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**Government, State Agencies, Office of State Personnel, State Government**

S 428 (2015-2016) **SURCHARGE TRANSPARENCY**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT NORTH CAROLINA AUTO INSURANCE SURCHARGES IMPOSED TO SUBSIDIZE THE LOSSES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA MOTOR VEHICLE REINSURANCE FACILITY BE CLEARLY COMMUNICATED TO POLICYHOLDERS*.

Amends GS 58-37-40(f) concerning certain NC auto insurance surcharges, providing that such surcharges imposed to subsidize the losses of the NC Motor Vehicle Reinsurance Facility must be itemized and displayed to the policyholder in substantially the same manner as the applicable premium charge is displayed in communications with the policyholder.

Effective when the act becomes law, applying to motor vehicle insurance policies issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2017.

**Intro. by Brock.**

GS 58

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**Business and Commerce, Insurance, Transportation**

S 429 (2015-2016) **LABOR/2015 TECHNICAL & CONFORMING CHANGES**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE LABOR LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA*.

Amends GS 95-3 to update the Department of Labor's (DOL) listed officers, divisions, and sections, to include the Division of Occupational Safety and Health instead of the Division of Statistics. Also amends the statute to no longer require the Governor's approval before the Commissioner of Labor (Commissioner) takes specified actions. Amends GS 95-4 to no longer require the Commissioner to have the division director's approval before appointing clerks, stenographers, and other employees to the various divisions. Also no longer requires the Commissioner to have the Governor's approval for rules and regulations with reference to the work of DOL and its divisions. Amends GS 95-69.11 to add to the Commissioner's duties: (1) devising and proctoring exams covering Article 7A (Uniform Boiler and

Pressure Vessel Act) and the rules adopted under the Article to applicants as inspectors of boilers and pressure vessels; (2) proctoring the National Board commissioning exam; and (2) issuing, suspending, or revoking inspectors' commissions as inspectors of boilers and pressure vessels. Amends GS 95-69.17 , GS 95-110.6, and GS 95-111.6 (all concerning Noncomplying devices; appeal) to provide that any actions taken by the Commissioner under those statutes are final, unless within 15 days after receiving notice the person against whom the action was taken takes exception to the determination. If the person takes exception to the determination, requires the final determination to be made in an administrative proceeding and in a judicial proceeding under the Administrative Procedure Act.

Repeals GS 95-5, Annual report to Governor; recommendation as to legislation needed; GS 95-6, Statistical report to Governor; publication of information given by employers; GS 95-11, Division of Standards and Inspection; GS 95-12, Division of Statistics; and GS 95-69.13, Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessels Rules created; appointment, terms, compensation and duties.

**Intro. by Brock.**

**GS 95**

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**Business and Commerce, Government, State Agencies,  
Department of Labor**

S 430 (2015-2016) **LRC STUDY/CAMPAIGN ADVERTISING**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE REGULATION OF CAMPAIGN ADVERTISING AND EFFICIENT ENFORCEMENT OF COMPLIANCE OBLIGATIONS.*

Allows the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) to conduct a study as the title indicates. Allows the LRC to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Elections Oversight Committee by April 1, 2016.

**Intro. by Brock.**

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**Government, Elections, General Assembly**

S 431 (2015-2016) **FACILITATE STATE PURCHASE/VEHICLES MADE IN NC**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT WHEN THE SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION ADOPTS RULES PRESCRIBING THE MANNER IN WHICH PASSENGER VEHICLES SHALL BE PURCHASED, THOSE RULES REQUIRE THAT BIDS SUBMITTED FOR SALES OF VEHICLES TO THE STATE CONTAIN AN ESTIMATE OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT THAT THE RESULTING CONTRACT WOULD HAVE ON THE STATE.*

Amends GS 143-60 as the title indicates. Effective October 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Brock.**

**GS 143**

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**Government, State Government, Transportation**

S 432 (2015-2016) **ELECTRONIC PAWN & METALS DATABASE**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT PAWNBROKERS, CURRENCY CONVERTERS, PRECIOUS METALS DEALERS, AND SECONDARY METALS RECYCLERS REPORT INFORMATION ABOUT PAWN TRANSACTIONS AND PURCHASES TO AN ELECTRONIC DATABASE THAT IS ACCESSIBLE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND AGENCIES.*

Enacts new GS 147-33.124 to require the Office of Information Technology Services to contract with a third party to

operate an electronic database to store and access information reported by pawnbrokers, currency converters, precious metals dealers, and secondary metal recyclers. Specifies four things that the database must do, including allowing state law enforcement officers and agencies to access the database via the Internet and ensure that the information in the database is secure and accessible only by law enforcement. Specifies that information in the database is not a public record.

Amends GS 66-391, GS 66-392, GS 66-410, and GS 66-421 to require pawnbrokers, currency converters, precious metals dealers, and secondary metal recyclers to enter the information recorded for each purchase or transaction into the database within 12 hours of the transaction.

Adds a new Part 4 to Article 45 of GS Chapter 66. Enacts new GS 66-432 providing that nothing in Article 45 (pawnbrokers, metal dealers, and scrap dealers) is to be construed to require information be entered into the database when (1) the database is offline or inaccessible (in which case, the reporting deadline is extended from 12 hours after the transaction to 36 hours from the time that the database is accessible again) or (2) an entity that would otherwise be required to enter information lacks the technology needed to access the database.

Effective October 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Randleman.**

**GS 66, GS 147**

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**Business and Commerce, Government, Public Safety,  
State Agencies, Office of Information Technology Services**

S 433 (2015-2016) **PROPERTY PROTECTION ACT**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO PROTECT PROPERTY OWNERS FROM DAMAGES RESULTING FROM INDIVIDUALS ACTING IN EXCESS OF THE SCOPE OF PERMISSIBLE ACCESS AND CONDUCT GRANTED TO THEM.*

Enacts new GS 99A-2 making any person who gains access to the nonpublic area of another's premises and engages in an act that exceed the person's authority to enter those areas liable to the owner or operator of the premises for any damages sustained. Lists examples of acts that exceed a person's authority to enter the nonpublic areas of another's premises, including an employee who, without authorization, creates or produces an image or sound occurring within an employer's premises and uses the recording to breach the person's duty of loyalty to the employer, or conspiring in organized retail theft. Assigns joint liability to any person who directs, assists, compensates, or induces another person to violate the statute. Allows a prevailing plaintiff to be awarded equitable relief, damages, costs and fees, including attorneys' fees, and \$5,000 in exemplary damages per day that the defendant acted in violation of the statute. Exempts from the statute any governmental agency or law enforcement officer engaged in a lawful investigation of the premises or the owner or operator of the premises.

Effective January 1, 2016.

**Intro. by Rucho, Tucker, B. Jackson.**

**GS 99A**

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**Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Development, Land  
Use and Housing, Property and Housing**

S 434 (2015-2016) **CAP/CLARIFY UTILITY RATE MECHANISMS**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO CAP AND SUNSET THE RATE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM FOR NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES FOR PIPELINE SAFETY COSTS AND TO CLARIFY THE RATE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM FOR WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES.*

Amends GS 62-133.7A to provide that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) may adopt, implement, modify, or eliminate a rate adjustment mechanism to enable the company to recover the reasonable and prudently incurred capital investment and associated costs of complying with federal gas pipeline safety requirements. Prohibits including the costs incurred for routine maintenance, repair, and replacement of system components in a rate adjustment authorized under this section. Requires the Commission to provide for audit and reconciliation procedures, including refunds of over collections under the rate adjustment mechanism with interest under GS 62-130(e). Limits annual costs recovered under a rate adjustment mechanism authorized under this section to no more than 4% of the total base margin approved by the Commission in the company's last general rate case. Terminates a rate mechanism authorized under this section either at the company's next general rate case or four years after the adoption of the mechanism by the Commission, whichever comes first.

Amends GS 62-133.12 to clarify the rate adjustment mechanism for water and sewer facilities. Defines improvement projects.

Effective July 1, 2015, and applies to rate adjustment mechanisms adopted after that date.

**Intro. by Rucho.**

[GS 62](#)

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[Public Enterprises and Utilities](#)

S 435 (2015-2016) [BUSINESS COURT AMENDMENT](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW GOVERNING THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS COURT TO PROVIDE THAT A TAX CONTESTATION CASE MUST INVOLVE AN AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY OF AT LEAST FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN ORDER TO BE DESIGNATED A MANDATORY COMPLEX BUSINESS CASE.*

Amends GS 7A-45.4(b) concerning the designation of business cases as mandatory complex business cases, providing that an action must have an amount in controversy, computed in accordance with GS 7A-243, of at least \$5,000, in addition to other specified conditions, to be designated as a mandatory complex business case.

Amends GS 105-241.16, making conforming changes.

Effective October 1, 2015, applying to actions commenced on or after that date.

**Intro. by Rucho, Barringer.**

[GS 7A, GS 105](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Government, Tax](#)

S 436 (2015-2016) [EVALUATION OF ELECTRICAL GRID/FUNDS](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION TO PERFORM AN ASSESSMENT OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH NORTH CAROLINA'S ELECTRICAL GRID IS PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY.*

Requires the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) to assess the extent to which the state's electrical grid is prepared for an emergency that may pose a threat to the state's electrical grid and related systems. Requires the Commission to report its findings by May 1, 2016, to the Joint Legislative Emergency Management Oversight Committee and to the Fiscal Research Division. Specifies items that must be included in the assessment. Requires each public utility, electric membership corporation, and city that distributes electricity in the state to cooperate with the Commission and provide it with requested information. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Rucho, Tarte.**

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**Environment, Energy, Public Enterprises and Utilities**

S 437 (2015-2016) **APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR POISON CONTROL**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO PROVIDE STATEWIDE POISON CONTROL SERVICES THROUGH THE CAROLINAS POISON CENTER.*

Includes whereas clauses.

Appropriates \$1.5 million for 2015-16 and \$1.5 million for 2016-17 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, to increase the state contract with the Carolinas Poison Center. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Tucker.**

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services**

S 438 (2015-2016) **PERMANENT PLATES/CHARTER SCHOOLS**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO REPEAL THE SUNSET ON THE LAW AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE PERMANENT REGISTRATION PLATES TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.*

As title indicates.

**Intro. by Tucker.**

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation, Transportation**

S 439 (2015-2016) **STUDENTS W/SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT A SCREENING PROGRAM FOR THE EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF STUDENTS WITH SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES.*

Adds new Article 9D to GS Chapter 115C. Requires the State Board of Education (SBOE) to provide informational materials and screening instruments to local boards of education to identify students who exhibit potential indicators of specific learning disabilities. Requires each local board of education to provide for parents to annually receive informational materials related to specific learning disabilities and ensure implementation of age-appropriate screening instruments for the early identification of students with specific learning disabilities. Requires a local school administrative unit to screen every kindergartener for specific learning disabilities using an SBOE adopted screening instrument. Requires screening of any student enrolled in first through sixth grade who was not screened for specific learning disabilities in kindergarten. Requires when a student is determined to exhibit potential indicators of a specific learning disability that the local school administrative unit administer a comprehensive assessment adopted by the SBOE. Requires that a student having a specific learning disability be provided appropriate intervention strategies.

Enacts new GS 115C-150.23 to require each local school administrative unit to train one or more school employees to

administer the screening instruments. Requires that professional development opportunities on the identification of and intervention strategies for students with specific learning disabilities be made available to teachers and other school personnel.

Amends GS 115C-296 to require that the literacy renewal credits required for continuing licensure for elementary and middle school teachers include early identification and intervention strategies for students with specific learning disabilities.

Applies beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

**Intro. by**

**GS 115C**

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education**

S 440 (2015-2016) **LET DENTAL HYGIENISTS ADMINISTER ANESTHETICS**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT AMENDING THE DENTAL HYGIENE ACT TO AUTHORIZE PROPERLY TRAINED DENTAL HYGIENISTS TO ADMINISTER LOCAL DENTAL ANESTHETICS UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED DENTIST*.

Amends GS 90-221, the definitions section for the Dental Hygiene Act, adding and defining the term *direct supervision*. Adds the administration of local dental anesthetics by infiltration and block techniques under direct supervision of a licensed dentist to the definition of dental hygiene for dental hygienists who have completed additional training and are certified. Makes technical and organizational changes.

Amends GS 90-233(a1) making technical changes and conforming changes.

Enacts new GS 90-233(a6) to provide that a dental hygienist who has completed an approved program can administer local dental anesthetics by infiltration and block techniques, but only under the proper direct supervision.

Enacts new GS 90-233.5, authorizing the NC State Board of Dental Examiners (Board) to approve any program that qualifies dental hygienists to administer local anesthetics. Such approval extends to the approval over the content of required courses, the length of training, and the nature of a subsequent preceptorship under a dentist licensed and practicing in North Carolina. Sets out minimum requirements that a certification program must meet in order to be certified by the Board, including that there is a faculty ratio of no greater than 1:4 for laboratory or clinical instruction. Includes provisions under which the Board may approve a dental hygienist to administer local dental anesthetics without completing an approved program as detailed above and sets out requirements that the hygienist must meet including having been qualified to administer local dental anesthetics in another state, country, or territory. Sets out yearly continuing competence requirements for approved dental hygienists, including that they have completed annual CPR certifications and at least two hours each year of Board-approved continuing education related to the administration of intraoral local dental anesthetics. Authorizes the Board to count the hours of continuing education towards the annual requirement or in addition to it. Provides that the Board can adopt rules consistent with the governing provisions to implement and enforce the provisions of this act.

Recodifies GS 90-233.1 as GS 90-233.10.

Reserves GS 90-233.1 through GS 90-233.4 for future codification purposes.

Effective January 1, 2016.

**Intro. by J. Davis.**

**GS 90**

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**Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and**



## Providers

S 441 (2015-2016) [PUBLIC RECORDS - E-MAIL DISCLOSURE](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE AGENCIES OF NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNMENT TO INCLUDE ON ALL E-MAILS A DISCLOSURE THAT THE E-MAIL MAY BE A PUBLIC RECORD AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION AND COPYING*.

Amends GS 132-1 to encourage state agencies to include a statement on outgoing email that discloses that the email may be a public record and may be subject to inspection and copying. Also provides, that if it is appropriate, emails sent by or on behalf of a legislator should include a disclosure that the document is confidential and not a public record.

Effective October 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Clark.**

[GS 132](#)

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[Government, General Assembly, Public Records and Open Meetings, State Agencies](#)

S 442 (2015-2016) [LOCAL GOV'TS/INSPECT BLDGS & STRUCTURES](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT REVISING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH COUNTIES AND CITIES MAY INSPECT BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES*.

Amends GS 153A-364 concerning county inspections of building and structures when there is reasonable cause to believe that unsafe or hazardous conditions exist, providing that "reasonable cause" means that the property (was, landlord or owner) has a history of more than seven verified violations (was, more than two) of the housing ordinances or codes within a rolling 12-month period (was, just a 12-month period). Also provides that the inspections department cannot discriminate between owner-occupied or tenant-occupied buildings. Deletes language referring to periodic inspections in lieu of inspections in general. Provides that counties can require inspection as part of a targeted effort to respond to blighted or potentially blighted conditions. Sets limitations on the total aggregate of targeted areas in the county, no greater than one square mile or five percent of the area within the county, whichever is greater. Sets out other limitations for targeted area designations. Deletes a provision that provided the county cannot discriminate in selecting targeted areas for inspections. Adds provisions providing that the county can require only owners or managers of individual rental units having either more than seven verified violations in a rolling 12-month period or two or more verified violations in a rolling 30-day period, or if the property is identified as being in the top four percent (was top ten percent) of properties with crime or disorder problems, to obtain permission before leasing property or register the property. Sets out new provisions establishing when a special fee or tax can be levied on residential rental property. Also prohibits the county from requiring proof of registration to be posted, or from providing that any violation of rental registration ordinance is a criminal offense, or requiring owners or managers of rental property to submit to an inspection before receiving any utility service provided by the county. Includes language defining *verified violation*. Deletes GS 153A-364(d) concerning the levy of fees for residential property registration for specified rental units. Enacts new GS 153A-364(e) and (f) providing that if a property is identified as being in the top four percent of properties with crime or disorder problems, then the county must notify the landlord of any crimes, disorders, or other violations that will be counted against the property to allow the landlord an opportunity to correct the problems. Sets out ways the county or sheriff must help landlords in addressing criminal activity. Sets out an appeals process and procedures for action taken by the county against an individual rental unit, providing decisions can be appealed to specified entities if created and functioning, or to the county manager or designee.

Amends GS 160A-424 concerning city inspections of building and structures when there is reasonable cause to believe that unsafe or hazardous conditions exist, providing that "reasonable cause" means that the property (was, landlord or owner) has a history of more than seven verified violations (was, more than two) of the housing ordinances or codes within a rolling 12-month period (was, just a 12-month period). Also provides that the inspections department cannot

discriminate between owner-occupied or tenant-occupied buildings. Deletes language referring to periodic inspections in lieu of inspections in general. Provides that cities can require inspection as part of a targeted effort to respond to blighted or potentially blighted conditions. Sets limitations on the total aggregate of targeted areas in the county, no greater than one square mile or five percent of the area within the city, whichever is greater. Sets out other limitations for targeted area designations. Deletes a provision that provided the city cannot discriminate in selecting targeted areas for inspections. Adds provisions providing that the city can require only owners or managers of individual rental units having either more than seven verified violations in a rolling 12-month period or two or more verified violations in a rolling 30-day period, or if the property is identified as being in the top four percent (was top ten percent) of properties with crime or disorder problems, to obtain permission before leasing property or register the property. Sets out new provisions establishing when a special fee or tax can be levied on residential rental property. Also prohibits the city from requiring proof of registration to be posted, or from providing that any violation of rental registration ordinance is a criminal offense, or requiring owners or managers of rental property to submit to an inspection before receiving any utility service provided by the city. Includes language defining *verified violation*. Deletes GS 153A-364(d) concerning the levy of fees for residential property registration for specified rental units. Enacts new GS 153A-364(e) and (f) providing that if a property is identified as being in the top four percent of properties with crime or disorder problems, then the city must notify the landlord of any crimes, disorders, or other violations that will be counted against the property to allow the landlord an opportunity to correct the problems. Sets out ways the city or police department must help landlords in addressing criminal activity. Sets out an appeals process and procedures for action taken by the city against an individual rental unit, providing decisions can be appealed to specified entities if created and functioning, or to the city manager or designee.

**Intro. by Gunn, Ford, Wade.**

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

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction, Government, Local Government](#)

S 443 (2015-2016) [DRIVERS LICENSE FEE/DONATE LIFE NC](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED TO THE LICENSE TO GIVE TRUST FUND FROM FEES COLLECTED FOR THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF A DRIVERS LICENSE AND TO DISTRIBUTE THE AMOUNT OF THE INCREASE TO DONATE LIFE NORTH CAROLINA.*

Repeals Section 5(c) of SL 2004-189, which required the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to retain a portion of the proceeds of the increase in driver's license and duplicate license fees to offset the cost of developing and maintaining the online Organ Donor Internet, with remaining proceeds credited to the License to Give Trust Fund.

Amends GS 20-7 to require the DMV to credit 2.5% from each fee for the issuance and renewal of a driver's license to the License to Give Trust Fund.

Amends GS 20-7.4 to require that 50% of the funds credited to the License to Give Trust Fund be transferred quarterly to Donate Life North Carolina for costs associated with managing the online organ donation registry and promoting organ donation.

Effective January 1, 2016, and applies to driver's license issuances and renewals on or after that date.

**Intro. by Gunn, Brock.**

[GS 20](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation](#)

S 444 (2015-2016) [TEACHER COMPENSATION MODIFICATIONS](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ENTRY-LEVEL BASE PAY FOR TEACHERS*.

Increases the entry level base pay for teachers, effective July 1, 2015, from \$33,000 to \$35,000 for ten months of employment.

Appropriates \$41,980,421 for 2015-16 and \$41,980,421 for 2016-17 from the General Fund to be distributed in specified amounts to the Department of Public Instruction, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Public Safety, and the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics to implement the act.

Effective July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Apodaca, Barefoot, Soucek.**

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[Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Public Instruction, UNC System, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Public Safety](#)

S 445 (2015-2016) [BURT'S LAW](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO ENHANCE PROTECTIONS FOR CLIENTS OF FACILITIES WHOSE PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE CARE, TREATMENT, HABILITATION, OR REHABILITATION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS BY INCREASING PUNISHMENTS FOR CLIENT ABUSE, EXPLOITATION, OR NEGLECT; BY IMPOSING A REPORTING REQUIREMENT ON EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS WHO WITNESS A SEXUAL OFFENSE OR OFFENSE AGAINST MORALITY PERPETRATED AGAINST A CLIENT; AND BY MAKING FAILURE TO REPORT THESE VIOLATIONS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR*.

Substantively identical to [H 355](#), filed 3/25/15.

Amends GS 122C-66 to provide that an employee or a volunteer at facilities that provide services for the care and treatment of persons with mental illness, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse disorders that knowingly causes pain or injury to a client is guilty of a Class A1 misdemeanor (was, Class 1). Imposes a duty on an employee or volunteer who witnesses or has knowledge of abuse or exploitation of clients to report the violation to designated authorized personnel at the facility. Makes failure to do so a Class 1 misdemeanor (was, Class 3 misdemeanor punishable only by a fine).

Imposes a duty on an employee or volunteer at a facility who witnesses a client become the victim of a sexual offense or offense against morality (a violation of Article 7A or Article 26 of GS Chapter 14) to report the allegations within 24 hours after witnessing the violation to the department of social services in the county where the facility serves the client and to the district attorney in the district where the facility serves the client. Makes a violation of this provision a Class A1 misdemeanor. Prohibits harassing or threatening of an employee making a report by any other employee or volunteer. Provides that except for violations of the requirement to report violations of Article 7A or Article 26 of GS Chapter 14, as provided for in (b1) of GS 122C-66, the facility is to investigate or provide for investigation of reports made under this section. Directs the county department of social services and the district attorney to investigate reports made under subsection (b1) or to provide for the investigation of such reports.

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

**Intro. by Krawiec, Newton.**

[GS 122C](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Health and Human Services, Mental Health](#)

S 446 (2015-2016) [DEALERSHIP LOANER VEHICLES](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE USE OF DEALER PLATES ON DEALERSHIP LOANER VEHICLES*.

Amends GS 20-79 to allow a person who is a customer whose vehicle is being serviced or repaired by a dealer, if the vehicle is provided to the customer for free by the dealer only for the duration of the service or repair of the customer's vehicle, to display a dealer license plate if all other specified requirements are met.

**Intro. by B. Jackson.**

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[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Transportation](#)

S 447 (2015-2016) [ENERGY INVESTMENT ACT](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE ENERGY INVESTMENT ACT*.

Amends GS 105-129.16A to extend the sunset of the credit for investing in renewable energy property to January 1, 2021 (was, January 1, 2016).

Amends GS 105-129.15 to include in the definition of renewable energy property solar energy equipment that uses solar radiation as a substitute for traditional energy for generating electricity only if all the equipment in the system has an aggregate generation capacity of less than one megawatt. Effective for property placed in service for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

**Intro. by B. Jackson, Hartsell, Tarte.**

GS 105

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

S 448 (2015-2016) [EQUALIZE TAX ON PROPANE USED AS A MOTOR FUEL](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO EQUALIZE THE TAXATION OF LIQUEFIED PROPANE GAS WHEN USED AS A MOTOR FUEL*.

Amends GS 105-449.130, definitions for *alternative fuel*, providing a new term, *gas gallon equivalent of liquefied propane gas*, defined as the energy equivalent of 5.75 pounds of liquefied propane gas.

Amends GS 105-449.136(a), tax rates for alternative fuel, providing that the tax on liquefied propane gas is imposed on each gas gallon equivalent of liquefied propane gas.

Effective July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by B. Jackson.**

GS 105

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S 449 (2015-2016) [KAPPA ALPHA PSI SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE*

*DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE FULL-COLOR BACKGROUND SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR THE KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY AND TO RESTRICT ISSUANCE OF THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES TO MEMBERS OF THE KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY.*

Amends GS 20-63 to add plates for Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity to those that do not have a First in Flight or First in Freedom design.

Amends GS 20-79.4 to specify that the plates are issuable to members of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Provides that nothing in GS 20-63 or GS 20-79.3A requires an additional 200 applications for the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue a full-color background Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity plate.

Effective July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Ford.**

**GS 20**

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**Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation**

S 450 (2015-2016) **SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADE SCALE**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO EXTEND THE USE OF THE FIFTEEN POINT SCALE FOR ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADES FOR THE 2014-2015 AND 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEARS ONLY.*

Current law, under GS 115C-83.15, requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to calculate a school performance score for all schools in the state based on a formula using school achievement and growth data and to convert the total school performance score to a 100-point scale, which is used to determine a school performance grade for each school based on a 10-point scale where a performance score of 90 or above is an overall performance grade of A, a school performance score of at least 80 is an overall performance grade of B, a school performance score of at least 70 is an overall performance grade of C, a school performance score of at least 60 is an overall performance grade of D, and a school performance score of less than 60 is an overall performance grade of F.

Provides that regardless of the provisions of GS 115C-83.15(d), the SBE is required, only for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years, to convert the total school performance score to a 100-point scale and to determine a school performance grade for each school based on a 15-point scale where a performance score of 85 or above is an overall performance grade of A, a school performance score of at least 70 is an overall performance grade of B, a school performance score of at least 55 is an overall performance grade of C, a school performance score of at least 40 is an overall performance grade of D, and a school performance score of less than 40 is an overall performance grade of F.

**Intro. by Tillman, Soucek.**

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education**

S 451 (2015-2016) **PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS TO TIMELY ADJUST THE COST PRICE AND TO MAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS.*

Enacts new GS 58-56A-3 requiring that in order for a prescription drug to be placed on the maximum allowable cost price list, that the drug be available for purchase by pharmacies in the state from national or regional wholesalers, must not be obsolete, and either (1) be listed as "A" or "B" rated in the most recent version of the US Food and Drug Administration's Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations or (2) have an "NR" or "NA" rating, or similar rating, by a nationally recognized reference. Requires a pharmacy benefits manager to adjust or remove

a maximum allowable cost price for a prescription drug as necessary for a cost of a prescription drug to remain consistent with changes in the national marketplace. Requires a review of the maximum allowable cost prices for removal or modification to be completed by the pharmacy benefits manager at least once every seven business days. Requires a pharmacy benefits manager to provide a way for the contracted pharmacies to promptly review current prices within one business day of the change or removal. Imposes a fee of no less than \$100 and no more than \$1,000 per day per drug on a pharmacy benefits manager that does not perform any review, adjustment, or removal in a timely manner.

Amends GS 58-63-15 to add the following to those that are considered unfair methods of competition and unfair and deceptive acts or practices in insurance: (1) any violation of the prohibition against waiver, discount, rebate, or distortion of a copayment or coinsurance of any insurer, policy, or plan, or any violation of the prohibition against waiver of the collection of copayments owed by recipients of Medicaid and NC Health Choice and (2) a failure by a pharmacy benefits manager to perform in a timely manner any review, adjustment, or removal.

Effective October 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Tillman.**

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**Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers**

S 452 (2015-2016) **STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS REFUND MODIFICATION**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO EXTEND THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR OBTAINING A REFUND OF THE INCOME TAX PAID ON AIRLINE PAYMENT AMOUNTS*.

Allows a qualified airline employee, or the surviving spouse of a qualified airline employee, that meets all of the following conditions to apply for a refund of the state individual income tax paid on the airline payment amount that was transferred to a traditional IRA: (1) received an airline payment amount in a taxable year beginning before January 1, 2012, and included the amount in federal adjusted gross income; (2) transferred any portion of the airline payment amount to a traditional IRA, either directly or indirectly from a Roth IRA, by August 13, 2012; and (3) filed a claim for refund of federal individual income tax paid on the airline payment amount by April 15, 2015, that was accepted by the Internal Revenue Service. Requires a refund request to be made on or before October 15, 2015; requests received after that date are barred.

**Intro. by J. Davis.**

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**Government, Tax**

S 453 (2015-2016) **REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 2015**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA BY PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, BY ELIMINATING CERTAIN UNNECESSARY OR OUTDATED STATUTES AND REGULATIONS AND MODERNIZING OR SIMPLIFYING CUMBERSOME OR OUTDATED REGULATIONS, AND BY MAKING VARIOUS OTHER STATUTORY CHANGES*.

To be summarized.

**Intro. by Wade, Brock, B. Jackson.**

GS 1, GS 8, GS 14, GS 15A, GS 20, GS 74, GS 93A, GS 105, GS 113, GS 113A, GS 120, GS 122C, GS 130A, GS 143, GS 143B, GS 150B

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S 454 (2015-2016) [AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR LICENSING BOARD](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR SHOPS AND COLLISION REPAIRS*.

Enacts new GS Chapter 93F, Motor Vehicle Repair Shops and Collision Repair Estimators and Technicians. Prohibits a person after December 1, 2015, from owning or operating a motor vehicle repair shop or engaging in business as a collision repair estimator, service advisor, collision repair technician, or mechanical repair technician without being licensed under the Chapter with specified exemptions. Establishes the NC Board of Examiners for Motor Vehicle Repair Shops and Collision Repairs (Board), with seven members to administer the Chapter. Sets out qualifications for licensure as a collision repair estimator or service advisor, as a collision repair technician or mechanical repair technician, and as a motor vehicle repair shop. Establishes fees that may be charged by the Board and the Board's disciplinary authority. Makes it illegal for a repair shop to request or accept funds from an insurance company or any agency of a licensed insurer if the shop is not licensed. Requires motor vehicle repair shops to maintain repair records, which must be available to the customer for at least 36 months from the last date of service. Allows the Board to apply for injunctive relief for violations of the Chapter. Amends GS 58-33-76 to prohibit an insurance company, agent, adjuster, or appraiser or any other person employed to perform their services from negotiating or reimbursing for repairs with an unlicensed motor vehicle repair shop.

**Intro. by Tucker.**

[GS 58, GS 93F](#)

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**[Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle](#)**

S 455 (2015-2016) [IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT*.

Enacts new Article 6A, Iran Divestment Act, in GS Chapter 143C. Sets out General Assembly findings. Defines terms as they are used in the act. Requires the Secretary of State, no more than 120 days after the effective date of the act, to develop a list of persons it determines engage in investment activities in Iran and update the list every 180 days. Specifies steps that must be taken before a person is included in the list. Requires a state agency to require a person attempting to contract with the state or a political subdivision of the state to certify at the time that the bid is submitted or the contract is entered into, renewed, or assigned, that the person is not identified on the list. Prohibits a person contracting with the state or a political subdivision of the state from using on the contract any subcontractor that is on the list. Sets out the procedure for when a person certifying that they are not on the list is in fact on the list. Prohibits a person on the list from contracting with the state or any political subdivision of the state and makes any contract entered into with an ineligible person void ab initio. This prohibition does not apply to contracts valued at \$1,000 or less. Prohibits the North Carolina Retirement System or the State Treasurer from investing funds with a person on the list and requires any existing investments in violation of the prohibition to be divested within 120 days of the effective date of the act. Allows a person engaged in investment activities in Iran to contract with the state or political subdivision of the state, and allows an investment to be made in a person engaged in investment activities in Iran, on a case-by-case basis if specified conditions are met. Requires the Secretary of State to report to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor annually by October 1, on the status of the federal Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010, this act, and any rules or regulations adopted thereunder. Makes the restrictions provided for in this Article apply only until: (1) the President or US

Congress declares that divestment of the type provided for in this Article interferes with the conduct of United States foreign policy or (2) Congress revokes authority to divest in the manner provided for in this Article.

Requires the Secretary of State to submit a written notice describing this act to the US Attorney General within 30 days after the effective date of the act.

Effective October 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Gunn.**

[GS 143C](#)

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Government](#)

S 456 (2015-2016) [CHARTER SCHOOL MODIFICATIONS](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL STATUTES AND TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT RULES REGARDING REPLICATION OF CERTAIN CHARTER SCHOOLS*.

Amends GS 115C-218.5(e) concerning enrollment growth as a material revision of the charter application, providing that the State Board of Education, in its discretion, may approve enrollment growth greater than 20% by considering the specified factors (previously, was required to find all of the specified factors existed). Deletes the requirement that the State Board must find that it is otherwise appropriate to approve enrollment growth in lieu of language that provides that it must consider any other factor it deemed relevant. Effective beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

Amends GS 115C-218.95(b) concerning the adoption of criteria for adequate performance by a charter school, providing that the criteria must include a requirement that a charter school that receives an overall performance grade, calculated pursuant to GS 115C-83.15, of an "F" in any two years in a three-year period is inadequate (previously, included a requirement that a charter school that demonstrated no growth in student performance and had annual performance composites below 60% in any two years in a three-year period was inadequate). Adds language that provides that in cases where the State Board of Education is authorized to terminate or seek applicants to assume the charter school and the school has had a charter for more than five years, the State Board of Education cannot terminate or not renew an inadequate charter for inadequate performance if the academic achievement is comparable to the traditional public school located within a local school administrative unit within a 20 mile radius of the charter school's location or if the school has implemented a strategic plan and is making measurable progress toward adequate student performance goals. Effective beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

Amends GS 115C-218.5(d) to provide that the State Board of Education can renew the charter upon the request of the chartering entity for subsequent periods not to exceed 10 years each (was, periods of 10 years each). Further provides that any renewal must be for a period of 10 years unless one of the specified conditions apply (was, could be for less than 10 years if any of the conditions applied). Applies to any renewal of a charter on or after the date this act becomes law.

Requires the State Board of Education to adopt a process and rules for replication of high-quality charter schools that meet certain requirements, by September 15, 2015. Directs the State Board of Education to report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee by November 15, 2015, in regards to the process and rules for charter school replication.

**Intro. by Tillman.**

[GS 115C](#)

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S 457 (2015-2016) [SDIP OPT-OUT](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO ALLOW AUTOMOBILE INSURERS TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT INSURER-SPECIFIC DRIVER INCENTIVE PLANS.*

Enacts new GS 58-36-65(n) providing that on or after September 1, 2016, an insurer that writes nonfleet private passenger motor vehicle insurance can, instead of setting rates under the Safe Driver Incentive Plan (SDIP), decide to develop, file, and implement an insurer-specific driver incentive plan as provided for in this subsection. If no election is made for the incentive plan then the SDIP plan must be implemented. Sets out the contents of the insurer-specific plan, procedures and revisions for the insurer-specific plan, as well as the scope of the plan, providing that the insurer-specific driver incentive plan must adequately and factually distinguish among different classes of drivers. Further provides that the insurer must make its election of the plan by notifying the Commissioner of Insurance on the proper prescribed form.

Enacts new GS 58-36-75(i) providing that the provisions of the statute have no effect or application to drivers, risks, and coverages retained by an insurer that has elected to and has filed an insurer-specific driver incentive plan with the Commissioner of Insurance under GS 58-36-65(n).

**Intro. by Meredith.**

[GS 58](#)

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

S 458 (2015-2016) [RELIGIOUS ORGS: CLARIFY PROP. TAX EXEMPTION](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS ARE EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAX.*

Amends GS 105-278.3 concerning the use of real and personal property for religious purposes, providing that bona fide religious organizations, including those recognized by the IRS under section 501(c)(3) of the Code, may obtain tax exemption for their properties when the other requirements of the section are met.

Effective for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Daniel.**

[GS 105](#)

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[Government, Tax](#)

S 459 (2015-2016) [MODIFY LETTERS OF OBJECTION REQUIREMENTS](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE OBJECTION PROCESS FOR ADOPTED RULES.*

Amends GS 150B-21.3 to require the Rules Review Commission to make available a form to be used for people to submit objections to the adoption of a permanent rule. Increases the number of written objections needed to delay the implementation of the rule from 10 to 50. Adds that a person is qualified to object if the person is a state resident, not including a lobbyist acting on behalf of the lobbyist's principal, has a legal interest in property in the state, or is incorporated or doing business in the state. Makes conforming changes. Applies to permanent rules adopted on or after the date that the act becomes law.

**Intro. by Daniel.**

[GS 150B](#)

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[Government, APA/Rule Making](#)

S 460 (2015-2016) [REAL PROP./ERROR CORRECTION & TITLE CURATIVE](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROCEDURES FOR CORRECTING TYPOGRAPHICAL, OBVIOUS DESCRIPTION, OR OTHER MINOR ERRORS IN RECORDED INSTRUMENTS AND TO CREATE A TEN-YEAR CURATIVE PROVISION FOR CERTAIN DEFECTS IN RECORDED INSTRUMENTS.*

Repeals GS 47-36.1, correction of errors in recorded instruments.

Enacts new GS 47-36.2, Correction of errors in recorded instruments. Sets out and defines terms as they are used in the statute. Allows obvious description errors or typographical or other minor errors in a recorded deed, deed of trust, or other instrument purporting to convey or transfer an interest in real property to be corrected by recording a corrective affidavit with the register of deeds in every county where the real property is situated as long as a correction of an obvious description is not inconsistent with the description of the property in any recorded subdivision plat. Requires the attorney of record to provide notice and a copy of the affidavit for all persons specified in the statute before recording a corrective affidavit. Sets out further requirements for the notice, including the form of service. If no written objection to the recordation of the corrective affidavit or dispute of the facts recited in the affidavit has been received after 30 days of receipt of the notice, the attorney may record the corrective affidavit and all parties to the instrument being corrected are bound by its terms. Requires the corrective affidavit to be notarized and specifies its contents. Specifies that a corrective affidavit recorded under this statute operates as a correction of the deed, deed of trust, or other instrument and relates back to the date of the original recordation as if the instrument was correct when first recorded. Requires a title insurance company, upon request, to issue an endorsement to reflect the corrections made by the corrective affidavit. Specifies how the register of deeds must record the corrective affidavit. Requires recording costs to be paid by the party submitting the affidavit. Sets out the form of the corrective affidavit. Provides that if a corrective affidavit is solely made by a notary public to correct a notarial certificate that was attached to an instrument already recorded with the register of deeds, the notary public must complete the corrective affidavit.

Enacts new GS 47-108.27 providing that if an instrument conveying or purporting to convey an interest in real property containing a material defect, irregularity, or omission is recorded by the register of deeds in the county where the property is situated and the defect, irregularity, or omission is not corrected before 10 years have elapsed after recording, then the instrument is deemed effective for all purposes and to the same extent as though the instrument had not contained the defect, irregularity, or omission. Defines a *material defect, irregularity, or omission* as when the recorded instrument facially fails to comply with: (1) the proper execution of a form of acknowledgment, (2) the proper execution of a corporate conveyance, or (3) the proper affixation of a seal by an officer authorized to execute an instrument by virtue of an office or appointment held by the grantor.

Applies to corrective affidavits filed on or after October 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Daniel.**

[GS 47](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing](#)

S 461 (2015-2016) [ELIMINATE TOBACCO DISCOUNT](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO REPEAL THE DISCOUNT TO TOBACCO VENDORS WHO FILE A TIMELY REPORT.*

As title indicates.

Effective July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Hartsell.**

[GS 105](#)

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[Government, Tax](#)

S 462 (2015-2016) [PUBLIC AUTHORITIES/NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT A PUBLIC AUTHORITY MAY ESTABLISH, OWN, AND OPERATE A NONPROFIT CORPORATION WITH TAX EXEMPT STATUS*.

As title indicates.

**Intro. by Hartsell.**

GS 159

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S 463 (2015-2016) [INCREASE ACCESS TO EDUCATION](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT PROVIDING FOR INCREASED ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION*.

Amends GS 116-143.1 to add that despite other provisions in the statute, resident tuition status is given to an individual who has attended school in this state for at least three consecutive years immediately before graduation and has a North Carolina high school diploma or a general education diploma issued by the state.

**Intro. by Hartsell.**

GS 116

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[Education, Higher Education](#)

S 464 (2015-2016) [FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT UNC STRATEGIC PLAN](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGIC PLAN ADOPTED FOR THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM*.

Appropriates \$15 million for 2015-16 and \$15 million for 2016-17 from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors as the title indicates.

Effective July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Hartsell.**

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S 488 (2015-2016) [AMEND UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT.-AB](#) Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT (UIFSA)*.

Identical to [H 298](#), filed 3/18/15.

Amends GS 52C-1-101 to provide that the defined terms apply throughout GS Chapter 52C (Uniform Interstate Family Support Act) and not just Article 1 of the Chapter (General Provisions). Adds and defines *convention, Department, foreign country, foreign support order, foreign tribunal, issuing foreign country, outside the state, person, and record*. Amends the following terms to include reference to a foreign country: *child support order, home state, initiating tribunal* (which is also amended to encompass the term *initiating state*), and *obligee*. Amends the following terms: *income-withholding order, obligee, registering tribunal, responding*

*state, support enforcement agency, support order, and tribunal.* Makes additional clarifying and technical changes to the definitions.

Amends GS 52C-1-102 to clarify that the General Court of Justice, District Court Division, is the tribunal of the state and adds that the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services (Department) and the county support agencies are the state's support enforcement agencies.

Amends GS 52C-1-103 to provide that the remedies provided under the Chapter do not affect the recognition of a foreign support order on the basis of comity. Adds that the Chapter does not (1) provide the exclusive method of establishing or enforcing a support order under the law of this state or (2) grant a tribunal of this state jurisdiction to render judgment or issue an order relating to child custody or visitation in a proceeding under this Chapter.

Enacts new GS 52C-1-104 to require a tribunal of the state to apply Articles 1 through 6, as applicable, and Article 7 to support proceedings involving a foreign support order; a foreign tribunal; or an obligee, obligor, or child residing in a foreign country. Specifies the applicability of those chapters is specified circumstances.

Amends GS 52C-2-201 to allow a tribunal of the state to exercise personal jurisdiction over a nonresident in a proceeding to establish or enforce (was, establish, enforce, or modify) a support order or to determine parentage if the specified conditions are met. Modifies those conditions to no longer require the individual to have asserted paternity in an affidavit with the superior court. Adds that the bases of personal jurisdiction may not be used to acquire personal jurisdiction for a tribunal of the state to modify a child support order of another state unless the requirements of GS 52C-6-611 (modifications of child support order of another state) are met, or, in the case of a foreign support order, unless the requirements of new GS 52C-6-615 (jurisdiction to modify child support order of foreign country) are met.

Amends GS 52C-2-202 by deleting the current content of the statute and providing instead that personal jurisdiction acquired by a tribunal of this state in a proceeding under this Chapter or other law of this state relating to a support order continues as long as a tribunal of this state has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction to modify its order or continuing jurisdiction to enforce its order.

Amends GS 52C-2-203 and GS 52C-2-204 to include foreign countries as they relate to the statute.

Amends GS 52C-2-205 to provide that a tribunal of this state that has issued a child support order consistent with state law has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction to modify its child support order if the order is the controlling order and: (1) at the time of the filing of a request for modification, this state is the residence of the obligor, the individual obligee, or the child for whose benefit the support order is issued or (2) even if this state is not the residence of the obligor, the individual obligee, or the child for whose benefit the support order is issued, the parties consent in a record or in open court that the tribunal of this state may continue to exercise jurisdiction to modify its order. Provides that a tribunal of this state that has issued a child support order consistent with the law of this state may not exercise continuing, exclusive jurisdiction to modify the order if: (1) all of the parties who are individuals file consent in a record with the tribunal that a tribunal of another state that has jurisdiction over at least one of the parties who is an individual or that is located in the state of residence of the child may modify that order and assume continuing, exclusive jurisdiction; or (2) its order is not the controlling order. Provides that if a tribunal of another state has issued a child support order under the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act or a substantially similar law that modifies a child support order of a tribunal of this state, tribunals of this state must recognize the continuing, exclusive jurisdiction of the tribunal of the other state. Adds that a tribunal of this state that does not have continuing, exclusive jurisdiction to modify a child support order may serve as an initiating tribunal to request a tribunal of another state to modify a support order issued in that state.

Amends GS 52C-2-206 to allow a tribunal of this state that has issued a child support order to serve as an initiating tribunal to request a tribunal of another state to enforce: (1) the order if the order is the controlling order and has not been modified by a tribunal of another state that assumed jurisdiction or (2) a money judgment for arrears of support and interest on the order accrued before a determination that an order of a tribunal of another state is the controlling order. Makes conforming and clarifying changes.

Amends GS 52C-2-207 to amend the information that must be included in a request to determine which order controls when multiple child support orders have been issued for the same obligor and child. Amends the information that must be included in the order when the tribunal determines which order controls or issues a new controlling order. Requires that an order that has been determined to be the controlling order or a judgment for consolidated arrears of support and inters made under the statute must be recognized in proceedings under this Chapter. Makes additional conforming and clarifying changes.

Amends GS 52C-2-209 to require a tribunal of the state to credit amounts collected for a particular period under a child support order against the amounts owed for the same period under any other child support order for support of the same child that was issued by a tribunal of this state, another state, or a foreign country.

Enacts new GS 52C-2-210 to set out powers a tribunal of this state has when exercising personal jurisdiction over a nonresident in a proceeding under the Chapter, under other laws of this state relating to a support order, or recognizing a foreign support order.

Enacts new GS 52C-2-211 giving a tribunal of this state issuing a spousal support order continuing, exclusive jurisdiction to modify the order throughout the existence of the obligation; prohibiting the tribunal from modifying a spousal support order issued by another state or foreign country with exclusive jurisdiction over that order; and setting out powers of a tribunal with continuing, exclusive jurisdiction over a spousal support order.

Amends GS 52C-3-304 to no longer require an initiating tribunal to provide three copies of the petition. Further amends the duties of an initiating tribunal.

Amends GS 52C-3-305 to modify the powers of a responding tribunal of this state to allow determining the controlling child support order and allows ordering an obligor to keep the tribunal informed of the obligor's current email address. Adds the requirement that a responding tribunal, if requested to enforce a support order, arrears, or judgment or modify a support order stated in a foreign currency, to convert the amount to dollars.

Amends GS 52C-3-307 to require a support enforcement agency, upon request, to provide services to a petitioner requesting services through a central authority of a foreign country. Also allows a support enforcement agency to provide services to a petitioner who does not live in the state. Requires a support enforcement agency requesting registration of a child support order in this state for enforcement or for modification to make reasonable efforts to: (1) ensure that the order to be registered is the controlling order or (2) if two or more child support orders exist and the identity of the controlling order has not been determined, ensure that a request for such a determination is made. Requires a support enforcement agency requesting registration and enforcement of a support order, arrears, or judgment stated in a foreign currency to convert the amounts to dollars. Requires a support enforcement agency of this state to request a tribunal of this state to issue a child support order and an income-withholding order that redirect payment of current support, arrears, and interest if requested by a support enforcement agency of another state. Makes additional conforming and clarifying changes.

Amends GS 52C-3-308 by deleting the current provisions stating the district attorney's duty. Adds that the Department may order the agency to perform its duties or may provide those services directly if the Department determines that the support enforcement agency is neglecting or refusing to provide services. Allows the Department to determine that a foreign country has established a reciprocal arrangement for child support with this state and take appropriate action for notification of the determination.

Amends GS 52C-3-309 to clarify the Department's duties as the state information agency under the Chapter.

Amends GS 52C-3-310 to make clarifying changes and include reference to orders from another state or foreign country.

Amends GS 52C-3-311 to amend the procedure for protecting identifying information of a child. Allows the tribunal to order disclosure of information that the tribunal determines to be in the best interest of justice after a hearing that takes into consideration the party's or child's health, safety, or liberty.

Amends GS 52C-3-315 to require (was, allow) a tribunal of the state to permit a party or witness residing outside of the state to be deposed or testify by phone, audiovisual means, or other electronic means. Adds that a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity, certified as a true copy, is admissible to establish parentage. Makes additional clarifying and conforming changes.

Amends GS 52C-3-316 to allow communication between tribunals via email.

Amends GS 52C-3-318 to specify duties of the support enforcement agency or tribunal of this state when neither the obligor, the obligee, nor the child reside in the state. Requires the support enforcement agency of this state receiving redirected payments from another state to give a requesting party or tribunal of the other state a certified statement by the custodian of the record of the amount and dates of all payments received.

Makes additional clarifying, technical, and organizational changes to Article 3 of the Chapter.

Amends GS 52C-4-401 to modify the circumstances under which a tribunal may issue a temporary child support order.

Enacts new GS 52C-4-402 allowing a tribunal of this state authorized to determine parentage of a child to serve as a responding tribunal in a proceeding to determine parentage of a child.

Amends GS 52C-5-501 to allow an income withholding order issued in another state to be sent by or on behalf of the obligee, or by the support enforcement agency, to the obligor's employer or payor without first filing a petition or registering the order with a tribunal. Deletes the provisions concerning obligors receiving unemployment.

Amends GS 52C-5-506 by specifying how an obligor may contest the validity or enforcement of an income-withholding order issued in another state and received directly by an employer in this state. Makes other clarifying changes.

Amends GS 52C-6-602 to set out actions a person requesting registration of an order of enforcement must take when there are two or more orders in effect. Allows a request for a determination of which order is controlling to be filed separately or with a request for registration and enforcement or for registration and modification. Makes conforming and clarifying changes.

Amends GS 52C-6-604 to provide that the law of the issuing state or county governs the existence and satisfaction of other obligations under the support order. Requires a responding tribunal of this state to apply this state's procedures and remedies to enforce current support and collect arrears and interest due on a support order of another state or a foreign country registered in this state. Adds that after a tribunal of this state or another state determines which is the controlling order and issues an order consolidating arrears, a tribunal of this state must prospectively apply the law of the state or foreign country issuing the controlling order on current and future support and on consolidated arrears.

Amends GS 52C-6-605 to set out notice requirements for the registration of an order when the registering party asserts that two or more orders are in effect.

Amends GS 52C-6-607 to add to the defenses that a party contesting the validity of enforcement of a support order must prove to include that the alleged controlling order is not the controlling order.

Amends GS 52C-6-611 to provide that in a proceeding to modify a child support order, the law of the state that issued the initial controlling order governs the duration of the obligation. The obligor's fulfillment of the duty of support precludes imposition of a further obligation of a support by a tribunal in this state. Specifies that a tribunal of this state retains jurisdiction to modify an order issued by this state if one party resides in another state and the other party resides outside the United States.

Amends GS 52C-6-612 to provide that if a child support order issued by a tribunal of this state is modified by another state which assumed jurisdiction under the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, the tribunal may perform specified acts and must recognize the modifying order of the other state upon registration.

Adds new Part 4, Registration and Modification of Foreign Child Support Order. Enacts statutes concerning the jurisdiction to modify child support orders of foreign counties and the procedure for registering a child support order of

a foreign country in order to modify and enforce the order.

Amends Article 7 of the Chapter as follows. Deletes the content of GS 52C-7-701 and replaces it with terms and their definitions, as used in the article. Specifies that the Article applies only to a support proceeding under the Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance (Convention). Recognizes the Department as the agency designated to perform specific functions under the Convention. Specifies the Department's responsibilities in support proceedings under the Article. Sets out six support proceedings that are available to an obligee and three that are available to an obligor under the Convention. Sets out provisions governing a petitioner's direct request seeking establishment or modification of a support order or determination of parentage of a child. Requires a party seeking recognition of a Convention support order to register the order in this state and sets out what must be included with the request. Specifies when a tribunal of the state may vacate the registration of a Convention support order. Sets out the procedure for contesting a registered Convention support order. Requires a tribunal of this state to recognize and enforce a registered Convention support order unless one of the ten grounds are met for refusing recognition and enforcement. Requires a tribunal of this state to recognize and enforce a foreign support agreement registered in this state unless specified circumstances exist. Sets out items that must be included with an application or direct request for recognition and enforcement of a foreign support agreement. Prohibits a tribunal of this state from modifying a Convention support order if the obligee remains a resident of the foreign country where the order was issued unless specified circumstances exist.

Amends Article 8 to make clarifying and conforming changes.

Amends GS 52C-9-901 to provide that in applying and construing this uniform action, consideration must be given to the need to promote uniformity of the law among states enacting it.

Enacts new GS 52C-9-901.1 to provide that the Chapter applies to proceedings begun on or after the effective date of this Chapter to establish a support order or determine parentage of a child or to register, recognize, enforce, or modify a prior support order, determination, or agreement, whenever issued or entered.

Makes changes throughout by adding reference to orders from foreign countries.

**Intro. by Pate.**

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S 489 (2015-2016) [DHHS CHILD SUPPORT RECOMMENDATIONS.-AB](#) Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES THAT WILL RESULT IN MORE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT TO FAMILIES.*

Identical to [H 297](#) filed on 3/18/15.

Amends GS 110-130.1 to add that any fee imposed by the Department of Revenue or the Secretary of the Treasury to cover the costs of withholdings for administrative offsets are to be borne by the client.

Amends GS 110-136.4, concerning child support withholdings in IV-D cases, to allow the obligee to serve the payor with the required notice of obligation to withhold by electronic transmission in compliance with specified procedures; allows for this type of notice whether or not the withholding was contested. Also allows the IV-D agency to serve the payor with a notice of obligation to withhold, and service of notices to subsequent payors of their obligation to withhold when the obligor changes jobs, by electronic transmission in compliance with specified procedures.

Amends GS 110-139.2 to require only reference to the applicable law (instead of providing a copy of the law) in the notice to the obligor of levy on an account with a financial institution.

**Intro. by Pate.**

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**Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Family Law, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Child Welfare**

S 506 (2015-2016) [AMENDMENT CONVENTION PROCEDURES](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPLY TO CONGRESS FOR THE CALLING OF A CONVENTION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.*

Applies to Congress for the calling of a convention of the states to decide whether the proposed countermand amendment should be sent back to the state legislatures for ratification. 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. Directs congress to call the convention within 60 days of receiving the 34th call for the convention. Requires the Secretary of State to transmit copies of this act to specified entities.

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## LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 12 (2015-2016) [AMEND GASTON FOSTER CARE OMBUDSMAN PROG](#). Filed Jan 28 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE FOSTER CARE OMBUDSMAN PILOT PROGRAM IN GASTON COUNTY.*

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

Repeals Sections 2 and 3 of SL 2013-111, concerning hearings involving foster care and the foster care ombudsman.

Amends GS 7B-906.1 (Review and permanency planning hearing), providing that the clerk will also issue a notice of a permanency planning hearing at least 15 days in advance to the foster care ombudsman. Provides that at any permanency planning hearing the court will consider information from the foster care ombudsman that will aid in its review.

Provides that the act applies only to Gaston County.

**Intro. by Torbett.**

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H 353 (2015-2016) [WILSON'S MILLS/SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF WILSON'S MILLS.*

Amends GS 160A-58.1 to add Wilson's Mills to those cities where a noncontiguous area proposed for annexation does not have to meet the requirement that the area within the proposed satellite corporate limits, when added to the area within all other satellite corporate limits, not exceed 10% of the area within the primary corporate limits of the annexing city.

**Intro. by Langdon, Daughtry.**

Johnston



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H 363 (2015-2016) [HIGH POINT/DOUGHNUT ANNEXATIONS](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ANNEX AREAS COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY THE CITY'S PRIMARY CORPORATE LIMITS WITHOUT PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ON THE ANNEXATION ORDINANCE*.

Adds a new Section 9.9 to the High Point Charter, Chapter 501 of the 1979 Session Laws. Allows High Point to annex an area under Part 7 (Annexations Initiated by Municipalities) of Article 4A of GS Chapter 160A without a referendum if the total area to be annexed is completely surrounded by the city's primary corporate limits.

**Intro. by Faircloth.**

[Davidson, Forsyth, Guilford, Randolph](#)

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## ACTIONS ON BILLS

### PUBLIC BILLS

#### **H 13: [AMEND SCHOOL HEALTH ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT.](#)**

*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 16: [REPEAL OUTDATED REPORTS.-AB](#)**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

#### **H 29: [TECHNICAL CHANGES TO COURSES OF STUDY STATUTE.](#)**

*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 46: [SENIOR TAX DEDUCTION FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES.](#)**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On Finance*

#### **H 50: [AMEND MAND. RETIRE. AGE/JUDGES & MAGISTRATES.](#)**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

#### **H 78: [ENACT MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT.](#)**

*House: Reptd Unfav*

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

*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 86: UTILITY LINE RELOACTION/SCHOOL BOARD.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On Transportation*

**H 127: DOT CONDEMNATION CHANGES.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Appropriations*

**H 146: AMEND ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES LAWS.**

*House: Postponed To 03/26/2015*

**H 151: PROPERTY INSURANCE RATEMAKING REFORM.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 152: NEW HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

**H 156: LEGAL NOTICES/REQUIRE INTERNET PUBLICATION.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

**H 173: OMNIBUS CRIMINAL LAW BILL.**

*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 184: CHANGE DCR PROCESS FOR UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.-AB**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref Com On Judiciary III*

**H 201: ZONING CHANGES/CITIZEN INPUT.**

*House: Amend Adopted A2*

*House: Amend Adopted A3*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

*House: Ordered Engrossed*

**H 211: EXPAND USE OF TOXICOLOGY FUNDS.**

*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 216: GREAT LEADERS FOR GREAT SCHOOLS/STUDY.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 242: WHITE COLLAR INVESTIGATION.**

*House: Amend Adopted A1*

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

**H 244: COMMUNITY CORR./INTERSTATE COMPACT/FUND.-AB**

*House: Serial Referral To Appropriations Stricken*

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

**H 265: NCEMPA ASSET SALE.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Finance*

**H 267: AMEND RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTICE ACT.-AB**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Finance*

**H 276: AGENCY PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES ACT OF 2015.-AB**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref Com On Pensions and Retirement*

**H 281: RECORDS TO MEDICAL EXAMINER.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/26/2015*

**H 286: DENTAL HYGIENISTS/INTRAORAL LOCAL ANESTHETICS.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/26/2015*

**H 293: ADOPTION LAW CHANGES.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

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

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 295: JUVENILE MEDIA RELEASE.-AB**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 297: DHHS CHILD SUPPORT RECOMMENDATIONS.-AB**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

**H 303: DISPUTE RESOLUTION AMENDMENTS.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Finance*

**H 334: CHARTER SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY FEES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Education - K-12*

**H 335: GREEN TEACHER NETWORK PILOT PROGRAM.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Appropriations*

**H 336: HOA-JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Local Government*

**H 338: FAIL TO OBTAIN DL/INCREASE PUNISHMENT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Judiciary II*

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

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Environment*

**H 340: WEEKEND BURIALS/STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs*

**H 341: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/NBOME & OTHER DRUGS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Judiciary II*

**H 342: SUPPORTING TITLE I SCHOOLS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Education - K-12*

**H 351: CLARIFY UTILITY RATES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 352: STANDARD OF PROOF/PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 354: CHARTER SCHOOL TRANSPARENCY ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 355: ENHANCE PROTECTION FOR GROUP HOME RESIDENTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 356: NCUC REG. FEE CHANGES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 357: TOXICOLOGY REPORTS/DISTRICT COURT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 358: SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADE SCALE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 359: EXCELLENCE IN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP.**

*House: Filed*

**H 360: RAISE MINIMUM WAGE/SET COLA.**

*House: Filed*

**H 361: PRINCIPLE-BASED RESERVING.**

*House: Filed*

**H 362: CITIES/BUSINESS REGISTRATION.**

*House: Filed*

**H 364: CLARIFY LAWS ON EXEC. ORDERS AND APPOINTMENTS.**

*House: Filed*

**S 6: STATE HEALTH PLAN/REHIRED RETIREE ELIGIBILITY.**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

**S 29: DOB REDACTION REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.**

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received From Senate*

**S 52: CITIES/MEANS FOR ACTIVATING PARKING METERS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Cal*

*Senate: Placed On Cal For 04/01/2015*

**S 71: STAGGER RRC MEMBER TERMS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Cal*

*Senate: Placed On Cal For 04/01/2015*

**S 105: INCLUDE NO. VETERANS EMPLOYED/ANNUAL REPORT.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

**S 112: COMM. FISHING COURSES/COASTAL COLLEGES.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

**S 123: UNIFORM FRAUDULENT TRANSFER ACT.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Cal*

*Senate: Placed On Cal For 04/01/2015*

**S 176: CHARTER SCHOOL GRADE LEVEL EXPANSION.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

**S 199: FUNDS DEPOSITED WITH CLERK OF COURT.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Cal*

*Senate: Placed On Cal For 04/01/2015*

**S 296: HEALTHY FOOD SMALL RETAILER/CORNER STORE ACT.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Health Care*

**S 305: NCEMPA ASSET SALE.**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

**S 326: INCREASE JDIG PROGRAM FUNDING.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 328: COMMUNITY COLLEGE AUDITS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 330: CHANGE ORDERS ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Education/Higher Education*

**S 334: SBCC ELECTION.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

**S 335: ADD BLENDSTOCK TO MOTOR FUEL MARKETING ACT.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 338: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TAX MODIFICATIONS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref to Commerce. If fav, re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 341: REENACT QUALIFIED BUSINESS INVESTMENT CREDIT.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Finance*

**S 342: ECON. DEV./JDIG EXTENSION.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 343: STUDENT ASSAULT ON TEACHER/FELONY OFFENSE.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 344: ADMINISTRATION/NC EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 345: LIMIT STORAGE FEES ON DAMAGED VEHICLE.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref to Transportation. If fav, re-ref to Judiciary II. If fav, re-ref to Finance*

**S 348: EQUAL TAX TREATMENT OF GOVT RETIREES.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Finance*

**S 349: RESTORE DRIVING PRIVILEGES/COMPETENCY.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 352: STATE CRIME LAB CAPACITY ACT/FUNDS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 355: INCREASE SAFETY/PROFESSIONAL HOUSEMOVING.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Transportation*

**S 356: ELECTRONIC ADS/PROPERTY SEIZED BY POLICE.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary II*

**S 372: RENEWABLE ENERGY SAFE HARBOR.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Finance*

**S 373: REPEAL MAP ACT.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 374: MODIFY FOR-HIRE LICENSE LOGBOOK REQUIREMENT.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 375: ADOPT OSPREY AS OFFICIAL STATE RAPTOR.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 376: CLARIFY DISCLOSURE REQS./ELECTIONEERING COMM.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 377: APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR DRUG OVERDOSE MEDS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 379: CEMETERIES LOCATED ON STATE PROPERTY.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 380: LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 381: COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PILOT PROJECT/FUNDS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 382: RFI/PRIVATIZATION OF FERRY SYSTEM.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 384: INCREASE PAY/EXPERIENCED TEACHERS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 385: PAYROLL PROCESSOR SURETY BONDS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 386: REGISTERS OF DEEDS/UCC RECORDING FEES.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 387: SBE CONFIRMATIONS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Select Committee on Nominations*

**S 388: READING ASSESSMENTS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 390: NC CANCER TREATMENT FAIRNESS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 392: LEFT TURN ON RED/DDI.**



*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 393: BRIAN GARLOCK ACT.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 394: PREEMPTION AFFIRMATION ACT.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 395: REFORM MEDICAL EXAMINER SYSTEM.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 398: CONVENTION OF STATES.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 402: AMEND COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE DEFINITION.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 403: HONOR DEAN SMITH.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 405: TRACK SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN EPILEPSY.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 406: REPEAL FEE FOR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 408: FIREARMS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS/SECURITY GUARDS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 409: NEED-BASED SCHOLARS/PRIVATE COLLEGES.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 410: FUNDS FOR ECU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 411: ADDITIONAL EXPUNCTION/DISMISS OR NOT GUILTY.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 412: LIMIT CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 413: STATE EMPLOYEE STATE OF EMERGENCY LEAVE.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 414: REGULATE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SERVICES.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 415: NC VIRTUAL PUBLIC SCHOOL/UMSTEAD EXEMPTION.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 419: LIMIT REVOLVING DOOR EMPLOYMENT.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 420: ACCOUNTABILITY FOR TAXPAYER INVESTMENT BOARD.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 421: MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 422: COUNTY OMNIBUS LEGISLATION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 423: FOSTER CARE FAMILY ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 424: FOSTERING SUCCESS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 425: DOT CONDEMNATION CHANGES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 426: DENR ATTRACTIONS DYNAMIC PRICING FLEXIBILITY.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 427: NC-THINKS/AWARDS ALLOCATION CHANGES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 428: SURCHARGE TRANSPARENCY.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 429: LABOR/2015 TECHNICAL & CONFORMING CHANGES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 430: LRC STUDY/CAMPAIGN ADVERTISING.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 431: FACILITATE STATE PURCHASE/VEHICLES MADE IN NC.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 432: ELECTRONIC PAWN & METALS DATABASE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 433: PROPERTY PROTECTION ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 434: CAP/CLARIFY UTILITY RATE MECHANISMS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 435: BUSINESS COURT AMENDMENT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 436: EVALUATION OF ELECTRICAL GRID/FUNDS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 437: APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR POISON CONTROL.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 438: PERMANENT PLATES/CHARTER SCHOOLS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 439: STUDENTS W/SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 440: LET DENTAL HYGIENISTS ADMINISTER ANESTHETICS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 441: PUBLIC RECORDS - E-MAIL DISCLOSURE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 442: LOCAL GOV'TS/INSPECT BLDGS & STRUCTURES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 443: DRIVERS LICENSE FEE/DONATE LIFE NC.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 444: TEACHER COMPENSATION MODIFICATIONS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 445: BURT'S LAW.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 446: DEALERSHIP LOANER VEHICLES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 447: ENERGY INVESTMENT ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 448: EQUALIZE TAX ON PROPANE USED AS A MOTOR FUEL.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 449: KAPPA ALPHA PSI SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 450: SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADE SCALE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 451: PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 452: STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS REFUND MODIFICATION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 453: REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 2015.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 454: AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR LICENSING BOARD.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 455: IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 456: CHARTER SCHOOL MODIFICATIONS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 457: SDIP OPT-OUT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 458: RELIGIOUS ORGS: CLARIFY PROP. TAX EXEMPTION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 459: MODIFY LETTERS OF OBJECTION REQUIREMENTS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 460: REAL PROP./ERROR CORRECTION & TITLE CURATIVE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 461: ELIMINATE TOBACCO DISCOUNT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 462: PUBLIC AUTHORITIES/NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 463: INCREASE ACCESS TO EDUCATION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 464: FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT UNC STRATEGIC PLAN.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 465: UI/WORK SHARING OPTIONS FOR EMPLOYERS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 466: SELF-SETTLED TRUSTS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 467: WC/NONPROFIT CORP. VOLUNTEERS & OFFICERS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 468: TRUST TAXABLE INCOME CLARIFICATION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 469: OCCUPATIONAL LIC. BD. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 470: IGNITION INTERLOCK REQ'D/ALL DWIS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 471: MODERNIZE COLLECTION AGENCY LAWS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 472: LOCAL INCENTIVES FOR HISTORIC REHABILITATION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 473: PRECINCT OFF'L/ONE-STOP SITE/LATE AB. BALLOTS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 474: AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT STANDARD.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 475: MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ENFORCEMENT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 476: ASSURE SAFE FOOD VIA FOOD HANDLER TRAINING.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 477: PROTECTION OF STATE MONUMENTS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 478: IN-STATE TUITION FOR CERTAIN VETS/FED PROG.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 479: LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN STATE HEALTH PLAN.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 480: UNIFORM POLITICAL ACTIVITY/EMPLOYEES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 481: PROVIDING ACCESS TO ENTREPRENEURS/SM BUSINESS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 482: LLC ACT CLARIFICATION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 483: EFFICIENT AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY RATES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 484: ALLOW SBHCS TO OFFER CONTRACEPTIVES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 485: LAW ENFORCEMENT PRIVACY/PUBLIC WEB SITES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 486: NC TRAIL EXPANSION/ECONOMIC CORRIDORS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 487: HEALTH CHOICE TECHNICAL REVISIONS.-AB**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 488: AMEND UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT.-AB**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 489: DHHS CHILD SUPPORT RECOMMENDATIONS.-AB**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 490: INCREASE ACCESS TO MH SERVICES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 491: MANUFACTURED HOME PURCHASE AGREEMENT CHANGE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 492: LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGE/CHURCH.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 493: POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING VIA TAX RETURN.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 494: STUDENT ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 495: PROVIDE FUNDING/NC MILITARY BUSINESS CENTERS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 496: PROTECT MH/DD/SA CLIENTS FROM ABUSE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 497: ALLOW CHANGE OF OFFICE WITHIN FILING DEADLINE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 498: ENHANCE PATIENT SAFETY IN RADIOLOGIC IMAGING.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 499: PREVENT REPEAT CRIME ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 500: NC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 501: STRENGTHEN THE DO NOT CALL REGISTRY.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 502: PROHIBIT EMPLOYMENT DISC./POOR CREDIT HISTORY.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 503: SEX OFFENSE WITH STUDENT/CHARTER SCHOOLS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 504: MOBILE BEAUTY SALONS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 505: REVOKE CONSENT FOR INTERCOURSE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 506: AMENDMENT CONVENTION PROCEDURES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 507: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDNT CONVENTION/COUNTERMAND.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 508: AMEND BAIL BOND LAWS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 509: PUBLIC AUTHORITY/WEIGHT & PERM. PLATES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 510: NCVPS/EQUAL ACCESS TO EDUCATION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 511: PROOF REQUIRED FOR DEBT/FEEES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 512: DELAY LAW IMPLEMENTATION/VIVA/PAPER BALLOTS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 513: NORTH CAROLINA FARM ACT OF 2015.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 514: CLARIFY LAWS ON EXEC. ORDERS AND APPOINTMENTS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 515: DRIVER EDUCATION FUNDING.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 516: LEO PRIVACY PROTECTION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**LOCAL BILLS**

**H 12: AMEND GASTON FOSTER CARE OMBUDSMAN PROG.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/26/2015*

**H 111: STANLY CO BD. OF ED. RECALL.**

*House: Serial Referral To Local Government Stricken*

**H 112: STANLY CO BD OF ED ELECTION METHOD.**

*House: Serial Referral To Local Government Stricken*

**H 143: CHARLOTTE/CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.**



*House: Regular Message Sent To Senate*  
*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*  
*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*  
*Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

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

*House: Passed 1st Reading*  
*House: RefTo Com On Local Government*

**H 337: TOWN OF CARY/RELEASE UNNEEDED EASEMENTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*  
*House: RefTo Com On Local Government*

**H 343: CLAYTON/EXTEND ETJ AREA.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*  
*House: Ref to the Com on Local Government, if favorable, Finance*

**H 353: WILSON'S MILLS/SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 363: HIGH POINT/DOUGHNUT ANNEXATIONS.**

*House: Filed*

**S 140: LAKE SANTEETLAH OCCUPANCY TAX AUTHORIZATION.**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

**S 156: MT. GILEAD CHARTER REVISION & CONSOLIDATION.**

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