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PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 229 (2015-2016) [MODIFY RELIGIOUS PROPERTY EXEMPTION](#). Filed Mar 12 2015, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE EXEMPTION FOR REAL PROPERTY USED FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES*.

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

Amends proposed language from the previous edition in GS 105-278.3 to provide that real property does not need to meet the requirement that it be exclusively used for religious purposes in order to be exempt from taxation if the building and the land occupied by the building is under construction and intended to be wholly and exclusively used by its owner for religious purposes on completion. Also provides that, for the purposes of the subdivision, a building is under construction starting when a building permit is issued and ending at the earlier of (1) 90 days after a certificate of occupancy is issued or (2) 180 days after the end of active construction (previously, provided that it is exempt from taxation if (1) it is under construction, (2) it is intended to be wholly and exclusively used by its owner for religious purposes upon completion, and (3) it is located on property that meets the requirements of GS 105-278.3(a). Also provided that real property is considered to be under construction until 90 days after a certificate of occupancy is issued).

Intro. by McNeill, Shepard, Riddell, Pierce.

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

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*.

Amends GS 62-302(a) to clarify that the regulatory fee collected from public utilities is also for use in maintaining a reasonable margin for a reserve fund as well as to pay the expenses of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) and the Public Staff in regulating public utilities. Prohibits the amount in the reserve from exceeding one-half of the cost of operating the Commission and the Public Staff as reflected in the certified budget for the previous fiscal year.

Repeals subdivisions (4), (5), (6), and (10) of Section 14.19(e1) of SL 2009-451. Section 14.19(e1) provided that beginning in the 2009-10 fiscal year, cash balances in specified utilities fund codes, as of June 30 annually, that were more than 20% of the operating budget for each Fund reverted to the General Fund. The repeal removes utility-related fund codes from that requirement.

Effective July 1, 2015, and applying to jurisdictional revenues earned in each quarter that begins on or after July 1, 2015, amends GS 62-30(b), as amended by this act, adding a new subdivision (2) to set the public utility fee as a percentage of a utility's jurisdictional revenues, unless the fee is adjusted under the provisions of new subdivision (3) after review of the estimated cost by the Commission in the first half of each calendar year. Sets the electric membership corporation regulatory fee at \$200,000 for each fiscal year. Provides criteria for fee changes.

Effective July 1, 2016, and applying to jurisdictional revenues earned in each quarter that begins on or after July 1, 2016, amends GS 62-302(b)(2) as amended by this act, to again adjust the public utility fee as a percentage of a utility's jurisdictional revenues, unless the fee is adjusted under subdivision (3) of GS 62-302(b).

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

Intro. by Arp, Collins, Warren.

[GS 62](#)

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[Public Enterprises and Utilities](#)

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.*

Amends GS 58-58-50, Standard Valuation Law, as follows.

Sets out and defines terms for use in the statute. Provides that current language in the statute applies to policies and contracts issued before the operative date of the valuation manual. Amends that existing language to require the Commissioner of Insurance (Commissioner) to value the reserves for all outstanding life insurance policies, annuity contracts, pure endowment contracts, accident and health insurance contracts, and deposit-type contracts of every life insurance company doing business in the state. Deletes language allowing the Commissioner to certify the amount of the reserves. Specifies which existing statutory provisions apply to policies and contracts issued on or after the effective date of the statute and before the operative date of the valuation manual. Establishes new provisions that apply to all policies and contracts issued on or after the operative date of the valuation manual. Requires the Commissioner to annually value the reserves for all outstanding life insurance contracts, annuity contracts, pure endowment contracts, accident and health insurance contracts, and deposit-type contracts of every company issued on or after the operative date of the valuation manual. Allows the Commissioner to accept a valuation made by the insurance supervisory official of any state or other jurisdiction in lieu of the valuation of the reserves required of a foreign or alien company, if that valuation complies with the minimum statutory standard.

Requires, on or after the operative date of the valuation manual, every company with outstanding life insurance contracts, annuity contracts, pure endowment contracts, accident and health insurance contracts, or deposit-type contracts in this state subject to regulation by the Commissioner to annually submit the opinion of the appointed actuary as to whether the reserves and related actuarial items held in support of the policies and contracts are computed appropriately, are based on assumptions that satisfy contractual provisions, are consistent with previously reported amounts, and comply with applicable state laws. Also requires the inclusion of an opinion of the same appointed actuary as to whether the reserves and related actuarial items held in support of the policies and contracts specified in the valuation manual, when considered in light of the assets held by the company with respect to the reserves and related actuarial items, including, but not limited to, the investment earnings on the assets and the considerations anticipated to be received and retained under the policies and contracts, make adequate provision for the company's obligations under the policies and contracts. Sets out provisions governing the required opinions. Effective when the act becomes law, amends the provisions governing the opinions required in GS 58-58-50 for the time period before the operative date of the valuation manual.

Sets out provisions concerning the applicability of the valuation manual, including the items that must be specified in the manual. Specifies circumstances under which the Commissioner may exempt specific product forms or product lines of a licensed domestic company doing business only in this state from these requirements. Establishes requirements that apply to any principle-based valuation of policies issued on or after the operative date of the valuation manual, including requirements for the reserves.

Sets out 10 provisions governing the confidentiality of information provided to the Commissioner under the statute.

Gives the Department of Insurance full authority to enter into contracts or other agreements with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, or any other state, entity, or person to fulfill the requirements of this statute and exempts those contracts from specified statutory provisions.

The above provisions are effective on the operative date of the manual of valuation instructions adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC).

Amends GS 58-58-55, standard nonforfeiture provisions, to make existing provisions applicable to policies issued before the operative date of the valuation manual and add new language governing policies issued on or after the operative date of the valuation manual. effective on the operative date of the manual of valuation instructions adopted by the NAIC.

Enacts new GS 58-58-51 setting the operative date of the valuation manual as January 1 of the first calendar year beginning the first July 1 as of which: (1) the valuation manual has been adopted by the NAIC by an affirmative vote of at least 42 members, or three-fourths of the members voting, whichever is greater; (2) the model Standard Valuation Law, or legislation including substantially similar terms and provisions, has been enacted by states representing more than 75% of the direct premiums written as reported in the following annual statements submitted for 2008: life, accident and health annual statements; health annual statements; and fraternal annual statements; and (3) the model Standard Valuation Law has been enacted by at least 42 of the following 55 jurisdictions: the 50 states of the United States, American Samoa, the American Virgin Islands, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico.

Includes a severability clause.

Intro. by Collins, Tine, Setzer.

GS 58

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Business and Commerce, Insurance

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*.

Includes various whereas clauses about commissions and conflicts of interest provisions for certain commissions.

Amends GS 130A-309.202 (Coal Ash Management Commission), GS 143B-283 (Environmental Management Commission) and GS 113A-104 (Coastal Resources Commission), deleting provisions that required the Governor to require adequate disclosure of potential conflicts by members as well as requiring the Governor to promulgate criteria regarding conflicts of interest and disclosure for determining the eligibility of individuals. Adds new provisions that provide that the Governor can require additional disclosure of potential conflicts of interest by members. Provides that the Governor can also promulgate criteria regarding conflicts of interest and disclosure for determining the eligibility of individuals.

Amends GS 120-123, a list of boards and commissions upon which no member of the General Assembly can serve, adding the following to the list: North Carolina Longitudinal Data System Board, the Domestic Violence Commission, and the Governor's Crime Commission of the Department of Public Safety.

Amends GS 116E-3 (North Carolina Longitudinal Data System Board), GS 143B-394.15(c) (membership for the Domestic Violence Commission), and GS 143B-1100 (Governor's Crime Commission) making conforming changes, deleting language which provided for the appointment of members of the General Assembly to the different boards and commissions. Adds language providing for the appointment of members of the general public in their place.

Intro. by Lewis.

[GS 113A, GS 116E, GS 120, GS 130A, GS 143B](#)

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[Government, General Assembly, State Government, Executive](#)

H 365 (2015-2016) [ENHANCE PATIENT SAFETY IN OPERATING ROOMS](#). Filed Mar 26 2015, *AN ACT TO ENHANCE PATIENT SAFETY IN HOSPITAL AND AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITY OPERATING ROOMS BY REQUIRING AT LEAST ONE CIRCULATING NURSE TO BE PRESENT IN EACH OPERATING ROOM DURING EACH SURGICAL PROCEDURE.*

Identical to [S 157](#), filed 3/3/15.

Adds new Part 3A (consisting of new GS 131E-89), Patient Safety, to Article 5 of GS Chapter 131E. Enacts new GS 131E-89 and amends GS 131E-153 to require the North Carolina Medical Care Commission to adopt rules to require each licensed hospital to have at least one circulating nurse physically present in each operating room for the duration of each surgical procedure to (1) coordinate the nursing care and patient's safety needs and (2) support the surgical team during surgery. Prohibits the issuance or renewal of a license unless the applicant complies with these requirements. Effective October 1, 2015.

Intro. by

[GS 131E](#)

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[Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers](#)

H 370 (2015-2016) [CERTAIN LOCAL GOVTS IN STATE HEALTH PLAN](#). Filed Mar 26 2015, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE POLK COUNTY, TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY, THE CITY OF BREVARD, AND THE TOWNS OF COLUMBUS, SALUDA, TRYON, AND ROSMAN TO ENROLL THEIR EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS IN THE STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES.*

Amends GS 135-48.47(a) as the title indicates. Provides that the employees and the dependents of those employees of the following local government units are also eligible to participate in the State Health Plan: (1) Transylvania, and Polk Counties; (2) the towns of Columbus, Rosman, Saluda, and Tryon; and (3) the city of Brevard.

Effective July 1, 2015.

Intro. by Whitmire.

[Montgomery, Polk, Transylvania](#)

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

H 373 (2015-2016) [PAPER BALLOTS BY 2020/CERTAIN COUNTIES](#). Filed Mar 26 2015, *AN ACT EXTENDING THE TIMEFRAME TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENT FOR PAPER BALLOTS FROM 2018 TO 2020 FOR COUNTIES THAT EXCLUSIVELY USE DIRECT RECORD ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES FOR ALL CURRENT VOTING REQUIREMENTS.*

As the title indicates.

Intro. by Riddell, Whitmire, Iler.

H 374 (2015-2016) **IDS EFFICIENCY ACT**. Filed Mar 26 2015, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE OFFICE OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES BY APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF AUTOMATED KIOSKS IN CERTAIN LOCAL CONFINEMENT FACILITIES TO ALLOW ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING INDIGENT DEFENDANTS TO CONSULT WITH THEIR CLIENTS REMOTELY.*

Appropriates \$1.6 million for 2015-16 from the General Fund to the Office of Indigent Defense Services (IDS) to establish a system of fully automated kiosks in certain local confinement facilities to allow attorneys representing indigent defendants to consult with their clients remotely. Requires the system to incorporate technology through which meetings between attorneys and their clients cannot be monitored or recorded, thereby preserving confidentiality. Allows the savings realized by using the system to be used at the discretion of the Commission on Indigent Defense Services to (1) continue funding for the use of the kiosk system or (2) increase the rates paid by the Office of Indigent Defense Services to private assigned counsel during the 2015-17 fiscal biennium and provide comparable increases for contract attorneys during the 2015-17 fiscal biennium. Requires IDS to report on the establishment and use of the kiosk system and the corresponding cost savings to the chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety, the chairs of the House Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety, and the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety by February 1 of each year. Effective July 1, 2015.

Intro. by Stam, Reives, Faircloth.

APPROP, STUDY

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Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Government, Budget/Appropriations

H 375 (2015-2016) **REAL PROP./ERROR CORRECTION & TITLE CURATIVE**. Filed Mar 26 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.*

Identical to [S 460](#), as filed on 03/25/15.

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 Jordan, Bryan, Stevens.

GS 47

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

H 377 (2015-2016) **EFFICIENT AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY RATES**. Filed Mar 26 2015, *AN ACT (1) TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH TIERED ELECTRICITY RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, PUBLIC, AND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS TO ENCOURAGE ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY; (2) TO CREATE THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY BANK TO BE USED FOR LOANS TO CUSTOMERS FOR THE COSTS OF CERTAIN ENERGY EFFICIENCY OR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS; AND (3) TO CREATE AN INCENTIVE FOR CONSUMERS TO PURCHASE ENERGY STAR QUALIFIED HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS.*

Identical to [S 483](#), filed 3/25/15.

Enacts new GS 62-115.1 requiring the Utilities Commission (Commission) to develop rate structures for residential, commercial, public, and industrial customers of electric public utilities. Sets out six characteristics that the rate structure must have.

Enacts new GS 62-155.2 to create the Energy Efficiency Bank (Bank) to issue loans to customers for investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Projects are eligible if they result in a lower utility bill for that customer when the bill includes the loan payment due. The Bank funds come from: (1) the proceeds from the avoidable pollution tax levied on the sale of energy inefficient household products; (2) the difference in revenues collected from the highest tiered block of the tiered rate structure and the revenues that would have been due based upon the next lower tiered rate block of the tiered rate structure; (3) the difference in the rate of return on capital expenditures for an electric public utility prior to the closure of a peak demand electric power facility or other peak demand electric power generating source for that utility and the rate of return on capital expenditures for the utility after the closure; and (4) any loan interest paid.

Enacts new Article 5J, Avoidable Pollution Tax for Certain Energy Inefficient Products, in GS Chapter 105. Imposes a privilege tax on an energy inefficient product retailer for each new energy inefficient product the retailer sells. Imposes an excise tax on a new energy inefficient produce sold outside the state for storage or use in the state. Sets the rate for the taxes at 5% of the sales price. Provides for the administration of the tax, exemptions from the tax, and refunds. Requires the taxes, minus the allowance for administrative expenses, to the Bank Fund.

Effective January 1, 2106.

Intro. by Insko, Harrison, Fisher.

GS 62, GS 105

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

H 382 (2015-2016) [EVIDENCE/AMEND RULE 411](#). Filed Mar 26 2015, *AN ACT AMENDING RULE 411 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF EVIDENCE REGARDING THE INADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE ABOUT LIABILITY INSURANCE TO PROVIDE THAT THE RULE DOES NOT APPLY TO PRETRIAL NEGOTIATIONS.*

As the title indicates. Effective October 1, 2015.

Intro. by Baskerville.

GS 8C

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Courts/Judiciary, Evidence

H 385 (2015-2016) [INCREASE SHERIFFS' SUPP. PENSION COURT COST](#). Filed Mar 26 2015, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PORTION OF COURT COSTS USED FOR THE SHERIFFS' SUPPLEMENTAL PENSION FUND.*

Identical to [S 404](#), filed 3/24/15.

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

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

Intro. by McNeill, Presnell, Shepard, Waddell.

GS 7A

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

PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 14 (2015-2016) [ACAD. STANDARDS/RULES REVIEW/COAL ASH/FUNDS](#). Filed Feb 2 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS REVIEW COMMISSION; TO REQUIRE THAT THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS REVIEW COMMISSION POST CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS ON ITS WEB SITE; TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE OFFICER MAY SERVE ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD; TO CLARIFY COAL ASH MANAGEMENT COMMISSION APPROPRIATIONS; TO CLARIFY WHEN A DOWNSTREAM INUNDATION MAP MUST BE PREPARED BY A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER; TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS FOR DAMS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS TO DECEMBER 31, 2015; TO LIMIT THE USE OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE; AND TO REQUIRE A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS BY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES.*

Conference report makes the following changes to the 3d edition.

Changes the long title.

Directs the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to transfer to the Office of Administrative Hearings \$50,000 for fiscal year 2014-15 to allocate to the Rules Review Commission to pay for any litigation costs incurred in the defense of *North Carolina State Board of Education v. The State of North Carolina* and the Rules Review Commission lawsuit filed November 7, 2014. Funds are to remain available during the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Makes a clarifying change to Section 2 of the bill.

Makes a clarifying change to Section 11(a) of the bill and provides that if any of the \$2 million allocated for the health information exchange has not been expended or encumbered as of June 30, 2015, then the same will revert to the General Fund.

Deletes provisions from Section 12A.2(b) of the bill, concerning the nonrecurring \$2 million allocation to Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the State Chief Information Officer (SCIO) to allocate to the NC Health Information Exchange (HIE) an amount reasonably necessary to fund the specified monthly expenses incurred. Now provides that the following specified amounts are to be used to fund expenses incurred or encumbered by the NC HIE between February 1, 2015, and June 30 2015: \$436,010 for specified software vendor maintenance, hosting, and licensing costs; \$356,920 for NC HIE payroll costs; and \$92,160 for operational costs. Provides that DHHS must, within five days, process the payment for the expenses allowed above and incurred or encumbered between February 1, 2015, and June 30 2015.

Deletes provisions from Section 12A.2(b2) concerning debt payments made on behalf of the NC HIE which are determined by DHHS and the SCIO to be reasonably necessary to sustain operations of the software vendor. Now provides in addition to the \$2 million in allocated nonrecurring funds, DHHS must transfer \$150,000 to the SCIO. These funds must be used for the assessment of the existing functionality, structure, and operation of the HIE network.

Makes technical changes.

Deletes all of the provisions of Section 12A.2(d) concerning the submittal of assessments and recommendations to the specified Joint Legislative Committee. Now provides that by June 1, 2015, DHHS, in conjunction with the SCIO, must submit to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, Information Technology, and the Fiscal Research Division the results of the assessment as specified above.

Adds language providing that it is the intent of the General Assembly to continue efforts toward the implementation of a statewide HIE.

Deletes Section 11.5(d) of the bill, which transferred funds for a personal care services study to the State Auditor for the required audit.

Intro. by Brown, Harrington, B. Jackson.

[GS 62](#), [GS 113](#), [GS 143](#), [GS 143B](#)

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**Education, Environment, Government,
Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of
Public Instruction, Department of Administration,
Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Department of Health and Human Services, State Board
of Education**

Conference report makes the following changes to the 5th edition.

Part I

Amends GS 105-153.5(a)(2)a., concerning calculating itemized deduction amounts to provide that a taxpayer electing to take the income exclusion under section 408(d)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) for taxable year 2014, for a qualified charitable distribution from an individual retirement plan of a person who has reached the age of 70 and 1/2, may deduct the amount that would have been allowed as a charitable deduction under section 170 of the Code if the taxpayer had not elected to take the income exclusion.

Provides that the following items that are not included in the taxpayer's adjusted gross income must be added to the taxpayer's adjusted gross income in calculating North Carolina taxable income, for taxable year 2014: (1) the amount excluded from the taxpayer's gross income for the discharge of qualified principal residence indebtedness under section 108 of the Code; (2) the amount of the taxpayer's deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses under section 222 of the Code; and (3) the amount excluded from the taxpayer's gross income for a qualified charitable distribution from an individual retirement plan by a person who is 70 and 1/2 years old under section 408(d)(8) of the Code.

Part II

Deletes all the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of GS 105-449.80 and replaces them as follows. Amends GS 105-449.80 to set the motor fuel excise tax rate at a flat rate of thirty-five cents per gallon for the period beginning in January 1, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2016. Makes the flat rate thirty-four cents for the period from July 1, 2016 and ending on December 31, 2016. Sets the flat rate at thirty-four cents per gallon, multiplied by a percentage, for the calendar year that begins on January 1, 2017. Provides that for calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, the motor fuel excise tax rate is the amount for the preceding year, multiplied by a percentage. Provides that the percentage is 100% plus or minus the sum of the following: (1) the percentage change in population for the applicable calendar year as estimated under GS 143C-2-2, multiplied by 75%; (2) the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI), multiplied by 25%. Defines CPI as it is used in this context. Requires the Secretary to notify affected taxpayers of the tax rate to be in effect for each calendar year (was, for each six-month period) beginning January 1.

Makes conforming changes to GS 105-449.107(c) to reflect the changes to GS 105-449.80.

Amends GS 150B-2(8a)j. to delete reference to the interest rate that applies to tax assessments under the variable component of the excise tax on motor fuel under GS 105-449.80, as not included as a "rule" as defined GS 150B-2(8a). Effective January 1, 2016.

Intro. by Rabon, Rucho, Tillman.

[GS 105](#)

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[Government, Tax](#)

S 372 (2015-2016) [RENEWABLE ENERGY SAFE HARBOR](#). Filed Mar 24 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE A SAFE HARBOR FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS THAT ARE SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED BY JANUARY 1, 2016, BY EXTENDING THE TAX CREDIT FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROPERTY ONE YEAR FOR THOSE PROJECTS.*

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

Changes the long title.

Deletes all of the changes from the previous edition and creates a new GS 105-129.16A(f) providing for a delayed sunset for renewable energy property placed into service on or after January 1, 2017. Provides that a taxpayer becomes eligible for the delayed sunset if they make a timely application for the extension, pay the application fee, and meet the two following conditions on or before January 1, 2016: (1) they have incurred at least the minimum percentage of costs of the projects and (2) completed at least the minimum percentage of the physical construction of the project. Specifies criteria for projects costs and construction minimums. Provides that an application and payment must be filed with the Secretary of Revenue on or before October 1, 2015. Sets out requirements for the application. Establishes a \$1,000 per megawatt of capacity nonrefundable fee, with a minimum fee of \$5,000. Further provides that a taxpayer must submit the required and specified documentation, verifying that they meet the requirements for minimum percentage of incurred costs and partial construction, by March 1, 2016. Required documentation includes written certification signed by the taxpayer regarding the minimum percentages as well as notarized copies of written reports by an independent engineer and a certified public accountant as specified.

Intro. by Rucho, Tillman, Rabon.

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

S 465 (2015-2016) **UI/WORK SHARING OPTIONS FOR EMPLOYERS**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A WORK SHARING OPTION FOR EMPLOYERS UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAWS*.

Enacts new Article 4, Short-Time Compensation Program, in GS Chapter 96. Allows an employer wishing to participate in the Short-Time Compensation Program (Program) to submit a short-time compensation plan to the Division of Employment Security(Division). Specifies items to be included in the application. Requires the Division to approve or disapprove the plan in writing within 30 days of receiving the plan. Allows the employer to submit another plan for approval no earlier than 90 days from the date of the initial plan's disapproval. Provides for the effective date and expiration of the plan (the earlier of the date at the end of the 12th full calendar month after its effective date or an earlier mutually agreed upon time). Allows the Division to revoke a plan upon good cause and to periodically review the operation of each employer's plan to assure that no good cause exists for revocation. Provides for modification of an approved plan. Requires the Division to use its best efforts to provide for timely and flexible modifications.

Provides that an individual is eligible to receive short-time compensation with respect to any week only if the individual is monetarily eligible for unemployment compensation, not otherwise disqualified for such, and: (1) during the week, the individual is employed as a member of an affected unit under an approved short-time compensation plan, which was approved prior to that week, and the plan is in effect with respect to the week for which the compensation is claimed; (2) the individual is available for the usual hours of work with the employer; and (3) an individual covered by a plan is deemed unemployed in any week during the duration of the plan if the individual's remuneration as an employee in an affected unit is reduced based on a reduction of the individual's usual weekly hours of work under an approved short-time compensation plan.

Provides that the short-time compensation weekly benefit amount is to be the product of the regular weekly unemployment compensation amount for a week of total unemployment multiplied by the percentage of reduction in the individual's usual weekly hours of work. An individual may be eligible for short-time compensation or unemployment compensation, except that no individual is: (1) eligible for combined benefits in any benefit year in an amount more than the maximum entitlement established for regular unemployment compensation and (2) paid short-time compensation benefits for more than 52 weeks under a plan. Requires the short-time compensation paid to an individual to be deducted from the maximum entitlement amount of regular unemployment compensation established for the individual's benefit year. Specifies provisions that apply to individuals who work for both a short-time compensation employer and another employer during covered weeks. Provides for individuals not provided work during a week. Includes provisions concerning changing short-time compensation benefits and extended benefits.

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Employment and Retirement, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Public Assistance

S 466 (2015-2016) **SELF-SETTLED TRUSTS**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF QUALIFIED SELF-SETTLED TRUSTS*.

Enacts new Article 5A, Creditors' Claims: Qualified Self-Settled Trusts, in GS Chapter 36C, providing as follows.

Allows a settlor to transfer assets to a qualified self-settled trust and retain in that trust a qualified interest and provides that a creditor has only those rights with respect to a transfer to a qualified self-settled trust retaining a qualified interest as are provided in this Article. Prohibits a creditor or assignee of a settlor from reaching a qualified interest or distribution by the trustee before it is received by the settlor. Prohibits a creditor or assignee of a settlor from compelling a distribution from a trust in which the settlor has a qualified interest even if the trustee has abused the trustee's discretion; however, this does not limit the right of the settlor to maintain a judicial proceeding against a trustee for abuse of discretion or failure to comply with a standard of distribution.

Defines a qualified self-settled trust as a trust for which all of the following apply: (1) the trust is irrevocable, (2) the trust is created during the settlor's lifetime, (3) the settlor has a qualified interest, (4) there is at all times during the existence of the settlor's qualified interest at least one beneficiary other than the settlor to whom income or principal may be distributed, (5) the trust has at all times at least one qualified trustee, and (6) the trust instrument expressly incorporates the law of this state to govern the meaning and effect of the trust. Provides that a trust instrument is not deemed revocable on account of the inclusion of any of the 14 specified rights, powers, and interest, including the settlor's power to consent to a distribution from the trust, the settlor's qualified interest in the trust, or the settlor's receipt each year of a percentage (not exceeding 5%), specified in the trust instrument of the initial value of the trust assets or their value determined from time to time pursuant to the trust instrument.

Defines qualified interest to mean a settlor's interest in a qualified self-settled trust that is a discretionary trust interest, to the extent that the interest entitles the settlor to receive distributions of income, principal, or both, in the discretion of a qualified trustee. Defines a *qualified trustee* to mean any person who: (1) is a natural person residing within this state or is a state or federal chartered bank or trust company authorized to engage in trust business within this State and having a place of business within this state; (2) maintains or arranges for custody within this state of some or all of the property that has been transferred to the trust by the settlor, maintains records within this state for the trust on an exclusive or nonexclusive basis, prepares or arranges for the preparation within this state of fiduciary income tax returns for the trust, or otherwise materially participates within this state in the administration of the trust; (3) is not a "related or subordinate party" in relation to the settlor; and (4) is neither the settlor nor the settlor's spouse.

Sets out the procedure for filling a vacancy in the position of qualified trustee. Allows a settlor to appoint power holders and sets out provisions concerning who may serve as a power holder and what powers they have.

Prohibits an action by a creditor or assignee of the settlor to reach a qualified interest by attachment of present or future distributions to or for the settlor or other means, or against the trust property by attachment or other means, unless the action is brought for avoidance of a transfer to a qualified self-settled trust, with specified exceptions.

Provides that a transfer to a qualified self-settled trust with a retained qualified interest is avoided only to the extent necessary to satisfy the settlor's debt to the creditor at whose instance the transfer has been avoided, along with any costs that the court may allow. Sets out provisions governing when transfer is avoided.

Sets out rules that apply when a settlor makes more than one transfer to the same qualified self-settled trust. Establishes a settlor's rights with respect to qualified interest.

Provides that the trustee or power holder has no liability to any creditor of the settlor for distributions made to or for the benefit of the settlor to the extent that the settlor's interest is protected or restricted by a qualified interest. Also provides that no creditor or assignee of a settlor has any claim or cause of action against any person involved in the counseling, drafting, administration, preparation, execution, or funding of the qualified self-settled trust, or a limited liability company, limited partnership, or corporation or similar entity or interest in that entity that is subsequently transferred to the qualified self-settled trust.

Specifies claims that are not defeated by this Article.

Applies to transfers to trusts made on or after January 1, 2016.

Intro. by Hartsell.

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S 467 (2015-2016) [WC/NONPROFIT CORP. VOLUNTEERS & OFFICERS](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "EMPLOYEE" UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT TO EXCLUDE VOLUNTEERS AND OFFICERS OF CERTAIN NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS.*

Amends GS 97-2(2) as the title indicates. Provides that the term "employee" does not include any person performing voluntary service for a nonprofit corporation subject to GS Chapters 47A, 47C, 47F, 55A, or 59B or any organization that is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code if the person does not receive any payment for the voluntary service other than reasonable reimbursement for expenses incurred in connection with the voluntary service. Further clarifies that a person performing voluntary service is not an employee even if the person was elected or appointed and empowered as an executive officer, director, or committee member for a nonprofit organization subject to GS Chapters 47A, 47C, 47F, 55A, or 59B or any organization that is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Intro. by Hartsell.

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S 468 (2015-2016) [TRUST TAXABLE INCOME CLARIFICATION](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY ALLOCATION OF TRUST INCOME.*

Amends GS 105-160.2 regarding the imposition of tax on on the taxable income of estates and trusts in order to clarify the allocation of trust income. Also modifies how the tax is computed. Defines the following terms as they apply in this section: (1) current beneficiary, (2) non resident estate, (3) nonresident trust, (4) resident estate, and (5) resident trust. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015.

Intro. by Hartsell.

[GS 105](#)

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[Government, Tax](#)

S 469 (2015-2016) [OCCUPATIONAL LIC. BD. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO MODERNIZE AND IMPROVE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS.*

Amends GS 93B-1 to now define *occupational licensing board* as any board, committee, commission, or other agency in the state that receives no state general fund revenue and is given statutory authority to: (1) determine minimum qualifications required for licensure for a particular profession or occupation, (2) issue licenses to qualified applicants, (3) regulate the conduct of licensees within a particular profession or occupation, (4) seek injunctive relief to prohibit unlicensed individuals or entities from engaging in certain activities as defined by statute, and (5) collect fees to support agency operations. Specifies 64 boards that are occupational licensing boards and prohibits adding boards or commissions to the list without approval by the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee.

Amends GS 93B-2 to require that the occupational licensing board annual reports also be submitted to the Department of Commerce, State Auditor, Office of State Budget and Management, and the State Controller and no longer requires submission to the Secretary of State or the Attorney General. Adds to the information that must be reported: (1) certification of a proper system of internal control and other financial information; (2) report of all civil penalties, civil forfeitures, and civil fines collected and remitted to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund; (3) additional information concerning fees; and (4) a financial audit if the board has a budget of at least \$50,000. Makes organizational changes. Requires that the reports be posted on the boards' websites. Makes conforming changes to GS 93B-4.

Amends GS 93B-5 to increase the cap on board member payments from \$100 to \$200 each day during which members are engaged in board business. Amends items for which board members must receive training.

Enacts new GS 93B-17 providing that the venue for occupational licensing boards seeking court orders for injunctive relief or to show cause for failure to comply with a subpoena lawfully issued by the occupational licensing board is the superior court of the county where the defendant resides or in the county where the occupational licensing board has its principal place of business.

Amends GS 115C-457.2 (remittance of money to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund) to allow boards to satisfy the statute's reporting requirements by including the required information in the board's annual report.

Amends GS 143C-9-4 (biennial fee report) to require the Office of State Budget and Management to obtain the information required in the statute from the board's annual report.

Amends GS 143D-7 (agency management responsibilities) to allow boards to satisfy the statute's reporting requirements by including the required information in the board's annual report.

Amends GS 150B-45 to provide that if a petition for judicial review of a final decision is filed in an incorrect county, the Superior Court may order a change of venue; however, improper venue is not grounds for dismissal of the petition.

Effective January 1, 2016.

Intro. by Hartsell.

[GS 93B, GS 115C, GS 143C, GS 143D, GS 150B](#)

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S 470 (2015-2016) [IGNITION INTERLOCK REQ'D/ALL DWIS](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE PERSONS CONVICTED OF DRIVING AFTER CONSUMING ALCOHOL BEING LESS THAN TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE, AND CERTAIN PERSONS WHO REFUSE A CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OR ARE CONVICTED OF DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED OR ANY OTHER IMPAIRED DRIVING OFFENSE, TO HAVE AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM INSTALLED ON EVERY VEHICLE THAT PERSON MAY DRIVE BEFORE THAT PERSON CAN GET A LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGE; TO REMOVE THE WAITING PERIOD BEFORE A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR A LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM AND CREATE AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE FUND TO ASSIST INDIGENT PERSONS.*

Amends GS 20-16.2(c1) to require the submission of an affidavit when a person has an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more (was, 0.15 or more) or falls under another provision in existing law.

Amends GS 20-16.2(d) to provide that a person who applies for limited driving privileges instead of requesting a hearing before the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), waives the right to a hearing before the DMV. Makes conforming changes.

Amends GS 20-16.2(e1) to amend the conditions that must be met before a person whose drivers' license has been revoked may apply for and receive a limited driving privilege.

Amends GS 20-16.5 to add that a person applying for limited driving privileges instead of requesting a hearing must apply for a limited driving privilege within 10 days of the effective date of the revocation, and waives the right to a hearing to contest the revocation. Amends the conditions that must be met before a person whose drivers license has been revoked for 30 or 45 days may apply for a limited driving privilege, including adding that the vehicle that the person will be authorized to drive has been equipped with an approved type of ignition interlock system.

Amends GS 20-17.8 to require ignition interlock systems for all persons convicted of driving with an alcohol concentration of .08 or more (currently, 0.15 or more) or who refused to submit to a chemical analysis and to a person whose license was revoked as the result of a conviction of driving by a person under the age of 21 after consuming alcohol. Amends the items that must be indicated on the person's drivers license to provide that if the ignition interlock system is required, the person must not drive with an alcohol concentration of 0.02 (was, 0.00) or greater. Requires proof of installation and provides for revocation of license if system is disabled or removed. Makes conforming changes.

Amends GS 20-138.3 to amend the conditions under which a person who was convicted of driving by person less than 21 years old after consuming alcohol or drugs may apply for a limited driving privilege to also require that the person equip all vehicles that are to be operated under a limited driving privilege with approved ignition interlock systems.

Amends GS 20-179.3 to add to the requirements to met before a person convicted of impaired driving may be eligible for a limited driving privilege to require that the person equip all vehicles that are to be operated under a limited driving privilege with approved ignition interlock systems.

Amends GS 20-179.3(g5) to provide that if a person's license is revoked for a conviction under GS 20-138.1, impaired driving, and they had an alcohol concentration of 0.08 (was, 0.15) or more, or additionally, if they refuse to submit to a chemical analysis, a judge must include all of the specified items in the limited driving privilege order. Makes conforming changes.

Enacts new GS 20-179.5 to require that all of the costs incurred in order to comply with the ignition interlock requirements imposed by the court under Article 3 be paid by the person ordered to have the system installed. Authorizes the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to assess an ignition interlock administrative fee of not less than \$30 and no more than \$60 on any ignition interlock installed by a vendor pursuant to Article 3. Fee is to be collected by the vendor installing the ignition interlock system at the time of installation. Directs the vendor to remit the collected fees to the DMV on a quarterly basis. Provides that 50% of the money collected be used to pay for administrative costs incurred by the DMV and the remaining 50% be deposited in the Ignition Interlock Device Fund.

Creates the Ignition Interlock Device Fund in the Department of Transportation to be used to pay the costs of installing and removing ignition interlock devices on vehicles of persons deemed indigent by the court. Requires the person deemed indigent to agree to pay the required costs for monitoring of the system as a condition of assistance from the DMV for installation cost.

Effective December 1, 2015.

S 471 (2015-2016) [MODERNIZE COLLECTION AGENCY LAWS](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO UPDATE AND MODERNIZE THE LAWS RELATED TO COLLECTION AGENCIES*.

Amends GS 58-70-5 to clarify that permits for operation as collection agencies are required for each physical location. Adds that the statute does not require a permit for a remote location from which employees work under the control and monitoring of a collection agency through telecommunications and computer links as long as specified conditions are met.

Amends GS 58-70-20 to reduce the amount of the bond required for an operating permit or permit renewal.

Amends GS 58-70-65 to provide that no refund for overpayment by a debtor in an amount less than \$10 (was, less than \$1) is required.

Enacts new GS 58-70-86 to allow a collection agency to take an assignment of any claim from a creditor and sue on the claim as the real party in interest if specified conditions apply.

Enacts new GS 58-70-87 to allow a collection agency to charge a fee for processing a particular payment method or for initiating a payment method as long as specified conditions are met.

Amends the definition of *consumer* in GS 58-70-90 to define the term as a natural person obligated or allegedly obligated to pay a debt (was, an individual, aggregation of individuals, corporation, company, association, or partnership that has incurred a debt or alleged debt).

Amends GS 58-70-115 to include as unfair practices collecting or attempting to collect from the consumer any amount unless it is expressly authorized by the agreement creating the debt or permitted by law.

Amends GS 58-70-130 to reduce the cap on penalties that may be imposed for violations by the collection agency. Amends the cap on civil penalties. Requires an action alleging a violation of Part 3 to be commenced within one year after the cause of action arises.

Effective October 1, 2015.

Intro. by Hartsell.

GS 58

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Banking and Finance

S 472 (2015-2016) [LOCAL INCENTIVES FOR HISTORIC REHABILITATION](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR HISTORIC REHABILITATION AND TO CLARIFY AND STANDARDIZE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT*.

Amends GS 158-7.1, providing that counties and cities are authorized to make appropriations for economic development purposes (previously, authorized to make appropriations for the aiding and encouraging of manufacturing enterprises, making industrial surveys, locating industrial and commercial plants, and encouraging the building of railroads).

Establishes that such appropriations may also be determined by the governing body of the city or county commissioners to increase employment and industrial output (previously, determined in the discretion of the governing body or board, that they will increase the population, taxable property, agricultural industries, and business prospects only of any city or county). Makes technical changes. Adds language to the list of permissible economic development activities that allows a city or county to make grants or loans for the rehabilitation of commercial or noncommercial historic structures, regardless of whether the structure is publicly or privately owned.

Makes technical changes.

Intro. by Rucho, Brock.

GS 158

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction

S 473 (2015-2016) **PRECINCT OFF'L/ONE-STOP SITE/LATE AB. BALLOTS**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF PRECINCT OFFICIALS AT EACH VOTING SITE DURING THE PERIOD FOR ONE-STOP VOTING AS WELL AS ON ELECTION DAY AND TO CLARIFY THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A LATE MAIL-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT MAY BE ACCEPTED.*

Amends GS 163-41(a) to provide that at the required meeting pursuant to GS 163-31, county board of elections must appoint one person to act as chief judge and two other persons to act as judges of election on election day at each precinct in the county and at each voting site during the period for one-stop absentee voting as determined by the county board of elections (was, appoint one person to act as chief judge and two other persons to act as judges of election for each precinct in the county).

Amends GS 163-231(b)(2) clarifying that in regards to absentee ballots received later than the hour as specified, if a ballot does not bear a postmark or the postmark is illegible, the county board of elections must accept the ballot only if it is received the day after the election from the US Postal Service.

Intro. by Rucho.

GS 163

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Government, Elections

S 474 (2015-2016) **AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT STANDARD**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO ADOPT A POLICY ADDRESSING SEXUAL ASSAULT AND SEX-RELATED OFFENSES INVOLVING STUDENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION AT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS; TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR STUDENTS INVOLVED IN INCIDENCES OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND OTHER SEX-RELATED OFFENSES AT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS; TO PROVIDE PREVENTION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS FOR THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY AS PART OF STUDENT ORIENTATION AND THROUGHOUT THE ACADEMIC YEAR TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF THE POLICY REGARDING SEXUAL ASSAULT AND OTHER SEX-RELATED OFFENSES AT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS; AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO REPORT ON CURRENT COMMUNITY COLLEGE POLICIES ADDRESSING SEXUAL ASSAULT AND SEX-RELATED OFFENSES INVOLVING STUDENTS AND ANY PREVENTION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS OFFERED TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS.*

As the title indicates. Amends Part 2 of Article 1 of GS Chapter 116, adding new GS 116-11.3, "Policy addressing sexual assault and sex-related offenses; student resources and outreach; reports."

Requires the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina (Board of Governors) to adopt a policy concerning (1) sexual assault, (2) domestic violence, (3) dating violence, and (4) stalking as defined in the Higher Education Act of 1965, 20 USC § 1092(f), involving a student, both on and off the institution's campus. Directs the Board of Governors to require each institution to implement and comply with the policy by December 1, 2016.

Requires that the policy must include (1) an affirmative consent standard, (2) victim-centered response procedures

regarding sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking involving student, (3) victim support services and student outreach, (4) student prevention and outreach programs, and (5) mandatory reporting of sexual assault to local law enforcement. Provides details to define and identify the mandatory provisions of each of the aforementioned elements of the policy.

Directs the Board of Governors to annually review the support and outreach services provided to students by each constituent institution of the UNC System in the previous academic year. Requires the Board of Governors to annually report on the compliance by the constituent institutions with the requirements in these provisions to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by September 1 of each year.

Regardless of the reporting provisions of GS 116-11.3(h), as enacted by this act, the first report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee from the Board of Governors must be submitted by December 1, 2016.

All of the above provisions apply beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year.

Directs the State Board of Community Colleges to report by December 1, 2015, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee as to whether community colleges have adopted any policies concerning sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, as defined in the Higher Education Act of 1965, 20 USC § 1092(f), involving a student, both on and off the institution's campus, and offered outreach programs, prevention programs, or support services to students regarding sexual assault and sex-related offenses. Specifies the minimal information and data that the report must include.

Intro. by McKissick, Tarte.

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Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System

S 475 (2015-2016) **MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ENFORCEMENT**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND NORTH CAROLINA'S TOBACCO RESERVE FUND AND ESCROW COMPLIANCE STATUTES*.

Current law provides that the state's Attorney General may impose a civil penalty on a person that violates subsection (a) of GS 66-293, which prohibits the sale or delivery of cigarettes that belong to a brand family of a nonparticipating manufacturer if the sale of the cigarettes is subject to taxes, unless the cigarettes are included on the compliant nonparticipating manufacturer's list produced and publicized by the Attorney General's office under GS 66-294.1 as of the date the cigarettes are delivered or sold.

Amends GS 66-293(a) to provide that it is not a violation of this subsection if the brand family was on the compliant nonparticipating manufacturer's list when the cigarettes were purchased and the person sold or delivered the cigarettes within 30 days (was, 60 days) of the purchase.

Intro. by Brown.

GS 66

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Business and Commerce

S 476 (2015-2016) **ASSURE SAFE FOOD VIA FOOD HANDLER TRAINING**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT ASSURING SAFE, QUALITY FOOD THROUGH STANDARDIZED, READILY AVAILABLE FOOD HANDLER TRAINING AND TESTING*.

Enacts new Part 6A, Food Handler Training and Testing, in Article 8 of GS Chapter 130A.

Require all food handlers to successfully complete an accredited food handler training by the later of August 1, 2016, or 30 days after their date of hire, and at least once every three years thereafter. Allows the training program to be conducted by any means available and in any format. Prohibits enforcing the requirements unless there is at least one accredited training program commercially available at a cost of no more than \$15 per food handler. Food handlers successfully completing the program receive a certificate, which is the only verification of successful completion necessary.

Allows food handlers to complete an employer's qualified internal food handler training program instead of the accredited training program, but the certificate of completion is valid only as long as the employee is employed with the employer.

Specifies the required content of the food handler training and test.

Requires any food establishment employing one or more food handlers to maintain documentation verifying compliance with these requirements. Specifies actions that may be taken, including a fine, if the establishment is not able to provide the required documentation.

Specifies that from July 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, enforcement of the new Part is limited to providing education and notification to food handlers and establishments about the requirements and issuing warnings for failure to comply. Prohibits imposing fines before January 1, 2017.

Effective July 1, 2016.

Intro. by Brown.

[GS 130A](#)

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

S 477 (2015-2016) [PROTECTION OF STATE MONUMENTS](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTING MONUMENTS, MEMORIALS, PLAQUES, AND WORKS OF ART ON PUBLIC PROPERTY*.

Amends GS 100-2 (approval of memorials before acceptance by state; regulation of existing monuments, memorials, plaques, etc; work of art defined; highway markers; criminal offense) to make the statute applicable to monuments, memorial, plaques, or works of art. Prohibits a monument, memorial, plaque, or work or art commemorating events, veterans, or persons of state history that is located on property owned by the state or any of its political subdivisions from being relocated, disturbed, altered, or defaced. Makes violations of the prohibition a Class 1 misdemeanor. Allows for removal, relocation, or alteration, under specified circumstances, including approval of the NC Historical Commission by a two-thirds vote.

Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2015.

Intro. by Brown.

[GS 100](#)

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[Government, Cultural Resources and Museums](#)

S 478 (2015-2016) [IN-STATE TUITION FOR CERTAIN VETS/FED PROG](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO MAKE CERTAIN VETERANS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS ENTITLED TO FEDERAL EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS UNDER 38 U.S.C. CHAPTER 30 OR 38 U.S.C. CHAPTER 33 WHO ENROLL IN ANY OF THE STATE'S PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION ELIGIBLE FOR IN-STATE TUITION BY WAIVING THE TWELVE-MONTH STATE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT*.

Enacts new GS 116-143.3A to make veterans meeting the following criteria eligible for the in-state tuition rate and applicable mandatory fees for enrollment at an institution of higher education without satisfying the residency requirement: (1) the veteran applies for admission to the institution of higher education and enrolls within three years of discharge or release from the specified institutions, (2) the veteran qualifies for and uses educational benefits pursuant to 38 USC Chapter 30 (GI Bill) or 38 USC Chapter 33 (Post-9/11 Educational Assistance), (3) the veteran's abode is in North Carolina, and (4) the veteran provides the institution of higher education with a letter of intent to establish residence in North Carolina. Provides that persons who are entitled to federal education benefits under specified provisions are to be charged the in-state tuition rate and applicable fees without satisfying the residency requirement if: (1) the individual qualifies for admission to the institution of higher education and enrolls within three years of the veteran's discharge or release from the specified institutions, (2) the individual is the recipient of transferred educational benefits pursuant to 38 USC Chapter 30 (GI Bill) or 38 USC Chapter 33 (Post-9/11 Educational Assistance), (3) the individual's abode is in North Carolina, and (4) the individual provides the institution of higher education with a letter of intent to establish residence in North Carolina. Provides that the individuals qualifying for in-state tuition pursuant to the above provisions remain eligible for the in-state tuition so long as they remain continuously enrolled at that institution of higher education.

Provides that funds appropriated to the UNC Board of Governors and to the Community Colleges System Office for 2014-15 for the UNC Yellow Ribbon Reserve do not revert; effective June 30, 2015.

Appropriates from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors, for 2016-17, \$4,437,485 to implement this act. Appropriates from the General Fund to the Community Colleges System Office, for 2016-17, \$1 million to implement this act.

Repeals GS 116-143.8, concerning tuition assistance for certain veterans and their dependents.

Except as otherwise noted, effective July 1, 2015.

Intro. by Brown, Rabon, Sanderson.

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Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, Military and Veteran's Affairs

S 479 (2015-2016) **LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN STATE HEALTH PLAN**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO ENROLL THEIR EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS IN THE STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES.*

As the title indicates. Amends GS 135-48.47 to provide that the employees of all local government units and the dependents of those employees are eligible to participate in the State Health Plan (Plan). Provides that participation in the Plan is not guaranteed, and is also contingent on local government units choosing to participate in the plan.

Provides that in order to participate, a local government must pass a valid resolution declaring that the local government desires to participate in the Plan, and provide at minimum 90 days notice to the Plan of the intent to enter the Plan and complete the participation requirements at least 60 days before entering the plan. Requires that a local government unit and its employees meet federal requirements to participate in a governmental plan. Declares that the Plan is to admit any local government unit that meets the administrative and legal requirements of this section, regardless of the claims experience of the local government unit or the financial impact on the Plan.

Sets an enrollment limitation to provide that local governments may choose to participate in the Plan until the number of employees and dependents of employees of local government reaches 10,000 after which no additional local

governments may join the Plan.

Also provides that regardless of any previous session law, any action by the Trustees of the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees, or any other law, any local government that participates in the current state Health Plan may elect to be subject to the new requirements of GS 135-48.47, as enacted by this act. Provides that nothing in this act, nor electing to participate in the Plan under GS 135-48.47 impacts any existing debt to the Retiree Health Benefit Fund owed by any local government unit.

Intro. by Brown, Rabon, Daniel.

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S 480 (2015-2016) [UNIFORM POLITICAL ACTIVITY/EMPLOYEES](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM STANDARD FOR EMPLOYEE POLITICAL ACTIVITY*.

Enacts new GS 115C-335.15, Appropriate political activity of school employees; disciplinary action, providing that employees of local boards of education retain all the rights and obligations of citizenship as provided in the Constitution and laws of North Carolina and the United States, providing however that no employee can (1) actively participate in managing a political campaign, campaign for political office, or otherwise engage in political activity while on duty or during a time when they are to receive compensation for services, (2) use the authority of his/her position or use public funds or supplies or vehicles to secure support for or oppose any candidate, party, or issue, and (3) utilize public funds, supplies, equipment, or vehicles for partisan purposes, political purposes, or to engage in advocating for or against issues of local, State, or federal policy.

Provides that local boards of education and supervisors cannot make any rule or policy with the effect of interfering with the right of an employee to engage in political activity while not on duty or at times when they are not performing services for compensation from the local board. Creates exceptions for employees that are expected to perform duties on a 24 hours per day basis. Violations are a Class 1 misdemeanor. Provides that failure on the part of an employee to comply is grounds for discipline.

Enacts new GS 115C-218.91, Appropriate political activity of school employees; disciplinary action, providing that employees of charter schools retain all the rights and obligations of citizenship as provided in the Constitution and laws of North Carolina and the United States, providing however that no employee can (1) actively participate in managing a political campaign, campaign for political office, or otherwise engage in political activity while on duty or during a time when they are to receive compensation for services, (2) use the authority of his/her position or use public funds or supplies or vehicles to secure support for or oppose any candidate, party, or issue, and (3) utilize public funds, supplies, equipment, or vehicles for partisan purposes, political purposes, or to engage in advocating for or against issues of local, State, or federal policy.

Provides that charter school boards of directors and supervisors cannot make any rule or policy with the effect of interfering with the right of an employee to engage in political activity while not on duty or at times when they are not performing services for compensation from the local board. Creates exceptions for employees that are expected to perform duties on a 24 hours per day basis. Violations are a Class 1 misdemeanor. Provides that failure on the part of an employee to comply is grounds for discipline.

Enacts new GS 115C-238.74, Appropriate political activity of school employees; disciplinary action, providing that employees of regional schools retain all the rights and obligations of citizenship as provided in the Constitution and laws of North Carolina and the United States, providing however that no employee can (1) actively participate in managing a political campaign, campaign for political office, or otherwise engage in political activity while on duty or during a time when they are to receive compensation for services, (2) use the authority of his/her position or use public funds or supplies or vehicles to secure support for or oppose any candidate, party, or issue, and (3) utilize public funds, supplies,

equipment, or vehicles for partisan purposes, political purposes, or to engage in advocating for or against issues of local, State, or federal policy.

Provides that regional school boards of directors and supervisors cannot make any rule or policy with the effect of interfering with the right of an employee to engage in political activity while not on duty or at times when they are not performing services for compensation from the local board. Violations are a Class 1 misdemeanor. Creates exceptions for employees that are expected to perform duties on a 24 hours per day basis. Provides that failure on the part of an employee to comply is grounds for discipline.

Intro. by Brock, Wade.

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Education

S 481 (2015-2016) [PROVIDING ACCESS TO ENTREPRENEURS/SM BUSINESS](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA PROVIDING ACCESS TO CAPITAL FOR ENTREPRENEURS AND SMALL BUSINESS ACT*.

Enacts new GS 78A-17.1 to create the "Invest NC exemption." Provides that except as otherwise provided in GS Chapter 78A, an offer or a sale of security by an issuer is exempt from the provisions of GS 78A-24 (registration requirements for securities) and GS 78A-49(d) (rules, forms, orders and hearings, governing registration requirements for securities) if it is conducted according to the specified requirements.

Adds a new subdivision (20) to GS 78A-17 to provide that any offer or sale of a security by an issuer, conducted in accordance with GS 78A-17.1, is exempt from the provisions of GS 78A-24 and GS 78A-49(d).

Specifies the 13 criteria to be met to make an offer or sale of a security by an issuer qualify for the exemption under new GS 78A-17.1. Includes setting a cap on the cash and other consideration received for all sales of securities under GS 78A-17.1. Delineates rules and procedures governing an offer of sale of a security made through an Internet web site. Sets out indexing, reporting, and fee requirements. Sets out when the exemption does not apply.

Makes conforming changes to GS 78A-49(d).

Directs the Secretary of State to adopt rules to implement the provisions of this act within 12 months of the effective date of this act. Specifies the procedure to which the Secretary is to adhere in adopting those rules. Provides that an adopted rule under this section becomes effective on the first day of the month following the month that the Secretary adopts and submits the rule to the Codifier of Rules to enter into the North Carolina Administrative Code. Effective when this act becomes law and expires 12 months after that date.

Provides that any rule adopted more than 12 months after the effective date of this act shall comply with the requirements of Article 2A of GS Chapter 150B. Becomes effective 12 months after the effective date of this act.

The remainder of this act is effective when the act becomes law.

Intro. by Barringer, Hise, Gunn.

[GS 78A](#)

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Business and Commerce

S 482 (2015-2016) [LLC ACT CLARIFICATION](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO MAKE A TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING CHANGE TO THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT*.

Amends GS 57D-2-30(b) concerning operating agreements of limited liability companies, making technical and

clarifying changes.

Intro. by Barringer, Lee.

GS 57D

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Business and Commerce, Corporation and Partnerships

S 483 (2015-2016) [EFFICIENT AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY RATES](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT (1) TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH TIERED ELECTRICITY RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, PUBLIC, AND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS TO ENCOURAGE ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY; (2) TO CREATE THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY BANK TO BE USED FOR LOANS TO CUSTOMERS FOR THE COSTS OF CERTAIN ENERGY EFFICIENCY OR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS; AND (3) TO CREATE AN INCENTIVE FOR CONSUMERS TO PURCHASE ENERGY STAR QUALIFIED HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS.*

Enacts new GS 62-115.1 requiring the Utilities Commission (Commission) to develop rate structures for residential, commercial, public, and industrial customers of electric public utilities. Sets out six characteristics that the rate structure must have.

Enacts new GS 62-155.2 to create the Energy Efficiency Bank (Bank) to issue loans to customers for investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Projects are eligible if they result in a lower utility bill for that customer when the bill includes the loan payment due. The Bank funds come from: (1) the proceeds from the avoidable pollution tax levied on the sale of energy inefficient household products, (2) the difference in revenues collected from the highest tiered block of the tiered rate structure and the revenues that would have been due based upon the next lower tiered rate block of the tiered rate structure, (3) the difference in the rate of return on capital expenditures for an electric public utility prior to the closure of a peak demand electric power facility or other peak demand electric power generating source for that utility and the rate of return on capital expenditures for the utility after the closure, and (4) any loan interest paid.

Enacts new Article 5J, Avoidable Pollution Tax for Certain Energy Inefficient Products, in GS Chapter 105. Imposes a privilege tax on an energy inefficient product retailer for each new energy inefficient product the retailer sells. Imposes an excise tax on a new energy inefficient product sold outside the state for storage or use in the state. Sets the rate for the taxes at 5% of the sales price. Provides for the administration of the tax, exemptions from the tax, and refunds. Requires the taxes, minus the allowance for administrative expenses, to be credited to the Bank Fund.

Effective January 1, 2016.

Intro. by Woodard, Foushee, Van Duyn.

GS 62, GS 105

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

S 484 (2015-2016) [ALLOW SBHCS TO OFFER CONTRACEPTIVES](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT ALLOWING SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS TO OFFER CONTRACEPTIVE SERVICES.*

As the title indicates.

Intro. by Woodard, McKissick.

GS 115C

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Education

S 485 (2015-2016) [LAW ENFORCEMENT PRIVACY/PUBLIC WEB SITES](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA COURTS COMMISSION TO STUDY REQUIRING CITIES AND COUNTIES TO REMOVE PERSONAL INFORMATION FROM RECORDS AVAILABLE ON INTERNET WEB SITES MAINTAINED BY COUNTIES AND CITIES WHEN REQUESTED BY CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, PROSECUTORS, AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS.*

Directs the NC Courts Commission to study the development of a process to require cities and counties to remove personal information of nonelected officials from records available on websites maintained by those cities and counties. Sets out seven topics and areas that the NC Courts Commission should consider in conducting the study, including what information should be subject to removal and the costs of the process for removal.

Directs the NC Courts Commission to consult with any agencies or other entities that are deemed appropriate. Requires results of the study to be submitted to the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly upon its convening.

Intro. by Woodard, McKissick.

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S 486 (2015-2016) [NC TRAIL EXPANSION/ECONOMIC CORRIDORS](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO ENHANCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE EXPANSION OF THE STATE TRAILS NETWORK.*

Part I.

Enacts new GS 143B-434.2A creating the North Carolina Trails Management Fund (Fund) in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to assist with the completion of the Mountains to Sea Trail (Trail) and completion and connection of municipal and regional greenways and trails system to the Trail. Requires the North Carolina Trails Committee, in consultation with the Travel and Tourism Board, to review all applications for funds and approve projects for funding. Fund revenue comes from funds appropriated by the General Assembly; a surcharge on all fees charged for access, use, and services provided at parks within the State Park System; and gifts, grants, or contributions to the state that are specifically designated for inclusion in the Fund. Requires Fund money to be used as follows: (1) 65% to acquire fee simple title, lesser estates, easements, leases, or other written agreements with owners of private land and for capital projects; repairs and renovations; and the development, construction, and maintenance of ancillary facilities directly related to the use of the Trail system and (2) 35% to acquire fee simple title, lesser estates, easements, leases, or other written agreements with owners of private land for the purpose of completing connections of local and regional greenways and trails to the Mountains-to-Sea Trail. Sets out the priority order for funding.

Amends GS 113-35 to allow DENR to add a reasonable surcharge to fees for state parks and lakes and requires that the surcharge be transferred to the Fund.

Requires DENR or any other department given responsibility for state parks to, as soon as practicable but no later than January 1, 2016, implement a revised fee schedule for all fees authorized at parks and trails within the State Park System, with the fee including the surcharge. Limits the surcharge for the first year to no more than \$1 and allows it be increased or decreased thereafter as necessary. Prohibits the surcharge from being less than fifty cents.

Part II.

Amends GS 143B-434.1 to add to the duties of the North Carolina Travel and Tourism Board (Board) promoting policies that support tourism in the state and advising the General Assembly on tourism policy matters upon request of specified legislative entities. Decreases the number of Board members from 29 to 13 and modifies the membership of the

Board. Amends the terms of Board members. Makes clarifying and technical changes.

Amends GS 143B-431.01 to modify the membership of the Economic Development Accountability and Standards Committee (Committee) by amending its membership. Requires any audit performed at the Committee's request to be forwarded to the Board.

Part III.

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

Requires the Department of Cultural Resources (DCR) to establish admission fees and activity fees for historic sites and museums using a dynamic pricing strategy.

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.

Requires DENR and DCR to report on the pricing implementation by March 1, 2016, to the Environmental Review Commission.

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

Part IV.

Enacts new GS 111-47.3 allowing the Division of Parks and Recreation (Division) to operate food or vending services at state parks. Requires the net revenue from the vending to be used for park operation.

Requires the Division to study the feasibility of operating kiosk-type gift shops at state parks that offer park-related merchandise for purchase in unmanned vending machines, including issuing a request for proposal (RFP) from vendors who would own, install, and maintain the vending machines in exchange for a portion of the revenue derived from sales. Provides that if the Division enters into a contract under this section, 25% of the net proceeds derived from vending machine sales must be credited to the North Carolina Trails Management Trust Fund.

Part V.

Authorizes DENR to add the Fonta Flora Loop Trail to the State Parks System and requires DENR to support, promote, encourage, and facilitate the establishment of trail segments on state park lands and on lands of other federal, state, local, and private landowners. Provides that on segments of the Fonta Flora Loop Trail that cross property controlled by agencies or owners other than the Department's Division of Parks and Recreation, the laws, rules, and policies of those agencies or owners govern the use of the property.

Directs the Department of Administration (DOA) to identify all state-owned property located within five miles of either side of the center line of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail and provide a written inventory of all properties identified to the Environmental Review Commission no later than March 1, 2016.

Requires the Division of Parks and Recreation, in consultation with the North Carolina Trails Committee, to identify in its Mountains-to-Sea Trail master plan all municipal and regional trail systems and greenways that connect with, or have the potential to connect with, the Mountains-to-Sea Trail. Specifies items that must be included in the plan. Requires the Division of Parks and Recreation to study the feasibility of expanding the marina at Jordan Lake and report its findings to the Environmental Review Commission no later than March 1, 2016.

Requires the Wildlife Resources Commission to study the feasibility of leasing Mattamuskeet Lodge and adjacent properties to a private developer for opportunities related to hunting, fishing, and tourism. Requires a report no later than March 1, 2016.

Requires DENR to study the feasibility of leasing property of the North Carolina Zoological Park to a private developer for construction of a hotel/conference facility immediately adjacent to the African Savanna exhibit and report its findings no later than March 1, 2016.

Part VI.

Enacts new GS 113A-96 exempting activities related to the construction, maintenance, or removal of a trail from environmental regulation by an agency authorized to implement and enforce state and federal environmental laws. Specifies the eight agencies that are authorized to implement and enforce State and federal environmental laws.

Part VII.

Includes a severability clause.

Intro. by Brock, Barringer.

GS 111, GS 113A, GS 143B, GS 150B

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Environment, Government, Cultural Resources and Museums, State Agencies, Department of Administration, Department of Cultural Resources, Department of Environment and Natural Resources

S 487 (2015-2016) **HEALTH CHOICE TECHNICAL REVISIONS.-AB** Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO UPDATE OUTDATED AND OBSOLETE PROVISIONS IN CHAPTER 108A OF THE GENERAL STATUTES ON THE NC HEALTH CHOICE PROGRAM IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFUSION BY STAKEHOLDERS AND TO INCREASE EFFICIENCIES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM.*

Makes technical revisions to GS 108A-70.18, GS 108A-70.20, GS 108A-70.21, and GS 108A-70.27 as the title indicates. Repeals GS 108-70.20A, which established a Child Health Insurance Fund.

Intro. by Pate.

GS 108A

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Health and Human Services, Health

S 490 (2015-2016) **INCREASE ACCESS TO MH SERVICES.** Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY A PUBLIC-PRIVATE HOSPITAL PARTNERSHIP TO INCREASE ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES; AND ALLOWING STATE-OPERATED HOSPITALS TO TRANSFER BEDS TO PRIVATE, RURAL HOSPITALS WITHOUT CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW IN ORDER TO INCREASE ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

Requires the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) to study the feasibility and effectiveness of establishing a partnership between State-operated hospitals and private, underutilized rural hospitals for the purpose of increasing access to services for the diagnosis and treatment of individuals with mental illness. Requires LRC to report its findings to the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly upon its convening. Effective when the act becomes law.

Amends GS 131E-176, as the title indicates, by providing that the term new institutional health services means any change in bed capacity, except for a change in capacity resulting from the transfer of beds from a state operated hospital to a private, rural hospital for providing services for the diagnosis and treatment of individuals with mental illness. Effective October 1, 2015 and applies to changes in bed capacity occurring on or after that date.

Intro. by Barefoot.

GS 131E

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

S 491 (2015-2016) [MANUFACTURED HOME PURCHASE AGREEMENT CHANGE](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO MANUFACTURED HOME PURCHASE AGREEMENTS*.

Amends GS 143-143.21A (Purchase agreement; buyer cancellations) to provide that the statute's provisions concern the initial deposit or payment toward the purchase price (was, the deposit or other payment toward the purchase price).

Effective October 1, 2015.

Intro. by Barefoot.

[GS 143](#)

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

S 492 (2015-2016) [LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGE/CHURCH](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE HOLDER OF A LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGE TO DRIVE TO AND FROM HIS OR HER PLACE OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP*.

Amends GS 20-179.3, concerning the limited driving privilege, adding "religious worship" to the list of approved reasons for which individuals with a limited driving privilege can drive. Additionally, provides that individuals with additional restrictions on their driving privilege due to being a high risk driver, as provided for in GS 20-179.3(c1) are allowed to drive to and from their place of religious worship. Provides that the allowed driving to and from an individual's place of religious worship is subject to the same limitation applicable to work-related driving in GS 20-179.3(g) and (g1).

Makes technical changes.

Effective July 1, 2015, applying to limited driving privileges on or after that date.

Intro. by D. Davis, Soucek, Daniel.

[GS 20](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle](#)

S 493 (2015-2016) [POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING VIA TAX RETURN](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO REENACT AND MODIFY THE NORTH CAROLINA POLITICAL PARTIES FINANCING FUND AND THE MEANS BY WHICH THE FUND RECEIVES FUNDING*.

Reenacts Article 22B of Chapter 163 (Political Parties Financing Fund), which was repealed by SL 2013-381, Sec. 38.1(c).

Allows any income taxpayer to designate a \$2 contribution (\$2 each, for a married couple filing jointly) to the North Carolina Political Parties Financing Fund. Amounts credited to the fund are to be allocated equally among the political parties defined as those that meet the definition of political party under GS 163-96 and that have maintained at least 10% of the total statewide voter registration in the two years prior to the most recent general election. The taxpayer's election to make the contribution is irrevocable once the tax return is filed. Requires that the tax form and instructions must indicate that a contribution increases the individual's tax liability and that the funds will be allocated among the political

parties. Becomes effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

Makes clarifying changes.

Intro. by D. Davis, McKissick.

GS 105, GS 163

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Government, Elections, Tax

S 494 (2015-2016) **STUDENT ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A STUDENT WHO IS LAWFULLY ABSENT FROM SCHOOL SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A STUDENT ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION PROGRAM ADOPTED BY A LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION*.

Enacts new GS 115C-382.5, Student attendance recognition programs, allowing a local board of education to adopt a student recognition attendance program within the local school administrative unit that encourages attendance in school and participation in class as an integral part of academic achievement and the learning process. Provides that a student with a lawful, excused absence recognized by the principal in accordance with specified rules remains eligible for participation in the program, with the absence not counted as part of the student's record of attendance in regards to the program.

Effective when the act becomes law, applying beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

Intro. by D. Davis, Tillman, Soucek.

GS 115C

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

S 495 (2015-2016) **PROVIDE FUNDING/NC MILITARY BUSINESS CENTERS**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO RESTORE RECURRING FUNDING FOR THE NC MILITARY BUSINESS CENTER AND TO PROHIBIT THE REDUCTION OF FUNDS TO THE NC MILITARY BUSINESS CENTER TO MEET MANAGEMENT FLEXIBILITY REDUCTIONS*.

Appropriates \$125,000 for 2015-16 and \$125,000 for 2016-17 from the General Fund to the Community Colleges System Office to support the operations of the NC Military Business Center. Provides that funds allocated to the NC Military Business Center are not to be reduced in order to meet any portion of a management flexibility reduction.

Effective July 1, 2015.

Intro. by D. Davis, Clark.

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office

S 496 (2015-2016) **PROTECT MH/DD/SA CLIENTS FROM ABUSE**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT ESTABLISHING HIGHER PENALTIES FOR REPEATED FAILURE TO REPORT ABUSE, EXPLOITATION, OR ACCIDENTAL INJURIES OF CLIENTS IN FACILITIES THAT PROVIDE CARE AND TREATMENT FOR MENTAL ILLNESS, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE*.

Amends GS 122C-66 as title indicates. Makes a first violation of the statute a Class 3 misdemeanor, and a repeated violation a Class 1 misdemeanor. Becomes effective December 1, 2015, and applies to violations occurring after that date.

Intro. by D. Davis.

GS 122C

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Health and Human Services, Mental Health

S 497 (2015-2016) **ALLOW CHANGE OF OFFICE WITHIN FILING DEADLINE.** Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO ALLOW A PERSON WHO HAS FILED A NOTICE OF CANDIDACY FOR AN OFFICE TO WITHDRAW CANDIDACY FOR THAT OFFICE AFTER THE THIRD BUSINESS DAY AND BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE FILING PERIOD IF THE PERSON IS SEEKING A DIFFERENT OFFICE.*

GS 163-106(e) currently allows a candidate to withdraw at any time prior to the close of business on the third business day prior to date on which the filing period ends. The bill adds a new provision to allow withdrawal after the close of business the third business day before the filing period ends if the person is withdrawing to seek another office.

Intro. by D. Davis.

GS 163

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Government, Elections

S 498 (2015-2016) **ENHANCE PATIENT SAFETY IN RADIOLOGIC IMAGING.** Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND LICENSING OF PERSONS WHO PERFORM AND ADMINISTER RADIOLOGIC IMAGING AND RADIATION THERAPY PROCEDURES.*

Enacts new Article 43, Radiologic Technologists and Radiation Therapists, to GS Chapter 90 to establish standards of education, examination, and licensure for persons operating equipment used for radiologic imaging and radiation therapy procedures. Defines terms applicable to Article 43. Prohibits, on or after October 1, 2016, any person from administering, offering to administer, or otherwise indicating that the person is licensed to administer radiologic imaging or radiation therapy procedures unless the person is licensed under Article 43. Exempts eight listed parties from Article 43. Creates an 11-member Radiologic Imaging and Radiation Therapy Board of Examiners (Board), with appointments and terms, as indicated. Directs the Board to establish licensure standards for a radiographer, radiation therapist, nuclear medicine technologist, cardiovascular invasive specialist, magnetic resonance technologist, limited X-ray machine operator, and radiologist assistant. Permits persons licensed under Article 43 to perform specified actions depending on their type of licensure and and lists three limitations specifically related to the performance of computed tomography. Sets forth additional details related to Board meetings and administration. Enumerates 14 powers and duties of the Board.

Lists requirements for licensure for all applicants, and lists requirements specific to applicants for licensure in an area of radiologic imaging or radiation therapy and requirements specific to applicants for licensure as limited X-ray operators and as radiologist assistants. Sets out examination requirements. Directs the Board to accept persons currently registered by other boards, as specified. States that certain X-ray machine operators will take an exam administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. Details additional provisions for license issuance, temporary licenses, and license renewal and requires licensees to display licenses or a verified copy in each place of regular employment. Authorizes medical facilities and educational institutions to offer programs approved by the Board in applicable subject areas, provided certain guidelines are met.

Authorizes the Board to grant a license to a person licensed, certified, or registered to perform or administer radiologic imaging or radiation therapy procedures in another jurisdiction with substantially equivalent standards of competency. Directs the Board to set fees, as specified, and to pay all expenditures out of funds from the fees. Allows the Board to discipline applicants or licensees, after a hearing, under nine specified circumstances. Makes each violation of Article 43 a Class 1 misdemeanor. Authorizes the Board to apply to any appropriate court to enjoin violations of Article 43.

Provides that the initial appointees to the Radiologic Imaging and Radiation Therapy Board of Examiners filling the membership positions for licensed radiologist, licensed nuclear medicine technologist, licensed radiation therapist, licensed cardiovascular invasive specialist, and licensed limited X-ray machine operator do not have to meet the licensure requirements established in this act if they obtain a license from the Board within 90 days after the Board begins issuing licenses.

Allows persons other than radiologist assistants who have been engaged in the practice of radiologic imaging and radiation therapy and who do not hold a current registration from a voluntary professional certification organization approved by the Radiologic Imaging and Radiation Therapy Board of Examiners to continue to practice in the modality of radiologic imaging or radiation therapy in which they are currently employed if they meet the specified requirements, including registering with the Board on or before October 1, 2016, and obtain a license from the Board on or before October 1, 2020.

Intro. by Meredith, Tucker.

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[Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers](#)

S 499 (2015-2016) [PREVENT REPEAT CRIME ACT](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA STATEWIDE REENTRY ADVISORY COUNCIL*.

Enacts new GS 143B-605 establishing the 13-member North Carolina Statewide Reentry Advisory Council (Council) within the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to provide the Governor, General Assembly, DPS, other state agencies serving juvenile and adult offenders, and the public with information about programs that that serve juvenile and adult offender populations upon their reentry into the community, the barriers faced by that population upon reentry, best practices to meet the needs of that population upon reentry, and funding sources for programs and practices that address the needs of that population upon reentry. Specifies Council membership, sets terms at two years, and delineates the Council's duties.

Requires the Council to report on its progress by February 1, 2016, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety.

Intro. by Stein.

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S 500 (2015-2016) [NC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT ACT](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO ENCOURAGE AND ENABLE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS*.

Adds new Part 31, North Carolina Infrastructure Development Authority, to Article 9 of GS Chapter 143B.

Cites legislative findings as to the need for public-private partnerships to fill the need for new and creative ways to finance, build, and maintain transportation and other infrastructure.

Defines terms as they apply in this Part.

Establishes the North Carolina Infrastructure Development Authority (Authority) as a public agency and declares that the exercise by the Authority of the powers conferred by Article 9 is the performance of an essential governmental function. Locates the Authority within the Department of Administration (Department) for administrative purposes but authorizes the Authority to exercise all of its powers independently of the Department except as otherwise specified in this Article.

Provides for an 11-member Authority Board to govern the Authority with four appointments by the Governor, two members appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, two members appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of Transportation or a designee, the State Chief Information Officer or a designee, and the Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission or designee. Directs each appointing authority to appoint members who live in diverse regions of the state. Designates the Authority Board to select the chair of the Authority. Provides additional criteria for term lengths, the filling of vacancies, the adoption of by-laws, and the removal of board members. Provides for per diem but no salaries for the appointed members of the Board. Makes the Board members subject to the State Government Ethics Act (GS Chapter 138A). Directs the Board to appoint a salaried Executive Director and provides for the ED to appoint, employ, dismiss, and fix compensation, within limits set by the Board, for administrative employees.

Declares that the purpose of the Authority is to foster the use of public-private partnerships to leverage public funds and provide for more rapid and efficient completion of projects for the use and benefit of the public. Specifies that the Authority is to assist other state agencies in developing a partnership that is in the best interest of the state and maximizes the benefits to the state's taxpayers and minimizes costs. Provides that a purpose of the Authority is to undertake Authority Projects where specifically directed and funded through appropriations of the General Assembly. Offers as examples of Authority Projects transportation projects, public works projects, and information technology projects.

Endows the Authority with all of the powers necessary to execute the provisions of new Part 30, specifying that among these powers are the powers of a corporate body, including the power to sue and be sued, to contract, to adopt and use a common seal, and to alter the adopted seal as needed. Delineates additional powers of the Authority.

Authorizes the Authority to acquire by purchase, negotiation, gift, devise, or condemnation, public or private real property that it determines is necessary for any construction, expansion, enlargement, extension, improvement, or operation of an Authority Project. Requires the Authority to follow the procedure in Article 9 of GS Chapter 136 when exercising the power of eminent domain.

Provides that property owned by the Authority is exempt from taxation under Article V, Section 2, of the state constitution and that the operations of the Authority are subject to the oversight of the State Auditor. Requires that revenues from Authority Projects authorized under this Article are to be used only for (1) Authority administration costs; (2) Authority Project development, right-of-way acquisition construction, operation, and maintenance; and (3) debt service on the Authority's revenue bonds or related purposes. Permits the Authority to use up to 100% of revenue from an Authority Project for debt service on the Authority's revenue bonds or a combination of debt service, operation, and maintenance expenses of the Authority Projects. Limits the Authority to using no more than 5% of total revenue from all Authority Projects for administrative costs.

Declares the Authority to be a municipality for the purposes of Article 5, the State and Local Government Revenue Bond Act, of GS Chapter 159. Provides for the sale of revenue bonds of the Authority issued under GS 136-89.189 and the State and Local Revenue Bond Act to be sold in accordance with Article 7 of GS Chapter 159.

Provides that the Authority is to solicit competitive proposals for the construction of Authority Projects under the provisions of Article 8 of GS Chapter 143 for the purposes of implementing new Article 30. Provides that contracts for professional engineering services and other kinds of professional or specialized services are to be solicited in accordance with procedures that the Board adopts. Provides guidelines regarding the use of alternative contracting methods.

Requires the Authority created in this act to report on its activities to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations no later than May 1, 2016. Specifies that the report is to identify any barriers in existing statutes to the effective use of public-private partnerships and to recommend appropriate legislation to remove those barriers.

Intro. by Stein.

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S 501 (2015-2016) [STRENGTHEN THE DO NOT CALL REGISTRY](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE DO NOT CALL REGISTRY*.

Amends GS 75-101, concerning telephone solicitations, providing that creating a lead or referral for which the solicitor will receive compensation is considered telephone solicitation. Also amends the definition for telephone solicitor providing that subagents, contractors, or other third-party vendors are considered telephone solicitors. Also provides that the term includes parties that receive sales leads or inbound calls from a telephone subscriber that knows or has reason to know that the lead or call from the subscriber was generated by a telephone call.

Amends GS 75-102(c)(5), concerning restrictions on telephone solicitation, providing that after the specified notice requirements have been met in this subsection that the telephone solicitor and that affiliate must stop all calls to the telephone subscriber within 30 business days (was, 60 business days).

Amends GS 75-104 clarifying that the prohibition on the use of automatic dialing and recorded message players to make unsolicited calls applies to individuals, whether the calls were made directly or through a salesperson, agent, subagent, contractor, or third party vendor. Adds provision providing that any party that knows or has reason to know that the sales leads or inbound calls they are receiving were generated by calls placed by another party or parties violating the provisions of this section are jointly liable for each call or lead that was received or accepted.

Intro. by Stein, Brown.

GS 75

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Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection

S 502 (2015-2016) [PROHIBIT EMPLOYMENT DISC./POOR CREDIT HISTORY](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT PROHIBITING EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF CREDIT HISTORY OR CREDIT RATING*.

Amends GS Chapter 95 by creating a new section GS 95-28.1B, (Discrimination against persons based on credit history or credit rating prohibited), establishing that no person, firm, corporation, unincorporated association, State agency, unit of local government, or any public or private entity can deny or refuse employment to someone because of the person's credit history or credit rating. Provides that an employer can request a prospective employee to submit to a credit history background check, as part of the application process, if creditworthiness or credit standing is directly related to the ability to perform the essential functions of the position.

Effective October 1, 2015.

Intro. by McKissick, Bingham.

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Employment and Retirement

S 503 (2015-2016) [SEX OFFENSE WITH STUDENT/CHARTER SCHOOLS](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT FOR PURPOSES OF THE CRIMES OF "TAKING INDECENT LIBERTIES WITH A STUDENT" AND "INTERCOURSE AND SEXUAL OFFENSES WITH A STUDENT," THE DEFINITION OF "SCHOOL PERSONNEL" INCLUDES EMPLOYEES OF CHARTER SCHOOLS AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS*.

Amends GS 14-202.4 as the title indicates. Effective December 1, 2015, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Intro. by J. Jackson, Tillman, Soucek.

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Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Education

S 504 (2015-2016) **MOBILE BEAUTY SALONS**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSURE OF MOBILE BEAUTY SALONS AND TO ENSURE THE SAFE AND HYGIENIC OPERATION THEREOF*.

Amends GS Chapter 88B as follows. Allows a motor home to be used as a mobile salon for the practice of cosmetic art. Requires mobile salons to be licensed under the same provisions as cosmetic art shops. Defines mobile salon as a self-contained, enclosed mobile unit licensed for the practice of cosmetic art. Requires the NC Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners (Board) to issue a license to operate a mobile salon to applicants who submit the application, pay the fee, and are determined to be in compliance with the Chapter and the Board's rules. Requires the Board to adopt rules for the operation, licensure, and inspection of mobile salons. Specifies additional requirements that the salon must meet, and prohibits providing services while the salon is moving. Effective July 1, 2015.

Intro. by J. Jackson, Gunn, Krawiec.

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Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing

S 505 (2015-2016) **REVOKE CONSENT FOR INTERCOURSE**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO CONTINUES TO ENGAGE IN INTERCOURSE AFTER CONSENT IS WITHDRAWN IS DEEMED TO HAVE COMMITTED THE ACT OF INTERCOURSE BY FORCE AND AGAINST THE WILL OF THE OTHER PERSON*.

Enacts new GS 14-27.8A to provide that a person who initially consents to vaginal intercourse is not deemed to have consented to any penetration occurring after the person withdraws consent during the course of that vaginal intercourse. Allows a person to withdraw consent to engage in vaginal intercourse in the middle of the intercourse, even if the actual penetration is accomplished with consent and even if there is only one act of vaginal intercourse. Requires the withdrawal of consent to be clearly communicated in a way that a reasonable person would understand to constitute withdrawal of consent. Provides that a defendant who continues the act of vaginal intercourse after consent is withdrawn is deemed to have committed the act of vaginal intercourse by force and against the will of the other person. Applies to offense committed on or after December 1, 2015.

Intro. by J. Jackson, Krawiec, Randleman.

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Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure

S 507 (2015-2016) **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDNT CONVENTION/COUNTERMAND**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF DELEGATES SELECTED BY THE LEGISLATURE TO ATTEND A CONVENTION OF THE STATES CALLED UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONSIDER A COUNTERMAND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES; ESTABLISHING AS A*

JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATURE THE DELEGATE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE AND RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR AN OATH FOR DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO A COUNTERMAND AMENDMENT CONVENTION; PROVIDING FOR A CHAIR AND ASSISTANT CHAIR OF THE STATE'S COUNTERMAND AMENDMENT DELEGATION; PROVIDING FOR THE DUTIES OF THE CHAIR AND ASSISTANT CHAIR; PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SELECTION OF A CONVENTION PRESIDENT; AND PROVIDING SPECIFIC LANGUAGE FOR THE COUNTERMAND AMENDMENT ON WHICH THE STATE'S CONVENTION DELEGATES ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE LEGISLATURE TO VOTE TO APPROVE.

Includes whereas clauses. Authorizes delegates to be summoned and appointed to participate at the convened convention according to the terms and conditions set out in this resolution. Instructs and authorizes the state's delegates to the convention to vote to send the countermand amendment, as specified in the act, back to the states for ratification by way of the United States Congress. Prohibits delegates from voting in favor of any alternate amendment or modified version of the countermand amendment that might be introduced at the convention and instructs them to do all in their power at the convention to secure a vote that approves sending the countermand amendment back to the states for ratification. Specifies that only the countermand amendment is to be considered by the legislature for ratification. Provides that upon the enactment of this resolution and after a total of 34 states place a call under Article V of the Constitution of the United States for a countermand convention, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate must appoint members to a legislative Delegate Credential Committee (Committee). Specifies the Committee's 13 duties. Charges the chair of the state delegation with joining with other state delegations to open the convention for business, identifying other state legislatures that have approved a delegate resolution for their delegates, and working with those delegations to find agreement to each of the eight specified items. Specifies delegate duties.

Intro. by Hise.

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[Constitution, Government, General Assembly](#)

S 508 (2015-2016) [AMEND BAIL BOND LAWS](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE BAIL BOND LAWS*.

Amends GS 15A-534 concerning procedures for determining conditions of pretrial release, providing that a copy of the order granting pretrial release must be given to, in addition to the clerk and defendant, any surety, including runners that provided a bond as specified. Adds conditions to the list of when the obligation of an obligor is terminated, providing it terminates, in addition to other circumstances that terminate the obligation, when the defendant has been ruled incapable to proceed by the courts or when the defendant has entered into a deferred prosecution agreement. Provides that no surety can be held liable for a bond posted for any charge for more than 36 months.

Amends GS 15A-544.5 concerning the setting aside of forfeitures, providing that forfeiture can be set aside when all charges for which the defendant was bonded to appear have been disposed of by the court or by the State's taking dismissal with leave for other than a failure to appear (was, disposed of by the court other than by the State's taking dismissal with leave). Provides that the setting aside of forfeiture is also appropriate when the defendant was incarcerated, as specified, or at any time between a failure to appear and the final judgment date when specified conditions are met.

Provides that when a failure to appear is stricken by court for which the defendant was bonded or a order recalled an arrest order for that failure to appear, the clerk of that court must set aside any forfeiture of that bail bond (previously, required an order striking a failure to appear and an arrest order to be recalled for that court to simultaneously enter an order setting aside any forfeiture). Provides that in regards to motions filed for the setting aside of forfeiture as specified, if a hearing is not heard within 30 days after an objection to the motion is filed, then the forfeiture cannot become a final judgment and cannot be enforced or reported to the Department of Insurance and requires the forfeiture to be set aside.

Amends GS 15A-544.7(d) renaming subsection to "Sureties Bondsman May Not Execute Bonds in County" (was,

Sureties May Not Execute Bonds in County). Adds language providing that no bondsman whose name appears on a bond or bond forfeiture notice that results in a final judgment can sign any bond for any surety until the judgment is satisfied in full.

Effective December 1, 2015, applying to bonds required by an order for pretrial release entered into on or after that date. Also applies to any motion for relief from a forfeiture of bond filed on or after that date.

Intro. by Lee, Randleman.

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**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Corrections
(Sentencing/Probation)**

S 509 (2015-2016) **PUBLIC AUTHORITY/WEIGHT & PERM. PLATES**. Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PUBLIC AUTHORITIES FROM THE LIGHT-TRAFFIC ROAD LIMITATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE PERMANENT REGISTRATION PLATES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED AND OPERATED BY CERTAIN PUBLIC AUTHORITIES.*

Amends GS 20-118(c)(6), concerning exceptions for specified weight limitations and penalties for vehicles that exceed those limitations, providing that for the purposes of this subdivision, public utilities created pursuant to GS Chapter 162, Article 1, concerning water and sewer authorities, are exempt from the weight limitations and penalties as provided for in GS Chapter 20-118.

Amends GS 20-84(b) to provide that the Department of Motor Vehicles can issue permanent registration plates for motor vehicles that are owned and operated by an authority created pursuant to GS Chapter 162A, Article 1, concerning water and sewer authorities.

Effective when the bill becomes law, applying to violations committed on or after that date.

Intro. by Lee.

GS 20

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Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle

S 514 (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.*

Identical to [H 364](#), filed 3/25/15.

Includes various whereas clauses about commissions and conflicts of interest provisions for certain commissions.

Amends GS 130A-309.202 (Coal Ash Management Commission), GS 143B-283 (Environmental Management Commission), and GS 113A-104 (Coastal Resources Commission), deleting provisions that required the Governor to require adequate disclosure of potential conflicts by members as well as requiring the Governor to promulgate criteria regarding conflicts of interest and disclosure for determining the eligibility of individuals. Adds new provisions that provide that the Governor can require additional disclosure of potential conflicts of interest by members. Provides that the Governor can also promulgate criteria regarding conflicts of interest and disclosure for determining the eligibility of individuals.

Amends GS 120-123, a list of boards and commissions upon which no member of the General Assembly can serve, adding the following to the list: North Carolina Longitudinal Data System Board, the Domestic Violence Commission,

and the Governor's Crime Commission of the Department of Public Safety.

Amends GS 116E-3 (North Carolina Longitudinal Data System Board), GS 143B-394.15(c) (membership for the Domestic Violence Commission), and GS 143B-1100 (Governor's Crime Commission), making conforming changes, deleting language which provided for the appointment of members of the General Assembly to the different boards and commissions. Adds language providing for the appointment of members of the general public in their place.

Intro. by Apodaca.

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S 515 (2015-2016) [DRIVER EDUCATION FUNDING](#). Filed Mar 25 2015, *AN ACT TO RESTORE THE FUNDING FROM THE HIGHWAY FUND FOR THE DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION*.

Amends SL 2014-100 to undo the repeal of GS 20-88.1(c), which requires expenses incurred by the State in carrying out the provisions of the driver education program administered by the Department of Public Instruction to be paid out of the Highway Fund based on an annual appropriation by the General Assembly. Deletes the provision stating the General Assembly's intent that, beginning with the 2015-16 fiscal year, the driver education program administered by the Department of Public Instruction no longer be paid out of the Highway Fund based on an annual appropriation by the General Assembly.

Amends GS 115C-216(g) to allow no longer require local boards of education to fund drivers education from funds available to them.

Appropriates \$26,461,843 in recurring funds for the 2015-16 fiscal year from the Highway Fund to the Department of Public Instruction for the purpose of covering expenses incurred by the State in carrying out the provisions of the driver education program administered by the Department of Public Instruction.

Intro. by

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

S 550 (2015-2016) [NC RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT](#). Filed Mar 26 2015, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT*.

Identical to [H 348](#), filed 3/24/15.

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

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

is a party to the proceeding. Allows the person asserting such a claim or defense to obtain appropriate relief and specifies what that relief may include.

Includes a severability clause.

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

Intro. by Daniel, Newton, Soucek.

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[Government, State Government](#)

S 562 (2015-2016) [ENERGY INVESTMENT ACT](#). Filed Mar 26 2015, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE ENERGY INVESTMENT ACT*.

Identical to [S 447](#), filed 03/25/15.

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 Tarte.

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

S 613 (2015-2016) [PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATORY PROFILING](#). Filed Mar 26 2015, *AN ACT TO (1) PROHIBIT THE USE OF DISCRIMINATORY PROFILING BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES; (2) AMEND THE TYPES OF INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED BY CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CONCERNING TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT; (3) REQUIRE CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO REPORT CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING HOMICIDES; (4) REQUIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO RECEIVE ANNUAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING CONCERNING DISCRIMINATORY PROFILING; (5) AUTHORIZE THE USE OF CITIZEN REVIEW BOARDS TO INVESTIGATE OR REVIEW ALLEGATIONS OF CERTAIN POLICE MISCONDUCT; AND (6) REQUIRE THAT CERTAIN TRAINING BE PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED BY COUNTIES AND CITIES*.

Identical to [H 193](#), filed 3/10/15.

Enacts new Article 18, "Discriminatory Profiling," in GS Chapter 15A. Defines *discriminatory profiling* as the practice of subjecting a person to investigation, detention, or arrest based on the person's real or perceived race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity, instead of based on the person's behavior or on information identifying the person as having engaged in criminal activity. Defines *law enforcement officer* as an employee of state and local government agencies, company and campus police agencies certified by the Attorney General, and any special police agency created by the state with the authority to enforce the criminal laws of the state. Also defines *law enforcement officer* in terms of duties and responsibilities for prevention and detection of crime and the authority to arrest by virtue of an oath administered under the authority of the state. Effective when this act becomes law.

Provides that the remainder of this act becomes effective December 1, 2015, and applies to any misconduct committed on or after that date.

Amends GS 143B-903(a) to include in the data to be collected and maintained by the Department of Public Safety (Department) regarding traffic law enforcement whether the law enforcement officers making the stop attempted to determine the immigration status of the driver or passenger(s).

Enacts new GS 143B-904.1 regarding the collection of homicide statistics in this state. Defines *law enforcement agency* as any duly accredited state or local government agency with the authority to enforce the criminal laws of North Carolina. Directs the Department to collect, correlate, and maintain specified data regarding homicides committed in the state, including the number committed, the geographic location where the homicide was committed, identifying characteristics of the offenders and the victims, as well as information regarding the number of cases solved and unsolved. Requires that law enforcement agencies submit the required information within 60 days of the close of each month. Makes any law enforcement agency that fails to submit the required data ineligible for any available law enforcement grants until the information is submitted. Charges the Department to publish and distribute annually by December 1 a list of the law enforcement agencies that will be subject to the reporting requirements during the coming calendar year as of January 1. Directs the Department to make any report or summary under this statute available to the public, including posting the report or summary on the Department's website.

Current law requires the Department to collect, maintain, and annually publish information regarding deaths resulting from the use of deadly force by law enforcement officers in the course and scope of their official duties. Amends GS 143B-904(a) to specify that the collected information contain (1) the number of deaths, including any justified or excused homicides; (2) the geographic location where the death occurred; and (3) identifying characteristics including race or ethnicity, age, gender identity, and sex of the victims and the law enforcement officers.

Amends GS 17C-2 to add the definition for *discriminatory profiling* as defined in GS 15A-306, under new Article 18 in this act.

Under current law, the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission (Commission) is authorized to establish minimum educational training standards to be met in order to qualify for entry level employment and retention as a criminal justice officer. Amends GS 17C-6(a) to provide that the standards for entry-level employment and retention must include education and training concerning (1) the prohibition against discriminatory profiling and (2) the proper techniques for recording and storing information and completing reports as required under GS 143B-903, 143B-904, 143B-904.1, and any other provision of law. Additionally specifies the training content and focus that in-service training must include.

Also amends GS 17E-2 and 17E-4 to incorporate the same educational training standards for entry level employment and retention as apply in GS Chapter 17C to the North Carolina Sheriff's Education and Training Standards Commission's training standards applicable to "justice officers," including a peace officer in the office of the sheriff, and including deputy sheriffs, reserve deputy sheriffs, and special deputy sheriffs. Additionally specifies the training content and focus that in-service training must include.

Enacts new GS 153A-212.3 regarding the establishment of a citizen review board by a county. Provides that a county may establish, by ordinance, a citizen review board or use an existing citizen review board to investigate or review allegations of misconduct by law enforcement officers employed by a law enforcement agency within that county. Requires that the ordinance specify at minimum the following: (1) the composition of the citizen review board, (2) the minimum qualifications to serve on the board, (3) the procedure for appointing persons to the board, (4) the duration of the terms for board members, and (5) the manner in which hearings of the board are to be held. Additionally specifies the powers and the duties of the board, which include the authority to make findings and decisions on disciplinary action of a law enforcement officer alleged to have committed misconduct, and the authority to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and compel the production of evidence. Includes definitions of terms as used in this statute, information regarding an appeals process and petitioning for judicial review. Provides that a county and one or more cities in that county may establish a joint citizen review board. Indicates exceptions to the general authority of a citizen review board established

by a county under this section.

Enacts a new GS 160A-289.3 regarding the establishment of a citizen review board by a city. Provisions parallel and are the same as those for the establishment of a review board by a county.

Amends GS 153A-212.2, regarding establishing neighborhood crime watch programs within a county, and amends GS 160A-289.2, regarding establishing neighborhood crime watch programs within a city, to require that the county or city, respectively, provide training that meets specified standards for members of a neighborhood crime watch program.

Intro. by McKissick, Bryant.

[GS 15A](#), [GS 17C](#), [GS 17E](#), [GS 143B](#), [GS 153A](#), [GS 160A](#)

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Government, Public Safety, Local Government

S 623 (2015-2016) [OCC.LIC./AMEND FEE SCHED. BARBER EXAMINERS BD.](#) Filed Mar 26 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEE SCHEDULE AND EXPIRED REGISTRATION RENEWAL PROCEDURES FOR THE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS.*

Identical to [H 191](#), filed 03/11/15.

Amends GS 86A-17 by deleting the provision allowing the State Board of Barber Examiners (Board) to impose civil penalties when a registered barber's certificate of registration has expired for a period greater than six months.

Amends GS 86A-25 to raise the upper limit on all of the listed fees that may be charged by the Board. Also deletes the provision stating there is no charge for the certificate or renewal for barbers 70 years and older.

Applies to applications submitted on or after the date the act becomes law.

Intro. by Bingham.

[GS 86A](#)

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Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing

S 628 (2015-2016) [NATURAL GAS ECON. DEV. INFRASTRUCTURE.](#) Filed Mar 26 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE RECOVERY OF CAPITAL RELATED COSTS INCURRED BY A NATURAL GAS UTILITY FOR CONSTRUCTING NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A LARGE MANUFACTURING EMPLOYER.*

Identical to [H 332](#) filed on 3/23/15.

Enacts new GS 62-133.13, "Cost recovery for natural gas economic development infrastructure," in Article 7 of GS Chapter 62 (Public Utilities). Provides that the purpose of this statute is to prescribe a procedure for a natural gas local distribution company to recover cost as a part of a project identified by the Department of Commerce (Department) as an eligible project under GS 143B-437.021 (enacted in this act). Directs the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) to adopt rules to implement GS 62-133.13.

Limits eligibility for cost recovery under this section to natural gas economic development infrastructure determined by the Commission to satisfy all of the specified conditions which include specifications as to eligible locations, binding commitments such as a commercial contract, and determining if there are insufficient projected non-gas revenues from the eligible project to cover the cost associated with the project.

Also includes specifications regarding determining: (1) the economic feasibility of the construction of the infrastructure (2) the recoverable costs of an eligible project, and (3) the recovery of eligible economic development infrastructure costs in a rate adjustment surcharge mechanism. In addition, sets a limitation prohibiting a natural gas local distribution

company from investing more than \$25 million of eligible infrastructure development costs in any year and prohibits cumulative rate adjustments from exceeding 5% of the total annual service non-gas revenues approved by the Commission in the natural gas local distribution company's last general rate case.

Enacts new GS 143B-437.021, "Natural gas economic development infrastructure," in Article 10 of GS Chapter 143B (Executive Organization Act of 1973). States that the purpose of GS 143B-437.021 is to provide criteria for use by the Department of Commerce (Department) in determining the eligibility of an economic development project that requires natural gas service infrastructure.

Describes an eligible project as an economic development project that is determined by the Department to satisfy all of the following conditions: (1) provides opportunities for natural gas usage, jobs, and other economic development benefits in addition to those provided by the project; (2) has invested or intends to invest at least \$200 million in private funds in improvements to real property and additions to tangible personal property in the project; and (3) the business employees at least 1,500 full-time employees or equivalent full-time employees at the project at the time the application is made, and the business agrees to maintain at minimum 1,500 full-time employees or equivalent full-time contract employees at the project.

Provides that a project may be considered as an eligible project under this section only if it is a project of a business that satisfies a wage standard, identified as an average weekly wage equal to at least 110% of the average wage for all insured private employers in the county. Provides additional criteria for the calculation of and annual publication and certification of the satisfaction of wage standard by the business.

Requires an eligible project to be one undertaken by a business that makes health insurance available to all full-time employees and equivalent full-time contract employees. Also provides that to be deemed an eligible project, the business undertaking the project must have no citations under the Occupational Safety and Health Act that have become a final order within the last three years for willful serious violations or for failing to abate "serious violations" (as defined in GS 95-127) with respect to the location for which the eligible project is located. Also requires that an eligible project be undertaken by a business that satisfies, at the time of the application, the environmental impact standard under GS 105-129.83.

Makes this act effective when it becomes law and provides that the act expires effective July 1, 2020; however, also provides that the expiration of the act does not affect the validity of any rate adjustment surcharge mechanism imposed or authorized under this act before the effective date of the expiration.

Intro. by Brock, Rucho, B. Jackson.

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S 667 (2015-2016) [PRINCIPLE-BASED RESERVING](#). Filed Mar 26 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.*

Identical to [H 361](#) filed 3/25/15.

Amends GS 58-58-50, Standard Valuation Law, as follows.

Sets out and defines terms for use in the statute. Provides that current language in the statute applies to policies and contracts issued before the operative date of the valuation manual. Amends that existing language to require the Commissioner of Insurance (Commissioner) to value the reserves for all outstanding life insurance policies, annuity contracts, pure endowment contracts, accident and health insurance contracts, and deposit-type contracts of every life insurance company doing business in the state. Deletes language allowing the Commissioner to certify the amount of the reserves. Specifies which existing statutory provisions apply to policies and contracts issued on or after the effective date

of the statute and before the operative date of the valuation manual. Establishes new provisions that apply to all policies and contracts issued on or after the operative date of the valuation manual. Requires the Commissioner to annually value the reserves for all outstanding life insurance contracts, annuity contracts, pure endowment contracts, accident and health insurance contracts, and deposit-type contracts of every company issued on or after the operative date of the valuation manual. Allows the Commissioner to accept a valuation made by the insurance supervisory official of any state or other jurisdiction in lieu of the valuation of the reserves required of a foreign or alien company, if that valuation complies with the minimum statutory standard.

Requires, on or after the operative date of the valuation manual, every company with outstanding life insurance contracts, annuity contracts, pure endowment contracts, accident and health insurance contracts, or deposit-type contracts in this state subject to regulation by the Commissioner to annually submit the opinion of the appointed actuary as to whether the reserves and related actuarial items held in support of the policies and contracts are computed appropriately, are based on assumptions that satisfy contractual provisions, are consistent with previously reported amounts, and comply with applicable state laws. Also requires the inclusion of an opinion of the same appointed actuary as to whether the reserves and related actuarial items held in support of the policies and contracts specified in the valuation manual, when considered in light of the assets held by the company with respect to the reserves and related actuarial items, including, but not limited to, the investment earnings on the assets and the considerations anticipated to be received and retained under the policies and contracts, make adequate provision for the company's obligations under the policies and contracts. Sets out provisions governing the required opinions. Effective when the act becomes law, amends the provisions governing the opinions required in GS 58-58-50 for the time period before the operative date of the valuation manual.

Sets out provisions concerning the applicability of the valuation manual, including the items that must be specified in the manual. Specifies circumstances under which the Commissioner may exempt specific product forms or product lines of a licensed domestic company doing business only in this state from these requirements. Establishes requirements that apply to any principle-based valuation of policies issued on or after the operative date of the valuation manual, including requirements for the reserves.

Sets out 10 provisions governing the confidentiality of information provided to the Commissioner under the statute.

Gives the Department of Insurance full authority to enter into contracts or other agreements with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, or any other state, entity, or person to fulfill the requirements of this statute and exempts those contracts from specified statutory provisions.

The above provisions are effective on the operative date of the manual of valuation instructions adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC).

Amends GS 58-58-55, standard nonforfeiture provisions, to make existing provisions applicable to policies issued before the operative date of the valuation manual and add new language governing policies issued on or after the operative date of the valuation manual. effective on the operative date of the manual of valuation instructions adopted by the NAIC.

Enacts new GS 58-58-51 setting the operative date of the valuation manual as January 1 of the first calendar year beginning the first July 1 as of which: (1) the valuation manual has been adopted by the NAIC by an affirmative vote of at least 42 members, or three-fourths of the members voting, whichever is greater; (2) the model Standard Valuation Law, or legislation including substantially similar terms and provisions, has been enacted by states representing more than 75% of the direct premiums written as reported in the following annual statements submitted for 2008: life, accident and health annual statements; health annual statements; and fraternal annual statements; and (3) the model Standard Valuation Law has been enacted by at least 42 of the following 55 jurisdictions: the 50 states of the United States, American Samoa, the American Virgin Islands, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico.

Includes a severability clause.

S 680 (2015-2016) [NC MONEY TRANSMITTERS ACT.-AB](#) Filed Mar 26 2015, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA MONEY TRANSMITTERS ACT AS REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSIONER OF BANKS.*

Identical to [H 289](#) filed on 3/18/15.

Enacts new Article 16B, the North Carolina Money Transmitters Act in GS Chapter 53. Sets out the terms and their definitions as they apply to the Article. Defines money transmissions engaging in the business of: (1) sale or issuance of payment instruments or stored value primarily for personal, family, or household purposes or (2) receiving money or monetary value for transmission or holding funds incidental to transmission within the United States or to locations abroad by any and all means, including payment instruments, stored value, wire, facsimile, or electronic transfer primarily for personal, family, or household purposes; specifies that this includes maintaining control of virtual currency on behalf of others.

Prohibits engaging in the business of money transmission without being licensed. Specifies that a person is considered to be engaged in the business of money transmission in this state if that person solicits or advertises money transmission services from a Web site that North Carolina citizens may access in order to enter into those transactions by electronic means. Specifies entities exempted from the licensing requirement. Allows licensees to authorize delegates to engage in money transmission on their behalf subject to an express written agreement, specifies content of the agreement, and requires licensees to maintain full charge, control, and supervision of any authorized delegate. Allows the Commissioner of Banks (Commissioner) to also exempt any person or transaction if the Commissioner finds that such action is in the public interest and regulation of the person or transaction is not necessary for the Article's purposes.

Requires applications for licensure to be filed through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry (NMLS) and specifies information that must be included in the application.

Requires applicants to possess and requires licensees to maintain a net worth of no less than \$250,000. Allows the Commissioner to increase the amount if it is necessary to ensure safe and sound operation based on the consideration of nine specified factors.

Requires applicants to post a surety bond and requires licensees to maintain a surety bond in the amount of \$150,000. Sets out requirements for adjusting the amount of the bond. Sets out further provisions governing the bond.

Requires licensees to possess at all times unencumbered permissible investments that have an aggregate market value of no less than the aggregate face amount of all outstanding transmission obligations. Allows the requirement to be waived by the Commissioner under specified circumstances. Deems permissible investments to be held in trust for the benefit of the purchasers and holders of the licensee's outstanding payment instruments and stored value obligations in the event of bankruptcy.

Requires the payment of a \$1,500 application fee. Also requires licensees to pay an annual assessment with the amount dependent on the licensee's transmission dollar volume.

Sets out the procedure for the Commissioner to follow in determining whether to grant a license.

Prohibits licensees from performing specified acts.

Requires licensees to maintain books, accounts, and other records the Commissioner requires for no less than three years and specifies what must be included in those records. Requires licensees to notify the Commissioner of any change in the location of records within 10 days.

Requires licensees to file annual and quarterly reports that include specified information. Failure to timely submit the reports is grounds for summary suspension.

Requires a licensee to notify the Commissioner within 15 days of a change or acquisition of control of a licensee.
Requires a licensee to file a written report with the Commissioner within 15 days of the occurrence of four specified events related to bankruptcy, reorganization, revocation or suspension proceedings, or specified felony indictments or convictions.

Sets out provisions governing the Commissioner's powers of investigation and examination of compliance.

Allows the Commissioner to deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue a license or limit the manner in which a licensee or applicant engages in money transmission if it is in the public interest and any of 12 specified circumstances exist, including that the licensee has conducted business in an unsafe or unsound manner, the licensee or applicant has violated or failed to comply with the Article or related rules or orders, or that the licensee fails to make any required report.

Requires all administrative actions and hearings under the Article to proceed according to the requirements for administrative hearings under the Administrative Procedure Act. Sets out further details concerning the Commissioner's disciplinary authority.

Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor to knowingly and willfully: (1) violate any provision of this Article for which a penalty is not specifically provided, (2) make a material, false statement in any document filed or required to be filed under this Article with the intent to deceive the recipient of the document, and (3) engage in the business of money transmission without a license.

Makes all information or reports obtained by the Commissioner subject to confidential treatment. Allows the Commissioner to enter agreements or sharing arrangements with other governmental agencies or associations representing them and share otherwise confidential information, with limitations.

Allows the State Banking Commission to adopt rules implementing the Article. Provides for appeals to the State Banking Commission.

Deems any person subject to the Article as (1) consenting to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state for all actions arising under this Article and (2) appointing the Secretary of State as such person's agent for the purpose of accepting service of process in any action, suit, or proceeding that may arise under this Article. Deems the Commissioner to have complied with the requirements of law concerning service of process by mailing by certified mail any notice required or permitted to a person subject to this Article, postage prepaid and addressed to the last known address on file with the Commissioner.

Allows the Commissioner to require all persons subject to the Article to be licensed through NMLS and sets out additional requirements and allowances concerning NMLS.

Includes a severability clause.

Allows any person who holds a money transmitter's license in good standing issued by the Commissioner on or after November 1, 2014, to continue to engage in such business subject to the Article's requirements.

Repeals Article 16A of GS Chapter 53, Money Transmitter's Act.

Effective October 1, 2015.

Intro. by Gunn.

GS 53

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Banking and Finance

IN CERTAIN LOCAL CONFINEMENT FACILITIES TO ALLOW ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING INDIGENT DEFENDANTS TO CONSULT WITH THEIR CLIENTS REMOTELY.

Identical to [H 374](#), filed 3/26/15.

Appropriates \$1.6 million for 2015-16 from the General Fund to the Office of Indigent Defense Services (IDS) to establish a system of fully automated kiosks in certain local confinement facilities to allow attorneys representing indigent defendants to consult with their clients remotely. Requires the system to incorporate technology through which meetings between attorneys and their clients cannot be monitored or recorded, thereby preserving confidentiality. Allows the savings realized by using the system to be used at the discretion of the Commission on Indigent Defense Services to (1) continue funding for the use of the kiosk system or (2) increase the rates paid by the Office of Indigent Defense Services to private assigned counsel during the 2015-17 fiscal biennium and provide comparable increases for contract attorneys during the 2015-17 fiscal biennium. Requires IDS to report on the establishment and use of the kiosk system and the corresponding cost savings to the chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety, the chairs of the House Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety, and the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety by February 1 of each year. Effective July 1, 2015.

Intro. by Lee, Newton.

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S 709 (2015-2016) [DISPUTE RESOLUTION AMENDMENTS](#). Filed Mar 26 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.*

Identical to [H 303](#), filed 3/18/15.

Amends GS 7A-38.1(1), 7A-38.4A(j), 7A-38.3B, and 7A-38.3D(k), making technical changes and conveying all powers and duties previously delineated to agencies established to enforce standards of conduct for mediators or other neutrals to the Dispute Resolution Commission (Commission).

Amends GS 7A-38.2 to provide that the fees charged for certification and annual renewal of certification for mediators and mediation training will be deposited in the Dispute Resolution Fund (Fund). Establishes the Fund in the Judicial Department as a non-reverting, interest-bearing special revenue account. Provides that the monies in the Fund must be used to support the operations of the Commission.

Enacts new GS 7A-38.2(l) and (m) concerning the regulation of mediators, providing that the Commission can issue cease and desist letters to individuals falsely representing themselves to the public as certified mediators, whether such communication is made through words, letters, titles, signs, cards, web postings, or similar. Provides that such individuals or firms making such misrepresentation are guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor and subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$500 each day of the violation. Provides that each day is considered a separate and distinct violation. Requires proceeds from violations to be remitted to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund. Provides that the Commission can petition the court on its own accord to apply for an injunction to prevent violations. Effective December 1, 2015.

Unless otherwise provided, effective July 1, 2015, applying to mediations commenced after that date.

Intro. by Hartsell.

[GS 7A](#)

LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 279 (2015-2016) [WAKE CTY LOCAL BOARD OF EQUALIZATION/REVIEW](#). Filed Mar 18 2015, *AN ACT REGARDING A SPECIAL BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW FOR WAKE COUNTY.*

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

Amends GS 105-322, deleting provisions from the previous edition that provided eligibility requirements for the special board of review authorized by this section. Adds clarifying language that the board of commissioners will determine the membership and qualifications for the special board of review. Also allows the assessor's designee to service as clerk to the board of equalization and review.

Intro. by Pendleton, Malone, Dollar, Avila.

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ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 6: AUTOCYCLE DEFINITION AND REGULATION.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 16: REPEAL OUTDATED REPORTS.-AB

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

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 146: AMEND ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES LAWS.

House: Postponed To 04/01/2015

H 151: PROPERTY INSURANCE RATEMAKING REFORM.

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 152: NEW HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT.

House: Amend Failed A2
House: Amend Failed A3
House: Amend Failed A4
House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 156: LEGAL NOTICES/REQUIRE INTERNET PUBLICATION.

House: Placed On Cal For 03/30/2015

H 201: ZONING CHANGES/CITIZEN INPUT.

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: 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 229: MODIFY RELIGIOUS PROPERTY EXEMPTION.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute
House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)
House: Added to Calendar
House: Passed 2nd Reading
House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 242: WHITE COLLAR INVESTIGATION.

House: Passed 3rd Reading
House: Ordered Engrossed

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

House: Placed On Cal For 03/30/2015

H 281: RECORDS TO MEDICAL EXAMINER.

House: Passed 2nd Reading
House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 286: DENTAL HYGIENISTS/INTRAORAL LOCAL ANESTHETICS.

House: Passed 2nd Reading
House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 293: ADOPTION LAW CHANGES.

House: Placed On Cal For 03/30/2015

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

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 295: JUVENILE MEDIA RELEASE.-AB

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 297: DHHS CHILD SUPPORT RECOMMENDATIONS.-AB

House: Placed On Cal For 03/30/2015

H 344: GUBERNATORIAL TEAM TICKET.

House: Passed 1st Reading
House: RefTo Com On Elections

H 346: COUNTIES/PUBLIC TRUST AREAS.

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

H 348: NC RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading
House: RefTo Com On Judiciary I
House: Withdrawn From Com
House: Re-ref Com On Judiciary IV

H 349: DEVELOP BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY PLAN.

House: Passed 1st Reading
House: RefTo Com On Public Utilities

H 350: RESTORE DRIVING PRIVILEGES/COMPETENCY.

House: Passed 1st Reading
House: Ref to the Com on Transportation, if favorable, Judiciary II

H 351: CLARIFY UTILITY RATES.

House: Passed 1st Reading
House: RefTo Com On Public Utilities

H 352: STANDARD OF PROOF/PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS.

House: Passed 1st Reading
House: RefTo Com On Judiciary II

H 354: CHARTER SCHOOL TRANSPARENCY ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading
House: Ref to the Com on Education - K-12, if favorable, Judiciary IV

H 355: ENHANCE PROTECTION FOR GROUP HOME RESIDENTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading
House: Ref to the Com on Health, if favorable, Judiciary II

H 356: NCUC REG. FEE CHANGES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Public Utilities

H 357: TOXICOLOGY REPORTS/DISTRICT COURT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Judiciary II

H 358: SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADE SCALE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Education - K-12

H 359: EXCELLENCE IN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Appropriations

H 360: RAISE MINIMUM WAGE/SET COLA.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 361: PRINCIPLE-BASED RESERVING.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Insurance

H 362: CITIES/BUSINESS REGISTRATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Finance

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

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 365: ENHANCE PATIENT SAFETY IN OPERATING ROOMS.

House: Filed

H 366: COMPACT/BALANCED BUDGET.

House: Filed

H 367: NC CONSUMER FIREWORKS SAFETY ACT.

House: Filed

H 368: IMPROVE THE A-F GRADING SYSTEM.

House: Filed

H 369: WOUNDED WARRIOR MOTORSPORT SCHOLARSHIP/FUNDS.

House: Filed

H 370: CERTAIN LOCAL GOVTS IN STATE HEALTH PLAN.

House: Filed

H 371: TERROR CLAIMS/DAMAGES/LIABILITY FOR SUPPORT.

House: Filed

H 372: 2015 MEDICAID MODERNIZATION.

House: Filed

H 373: PAPER BALLOTS BY 2020/CERTAIN COUNTIES.

House: Filed

H 374: IDS EFFICIENCY ACT.

House: Filed

H 375: REAL PROP./ERROR CORRECTION & TITLE CURATIVE.

House: Filed

H 376: CIV PRO/MODERNIZE EXPERT DISCOVERY.

House: Filed

H 377: EFFICIENT AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY RATES.

House: Filed

H 378: AMD. CRITERIA/CERTAIN AG. COST-SHARE PGMS.

House: Filed

H 379: SIMPLIFY OT COLLECTION BY INTERMEDIARIES.

House: Filed

H 380: STATEWIDE SCHOOL SAFETY MANAGEMENT.

House: Filed

H 381: MODERNIZE COLLECTION AGENCY LAWS.

House: Filed

H 382: EVIDENCE/AMEND RULE 411.

House: Filed

H 383: CLARIFY STATUTORY SCHEME/SEX OFFENSES.

House: Filed

H 385: INCREASE SHERIFFS' SUPP. PENSION COURT COST.

House: Filed

S 6: STATE HEALTH PLAN/REHIRED RETIREE ELIGIBILITY.

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received From Senate

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

Senate: Conf Com Reported

House: Conf Com Reported

House: Added to Calendar

House: Conf Report Adopted

S 20: IRC UPDATE/MOTOR FUEL CHANGES. (NEW)

Senate: Conf Com Reported
House: Conf Com Reported
House: Ruled Material
House: Placed On Cal For 03/30/2015

S 29: DOB REDACTION REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading
House: Ref To Com On Judiciary II

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

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading
Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

S 112: COMM. FISHING COURSES/COASTAL COLLEGES.

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading
Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

S 176: CHARTER SCHOOL GRADE LEVEL EXPANSION.

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading
Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

S 305: NCEMPA ASSET SALE.

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading
Senate: Special Message Sent To House
House: Special Message Received From Senate
House: Passed 1st Reading
House: Ref To Com On Finance

S 332: REGISTER OF DEEDS-POA INDEXING FEES.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com
Senate: Re-ref to Judiciary II. If fav, re-ref to Finance

S 333: TEACHER ATTRITION DATA.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com
Senate: Re-ref Com On Education/Higher Education

S 334: SBCC ELECTION.

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading
Senate: Passed 3rd Reading
Senate: Special Message Sent To House
House: Special Message Received From Senate
House: Passed 1st Reading
House: Cal Pursuant 32
House: Added to Calendar
House: Passed 2nd Reading
House: Passed 3rd Reading
House: Ordered Enrolled

S 336: ESTATE PLANNING/UNIFORM TRUST CODE.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com
Senate: Re-ref to Judiciary I. If fav, re-ref to Finance

S 357: PROHIBIT IMPROPER REPORTING TO CREDIT AGENCY.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 359: PROMOTE NC-THINKS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Workforce and Economic Development

S 362: AMEND CERTAIN EXPUNCTION LAWS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary II

S 363: EXPAND OUTDOOR FOOD SERVICE AT PUBLIC EVENTS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 364: MAP ACT REVISIONS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Transportation

S 366: AMEND CERTAIN REQS/PERMANENCY INNOVATION COMM.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Health Care

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

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Information Technology. If fav, re-ref to Transportation

S 372: RENEWABLE ENERGY SAFE HARBOR.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

S 373: REPEAL MAP ACT.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Transportation

S 374: MODIFY FOR-HIRE LICENSE LOGBOOK REQUIREMENT.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 376: CLARIFY DISCLOSURE REQS./ELECTIONEERING COMM.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Redistricting

S 377: APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR DRUG OVERDOSE MEDS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

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

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary II

S 379: CEMETERIES LOCATED ON STATE PROPERTY.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On State and Local Government

S 381: COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PILOT PROJECT/FUNDS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 382: RFI/PRIVATIZATION OF FERRY SYSTEM.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Transportation

S 385: PAYROLL PROCESSOR SURETY BONDS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 386: REGISTERS OF DEEDS/UCC RECORDING FEES.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

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

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary I

S 392: LEFT TURN ON RED/DDI.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 395: REFORM MEDICAL EXAMINER SYSTEM.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

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

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

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

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

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

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Pensions & Retirement and Aging

S 405: TRACK SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN EPILEPSY.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 406: REPEAL FEE FOR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 422: COUNTY OMNIBUS LEGISLATION.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 423: FOSTER CARE FAMILY ACT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 424: FOSTERING SUCCESS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 425: DOT CONDEMNATION CHANGES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 426: DENR ATTRACTIONS DYNAMIC PRICING FLEXIBILITY.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 427: NC-THINKS/AWARDS ALLOCATION CHANGES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 428: SURCHARGE TRANSPARENCY.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 429: LABOR/2015 TECHNICAL & CONFORMING CHANGES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 430: LRC STUDY/CAMPAIGN ADVERTISING.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 432: ELECTRONIC PAWN & METALS DATABASE.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 433: PROPERTY PROTECTION ACT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 434: CAP/CLARIFY UTILITY RATE MECHANISMS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 435: BUSINESS COURT AMENDMENT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 436: EVALUATION OF ELECTRICAL GRID/FUNDS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 437: APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR POISON CONTROL.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 438: PERMANENT PLATES/CHARTER SCHOOLS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 439: STUDENTS W/SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 440: LET DENTAL HYGIENISTS ADMINISTER ANESTHETICS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 441: PUBLIC RECORDS - E-MAIL DISCLOSURE.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 443: DRIVERS LICENSE FEE/DONATE LIFE NC.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 444: TEACHER COMPENSATION MODIFICATIONS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Appropriations/Base Budget

S 445: BURT'S LAW.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 446: DEALERSHIP LOANER VEHICLES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 447: ENERGY INVESTMENT ACT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 449: KAPPA ALPHA PSI SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 450: SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADE SCALE.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 451: PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 452: STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS REFUND MODIFICATION.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 453: REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 2015.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 454: AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR LICENSING BOARD.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 455: IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 456: CHARTER SCHOOL MODIFICATIONS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 457: SDIP OPT-OUT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 459: MODIFY LETTERS OF OBJECTION REQUIREMENTS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 461: ELIMINATE TOBACCO DISCOUNT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 462: PUBLIC AUTHORITIES/NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 463: INCREASE ACCESS TO EDUCATION.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 464: FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT UNC STRATEGIC PLAN.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 465: UI/WORK SHARING OPTIONS FOR EMPLOYERS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 466: SELF-SETTLED TRUSTS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 468: TRUST TAXABLE INCOME CLARIFICATION.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 469: OCCUPATIONAL LIC. BD. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 471: MODERNIZE COLLECTION AGENCY LAWS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 472: LOCAL INCENTIVES FOR HISTORIC REHABILITATION.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 474: AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT STANDARD.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 475: MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ENFORCEMENT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 476: ASSURE SAFE FOOD VIA FOOD HANDLER TRAINING.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 477: PROTECTION OF STATE MONUMENTS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 479: LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN STATE HEALTH PLAN.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 480: UNIFORM POLITICAL ACTIVITY/EMPLOYEES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 481: PROVIDING ACCESS TO ENTREPRENEURS/SM BUSINESS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 482: LLC ACT CLARIFICATION.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 483: EFFICIENT AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY RATES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 484: ALLOW SBHCS TO OFFER CONTRACEPTIVES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 485: LAW ENFORCEMENT PRIVACY/PUBLIC WEB SITES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 486: NC TRAIL EXPANSION/ECONOMIC CORRIDORS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 487: HEALTH CHOICE TECHNICAL REVISIONS.-AB

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 489: DHHS CHILD SUPPORT RECOMMENDATIONS.-AB

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 490: INCREASE ACCESS TO MH SERVICES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 491: MANUFACTURED HOME PURCHASE AGREEMENT CHANGE.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 492: LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGE/CHURCH.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 493: POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING VIA TAX RETURN.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 494: STUDENT ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 495: PROVIDE FUNDING/NC MILITARY BUSINESS CENTERS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 497: ALLOW CHANGE OF OFFICE WITHIN FILING DEADLINE.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 498: ENHANCE PATIENT SAFETY IN RADIOLOGIC IMAGING.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 499: PREVENT REPEAT CRIME ACT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 500: NC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT ACT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 501: STRENGTHEN THE DO NOT CALL REGISTRY.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 503: SEX OFFENSE WITH STUDENT/CHARTER SCHOOLS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 504: MOBILE BEAUTY SALONS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 505: REVOKE CONSENT FOR INTERCOURSE.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 506: AMENDMENT CONVENTION PROCEDURES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 507: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDNT CONVENTION/COUNTERMAND.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 508: AMEND BAIL BOND LAWS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 510: NCVPS/EQUAL ACCESS TO EDUCATION.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 511: PROOF REQUIRED FOR DEBT/FEEES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 513: NORTH CAROLINA FARM ACT OF 2015.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 515: DRIVER EDUCATION FUNDING.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 516: LEO PRIVACY PROTECTION.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 517: TEACHERS/ISOLATED K-12 SCHOOLS.

Senate: Filed

S 518: BROADER PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES.

Senate: Filed

S 519: PRESUMED SHARED PARENTING.

Senate: Filed

S 520: AMEND INDECENT EXPOSURE LAW.

Senate: Filed

S 521: ALT. DISPOSAL OF BIODEGRADABLE AG PLASTICS.

Senate: Filed

S 522: RAISE AWARENESS OF LUPUS.

Senate: Filed

S 523: AVOID DOUBLE BILLING OF STATE TAXPAYERS.

Senate: Filed

S 524: FOUNDING PRINCIPLES/GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.

Senate: Filed

S 525: AMEND OPTICIAN LICENSURE FEES & EXAM REQ'S.

Senate: Filed

S 526: JOB CREATION AND TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2015.

Senate: Filed

S 527: WOUNDED WARRIOR MOTORSPORT SCHOLARSHIP/FUNDS.

Senate: Filed

S 528: RESCIND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION REQUESTS.

Senate: Filed

S 529: BILLY GRAHAM/NATIONAL STATUARY HALL.

Senate: Filed

S 530: COMPETENCY-BASED ASSESSMENTS.

Senate: Filed

S 531: STUDY NEED FOR PULSE OXIMETERS IN SCHOOLS.

Senate: Filed

S 532: EUGENICS AMENDMENTS/COUNTY VICTIMS.

Senate: Filed

S 533: NC VOTER EDUCATION ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 534: STUDY STUDENT ONLINE DATA PRIVACY.

Senate: Filed

S 535: NC WORKS CAREER COACHES.

Senate: Filed

S 536: STUDENTS KNOW BEFORE YOU GO.

Senate: Filed

S 537: STUDY THIRD YEAR LAW STUDENT PRACTICE RULES.

Senate: Filed

S 538: NCWORKS/ENHANCE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

Senate: Filed

S 539: DOT/WORKFORCE REDUCTION COMPLIANCE.

Senate: Filed

S 540: PRIORITY PASS/FERRY.

Senate: Filed

S 541: REGULATE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES.

Senate: Filed

S 542: DECRIMINALIZE DIRECT ENTRY MIDWIFERY.

Senate: Filed

S 543: HOME BIRTH FREEDOM ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 544: REQUIREMENTS-BASED WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

Senate: Filed

S 545: WORKFORCE ENRICHMENT/VETERANS.

Senate: Filed

S 546: CREATE INSPECTION PROGRAM/VENISON DONATIONS.

Senate: Filed

S 547: INTERCONNECTION OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS.

Senate: Filed

S 548: REESTABLISH NC PROGRESS BOARD.

Senate: Filed

S 549: STUDY REG. HEALTH AUTHORITIES/DATA ANALYTICS.

Senate: Filed

S 550: NC RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 551: OUT OF SCHOOL SERVICES.

Senate: Filed

S 552: SEDIMENTATION CONTROL CIVIL PENALTY REFORMS.

Senate: Filed

S 553: PUBLIC RECORDS/ACCESS FOR NC CITIZENS ONLY.

Senate: Filed

S 554: SCHOOL BUILDING LEASING REFORM.

Senate: Filed

S 555: STUDENT READING ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 556: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REFORM.

Senate: Filed

S 557: CREATE PERMIT EXEMPTIONS/HOME RENAL PRODUCTS.

Senate: Filed

S 558: ALLOW CHIROPRACTIC PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAMS.

Senate: Filed

S 559: DESIGNATE OFFICIAL STATE SPIDER.

Senate: Filed

S 560: GDAC AMENDMENTS.

Senate: Filed

S 561: REMEDIATION-FREE HS GRADUATES.

Senate: Filed

S 562: ENERGY INVESTMENT ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 563: COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGERS LICENSURE ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 564: UI/DIRECT SELLERS/NONEMPLOYEE STATUS.

Senate: Filed

S 565: NO REVOLVING DOOR EMPLOYMENT.

Senate: Filed

S 566: DISPOSITION OF MINIMAL PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS.

Senate: Filed

S 567: REGULATE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES.

Senate: Filed

S 568: NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH CARE MODERNIZATION.

Senate: Filed

S 569: ELECTRIC USAGE DATA FREEDOM ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 570: EXPUNCTION/BOAT VIOLATION.

Senate: Filed

S 571: EXPAND USES OF 911 FEE.

Senate: Filed

S 572: AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY RELIEF.

Senate: Filed

S 573: STRENGTHEN OYSTER INDUSTRY.

Senate: Filed

S 574: 2015 MEDICAID REFORM.

Senate: Filed

S 575: NC/SC ORIGINAL BORDER CONFIRMATION.

Senate: Filed

S 576: FAIR COMPETITION & EMP. CLASSIFICATION ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 577: MANUFACTURED HOME RE-TITLE.

Senate: Filed

S 578: TRANSITION CERTAIN ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS/DCDEE.

Senate: Filed

S 579: AGRICULTURAL FAIRS/HANDGUNS ON PREMISES.

Senate: Filed

S 580: HONOR STATE'S VETERANS.

Senate: Filed

S 581: STUDY/SUBDIVISION STREET MAINTENANCE.

Senate: Filed

S 582: THIRD-PARTY PREMIUM PAYMENTS.

Senate: Filed

S 583: JUNETEENTH OBSERVANCE.

Senate: Filed

S 584: POVERTY TASK FORCE.

Senate: Filed

S 585: CREATE HBCU ADVISORY BOARD.

Senate: Filed

S 586: LOCAL FOOD SOURCING TAX CREDIT.

Senate: Filed

S 587: POSTAGE PAID ON RETURN/VOTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

Senate: Filed

S 588: REMOVE REVOCATION FOR CERTAIN DWLR OFFENSES.

Senate: Filed

S 589: HABITUAL FELONS/CLARIFY PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS.

Senate: Filed

S 590: SEX OFFENDER/UNLAWFULLY ON PREMISES.

Senate: Filed

S 591: HONOR COACH'S ACHIEVEMENTS.

Senate: Filed

S 592: CLARIFY PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY REQS. FOR PUV.

Senate: Filed

S 593: IMPROVE PROFESSOR QUALITY/UNC SYSTEM.

Senate: Filed

S 594: TEACH FOR NORTH CAROLINA PILOT PROGRAM.

Senate: Filed

S 595: SCHOOL SAFETY ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 596: PROTECTION AGAINST UNCONST. FOREIGN JUDGMNTS.

Senate: Filed

S 597: EDUCATION STATUTES REVISION.

Senate: Filed

S 598: REPORTING OF SUBSTANCE-EXPOSED NEWBORNS.

Senate: Filed

S 599: HIGHWAY QUICK CLEARANCE AMENDMENTS.-AB

Senate: Filed

S 600: STUDY/AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES.-AB

Senate: Filed

S 601: STUDENT DATA PROTECTION ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 602: CONST. AMEND.-RESERVE LOTTERY FUNDS PRE-K.

Senate: Filed

S 603: NC ACCOUNTABILITY.

Senate: Filed

S 604: WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S PROTECTION ACT OF 2015.

Senate: Filed

S 605: VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS.

Senate: Filed

S 606: TAX LAW T/C FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Senate: Filed

S 607: CONST. AMEND-TAX LEGISLATION.

Senate: Filed

S 608: SIMPLE AND FAIR FORMULA FOR SALES TAX DISTRIB.

Senate: Filed

S 609: MANDATE USE/CONTROLLED SUB. REPORTING SYSTEM.

Senate: Filed

S 610: HEALTHY PREGNANCIES/PRISONERS AND DETAINEES.

Senate: Filed

S 611: THE I WILL ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 612: NONDISCRIMINATION IN PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.

Senate: Filed

S 613: PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATORY PROFILING.

Senate: Filed

S 614: EXPAND GRANDPARENT VISITATION RIGHTS.

Senate: Filed

S 615: RURAL BROADBAND/INFRASTRUCTURE.

Senate: Filed

S 616: COMMERCE NCWORKS/FUNDS.

Senate: Filed

S 617: LOCAL GOVERNMENT REG REFORM.

Senate: Filed

S 618: MODIFY OSBM FISCAL ANALYSIS: EXISTING RULE.

Senate: Filed

S 619: GREY'S LAW.

Senate: Filed

S 620: DOT/OUTSIDE COUNSEL.-AB

Senate: Filed

S 621: REGISTRATION RENEWAL NOTICE/E-MAIL.-AB

Senate: Filed

S 622: UAS/NO LEO SURVEILLANCE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Senate: Filed

S 623: OCC.LIC./AMEND FEE SCHED. BARBER EXAMINERS BD.

Senate: Filed

S 624: PRIVATE SCHOOLS/FIREARMS AMENDMENTS.

Senate: Filed

S 625: INTERNET UNIVERSITIES/FRAUDULENT DEGREES.

Senate: Filed

S 626: AMEND EXPUNCTION LAWS.

Senate: Filed

S 627: LRC STUDY/POLLING SITE & BALLOT BOX ACCESS.

Senate: Filed

S 628: NATURAL GAS ECON. DEV. INFRASTRUCTURE.

Senate: Filed

S 629: INCREASE ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

Senate: Filed

S 630: PI ACCESS TO CRIMINAL COURT RECORDS.

Senate: Filed

S 631: ELMINATE ANNUAL TRAINING REQ.-SCH BOARDS.

Senate: Filed

Senate: Filed

S 632: CIVIL JUDGMENT/ALLOW WAGE GARNISHMENT.

Senate: Filed

S 633: STATE AND LOCAL GOV. TRANSPARENCY ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 634: USE OF PASSING LANE/INCREASED PENALTY.

Senate: Filed

S 635: COAL ASH RECYCLING.

Senate: Filed

S 636: CONSOLIDATE STATE OFFICES/DIGITAL DOCS REQ'D.

Senate: Filed

S 637: AFTER TAX BENEFIT PLAN EFFICIENCY.

Senate: Filed

S 638: UNC OMNIBUS BILL.

Senate: Filed

S 639: TRANSPORTATION FUNDING BILL.

Senate: Filed

S 640: SCHOOL NURSES/LRC STUDY.

Senate: Filed

S 641: CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT STANDARDIZATION ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 642: RAISE FEE CEILINGS/PSYCHOLOGY PRACTICE ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 643: REAL PROP./RECORDED INSTRUMENT ERROR CORRECT.

Senate: Filed

S 644: DEATH PENALTY MORATORIUM.

Senate: Filed

S 645: URBAN/RURAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE.

Senate: Filed

S 646: UNLAWFUL TO ASSIST ANOTHER TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

Senate: Filed

S 647: AMEND TRAPPING LAW.

Senate: Filed

S 648: NC FIREARMS FREEDOM ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 649: ACCESS TO SPORTS/EXTRACURR. FOR ALL STUDENTS.

Senate: Filed

S 650: ELECTIONS TRANSPARENCY.

Senate: Filed

S 651: CLARIFY STATUTORY SCHEME/SEX OFFENSES.

Senate: Filed

S 652: PROHIBIT RE-HOMING OF AN ADOPTED MINOR CHILD.

Senate: Filed

S 653: SENIORS' FRAUD PROTECTION ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 654: MAP ACT/CLARIFICATIONS.

Senate: Filed

S 655: CLARIFY BOARD APPOINTMENTS.

Senate: Filed

S 656: WC/2015 OMNIBUS LAW CHANGES.

Senate: Filed

S 657: CHARTER SCHOOLS/HIGHER ED/LRC STUDY.

Senate: Filed

S 658: EXPAND TO SEVEN-DAY HUNTING.

Senate: Filed

S 659: SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SPECIAL PLATE.

Senate: Filed

S 660: DISPOSE OF REMAINING TOXICOLOGY FUNDS.

Senate: Filed

S 661: PRIVATE LABS MUST COMPLY WITH CODIS.

Senate: Filed

S 662: APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR TOBACCO USE PREVENTION.

Senate: Filed

S 663: OSHR MODERNIZATION/TECHNICAL CHANGES.

Senate: Filed

S 664: STUDY LOCAL GOV'T CONTRACT LOBBYISTS.

Senate: Filed

S 665: UNCLAIMED LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS.

Senate: Filed

S 666: STUDY ENERGY GENERATION/TRANSMISSION.

Senate: Filed

S 667: PRINCIPLE-BASED RESERVING.

Senate: Filed

S 668: AUTO INSURANCE/ALLOW OPTIONAL ENHANCEMENTS.

Senate: Filed

S 669: HOMELESS YOUTH OBTAINING HOUSING/LRC STUDY.

Senate: Filed

S 670: TERM LIMITS FOR BOG MEMBERS.

Senate: Filed

S 671: DL RESTORATION/DWI TREATMENT COURT.

Senate: Filed

S 672: LRC STUDY/LOCAL BOARDS OF ED.

Senate: Filed

S 673: CLARIFY MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS.

Senate: Filed

S 674: TRUCK DEALER COST REIMBURSEMENT.

Senate: Filed

S 675: LIMIT PAROLE REVIEW FREQUENCY.

Senate: Filed

S 676: AUTISM HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.

Senate: Filed

S 677: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND.

Senate: Filed

S 678: AMEND DEBT COLLECTION STATUTES.

Senate: Filed

S 679: NC CONSUMER FINANCE ACT AMENDMENTS.

Senate: Filed

S 680: NC MONEY TRANSMITTERS ACT.-AB

Senate: Filed

S 681: CONSUMER ACCESS TO CREDIT ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 682: MODIFY SUNSET RE: CONTINGENT AUDITS.

Senate: Filed

S 683: ABOLISH CONSENT TO RATE FOR PROPERTY INS.

Senate: Filed

S 684: WAIVE JURY TRIAL/PROCEDURES.

Senate: Filed

S 685: IDS EFFICIENCY ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 686: LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGE CHANGES.

Senate: Filed

S 687: STUDY/TRANSFER GLOBAL TRANSPARK TO COMMERCE.

Senate: Filed

S 688: 2015 TORT REFORM.

Senate: Filed

S 689: PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION.

Senate: Filed

S 690: LRC STUDY SCH. DIST. RESTRUCTURE/OPEN ENROLL.

Senate: Filed

S 691: STUDY INSURANCE RATE MAKING.

Senate: Filed

S 692: NUTRITIOUS FOOD REQUIREMENTS.

Senate: Filed

S 693: UI AND WORKERS' COMP FOR NEWSPRINT EMPLOYEES.

Senate: Filed

S 694: EMPLOYEE MISCLASSIFICATION REFORM.

Senate: Filed

S 695: MODERNIZE NURSING PRACTICE ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 696: MEDICAID MODERNIZATION.

Senate: Filed

S 697: IC/ESTABLISH PRESCRIPTION DRUG FEE SCHEDULE.

Senate: Filed

S 698: STATE IT/UTILITY-BASED CLOUD COMPUTING.

Senate: Filed

S 699: PROTECT LEO HOME ADDRESS/OTHER INFORMATION.

Senate: Filed

S 700: LIMIT SALES TAX REFUND FOR NONPROFITS.

Senate: Filed

S 701: DISCONTINUE MEDICAID CONTRACT FOR PCCM.

Senate: Filed

S 702: REPEAL CON AND COPA LAWS.

Senate: Filed

S 703: MEDICAID TRANSFORMATION.

Senate: Filed

S 704: LRC-STUDY MOBILE HOME PARK ABANDONED PROPERTY.

Senate: Filed

S 705: ENSURE FAIR SALE OF DOROTHEA DIX PROPERTY.

Senate: Filed

S 706: HBCU INNOVATION FUND.

Senate: Filed

S 707: ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS.

Senate: Filed

S 708: HOMELAND SECURITY PATRIOT ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 709: DISPUTE RESOLUTION AMENDMENTS.

Senate: Filed

S 710: SERVICE WORKER TAX REDUCTION ACTION.

Senate: Filed

S 711: PRESUMPTION OF SHARED PARENTING.

Senate: Filed

LOCAL BILLS

H 12: AMEND GASTON FOSTER CARE OMBUDSMAN PROG.

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 199: RALEIGH/DONATE SERVICE ANIMALS TO OFFICERS.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

H 204: CASWELL BEACH/QUICK TAKE EMINENT DOMAIN.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

H 243: LOCAL MOD: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

H 247: HOKE COUNTY LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On Finance

H 263: CITY OF TRINITY TERMS OF ELECTION.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 03/30/2015

H 279: WAKE CTY LOCAL BOARD OF EQUALIZATION/REVIEW.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

H 345: CURRITUCK COUNTY/REMOVE ABANDONED VESSELS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Local Government

H 347: MODIFY GRAHAM COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 353: WILSON'S MILLS/SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 363: HIGH POINT/DOUGHNUT ANNEXATIONS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 384: GREENSBORO/POLICE DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS.

House: Filed

H 386: TOWN OF HOPE MILLS/SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS.

House: Filed

H 387: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEX./CERTAIN COUNTIES.

House: Filed

S 140: LAKE SANTEETLAH OCCUPANCY TAX AUTHORIZATION.

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

S 156: MT. GILEAD CHARTER REVISION & CONSOLIDATION.

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading