

## The Daily Bulletin: Thursday, April 2, 2015

### PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 184 (2015-2016) [CHANGE DCR PROCESS FOR UNCLAIMED PROPERTY](#) .-AB Filed Mar 10 2015, *AN ACT TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES, OFFICE OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, TO USE THE NET PROCEEDS OF THE SALE OF ARTIFACTS FOR MAINTENANCE OR CONSERVATION OF OTHER ARTIFACTS; TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR TRANSFERRING TITLE OF UNCLAIMED OR UNDOCUMENTED PROPERTY LOANED TO MUSEUMS AND HISTORICAL REPOSITORIES TO THOSE MUSEUMS AND HISTORICAL REPOSITORIES; AND TO SET A TIME LIMITATION ON CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS.*

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

Amends GS 121-51 to rewrite the definitions for *archives repository* and *museum* as those terms apply in Article 5, GS Chapter 121.

Defines *archives repository* to have the same meaning as the term *North Carolina State Archives* as defined in GS 121-2(7) (was, a nonprofit organization or public agency open to the public on a regular basis with primary functions that include selecting, preserving, and making available records of enduring or historical value; includes the libraries).

Defines *museum* to mean any museum or historic site administered by the Department of Cultural Resources, including the term *North Carolina Museum of History* as defined in GS 121-2(6) (was, a nonprofit organization or public agency open on a regular basis to the public and operated primarily for the purpose of collecting, cataloging, preserving, or exhibiting property of educational, scientific, historic, cultural, or aesthetic interest; includes historical societies and historic sites).

**Intro. by R. Brown, Cleveland, Floyd, Riddell.**

[GS 121, GS 132](#)

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

H 215 (2015-2016) [PROCEDURE FOR WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL](#). Filed Mar 11 2015, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURE FOR WAIVER OF THE RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL IN CRIMINAL CASES IN SUPERIOR COURT.*

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

Amendment #1

Deletes the following language from proposed GS 15A-1201(c): "for a tentative trial date."

Amends proposed GS 15A-1201(c), appearing to intend, that after notice of waiver by the defense, the State can contact the judge scheduled to preside, and the defendant, in writing, to determine whether the judge agrees to hear that case without a jury (previously, did not require the defendant to be contacted). Adds language which gives a defendant the right to revoke a waiver to jury trial once within 10 business days of the defendant's initial decision if the defendant does so in open court with the State present, or in writing to both the State and the judge. Provides that the decision to revoke is final and binding.

Amendment #2

Deletes language in proposed GS 15A-1201(c) that provided that if the trial judge decides a motion to suppress evidence under GS Chapter 15A, Article 53, then a motion to recuse the trial judge could be appropriate.

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

[GS 15A, GS 20](#)

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

H 298 (2015-2016) [AMEND UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT.-AB](#) Filed Mar 18 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT (UIFSA)*.

The House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes technical and clarifying changes.

**Intro. by Burr, Stevens.**

[GS 52C](#)

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

H 464 (2015-2016) [REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY REVISIONS](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO ADJUST THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL BE VOTING MEMBERS, TO AUTHORIZE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES TO HIRE A CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, AND TO CLARIFY THE VOTING PROCESS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES*.

Amends GS 160A-635 to amend the membership of the Board of Trustees (Board) of regional transportation authorities to require at least two, but no more than three, members be Board of Transportation members appointed by the Secretary of Transportation and adds criteria for those appointments. Make all Board members voting members. No longer requires that the Secretary be elected annually. Amends GS 160A-636 to amend what is needed for a quorum of the Board and provides guidance on how to count members for purposes of establishing the quorum. Requires an affirmative vote equal to a majority of all members of the Board not excused from voting in order to authorize the expenditure of public funds, or to take specified actions on contracts on behalf of the authority.

Amends the powers of the Regional Transportation Authority as follows. Provides authority to employ a chief administrative officer (was, persons deemed necessary) to carry out the Authority's functions and duties and sets guidelines for compensation. Makes technical changes.

Enacts new GS 160A-639.1 to set out the chief administrative officer's duties. Makes the chief administrative officer responsible to the Board for administering all matters placed in the officer's charge by the Board. Specifies eight duties, including hiring, appointing, suspending, or removing Authority employees; attending all Board meetings; and preparing and submitting the annual budget and capital program to the Board. Requires the chief administrative officer to designate an Authority employee as clerk who has four specified duties.

Effective July 1, 2015, and applies to contracts entered into and other actions taken by Authorities on or after that date.

**Intro. by Fairecloth.**

[GS 160A](#)

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[Government, Local Government, Transportation](#)

H 465 (2015-2016) **CLARIFY & MODIFY CERTAIN ABORTION LAWS**. Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY AND MODIFY CERTAIN LAWS PERTAINING TO ABORTION*.

Amends GS 14-45.1, when abortion not unlawful, as follows. Specifies that the abortion must be performed by an obstetrician or gynecologist (was, physician).

Requires specified records to be kept by physicians who advise, procure, or cause a miscarriage or abortion after the 16th week of a woman's pregnancy, including the method used by the physician to determine the gestational age of the unborn child at the time the procedure is to be performed, as well as certain ultrasound images. Provides that physicians that procure or cause a miscarriage or abortion after the 20th week of a pregnancy must record the findings and analysis on which the physician based the determination that continuance of the pregnancy would threaten the life or gravely impair the health of the woman. Provides that any information submitted to DHHS in accordance with the above provisions are to be used for statistical purposes only, protecting the confidentiality of the patient. Requires that DHHS collect statistical summary reports from ambulatory surgical facilities as well as hospitals and clinics. Effective January 1, 2016, and applies to abortions performed or attempted on or after that date.

Makes technical and conforming changes.

Amends GS 90-21.82 to increase the waiting period for an abortion from 24 to 72 hours. Makes conforming changes to GS 90-21.86.

Amends GS 116-36.1, Regulation of institutional trust funds, to make all trust funds subject to GS 143C-6-5.5 (Limitation on use of State funds for abortions). Effective when the act becomes law.

Enacts new GS 116-36.7, prohibiting employees at the medical schools at East Carolina University or the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from performing or supervising an abortion as part of the employee's official duties. Allows exceptions for when the life of the mother is endangered if the child were carried to term, or the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest. Effective when the act becomes law.

Amends GS 116-37 to prohibit using money from the UNC Health Care System for abortions. Prohibits state facilities created, owned, controlled, or managed by the UNC Health Care System from being used in the performance of abortions. Sets out exceptions. Effective when the act becomes law.

Amends GS 116-37.2, Regulation of University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill Funds, to make funds under the statute subject to GS 143C-6-5.5 (Limitation on use of State funds for abortions). Effective when the act becomes law.

Includes a severability clause. Effective when the act becomes law.

Unless otherwise indicated, effective October 1, 2015, and applies to abortions performed on or attempted on or after October 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Schaffer, McElraft, Turner, S. Martin.**

**GS 14, GS 90, GS 116**

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**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers**

H 474 (2015-2016) **HEALTHY OUT-OF-SCHOOL RECOGNITION PROGRAM**. Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO INCLUDE IN THE TYPES OF PROGRAMS THAT DO NOT CONSTITUTE THE PROVISION OF CHILD CARE TRACK OUT PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WHO ATTEND YEAR-ROUND SCHOOLS AND TO ESTABLISH THE HEALTHY OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME (HOST) RECOGNITION PROGRAM*.

Amends GS 110-86(2) concerning child care facilities, adding language to the definition for *child care*, providing that track-out programs provided to school-age children when they are out of school on a year-round school calendar are not considered child care.

Specifies General Assembly findings on childhood obesity and physical health.

Enacts new Article 7A, Healthy Out of School Time (HOST) Recognition Program (Program) in GS Chapter 110. Establishes the Program, to be administered by the Department of Health and Human Service's Division of Child Development and Early Education (Department). Requires the Department to develop a process to be administered online for an *out of school time program* (as defined) to be recognized as a program meeting the Article's standards. Requires the process to give an out of school time program the option to create a certificate that includes a document demonstrating how the out of school time program meets requirements concerning training, parent and caregiver education, physical activity, screen time, food, beverages, fundraising, location, and notification requirements. Requires the Department to maintain a list of programs that qualify under the program and post the list on its website.

**Intro. by Dobson, Whitmire, Hardister.**

**GS 110**

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education**

H 481 (2015-2016) [HOUSE PERMANENT RULES-FINAL](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *A HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY*.

Adopts the permanent rules of the House of Representatives. The permanent rules differ from the temporary rules as follows.

Removes references to subcommittees throughout.

Amend Rule 5, Order of Business of the Day, by adding the reading of statements of personal privilege at the end of the order of business.

Adds new Rule 8.1 setting out processes related to a question of personal privilege.

Amends Rule 12, concerning General Decorum, to prohibit using mobile devices or cell phones for making or receiving a phone call in the House chamber.

Amends Rule 20, Use of Electronic Voting System, to clarify that second reading on resolutions does not need to be by electronic vote.

Amends Rule 26 as follows. Allows the Speaker to name one or more vice-chairs for any standing committee. Specifies that the Chairs of the Appropriations Committee are entitled to vote in all other Appropriations Committees.

Amends Rule 28 concerning committee meetings, to provide that any member may call for the ayes and notes before a question is put; if the call is sustained by one-fifth of the members present and standing (was, members present), the question must be decided by the ayes and noes upon a roll call vote.

Amends Rule 31 to add that members should use a "Representative Statement of Personal Privilege" as provided in Rule 8.1, as the preferred alternative to House simple resolutions that memorialize, celebrate, commend, and commemorate, other than for those relating to deceased members of the General Assembly.

Amends Rule 31.1 to change the date by which House public bills must be submitted to bill drafting to April 2, 2015 (was, March 26, 2015), and changes the date by which those bills must be introduced to April 14, 2015 (was, April 8).

Changes the date by which appropriations and finance bills must be introduced in the House to April 16, 2015 (was, April 15). Changes the cross-over deadline from May 7, 2015, to April 30, 2015. Increases the limit on public bill introductions from 10 to 15.

Amends Rules 43 to add that when offering an amendment, the member must deliver the signed original amendment to the Principal Clerk and a copy to the Chair of the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Amends Rule 54 to also allow absences for pregnancy and military service.

Amends Rule 59 to add the procedure by which a member can remove their sponsorship of a bill that is substantially changed by a Senate amendment or a Senate committee substitute.

Amends Rule 61, concerning the assignment of seats, to provide that when there is a vacancy, the Speaker or the Chair of the Standing Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House may assign such permanent seats as are necessary to maintain seating.

**Intro. by Lewis.**

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H 481 (2015-2016) [HOUSE PERMANENT RULES-FINAL](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *A HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY*.

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

Amends Rule 21 to add that except if there is a State of Emergency, a motion to approve the Journal, or a motion to adjourn, the House will take no votes during the week beginning on April 5, 2015, and ending on April 11, 2015.

Amends Rule 26 to limit the number of Appropriations Committee chairs who are entitled to vote in all other Appropriations committees to two.

**Intro. by Lewis.**

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H 482 (2015-2016) [EMPLOYEE FAIR CLASSIFICATION ACT](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE EMPLOYEE FAIR CLASSIFICATION ACT*.

Adds new Article 4, to be known as the Employee Fair Classification Act, to GS Chapter 95. Defines terms as they apply in Article 4. Includes the following definitions: (1) *employ*--to suffer or permit to work; specifies that an entity or individual is not deemed to be an employer of a person hired or otherwise engaged by the entity's or individual's independent contractor; (2) *employee*--any person defined as an employee by either GS 95-25.2(4), 95-47.1(6), 95-174, 96-1(10), 97-2(2), or 105-163.1(4); specifies that a person who is an independent contractor under GS 95-280 is not an employee; (3) *employee misclassification*--inaccurately classifying an employee as an independent contractor, thereby avoiding tax liabilities and other obligations imposed by GS Chapters 95, 96, 97, or 105; and (4) *employer*--any entity or individual that employs one or more employees as in GS 95-276(a)(2) of this act.

Provides that nothing in new Article 4, GS Chapter 95, is to be construed or intended to alter the definition of *employer* or *employee* under any other provision of law.

Declares that the provisions of GS 95-280, enacted in this act, are intended to codify the North Carolina Supreme

Court's holding in *Hayes v. Board of Trustees of Elon College*, 224 N.C. 11 (1994).

Provides the factors to be considered in determining whether an individual is an independent contractor for the purposes of new Article 4. Identifies the factors to be considered in determining independent contractor status. Provides that the presence of one or more factors is not controlling and that the presence of all the identified factors is not required to determine whether an individual is an independent contractor. Declares that other factors that are consistent with the opinion in *Hayes* may also be considered in determining independent contractor status.

Establishes the Employee Misclassification Task Force (EMTF). Directs the Governor to appoint a director, as the chief executive officer of the EMTF, to serve a four-year term and devote full-time effort to the duties of the EMTF. Provides for the authority, duties, and responsibilities of the director. Provides that the director's salary is to be as provided in the Current Operations Appropriations Act. Provides that the appointment of the director is subject to confirmation by the General Assembly by joint resolution. Provides that the EMTF receive adequate funding to provide it with investigators and necessary staff to meet the duties of the EMTF as set out in this Article. Directs the Office of the State Controller to ensure that the EMTF is provided with all necessary access to the Government Data Analytic Center and other information technology services.

Delineates the powers and duties of the EMTF, which include investigating reports of employee misclassification and coordinating with and assisting all relevant state agencies with recovering any back taxes, wages, benefits, penalties, or other money owed as a result of an employer engaging in employee misclassification. Requires the director to appoint an informal advisory council to advise the director on issues within the jurisdiction of the EMTF.

Requires the EMTF to annually publish, no later than October 1 of each year, a report to the Governor and the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on the administration of this Article, including any recommendations that the EMTF deems advisable. Provides information that the report must minimally include.

Prohibits employee misclassification. Provides additional civil penalties for repeated instances of employee misclassification. Provides that employers found by the EMTF to have engaged in employee misclassification have the right to appeal the final finding and any accompanying penalty. Employers may appeal either under GS Chapter 150B or by filing a petition in the superior court with jurisdiction over the matter. Declares that nothing in this section is to be construed as creating a private right of action, at law or in equity, for the activities prohibited in this section.

Directs the EMTF to establish and administer a temporary amnesty program to encourage voluntary self-reporting by employers who are currently engaging in employee misclassification. Confers immunity from the civil penalties provided for in GS 95-279 on every employer participating in the temporary amnesty program. Requires the EMTF to establish the procedures for participation in the temporary amnesty program and specifies what these procedures must minimally require.

Includes additional provisions regarding confidentiality and access to records and the responsibilities of occupational and licensing boards to certify that applicants have read and understood the employee misclassification notice set out in GS 95-278(a)(7).

Amends GS 95-25.15(c) to specify the content of the poster summarizing the major provisions of this Article that must be displayed in every establishment subject to this Article.

Amends GS 97-2 to delete the rebuttable presumption that "employee" does not include any person selling newspapers or magazines at a fixed price and amends GS 97-5.1 to delete the rebuttable presumption that taxi drivers are independent contractors.

Amends GS 153A-134 and GS 160A-194 to require that any applicant subject to regulation and licensure by a county or a city must certify that the applicant has read and understood the employee misclassification notice as provided by GS 95-278(a)(7).

Appropriates \$293,000 from the General Fund to the Industrial Commission for the 2015-16 fiscal year and \$293,000 for the 2016-17 fiscal year to support five new positions whose duties will include reviewing quarterly employer wage

and earnings reports and comparing those to the Worker's Compensation insurance policies to detect fraud and employee misclassification. Requires the Industrial Commission to consult with the Department of Revenue, the Division of Employment Security of the Department of Commerce, and the Department of Labor in hiring staff for these positions.

Appropriates \$17,500 for the 2015-16 fiscal year from the General Fund to the Industrial Commission for non-recurring costs associated with the positions authorized by this section.

Includes a severability clause to provide that if any provisions of the proposed act or its application are held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications that can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provisions or applications.

**Intro. by Pendleton, Blust, Szoka.**

**APPROP, GS 95, GS 97, GS 153A, GS 160A**

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**Employment and Retirement, Government,  
Budget/Appropriations**

H 483 (2015-2016) **LAND USE REGULATORY CHANGES**. Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE LAND USE REGULATORY LAWS OF THE STATE*.

Amends GS 143-755 concerning permit choice for development, providing that this section also applies to zoning permits. Deletes language which previously provided that it did not apply to zoning permits.

Amends GS 160A-385(b) and GS 153A-344(b), both concerning the applicability of certain ordinances or regulations to already issued building permits, providing that amendments in land development regulations, as specified, including zoning ordinances or unified development ordinances, are not applicable or enforceable without the written consent of the owner with regard to building, uses, or developments for which either a zoning permit or a building permit has been issued before the enactment of the changes or amendments as long as either permit remains valid and unexpired (previously, amendments in zoning ordinances were not applicable or enforceable without consent of the owner with regard to buildings and uses for building permits issued prior to the enactment of the change(s) as long as the permits remain valid as specified or a vested right has been established and remains valid as specified). Also adds language that provides that written consent is required for changes or amendments to be enforceable if a vested right has been established as specified or if a vested right is established by the terms of a development agreement.

Enacts new GS 160A-393.1, Civil action for declaratory relief, injunctive relief, or other remedies, establishing an appeal process for landowners, permit applicants, or tenants that have been aggrieved by a final and binding decision involving ordinances that regulate land use or development. Provides that in lieu of an appeal to a board of adjustment, these parties can maintain an original action in superior court or business court for declaratory relief, injunctive relief, damages, or any other remedies provided by law or equity when specified claims or defense are asserted, including constitutional matter or the invalidity of the development regulation. Sets out timelines for filing an action as well as establishing the hearing process as the exclusive means for obtaining relief after an appeal has been concluded pursuant to GS 160A-388(b1).

Amends GS 160A-364.1 concerning the statute of limitations for certain causes of action of development regulations, making a conforming change.

Amends GS 160A-393, provisions concerning the appeals of quasi-judicial decisions of decision-making boards such as the planning board or board of adjustment, expanding the scope of review for writs of certiorari, providing that a petitioner can assert and the court must determine de novo claims or defenses including the invalidity of an ordinance, a constitutional matter, preemption, 42 USC 1983, or common law vested rights. Specifies when such claims or defense must be made known to the decision-making board. Makes conforming changes.

Enacts new GS 160A-393.2, No estoppel effect when challenging unlawful conditions, providing that landowners or permit holders cannot be precluded from making a timely challenge to any unlawful condition imposed as a result of land development regulations as specified as a result of actions by the landowner or applicant to proceed with the development or use.

Amends GS 6-21.7 to provide that the court can award reasonable attorneys' fees upon a finding that the city or county violated a statute that set clear limits on its authority or otherwise abused its discretion (previously, allowed such awards upon a finding that the city or county acted outside the scope of its legal authority). Adds language that attorneys' fees can be awarded to the prevailing private litigant in all other matters. Makes technical and clarifying changes.

Amends GS 6-19.1, concerning attorney's fees to parties appealing or defending against an agency decision, providing that in specified civil actions, unless the State is the prevailing party, the court must allow the prevailing party to recover reasonable attorneys' fees arising under GS Chapter 150B, Article 3, or any other provision of law if specified conditions are met (was, the court could in its discretion allow the prevailing party to recover fees for contested cases arising under GS Chapter 150B, Article 3, if specified conditions are met). Provides that one of the specified conditions to be met is that an agency acted without substantial justification and adds language which clarifies that the lack of substantial justification is conclusively established when an agency acts in violation of a statute that sets clear limits on its authority.

Amends GS 1A-1, Rule 65, Injunctions, of the Rules of Civil Procedure, deleting language which provided that no security for a restraining order or preliminary injunction will be required of the State or of any county or municipality, or any officer or agency acting in an official capacity.

Effective October 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Jordan.**

[GS 1A, GS 6, GS 143, GS 153A, GS 160A](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Procedure, Development, Land Use and Housing, Government, Local Government](#)

H 484 (2015-2016) [HOME SCHOOLERS PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL SPORTS](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO PERMIT HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS IN CERTAIN LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS*.

Amends GS 115C-12 (powers and duties of the State Board of Education) and GS 115C-47 (powers and duties of local boards of education) to require home-schooled students to be allowed to participate in interscholastic athletic activities.

Enacts new GS 115C-565.1 to require that in order to be eligible to participate in interscholastic public school athletics, a home school student meet residency criteria and participate only at the school where the student would be assigned if enrolled. Sets out additional rules that must be followed. Makes a student who has not met established academic eligibility requirements for athletic participation ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics as a home-schooled student. Requires a home-schooled student to demonstrate any required academic eligibility in all subjects taken in the home school program by a method of evaluation agreed to by the parent and school principal. Sets out requirements concerning registration, fees, and insurance. Gives the principal of the school at which a home-schooled student would like to participate in interscholastic athletics the final determination on whether to allow that student to participate.

Applies to home-schooled students residing in counties with a population of 200,000 or less.

Applies beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

**Intro. by Cleveland, Dobson, McElraft.**

[GS 115C](#)



H485 (2015-2016) **HOME SCHOOLERS PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL SPORTS**. Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO PERMIT HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS IN CERTAIN LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS*.

Identical to H 484 filed on 2/1/15.

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Applies to home schooled students residing in counties with a population of 200,000 or less.

Applies beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

**Intro. by Cleveland.**

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education**

H 489 (2015-2016) **INCREASE SCHOOL BUS SAFETY**. Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TO STUDENTS AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO STUDY HOW THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN BOARDING AND EXITING SCHOOL BUSES MAY BE INCREASED*.

Amends GS 115C-242 to add the requirement that local school administrative units provide instruction in school bus safety to all students at least twice every school year. Requires local school administrative units to report annually to the Department of Public Instruction detailing the instruction provided to students. Replaces the term pupil with student.

Requires the Department of Public Instruction, in collaboration with the Department of Transportation, to study procedures to increase the safety of children boarding and exiting school buses. Requires a report on findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by January 15, 2016.

Applies beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

**Intro. by R. Johnson.**

STUDY, GS 115C

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

H 494 (2015-2016) [EQUALIZE TAX ON PROPANE USED AS A MOTOR FUEL](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO EQUALIZE THE TAXATION OF LIQUEFIED PROPANE GAS WHEN USED AS A MOTOR FUEL*.

Identical to [S 448](#) filed on 3/25/15.

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

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

Effective July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Collins.**

[GS 105](#)

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[Government, Tax, Transportation](#)

H 495 (2015-2016) [OSHR MODERNIZATION/TECHNICAL CHANGES](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT MAKING MODERNIZING AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT*.

Identical to [S 663](#) filed on 3/26/15.

Amends GS 126-6.2 to require the report by entities employing state employees subject to the North Carolina Human Resources Act be submitted annually instead of quarterly. Amends GS 126-8.1 to allow the Office of State Human Resources (was, the Department of Administration) to adopt rules necessary to carry out the statute, which concerns Paid leave for certain athletic competition.

**Intro. by Collins.**

[GS 126](#)

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[Government, State Government, State Personnel](#)

H 496 (2015-2016) [SURCHARGE TRANSPARENCY](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT NORTH CAROLINA AUTO INSURANCE SURCHARGES IMPOSED TO SUBSIDIZE THE LOSSES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA MOTOR VEHICLE REINSURANCE FACILITY BE CLEARLY COMMUNICATED TO POLICYHOLDERS*.

Identical to [S 428](#) filed on 3/25/15.

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

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

**Intro. by Collins.**

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[Business and Commerce, Insurance, Transportation](#)

H 497 (2015-2016) [SDIP OPT-OUT](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO ALLOW AUTOMOBILE INSURERS TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT INSURER-SPECIFIC DRIVER INCENTIVE PLANS*.

Identical to [S 457](#) filed on 3/25/15.

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

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

**Intro. by Collins.**

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

H 498 (2015-2016) [DEPOPULATE REINSURANCE FACILITY/OPT. ENHTS](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO REDUCE THE EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF NORTH CAROLINA DRIVERS INSURED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA REINSURANCE FACILITY BY PROVIDING FOR FILE AND USE RATE DEVIATIONS FOR AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE, BY PROVIDING A TWO-YEAR PHASEOUT OF THE "CLEAN RISK" SUBCLASSIFICATION WITHIN THE REINSURANCE FACILITY, AND BY ALLOWING INSURANCE COMPANIES WRITING PRIVATE PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE IN NORTH CAROLINA TO OFFER OPTIONAL PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS*.

Amends GS 58-36-30 to add a provision concerning setting of rates for nonfleet private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance. Allows an insurer to deviate from the rates if the insurer files the proposed deviation with the NC Rate Bureau and the Commissioner of Insurance and if it is based on sound actuarial principles. Allows the Commissioner to disapprove a deviation filing only if the Commissioner determines that the filing is excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory. Provides that deviations above the Bureau rate up to the applicable rates established for risks ceded to the Reinsurance Facility are presumed not to be excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory. Requires a written order with specified information if, after a hearing, the Commissioner disapproves a deviation filing. Allows an insurer to terminate a deviation only if the deviation has been in effect for a period of six months before the effective date of the termination and the insurer notifies the Commissioner of the termination no later than 15 days before the effective date of the termination. Makes conforming changes.

Amends GS 58-37-35 to require rate for clean risks on policies reinsured by the NC Motor Vehicle Reinsurance Facility that become effective on or after January 1, 2016, to be established on a schedule that provides that any difference between rates charged for clean risks reinsured in the Facility on policies becoming effective immediately before January 1, 2016, and the actuarially sound rate for all risks reinsured by the Facility must be eliminated over a two-year period. Effective January 1, 2016.

Effective January 1, 2018, amends GS 58-37-35 again to delete the requirement of establishing a separate subclassification for clean risks. Removes all references to clean risks.

Enacts new GS 58-36-43 to allow a member company writing private automobile insurance to incorporate optional enhancements to their automobile programs as an endorsement to an automobile policy if the insurer has filed the

proposed enhancement with the Commissioner and if the proposed enhancement is approved by the Commissioner. Requires proposed premium charges to be included with the proposed program enhancements filed with the Commissioner. Requires the Commissioner to approve proposed premium charges if the Commissioner finds that they are based on sound actuarial principles. Provides that neither the acceptance, renewal of a policy, nor any underwriting rating criteria are to be conditioned by a company upon the acceptance by the policyholder of any optional automobile enhancements. Provides that any premiums, expenses, or losses associated with individual company automobile program enhancements are not to be submitted to its statistical organization for inclusion with the data required by the Rate Bureau for rate-making purposes.

Effective July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Collins, Jeter, Pendleton, Warren.**

**GS 58**

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**Business and Commerce, Insurance**

H 499 (2015-2016) [STUDY/PUBLIC RECORDS & OPEN MEETINGS](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO CREATE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RECORDS AND OPEN MEETINGS*.

Creates the 10-member Joint Legislative Study Committee on Public Records and Open Meetings to study ways to improve transparency of state and local government in the state. Requires the Committee to examine existing laws regarding public access to government records and meetings and legislation enacted in other states that allows greater public access than we currently have in North Carolina. Specifies issues to be included in the study. Requires five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and five members of the Senate to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Sets out provisions concerning naming cochairs, filling vacancies, and staffing the Committee. Requires an interim report to the 2015 General Assembly when it reconvenes in 2016 and requires a final report to the 2015 General Assembly, at which time the Committee terminates.

**Intro. by Collins, L. Hall, Hamilton, Blust.**

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**Government, General Assembly, Public Records and Open Meetings**

H 500 (2015-2016) [FUNDING FOR WILSON AND PITT CIHSS](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE WILSON ACADEMY OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY AND PITT COUNTY SCHOOLS EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL*.

Appropriate \$500,000 for 2015-16 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to be allocated to the Wilson County Schools for the planning and development of the Wilson Academy of Applied Technology. Allows the funds to be used for applied technology equipment, renovations of school property, and professional development for staff during a planning year prior to the opening of the school for the 2016-17 school year.

Appropriates \$310,669 in recurring funds for 2016-17 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to be allocated to the Wilson County Schools for the operation of the Wilson Academy of Applied Technology.

Appropriates \$310,669 in recurring funds for 2015-16 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to be allocated to the Pitt County Schools for the operation of the Pitt County Schools Early College High School.

Effective July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by S. Martin, B. Brown, Farmer-Butterfield.**

APPROP, Pitt, Wilson

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education,  
Government, Budget/Appropriations**

H 501 (2015-2016) **U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES SPECIAL PLATES**. Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO REAUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR THE UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES*.

Repeals GS 20-63(b1)(32), which provides that the US Service Academy plate does not have to be a First in Flight plate. Reenacts GS 20-79.4(b)(234) as it existed on September 20, 2014, allowing the issuance of the US Service Academy Plate; also exempts the plate from GS 20-79.3A (Requirements to establish a special registration plate) and GS 20-79.8 (Expiration of special registration plate authorization).

Amends GS 20-79.7 to add the US Services Academy plate to those that are issued without an additional fee.

**Intro. by G. Martin, Avila, Whitmire.**

GS 20

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**Government, State Agencies, Department of  
Transportation, Military and Veteran's Affairs**

H 502 (2015-2016) **CREATE CHAIN OF SURVIVAL TASK FORCE**. Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT CREATING A CHAIN OF SURVIVAL PUBLIC-PRIVATE TASK FORCE*.

States General Assembly findings concerning cardiac arrest and the use of defibrillators.

Creates the Chain of Survival Public-Private Task Force (Task Force) to identify, pursue, and achieve funding for the placement of AEDs and training of state employees to recognize and initiate life-saving actions to those experiencing an acute event in buildings and facilities housing state agencies, services, and institutions. Specifies Task Force membership. Sets the Task Force to expire on June 30, 2017.

**Intro. by Carney, Stam, Hager.**

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**Health and Human Services, Health**

H 505 (2015-2016) **SMALL BUSINESS TAX RELIEF ACT**. Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE TAX RELIEF FOR SMALL BUSINESSES*.

Amends GS 105-153.5 to allow a deduction from the corporate income tax of up to \$25 of net business income the taxpayer receives during the taxable year if the taxpayer has annual receipts, combined with the annual receipts of all related persons, of \$800,000 or less. Provides that in the case of a married couple filing a joint return where both spouses receive or incur net business income, the maximum dollar amounts apply separately to each spouse's net business income, not to exceed a total of \$50,000. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Alexander.**

GS 105

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**Business and Commerce, Government, Tax**

H 506 (2015-2016) [911 FUND DISTRIBUTION](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY AND AMEND THE PROCEDURES AND SCOPE OF EXPENSES ELIGIBLE FOR 911 FUND DISTRIBUTIONS AND TO STUDY THE STRUCTURE, OPERATIONS, AND FUNCTIONS OF THE 911 BOARD.*

Under current law, the 911 Board must make monthly distributions from the amount allocated to the 911 Fund for Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) to PSAPs meeting specified eligibility requirements.

Amends GS 62A-46(a), adding a new subdivision (5) to provide the process of appeal for a distribution denial by the 911 Board to a PSAP. Requires that a decision by the 911 Board to deny a distribution for expenses incurred by a PSAP must be in writing and must include: (1) the reason for the denial, (2) a notice of the PSAP's appeal right, and (3) information about how to file an appeal or the procedure for requesting reconsideration of the denial.

Amends GS 62A-46(c), regarding the use of funds, to delete language that prohibited a PSAP from using distributions from the 911 Fund for costs of base station transmitters, towers, microwave links, and antennae used to dispatch emergency call information from the PSAP or back-up PSAP. Adds language that permits a PSAP to use a 911 Fund distribution to pay for base station transmitters, towers, microwave links, antennae, and all other transmission equipment located on or otherwise attached to any tower used to dispatch emergency call information from the PSAP.

Directs the Legislative Research Commission (Commission) to study the structure, operations, and functions of the 911 Board and specifies issues that the study is to include. Requires the Commission to report its findings and recommendations for statutory or administrative changes to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations no later than January 31, 2015.

Effective July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Boles.**

[STUDY, GS 62A](#)

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[Government, Public Safety](#)

H 509 (2015-2016) [VOTER FREEDOM ACT OF 2015](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF A "POLITICAL PARTY" AND TO REDUCE THE SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT FOR UNAFFILIATED CANDIDATES.*

Amends the definition of a political party in GS 163-96(a) reducing the percentage requirement of entire votes cast in the state for Governor or for presidential electors to qualify as a political party in North Carolina from 2% to 0.25%. Further requires a petition by a group of voters seeking political party status to be signed by at least 200 registered voters from each of three (was, four) congressional districts. Petitions must be filed by 12:00 noon on the third Friday in July preceding the day on which is to be held the first general state election.

Amends GS 163-98 adjusting the time frame for the president of the new political party's convention to certify to the State Board of Elections names of persons chosen as the new party's candidates in the upcoming general election to be no later than the first day of September (rather than the first day of July) prior to the general election.

Amends GS 163-122(a) changing the date by which a petition by an unaffiliated candidate to be included on a ballot must be filed with the State Board of Elections from the last Friday in June to the third Friday in July. Also reduces the required percentage of qualified voters who must sign the petition from 2% of the total number of voters who voted in the most recent general election to 0.25% if the office is statewide. Also requires the petition be signed from voters in three (was, four) Congressional districts. If the office is a district office under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Elections or if the office is a county office or single county legislative district, the percentage of qualified voters that must sign the petition is changed from 4% to 0.25%. Deletes various provisions concerning total number of registered voters needed in regards to county officer or single county legislative district elections, in lieu of setting the requirement at

0.25% of the total number of registered voters that voted in the most recent general election for that office. Updates a statutory reference.

Amends GS 163-296 requiring unaffiliated candidates who seek to have their names printed on the regular municipal ballot to do so in the manner provided in GS 163-122 and removing the requirement that the petition be signed by at least 4% of the qualified voters of the municipality. Makes conforming changes.

Effective for partisan municipal elections held in 2015 only if preclearance is received under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 prior to July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Saine, Luebke.**

**GS 163**

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**Government, Elections**

H 510 (2015-2016) **GENERAL ASSEMBLY/L.A. PAY**. Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT PROVIDING THAT EACH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO A FULL-TIME LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT OR CLERK WHO IS A PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEE, DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES COMMISSION TO GRANT TO THOSE EMPLOYEES THE SAME BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES AS OTHER PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.*

Enacts new GS 120-32.7 providing that each member of the General Assembly is entitled to one legislative assistant or clerk who is a permanent full time legislative employee during the entire term of the member's office. Makes conforming changes.

Sets out actions the Legislative Services Commission must take in implementing the act.

Appropriates \$1.4 million for 2015-16 and \$1.4 million for 2016-17 from the General Fund to the General Assembly to carry out the act.

Effective July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Baskerville.**

**APPROP, GS 120**

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, General Assembly**

H 511 (2015-2016) **CREDIT UNIONS/STATUTORY CHANGES**. Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS STATUTORY CHANGES RELATED TO CREDIT UNIONS.*

Amends GS 47C-4-110(a) (Escrow of deposits), GS 42-50 (Deposits from the tenant), and GS 42A-15 (Trust account uses) to provide that the deposits made under these provisions must be made in a federally insured depository institution lawfully doing business in North Carolina.

Amends GS 54-109.82, which provides that the capital, deposits, undivided profits, and reserve fund of the corporation may be invested only in the ways identified in this statute. Expands the investment options to make it permissible to invest in higher education bonds that pledge the taxing power of the state for payment of the principal and interest on bonds and notes.

Amends GS 54-109.38 regarding compensation of officials such as the board of directors or committee members. Specifies that while on official business of the credit union, directors and committee members may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incidental to the performance of the business. Provides that the reimbursement may

include the payment of expenses for one guest.

**Intro. by S. Ross, J. Bell, Glazier.**

[GS 42, GS 42A, GS 47C, GS 54](#)

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**Banking and Finance**

H 512 (2015-2016) [AMEND/CLARIFY BACK-UP PSAP REQUIREMENTS](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF BACK-UP PSAP REQUIREMENTS, TO DEFINE UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR BACK-UP PSAPS, AND DEVELOP A MASTER PURCHASING LIST FOR 911 SYSTEM ELIGIBLE EXPENSES*.

Amends GS 62A-46 to set the deadline for the PSAP plans and means (or for making substantial progress towards implementation) for 911 backup by July 1, 2016.

Requires the 911 Board to study alternatives for facilitation of uniform procurement and pricing of 911 eligible expenses through bulk purchasing and other means. Requires a report by May 1, 2016, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology.

**Intro. by S. Martin, Steinburg, Saine, B. Brown.**

[GS 62A](#)

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**Government, Public Safety**

H 513 (2015-2016) [REAL PROPERTY/TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY*.

Amends GS 45-36(c), concerning the satisfaction of mortgages and deeds of trust, providing that unless the satisfaction expressly states that the underlying obligation secured by the security instrument has been extinguished, then the recording of a satisfaction does not by itself extinguish any liability of a person for payment or performance of the secured obligation.

Amends GS 47C-3-104, transfer of special declarant rights, making various changes, now providing that upon the transfer of any special declarant right, the liability of a transferor declarant is not relieved of any obligation or liability arising before the transfer and remains liable for warranty obligations imposed upon the transferor by GS Chapter 47C.

Further provides that unless otherwise provided for in one of the specified instruments, during a foreclosure of a security interest under the specified procedures, an individual acquiring title to all the real property being foreclosed or sold, upon the individual's request in an instrument properly recorded, succeeds to all special declarant rights related to the property held by that declarant. Adds new provisions which provide that the instruments or conveyances listed under this subsection are not required to contain any specific reference to an assignment of special declarant rights but will be presumed to include special declarant rights as part of the right and other interest encumbered by the mortgage, deed of trust, tax lien, or other conveyance.

Further provides, that after the foreclosure of a security interest or other final sales or proceedings of all units and other real estate in a condominium owned by a declarant, any special declarant rights and period of control will terminate except in two specified situations.

Makes clarifying and conforming changes to the liabilities and obligations of individuals who succeed to special declarant rights. Adds responsibilities for the obligations and liabilities arising out of contractual agreements between the transferor or any previous declarant and third parties other than those contained in the declaration.

Provides a limiting provision establishing that nothing in this section subjects any successor to a special declarant right



to any claims against, or other obligations of, a transferor declarant other than claims and obligations expressly arising under GS Chapter 47C or the declaration.

Defines "assignment of declarant rights" for use in this section.

**Intro. by Bryan, Stevens.**

GS 45, GS 47C

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**Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing**

H 514 (2015-2016) [COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGERS LICENSURE ACT](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGERS LICENSURE ACT AND REQUIRING REGISTRATION OF ALL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS.*

Identical to [S 563](#), filed 3/26/15.

Amends GS 93A-3 to require at least two members of the North Carolina Real Estate Commission (Commission) to be licensed community association managers.

Adds new Article 7, Community Association Managers, to GS Chapter 7. Prohibits acting as a community association manager on or after July 1, 2016, without a license from the Commission, with specified exemptions.

Defines *community association manger*, *community association*, and *private community association manager school*. Establishes requirements for licensure and conditions under which licensure can be denied. Requires every community association manager to be covered by a fidelity bond or an insurance policy that meets the specified requirements. Sets out disciplinary actions that the Commission may take. Makes violation of the Article a Class 1 misdemeanor. Gives the Commission authority to license private community association manager schools and prohibits operating a private community association manager school without a license. Sets out further requirements for licensing private community association manager schools including licensing fees and licensing standards. Requires private community association manager schools to execute a \$5,000 bond.

Enacts new Article 8, Registration of Community Associations, in GS Chapter 93A. Requires every community association to register annually with the Commission beginning January 1, 2016. Specifies information that must be provided to the Commission.

Enacts new GS 143B-966 to allow criminal record checks for applicants for community association manager licensure.

Makes conforming changes to GS 47F-3-116. Enacts new GS 47F-3-117 (concerning planned community associations) and new GS 47C-3-120 (concerning condominium owners' associations), requiring these associations to register with the Commission and adds that failure to register means that the association will not be able to enforce liens filed against a lot or lot owner.

**Intro. by R. Moore.**

GS 47C, GS 47F, GS 93A, GS 143B

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

H 515 (2015-2016) [WORK AND SAVE PLAN STUDY](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTARY "WORK AND SAVE" RETIREMENT PROGRAM AIMED AT INCREASING THE RETIREMENT SAVINGS OPTIONS FOR PRIVATE SECTOR WORKERS WHOSE EMPLOYERS*

*DO NOT PROVIDE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLANS.*

Requires the Department of State Treasurer to study the establishment of a state-administered voluntary "Work and Save" program aimed at increasing the retirement savings options available to private sector workers whose employers do not provide retirement savings plans. Requires the study to consider the recommendations for such a program made by AARP. Requires a report to the 2015 General Assembly when it reconvenes in 2016.

**Intro. by Schaffer, S. Ross, Glazier, Pierce.**

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**Employment and Retirement**

H 516 (2015-2016) **COUNTIES DISSOLVE CERTAIN SANITARY DISTRICTS.** Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO DISSOLVE CERTAIN SANITARY DISTRICTS, SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM.*

Enacts new GS 130A-86 allowing a county board of commissioners in counties that have a population in excess of 100,000 to dissolve a sanitary district upon the six specified conditions, including that both the county and at least one city in the county currently provide residents with water and sewer services; prior to the dissolution, the board of commissioners adopts a plan providing for continued operation and provision of all services previously being performed or rendered to the District; and the dissolution of the District is approved by the voters of the county in a referendum.

**Intro. by Hamilton, Iler.**

**GS 130A**

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**Government, Local Government**

H 517 (2015-2016) **ASSIGNMENT OF DEATH BENEFITS.** Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR ASSIGNMENT OF THE ACTIVE EMPLOYEE DEATH BENEFIT AND THE CONTRIBUTORY DEATH BENEFIT TO PAY THE FUNERAL EXPENSES OF A DECEASED MEMBER OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO ALLOW FOR ASSIGNMENT OF THE SEPARATE INSURANCE BENEFIT TO PAY THE FUNERAL EXPENSES OF A DECEASED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.*

As title indicates.

**Intro. by Alexander, Boles.**

**GS 120, GS 128, GS 135, GS 143**

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**Employment and Retirement**

H 518 (2015-2016) **COUNTY SALES TAX FLEXIBILITY.** Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO GIVE COUNTIES INCREASED FLEXIBILITY WITHIN THEIR CURRENT AUTHORITY FOR LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX LAWS.*

Enacts a new Article 43A, County Sales and Use Tax, in GS Chapter 105. Allows the county to choose to use this source of revenue to finance local public transportation systems or for general purposes. Allows a board of county commissioners to levy a local sales and use tax of 0.25% by resolution if (1) if a majority of those voting in a special election approve the levy of the local sales and use tax and the county has given not less than 10 days' public notice or (2) if no election has been held within five years in which the tax has been defeated and the county has given not less than 10 days' public notice of and held a public hearing. Provides for the administration of the tax. Requires a tax levied

by a county under this Article to reduce, by the amount levied, the tax authorized to be levied by the county under Article 43 (Local Government Sales and Use Taxes for Public Transportation).

Amends GS 105-506 to make conforming changes. Allows Article 43 (Local Government Sales and Use Taxes for Public Transportation) to be used by counties and transportation authorities to finance local public transportation or for general purposes.

Amends Article 46 (One-Quarter Cent (1/4¢) County Sales and Use Tax Act) to allow a board of commissioners to levy a local sale and use tax of 0.25% by resolution if: (1) the majority of those voting in a referendum held pursuant to this Article approve the levy of the local sales and use tax and the county has given not less than 10 days' public notice or (2) if no election has been held within five years under the provisions of this section in which the tax has been defeated and the county has given not less than 10 days' public notice of and held a public hearing.

**Intro. by Saine, Hanes, Setzer.**

**GS 105**

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**Government, Tax, Local Government, Transportation**

H 519 (2015-2016) [STRENGTHEN THE DO NOT CALL REGISTRY](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE DO NOT CALL REGISTRY*.

Identical to [S 501](#) filed on 3/25/15.

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 Goodman, Jeter, Warren.**

**GS 75**

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**Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection**

H 520 (2015-2016) [REQUIRE RESTAURANT TRAINING ON FOOD ALLERGIES](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT REQUIRING THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO ADOPT RULES ESTABLISHING FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS AND SAFETY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD AND LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS*.

As the title indicates. Effective October 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Pierce.**

**GS 130A**

H 521 (2015-2016) [UNC/GOOD NEIGHBOR TUITION POLICY](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA MAY, IN ITS DISCRETION, FIX A DISCOUNTED TUITION RATE FOR NONRESIDENT STUDENTS WHO ENROLL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT PEMBROKE.*

Amends GS 116-144 as the title indicates. Requires that the person reside in a county adjacent to the state border and reside within a certain distance of UNC Pembroke, as determined by the UNC Board of Governors, in order to be eligible for the discounted tuition.

Applies to a person enrolling in the 2015-16 fall academic semester and any subsequent academic semester.

**Intro. by C. Graham.**

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[Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies, UNC System](#)

H 522 (2015-2016) [STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION.*

Identical to [S 97](#) filed on 2/19/15.

Amends GS 115C-210.1 as the title indicates.

Makes clarifying changes as to the appointment of one member each to the State Advisory Council on Indian Education (Council) by the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate.

Clarifies that all references to "Indian" in this act are to "American Indian."

Provides that the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina and the State Board of Community Colleges are to each appoint one of the two American Indian members from higher education (was, both appointments were made by the Board of Governors). States that it is preferable that these two members be faculty members.

Reduces the number of American Indian parents appointed to the Council from eight to five. Clarifies that the appointed parents are to be of students enrolled in K-12 public schools, including charter schools.

Increases the number of American Indian K-12 public school educators from two to five. Requires that one member be a Title VII director or coordinator. Defines the following as a K-12 educator for the purposes of this subdivision: a school administrator, classroom teacher, resource teacher, or school counselor. Requires that a member appointed under this subdivision have a current North Carolina professional educator license.

Declares that the American Indian Council members must be broadly representative of North Carolina tribes and organizations or those tribes and organizations recognized by the US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Provides that regardless of the provisions in this act amending GS 115C-210.1, the current members serving on the Council, as of the effective date of this act, are to serve the remainder of their terms. Directs that members are to be appointed to the Council under GS 115C-210.1, as amended in this act, when terms expire or a vacancy occurs before the expiration of a term.

**Intro. by C. Graham.**

GS 115

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**Education**

H523 (2015-2016) [DRIVERS LICENSE DESIGNATION/AMERICAN INDIAN](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO USE A CERTAIN DESIGNATION ON DRIVERS LICENSES WHEN LISTING THE RACE OF AN APPLICANT WHO IS AMERICAN INDIAN.*

As the title indicates. Effective January 1, 2016, and applies to drivers licenses issued or renewed on or after that date.

**Intro. by C. Graham.**

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**Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle**

H 524 (2015-2016) [COUNTIES/PERIODIC AVAILABILITY CHARGE](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO CHARGE A PERIODIC AVAILABILITY CHARGE FOR WATER OR SEWER SERVICE AVAILABLE TO DEVELOPED PROPERTY IN LIEU OF REQUIRING CONNECTION TO THE SERVICE LINES.*

As the title indicates.

**Intro. by Burr.**

GS 153A

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**Government, Local Government, Public Enterprises and Utilities**

H 525 (2015-2016) [MEDICAID MODERNIZATION](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO MODERNIZE AND STABILIZE NORTH CAROLINA'S MEDICAID PROGRAM THROUGH FULL-RISK CAPITATED HEALTH PLANS TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT BOARD TO GOVERN THE MEDICAID AND NC HEALTH CHOICE PROGRAMS.*

Identical to [S 696](#), filed 3/26/15.

States the General Assembly's intent to transform the State's Medicaid program from a traditional fee-for-service system into a system that provides budget predictability for the taxpayers of this state while ensuring quality care to those in need. Requires that the new Medicaid program be designed to: (1) provide budget predictability, (2) slow the rate of cost growth, (3) provide whole-person integrated care, (4) achieve cost-savings through efficient reductions in programmatic costs, (5) create more efficient administrative structures, (6) provide accountability for budget and program outcomes, (7) improve health outcomes for the state's Medicaid population, and (8) maintain access to care for the state's Medicaid population. Specifies nine principal building blocks of the reform and sets out a timeline by which specified milestones for Medicaid reform must be met. Requires the Health Benefits Authority to develop, with stakeholder input, a detailed plan for Medicaid reform that meets the listed goals, includes the building blocks, and meets the time line. Specifies 15 elements that must be included in the plan. Requires the Health Benefits Authority to report to the General Assembly by April 15, 2016, on its strategic plan for Medicaid reform. Specifies actions for when the plan cannot reasonably be completed by April 15, 2016. Requires semiannual reports beginning September 1, 2016, and every six months thereafter until a final report on September 1, 2021, to the General Assembly on the state's progress toward completing Medicaid reform. Specifies that reports are due to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on the Health Benefits Authority. Requires the Health Benefits Authority to work with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to attempt to preserve existing levels of funding generated from Medicaid-specific funding streams to the extent

that the levels of funding may be preserved. Specifies actions if such Medicaid-specific funding cannot be maintained as currently implemented, if such Medicaid-specific funding streams cannot be preserved through the reform process, or if revenue would decrease.

Transfers the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to the Health Benefits Authority. Effective October 1, 2015.

Enacts new Part 36, Health Benefits Authority (Authority), in Article 3 of GS Chapter 143B, to operate the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs. Specifies the Authority's duties. Sets out requirements for the Health Benefits Authority Board (Board). Specifies that Board members serve as fiduciaries for the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs. Gives the Board 17 specified powers, including administering and operating the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs, employing the Medicaid Director, entering into contracts for the administration of the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs, as well as managing such contracts, and supervising the county departments of social services in their administration of eligibility determinations. Lists exemptions from state law that apply to the Authority.

Establishes cooling off periods for certain Authority employees and makes violations a Class 3 misdemeanor with a fine of no less than \$1,000 and no more than \$5,000.

Establishes the Medicaid Reserve Account (Account) to provide for unexpected budgetary shortfalls within the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs that result from program expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated for the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs by the General Assembly and which continue to exist after the Health Benefits Authority makes its best efforts to control costs through midyear budget corrections. Sets minimum and maximum target balances for the Account. Specifies events that trigger conditions under which the Authority may access the Account.

Sets out provisions for Board start up, Board member compensation, and the continuation of administrative arrangements.

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to, no later than August 1, 2015, report on the allocation of Medicaid costs to Divisions outside of the Division of Medical Assistance as well as to other state departments or agencies, to the members of the Board of the Health Benefits Authority, and to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services.

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to submit the appropriate State Plan Amendments (SPAs) to change the single state agency designations for the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs to be the Health Benefits Authority rather than DHHS. Requires the SPAs to have effective dates of October 1, 2015. Specifies other requirements related to the submission of the SPAs.

Transfers all rules and policies exempted from rule making related to the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs. Also transfers existing contracts. Effective October 1, 2015.

Sets out other provisions concerning the transfer to the Authority.

Enacts new Article 23B in GS Chapter 120, establishing the 14-member Joint Legislative Oversight Committee (Committee) on the Health Benefits Authority to examine budgeting, financing, administrative, and operational issues related to the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs and to the Health Benefits Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services. Requires the Committee to consist of seven members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, at least two of whom are members of the minority party, and seven members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, at least two of whom are members of the minority party. Sets out additional terms governing the Committee's organization and powers. Requires the Authority to give a copy of the report to the cochairs of the Committee whenever the Authority is required by law to report to the General Assembly or to any of its permanent, study, or oversight committees or subcommittees. Repeals GS 120-208.1(a)(2)b, thereby removing the Division of Medical Assistance from those agencies to be examined by the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services. Effective October 1, 2015.

Specifies recodification of laws related to Medicaid and NC Health Choice. Enacts new GS 108E-2-1 to provide that eligibility categories and income thresholds are set by the General Assembly, and the Authority must not alter the eligibility categories and income thresholds from those authorized by the General Assembly. Enacts new GS 108E-2-2 providing that counties determine eligibility in accordance with GS Chapter 108A. Makes conforming changes. Effective October 1, 2015.

Provides that funds are appropriated from the General Fund in an amount sufficient to pay for the act's requirements.

**Intro. by Burr, Collins, Pendleton, Blackwell.**

[GS 108A, GS 108E, GS 120, GS 126, GS 143B, GS 150B](#)

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[Health and Human Services, Health, Health Insurance, Social Services, Public Assistance](#)

H 528 (2015-2016) [ESTABLISH CHIROPRACTOR CO-PAY PARITY](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO REENACT A LAW CONCERNING HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN CO-PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY CHIROPRACTORS*.

Amends GS 58-50-30 to prohibit an insurer from imposing a co-payment amount for services performed by a duly licensed chiropractor that is higher than the co-payment amount imposed upon the insured for services performed by a duly licensed primary care physician for a comparable, medically necessary treatment or condition.

**Intro. by Burr, Jones, Hanes.**

[GS 58](#)

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

H 530 (2015-2016) [LOCAL GOV'TS/INSPECT BLDGS & STRUCTURES](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT REVISING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH COUNTIES AND CITIES MAY INSPECT BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES*.

Identical to [S 442](#), filed 3/25/15.

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

properties with crime or disorder problems, then the county must notify the landlord of any crimes, disorders, or other violations that will be counted against the property to allow the landlord an opportunity to correct the problems. Sets out ways the county or sheriff must help landlords in addressing criminal activity. Sets out an appeals process and procedures for action taken by the county against an individual rental unit, providing decisions can be appealed to specified entities if created and functioning, or to the county manager or designee.

Amends GS 160A-424 concerning city inspections of building and structures when there is reasonable cause to believe that unsafe or hazardous conditions exist, providing that "reasonable cause" means that the property (was, landlord or owner) has a history of more than seven verified violations (was, more than two) of the housing ordinances or codes within a rolling 12-month period (was, just a 12-month period). Also provides that the inspections department cannot discriminate between owner-occupied or tenant-occupied buildings. Deletes language referring to periodic inspections in lieu of inspections in general. Provides that cities can require inspection as part of a targeted effort to respond to blighted or potentially blighted conditions. Sets limitations on the total aggregate of targeted areas in the county, no greater than one square mile or five percent of the area within the city, whichever is greater. Sets out other limitations for targeted area designations. Deletes a provision that provided the city cannot discriminate in selecting targeted areas for inspections. Adds provisions providing that the city can require only owners or managers of individual rental units having either more than seven verified violations in a rolling 12-month period or two or more verified violations in a rolling 30-day period, or if the property is identified as being in the top four percent (was top ten percent) of properties with crime or disorder problems, to obtain permission before leasing property or register the property. Sets out new provisions establishing when a special fee or tax can be levied on residential rental property. Also prohibits the city from requiring proof of registration to be posted, or from providing that any violation of rental registration ordinance is a criminal offense, or requiring owners or managers of rental property to submit to an inspection before receiving any utility service provided by the city. Includes language defining *verified violation*. Deletes GS 153A-364(d) concerning the levy of fees for residential property registration for specified rental units. Enacts new GS 153A-364(e) and (f) providing that if a property is identified as being in the top four percent of properties with crime or disorder problems, then the city must notify the landlord of any crimes, disorders, or other violations that will be counted against the property to allow the landlord an opportunity to correct the problems. Sets out ways the city or police department must help landlords in addressing criminal activity. Sets out an appeals process and procedures for action taken by the city against an individual rental unit, providing decisions can be appealed to specified entities if created and functioning, or to the city manager or designee.

**Intro. by W. Brawley, Brisson, Bumgardner, Cotham.**

**GS 153A, GS 160A**

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**Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction, Government, Local Government**

H 533 (2015-2016) **MODIFY PUV EXCEPTIONS TO DISQUALIFICATION**. Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO MODIFY WHEN THE LIEN FOR DEFERRED TAXES ON LAND ELIGIBLE FOR PRESENT-USE VALUE CLASSIFICATION IS EXTINGUISHED IN ORDER TO PROMOTE SALES FOR LAND CONSERVATION USES.*

Amends GS 105-277.4 concerning deferred taxes of agricultural, horticultural and forestland, deleting language which provided that if a property lost its eligibility for present-use value classification because it was conveyed by gift to a nonprofit organization and qualifies for exclusion from the tax base then no deferred taxes were due and the lien for deferred taxes was extinguished.

Adds new provision to GS 105-277.4 concerning the conveyance of property eligible for present-use value classification to a nonprofit, providing that if the property is then used in a way that qualifies it for exclusion from the tax base then deferred taxes are due as follows: (1) if the property is conveyed at or below present-use value, then no deferred taxes are due and the lien for the deferred taxes is extinguished, or (2) if the property is conveyed for more than the present-use value, then a portion of the preceding three fiscal years of deferred taxes will be due in accordance to the provisions



in GS 105-277.1F. Sets out how to calculate the amount owed, either being equal to or lesser of the full amount deferred or the deferred amount multiplied by a fraction as specified.

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

**Intro. by McGrady, Setzer, Jordan, Harrison.**

GS 105

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

H 535 (2015-2016) **PROMOTING CHARTER SCHOOL SUCCESS PILOT**. Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR A CHARTER SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THROUGH PARENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM IN NORTH CAROLINA, INC.*

Appropriates \$1 million for 2015-16 and \$1 million for 2016-17 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction for use by the Parents for Education Freedom in North Carolina Inc. (PEFNC) to establish a grant program to support the development of up to four charter schools each fiscal year. Grant recipients must (1) meet the requirements for replication pursuant to State Board policy, TCS-U-016 or (2) be eligible for approval by the State Board for additional enrollment growth of greater than 20% upon a finding by the State Board that the charter school meets the requirements of GS 115C-218.5(e)(1) through (5) and the charter school meets the requirements of GS 115C-218.5(f)(4) for a grade-level expansion. Allows grants of up to \$250,000 for the initial planning period. Requires PEFNC, by October 31, 2016, and annually thereafter, to report on the progress of the program to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee.

Amends Section 2.5 of SL 2014-101 to push back the expiration of GS 115C-238.29D(f)(4), which allows a charter school to, without State Board approval, expand to offer one grade higher or lower than the charter school currently offers if the charter school meets specified criteria, from September 1, 2015, to September 1, 2016.

Effective July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Bryan, B. Brown.**

APPROP, GS 115C

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

H 536 (2015-2016) **SCHOOL BUS CAMERAS/CIVIL PENALTIES**. Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC OR VIDEO EVIDENCE FOR THE CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OF VIOLATIONS FOR PASSING A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS.*

Identical to [S 298](#), filed 3/17/15.

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

Amends proposed GS 153A-246, concerning automated school bus safety cameras, making clarifying changes. Requires that all of the warning signs of the camera be consistent with a statewide standard adopted by the State Board of Education (was, the Department of Public Instruction) in conjunction with local boards of education that install and operate automated school bus safety cameras on their school buses.

Amends proposed GS 115C-242.1 adding language to subsection (b) concerning the installation and operation of the

safety cameras setting out three ways in which the cameras can be installed or operated, including that a local board of education can contract with a private vendor, it can enter into a contract to install and operate with a private vendor, or the State Board of Education can enter into a statewide service or contract for regional services, as specified. Also include provisions by which local boards of education and boards of county commissioners can enter into interlocal agreements to implement the purpose and intent of this section and GS 153A-246. Deletes language which previously comprised proposed GS 115C-242.1(c), Statewide or Regional Contract, and (d), Exceptions to Statewide or Regional Contract.

Directs the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to annually submit a report covering the most recent five years prior to the reporting date to the NC Child Fatality Task Force and the General Assembly by October 1. Requires the report to include total number of offenses charged under GS 20-217, by county, and total number of convictions under GS 20-217, by county.

Provides that a county that adopts an ordinance as provided in GS 153A-246 must maintain records of all noncriminal violations of that ordinance when a civil penalty is assessed.

Requires the State Board of Education, within 90 days of the enactment of this act, to develop a model contract for use by the local boards of education in letting and awarding contracts in accordance with the specified provisions.

Adds language to the effective date clause providing that the requirements found in GS 115C-242.1(b)(2) do not apply to a local board of education that entered into a contract prior to July 1, 2015, with a private vendor to install and operate automated school bus safety cameras.

**Intro. by Hanes, Lambeth, Tine.**

[GS 20, GS 115C, GS 153A](#)

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

H 537 (2015-2016) [PROTECT LAW ENFORCEMENT & COMM. RELATIONSHIPS](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE MOST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO WEAR AND ACTIVATE BODY-WORN CAMERAS DURING CERTAIN INTERACTIONS WITH THE PUBLIC*.

Adds new Article 7, Body-Worn Cameras, in GS Chapter 15A. Requires a law enforcement officer to wear and activate a body-worn camera during any recordable interaction. Specifies three exceptions to the requirement to activate a body-worn camera. Allows a recording captured by a body-worn camera to be used as evidence in any relevant administrative, civil, or criminal proceeding. Requires a law enforcement agency to keep an original, unredacted recording captured by a body-worn camera for a reasonable period of time. Provides that a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency is not considered to have failed to comply if the body-worn camera did not activate or record due to a malfunction and within 24 hours of learning that the camera did not activate or record due to a malfunction, the law enforcement officer, or a supervisor of the law enforcement officer, completes a written report detailing the nature of the malfunction. Provides that failure to comply is admissible as evidence to support claims made by a defendant in a criminal action or a party opposing the law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency in a civil action. Requires a law enforcement agency to train a law enforcement officer how to operate a body-worn camera before the officer wears and activate the camera. Effective January 1, 2016, for members and officers of the State Highway Patrol and county law enforcement officers and effective January 1, 2017, for the remaining law enforcement officers subject to this act.

Appropriates from the General Fund to the Governor's Crime Commission within the Department of Public Safety \$5,000,000 in nonrecurring funds for the 2015-16 fiscal year and \$5,000,000 in nonrecurring funds for the 2016-17 fiscal year to provide grants to the specified categories of law enforcement agencies for expenses related to the act. Requires grants to be matched on the basis of \$1 in grant funds for every \$5 in nongrant funds. Limits individual grant amounts to \$100,000. Requires the Governor's Crime Commission to develop guidelines and procedures for the administration and distribution of grants. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Hanes, Alexander, Jeter, Saine.**

APPROP, GS 15A

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety**

H 538 (2015-2016) [CLARIFY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY POWERS](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND AND CLARIFY THE POWERS OF WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITIES*.

Amends GS 162A-6(a)(14c), concerning the powers and duties of water and sewer authorities to adopt ordinances, making technical and clarifying changes. Also adds the authority to adopt ordinances for the regulation and control of a water system owned or operated by the authority. Adds two additional powers to the list, including entering into reimbursement agreements with private developers and property owners for the design and construction of infrastructure that is included on the authority's capital improvement plan and that serves the developer or property owner. Sets out processes for entering such agreements. Authorizes water and sewer authorities to offer and pay rewards in an amount not to exceed \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person who willfully defaces, damages or destroys, or commits acts of vandalism or larceny of any authority property.

**Intro. by Millis.**

GS 162A

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**Public Enterprises and Utilities**

H 539 (2015-2016) [SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO MAKE OUTDOOR SCHOOL PROPERTY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AND TO MAKE OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES*.

Amends GS 115C-524 as the title indicates. Provides that the use of outdoor school property must be while the property is not being used for school purposes and be consistent with the proper preservation and care of the outdoor school property. Provides that the school board incurs no liability, individually or collectively, for personal injury suffered as a result of such use of the school property.

**Intro. by Bryan, B. Brown, Szoka.**

GS 115C

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education**

H 540 (2015-2016) [BILLY GRAHAM/NATIONAL STATUARY HALL](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT REQUESTING THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TO APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE STATUE OF CHARLES BRANTLEY AYCOCK IN NATIONAL STATUARY HALL WITH A STATUE OF THE REVEREND WILLIAM FRANKLIN "BILLY" GRAHAM, JR.*

Identical to [S 529](#), filed 3/26/15.

Includes various whereas clauses about Billy Graham.

Provides that the General Assembly request the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to approve the replacement of the current Charles Brantley Aycock statue on display in the US Capital with a statue of the Reverend Billy Graham Jr. The General Assembly requests that the Governor extend his approval to the above requested statue replacement.

Creates the Statuary Hall Selection Committee (Committee), comprised of seven members as follows: four members

appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, one of who must be a representative of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Sets out other Committee provisions including that membership terms are for four years, there will be two cochairs, and that a quorum of the Committee will be a majority of the members. Sets out the duties of the Committee including selecting a sculptor to create a statue of Billy Graham and identifying methods of obtaining funds to pay for the specified costs of the statue replacement. Provides compensation information for the members of the Committee comprised of subsistence and travel allowances as provided. Professional staff for the Committee will be assigned by the Legislative Services Officer.

Requires the Committee to make an interim report to the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly, with an annual report thereafter until the Committee has completed all of the specified duties.

Directs the Secretary of State to transmit a certified copy of this act to the members of the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress and North Carolina's congressional delegation.

**Intro. by Jeter, Hager, Schaffer, Jones.**

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**Government, Cultural Resources and Museums**

H 542 (2015-2016) [MODIFY SUNSET RE: CONTINGENT AUDITS](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO LIMIT USE OF CONTINGENT-BASED CONTRACTS FOR AUDIT OR ASSESSMENT PURPOSES*.

Identical to [S 682](#) filed on 3/26/15.

Amends Section 6 of SL 2012-152 concerning contingency fee-based contracts, providing, as specified, cities and counties cannot renew contingency fee-based contracts for the specified services or assign further audits on a contingency fee basis to an auditing firm as specified after July 1, 2013 (previously, the prohibition on such contracts ran from July 1, 2013, to July 1, 2015). Makes clarifying changes.

**Intro. by W. Brawley, Hager, Szoka.**

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**Banking and Finance, Government, State Agencies,  
Department of State Treasurer**

H 544 (2015-2016) [COUNTY SIGN ORDINANCE IN MUNICIPAL PARKS](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE SIGNS POSTED IN MUNICIPAL PARKS TO CONFORM TO MUNICIPAL SIGN ORDINANCES*.

As the title indicates.

**Intro. by W. Brawley, Horn, Jeter.**

GS 130A

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**Government, Local Government**

H 545 (2015-2016) [INFORMATION/GUIDELINES RE: EATING DISORDERS](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ADOPT POLICIES AND GUIDELINES ON EATING DISORDERS AND TO REQUIRE THAT PARENTS RECEIVE INFORMATION ANNUALLY REGARDING EATING DISORDERS*.

Amends GS 115C-12, adding to the general powers and duties of the State Board of Education (Board), directing the

Board to develop policies for parent education on eating disorders, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Additionally, they must also collaborate on developing appropriate guidelines for local boards of education regarding four specified areas concerning eating disorders, including parental notification procedures for positive indications of an eating disorder.

Amends GS 115C-47, adding to the general powers and duties of local boards of education, directing local boards of education to ensure that parents of students in grades five through 12 are provided parent educational information on eating disorders annually. Information must be consistent with information established by the Board and DHHS. Also authorizes local boards of education to develop an optional screening program to identify students at risk for eating disorders.

Directs the Board and DHHS to solicit input from relevant organizations and entities, including the UNC Center for Excellence for Eating Disorders and the National Eating Disorders Association. Also directs the Board and DHHS to develop appropriate additions or revisions to the NC School of Health Program Manual related to the development of parent educational information on eating disorders. Requires the adoption of the policies and guidelines developed to take place by August 1, 2015.

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

**Intro. by McGrady, Glazier.**

GS 115C

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

H 547 (2015-2016) **SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS SALARY/SIXTH TIER**. Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SIXTH TIER FOR THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS, SCHOOL SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS, AND SCHOOL AUDIOLOGISTS SALARY SCHEDULE*.

Makes the first step of the salary schedule for school psychologists, school speech pathologists licensed as such at the master's degree level or higher, and school audiologists who are licensed as audio pathologists at the master's degree level or higher equivalent to Step 5 of the "A" Teacher salary schedule for the 2015-17 fiscal biennium. Provides these employees a salary supplement each month of 10% of their monthly salary. Provides that these employees are eligible to receive salary supplements equivalent to those of teachers for academic preparation at the six-year or doctoral degree level.

Provides that beginning with the 2015-16 fiscal year, the 26th step of the salary schedule for school psychologists, school speech pathologists, and school audiologists meeting the academic preparation levels and licensing requirements as described in this act, will be 7.5% higher than the salary received by these same employees on the 25th step of the salary schedule.

Effective July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Fisher, Cunningham, Johnson.**

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**Education**

H 549 (2015-2016) **TAX RESTORATION ACT**. Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO RESTORE CERTAIN PERSONAL INCOME TAX RATES TO PREVIOUS LEVELS*.

Amends GS 105-153.7(a) as the title indicates. Restores the personal income tax rate to 5.75% for individuals with

taxable income up to \$1 million and to 7.75% for individuals with taxable income exceeding \$1 million. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Harrison, Insko, Luebke.**

GS 105

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**Government, Tax**

H 550 (2015-2016) [CLARIFY DEALER PLATE REQUIREMENTS](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT A DEALER LICENSE PLATE MAY BE DISPLAYED ON A MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVEN ON A HIGHWAY BY A PERSON WHO IS AN EMPLOYEE OF A DEALER THAT EMPLOYS AT ALL TIMES NO LESS THAN FIFTEEN MOTOR VEHICLE SALES REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE 12 OF CHAPTER 20 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.*

Amends GS 20-79(d)(5) as the title indicates.

**Intro. by Tine.**

GS 20

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**Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle**

H 552 (2015-2016) [GRAFFITI VANDALISM](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF GRAFFITI VANDALISM.*

Enacts new GS 14-127.1 to make it illegal to engage in graffiti vandalism, which is defined as unlawfully writing or scribbling on, marking, painting, defacing, or besmearing the walls of (1) any real property, whether public or private, including cemetery tombstones and monuments; (2) any public building or facility; or (3) any statue or monument situated in any public place, by any type of pen, paint, or marker regardless of whether the pen or marker contains permanent ink, paint, or spray paint. Violations are a Class 1 misdemeanor with a minimum fine of \$500 and a requirement to perform 24 hours of community service. Increases the penalty to a Class I felony if: (1) the cost to repair damage caused by the violation is in excess of \$1,000 or (2) the person has two or more prior convictions for violation of this statute. Provides for the consolidation of five or more violations occurring within 60 days in a single session of district court or in a single week of superior court.

Makes conforming changes to GS 14-132(d).

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

**Intro. by McGrady, Glazier, B. Brown, J. Bell.**

GS 14

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

H 555 (2015-2016) [PROBATION/PAROLE OFFICERS RETIREMENT](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE BENEFITS OF PROBATION/PAROLE OFFICERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.*

Amends GS 135-1, definitions for the teachers' and state employees' retirement system, amending the definition for "law-enforcement officer" providing that it also means a probation/parole officer as defined, with respect to any service

rendered on or after July 1, 2015. Adds the term and definition for "probation/parole officer" providing that it means a full-time paid employee of the Division of Adult Correction whose duties include supervising, evaluating, or otherwise instructing offenders that have been placed on probation, parole, post-release supervision, or have been assigned to any other community-based program operated by the Division of Adult Correction.

Effective July 1, 2015, applying to persons retiring on or after that date.

**Intro. by McNeill, Faircloth, Boles, Hurley.**

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

H 556 (2015-2016) [ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE ACT](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE (ABLE) ACT*.

Identical to [S 367](#), filed 3/23/15.

Enacts new GS 116-209.25A establishing the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Trust Fund to be administered by the State Education Assistance Authority (Authority) in order to enable contributors to save money to meet the costs of the qualified disability expenses of eligible individuals. Defines an eligible individual as an individual who, for a taxable year, either: (1) is entitled to benefits based on blindness or disability under Title II or XVI of the Social Security Act, and the blindness or disability is a preexisting condition that occurred before the date on which the individual turned 26 years old or (2) has a disability certification filed with the US Secretary of the Treasury for the taxable year. Defines disability certification as documentation that satisfies each of the following conditions: (1) a certification to the satisfaction of the US Secretary of the Treasury by the individual or the individual's parent or guardian that the individual has a medically determinable physical or mental impairment that results in marked and severe functional limitations and can be expected to result in death or has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months and (2) the individual is blind or disabled, and the blindness or disability occurred before the individual attained 26 years of age. Defines other terms as they are used in the statute. Specifies ways an ABLE account may be established and how contributions may be made, sets limitations on contribution amounts, and sets out provisions concerning changing designated beneficiaries.

Authorizes the Authority to accept, hold, invest, and disburse contributions and interest earned on such contributions. Requires the Authority to hold all contributions to the ABLE Trust Fund, and any earnings, in a separate trust fund to be invested in accordance with the statute. Requires the Authority to determine an appropriate investment strategy for the ABLE Trust Fund. Allows the Authority to deposit all or any portion of the ABLE Trust Fund for investment either with the State Treasurer or in the individual, common, or collective trust funds of an investment manager or managers that meet the specified requirements. Allows contributions to the ABLE Trust Fund to be invested in the individual, common, or collective trust funds of an investment manager if the investment manager: (1) has assets under management of at least \$100 million dollars at all times and (2) is subject to the jurisdiction and regulation of the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

Requires the Authority to develop and perform all functions necessary to (1) administer the ABLE Trust Fund in a way that complies with the requirements of the Achieving a Better Life Experience Program as provided under the Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2014 and federal regulations under the act and (2) provide other services necessary to facilitate participation in the ABLE Trust Fund. Also allows the Authority to obtain the services of investment advisors or program managers.

Requires the Authority to ensure nine provisions in administering the Trust Fund, including that a person may make contributions for a taxable year for the benefit of an individual who is an eligible individual for the taxable year to an ABLE account established to meet the qualified disability expenses of the designated beneficiary of the account; that

a designated beneficiary is limited to one ABLÉ account; and that a trustee or guardian appointed as a signatory of an ABLÉ account does not have or acquire any beneficial interest in the account and administers the account for the benefit of the designated beneficiary.

Allows the Authority to set an application, account, and administration fee.

Requires assets of and distributions for qualified disability expenses from an ABLÉ account to not be considered when determining whether a designated beneficiary's financial circumstances meet the eligibility requirements of other state assistance programs.

Effective when the act becomes law. Requires the Authority to begin accepting contributions when the State Treasurer notifies the Authority that federal regulations regarding the Achieving a Better Life Experience Program have been issued and provide the guidance necessary to implement the Trust Fund.

**Intro. by Avila, Lambeth, Hanes, Meyer.**

[GS 116](#)

[View summary](#)

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

## **PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS**

S 154 (2015-2016) [CLARIFYING THE GOOD SAMARITAN LAW](#). Filed Mar 3 2015, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE OPERATION OF THE LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION FOR CERTAIN DRUG- OR ALCOHOL-RELATED OFFENSES COMMITTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCING A DRUG- OR ALCOHOL-RELATED OVERDOSE AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCING A DRUG- OR ALCOHOL-RELATED OVERDOSE, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE MET BEFORE THE LIMITED IMMUNITY IS ESTABLISHED, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ARREST OR REVOCATION OF PRETRIAL RELEASE, PROBATION, PAROLE OR POST-RELEASE IF BASED UPON AN OFFENSE FOR WHICH THE PERSON IS IMMUNE FROM PROSECUTION, TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL LIABILITY FOR ARRESTING OR CHARGING A PERSON ENTITLED TO IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION IF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ACTED IN GOOD FAITH, TO PROVIDE THAT A PHARMACIST MAY DISPENSE AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST UPON RECEIVING A PRESCRIPTION ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 90-106.2, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PHARMACIST WHO DISPENSES AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 90-106.2 IS IMMUNE FROM CERTAIN CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LIABILITY.*

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

Amends GS 90-96.2 and GS 18B-302.2 to impose the additional requirement that the individual seeking immunity from criminal prosecution under GS 90-96.2 or GS 18B-302.2 did not seek the medical assistance for the person experiencing a drug-related overdose during the course of the execution of an arrest warrant, search warrant, or other lawful search.

Amends GS 90-96.2(c1) and GS 18B-302.2(c) to prohibit arresting a person or revoking a person's pretrial release, probation, parole or post-release based on an offense for which that person is immune from prosecution under those provisions.

Amends GS 90-96.2(c2) and GS 18B-302.2(d) to provide immunity from civil liability to a law enforcement officer who, in good faith, arrests or charges a person who is subsequently found to be entitled to immunity under this section (deletes the immunity for prosecuting attorneys).

Amends the long title of the bill.

**Intro. by Bingham.**

[GS 18B, GS 90](#)



[View summary](#)

[Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers](#)

S 279 (2015-2016) [AMEND QUALIFICATIONS/PRACTICE OF COUNSELING](#). Filed Mar 12 2015, *AN ACT AMENDING THE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS ACT TO MODIFY EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF COUNSELING*.

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

Deletes the proposed changes to GS 90-336(b) and provides that the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors (Board) must issue a license to be a "licensed professional counselor associate" to an applicant that has earned a specified minimum of credit hours of graduate training as defined, including a master's degree in counseling or a related field from an institution of higher education that is (1) regionally accredited or (2) accredited by an organization recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. Sets out requirements that a master's program must meet, according to when an applicant enrolled in the master's program.

Makes organizational and technical changes.

**Intro. by Barefoot.**

[GS 90](#)

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

## LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 488 (2015-2016) [CENTRAL CAROLINA CC/BD. OF TRUSTEES](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE*.

Repeals SL 2013-263, concerning Central Carolina Com. Coll. Trustee Elections.

Amends GS 115C-12 to the require the Central Carolina Community College Board of Trustees (Board) to consist of 16 members. Requires four trustees by elected jointly by the local boards of education with the specified authority to nominate trustees. Specifies the number of trustees and their terms, to be nominated by the Chatham County Board of Education, the Harnett County Board of Education, and the Lee County Board of Education. Specifies the requirements for eight additional trustees, who are to be elected in number and terms specified by the Lee County Commissioners, Chatham County Commissioners, and Harnett County Commissions. Prohibits no more than one trustee from this second group from begin a member of a board of county commissioners of a given county.

Applies only to Central Carolina Community College.

Effective when the act becomes law and applies to appointments to terms beginning on or after July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Reives.**

[Chatham, Harnett, Lee](#)

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[Education, Higher Education](#)

H 490 (2015-2016) [SANFORD OCCUPANCY TAX AUTHORIZATION](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF SANFORD TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX*.

Authorizes the Sanford City Council to levy a room occupancy tax of up to 3%. Provides that the tax must be levied, administered, collected, and repealed as provided in GS 160A-215 (uniform provisions for room occupancy taxes). Requires the Sanford Tourism Development Authority (TDA) to use at least two-thirds of the occupancy tax proceeds to promote travel and tourism in the city and the remainder for tourism-related expenditures. Mandates that at least one-third of the members of the TDA must be affiliated with businesses that collect the tax in the city and at least one-half must be currently active in the city's travel and tourism promotion. Makes conforming changes.

**Intro. by** [Lee](#)

[View summary](#) [Government, Tax](#)

H 491 (2015-2016) [CHARLOTTE/ANNEXATIONS](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE*.

As the title indicates. Effective June 30, 2015.

**Intro. by Jeter.** [Mecklenburg](#)

[View summary](#)

H 492 (2015-2016) [RUTHERFORD CTY/RUTHERFORD AIRPORT AUTHORITY](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO TERMINATE AND DISSOLVE THE RUTHERFORD AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND TO OPERATE THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY AIRPORT AS A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE*.

Allows the Board of Commissioners of Rutherford County (Board) to terminate and dissolve the Rutherford Airport Authority (Authority). Provides that if the Board does terminate and dissolve, the Board may order the Authority to: (1) transfer to Rutherford County all real and personal property owned by the Authority and (2) assign to the county within a certain time period all executory contracts to which the Authority is a party. Repeals specified local acts if the Board terminates and dissolves the Authority. Provides that if the Board terminates and dissolves the Authority, the county may operate the Rutherford County Airport as a public enterprise.

**Intro. by Hager.** [Rutherford](#)

[View summary](#) [Transportation](#)

H 503 (2015-2016) [ALLOW MOORE CO. COMMISSIONERS TO REDISTRICIT](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO ALLOW THE MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REDISTRICIT THEIR RESIDENCY DISTRICTS*.

Amends GS 153A-22.1 to allow the Moore County Board of Commissioners to redistrict residency districts when the board finds that the districts negatively impact compactness, contiguity, or respect for political subdivisions or communities of interest.

**Intro. by Boles.** [Moore](#)

[View summary](#)

H 504 (2015-2016) [MOORE COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX INCREASE](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE MOORE COUNTY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL OCCUPANCY TAX.*

Amends SL 2011-113 concerning Moore County occupancy tax, adding a new subsection that authorizes the Moore County Board of Commissioners to levy an additional room occupancy tax of up to 3%. Provides that this tax cannot be levied unless the base occupancy tax of 3% is also levied. Adds language requiring the Moore County Tourism Development Authority to use the remaining unencumbered 1/3 of the tax revenue to research, design, construct, provide, finance, operate, maintain, and market a regional sports complex in Moore County, as authorized in GS Chapter 160A, Article 20.

**Intro. by Boles.**

[Moore](#)

[View summary](#)

[Government, Tax](#)

H 507 (2015-2016) [DURHAM PRIVILEGE LICENSE TAX](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF DURHAM TO LEVY A LOCAL PRIVILEGE LICENSE TAX.*

Allows the Durham city council to levy an annual privilege license tax after no less than 10 days' public notice and a public hearing. Exempts business engaged in an activity listed in GS 160A-206. The amount of the tax is either \$50, \$500, or \$5,000 depending on the number of employees at the business location as of June 30. Provides for the administration of the tax, penalties, and collection of the tax. Applies to taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Luebke.**

[Durham](#)

[View summary](#)

[Business and Commerce, Government, Tax](#)

H 508 (2015-2016) [ALARM REGISTRATION INFO NOT PUBLIC RECORD](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT PROVIDING THAT REGISTRATION AND SENSITIVE SECURITY INFORMATION RECEIVED OR COMPILED BY A CITY IN THE COURSE OF ADMINISTERING AN ALARM REGISTRATION ORDINANCE IS NOT A PUBLIC RECORD.*

Enacts new GS 132-1.7A providing that a public record does not include any registration or sensitive security information received or compiled by the City of Wilson under an alarm registration ordinance (as defined). Specifies information that is to be included in the exemption from public record.

**Intro. by S. Martin, Farmer-Butterfield.**

[Wilson](#)

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[Government, Public Records and Open Meetings](#)

H 526 (2015-2016) [TOWN OF NORWOOD/DEANNEXATION](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF NORWOOD.*

Removes specified property from the corporate limits of the Town of Norwood. Specifies that the act has no effect upon

the validity of any liens of the Town of Norwood for ad valorem taxes or special assessments outstanding before the effective date of this act. Allows such liens to be collected or foreclosed upon after the effective date of this act as though the property described were still within the corporate limits of the Town of Norwood. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Burr.**

Stanly

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H 527 (2015-2016) [MUNICIPAL ELECT'N/EVEN-NUMBERED YRS/STANLY CO.](#) Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF STANLY COUNTY SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.*

Amends the charters of Albemarle, Badin, Locust, Misenheimer, New London, Norwood, Oakboro, Red Cross, Richfield, and Stanfield, as the title indicates.

**Intro. by Burr.**

Stanly

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## ACTIONS ON BILLS

### PUBLIC BILLS

#### **H 41: [REV LAWS TECH CHANGES \(NEW\).](#)**

*Senate: Conf Report Adopted*

*Senate: Conf Report Adopted*

*House: Ordered Enrolled*

*Ratified*

*Pres. To Gov. 4/2/2015*

#### **H 95: [TRIBAL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL.](#)**

*House: Regular Message Sent To Senate*

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Commerce*

#### **H 140: [LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY IN NC.](#)**

*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 174: [LANDLORD/TENANT-FORECLOSURE & EVICT. CHANGES.](#)**

*House: Regular Message Sent To Senate*

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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

*House: Amend Adopted A1*

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

*House: Ordered Engrossed*

**H 185: REPEAL DCR'S OBSOLETE COMMS & LANGUAGE.-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 195: ALLOW SUBSTITUTION OF BIOSIMILARS.**

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 215: PROCEDURE FOR WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL.**

*House: Amend Adopted A1*

*House: Amend Adopted A2*

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

*House: Ordered Engrossed*

**H 254: PROTECT NATIONAL GUARD REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS.**

*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 273: CLARIFY COND. DISCHARGE LAW/NO DWI EXPUNGE.**

*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 282: STREAMLINE SEIZED VEHICLE DISPOSAL.-AB**

*House: Serial Referral To Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House Added*

**H 283: SUPREME COURT SESSIONS IN MORGANTON.**

*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 284: CIVPRO/CIVIL CONTEMPT/NO FINES.**

*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 291: HAZ. MATERIALS IN SAFE DEPOSIT BOX.-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 298: AMEND UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT.-AB**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Added to Calendar*

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 308: CLARIFY REASONABLE HEALTH INSUR./CHILD SUPP.**

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

*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 370: CERTAIN LOCAL GOVTS IN STATE HEALTH PLAN.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref Com On State Personnel*

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

*House: Serial Referral To Appropriations Stricken*

**H 429: AMEND MED. MAL. HEALTH CARE PROVIDER DEFIN.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref Com On Judiciary III*

**H 438: MODIFY UTILITY ACCOUNT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Public Utilities*

**H 439: COMPETENCY-BASED ASSESSMENTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 440: EXPAND OUTDOOR FOOD SERVICE AT PUBLIC EVENTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Regulatory Reform*

**H 441: CONCEALED CARRY/LEGISLATIVE BUILDING.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 443: NONDISCRIMINATION IN PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Judiciary I, if favorable, State Personnel*

**H 445: REORGANIZE CRIM. JUST. STANDARDS COMM.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Judiciary II*

**H 446: AMEND STATUTES GOVERNING BAIL BONDSMEN.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Regulatory Reform, if favorable, Judiciary II*

**H 447: DROPOUT PREV. & RECOVERY PILOT EXPANSION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Appropriations*

**H 448: EXTEND COAL ASH STRUCTURAL FILL MORATORIUM.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 449: STRENGTHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCESS/DV CRIMES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Judiciary I*

**H 450: APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR TOBACCO USE PREVENTION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Appropriations*

**H 451: LRC/STUDY SUICIDE PREVENTION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 452: MECKLENBURG AND WAKE LIBRARY FUNDING.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Appropriations*

**H 453: KAPPA ALPHA PSI SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 454: ENERGY INVESTMENT ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 455: LOCAL FOOD SOURCING TAX CREDIT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 456: CLARIFY WEIGHT LIMITS/AG. VEHICLES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Transportation*

**H 457: ELECTIONS CLARIFICATIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Elections*

**H 458: CREATE HBCU ADVISORY BOARD.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Education - Universities, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 459: HBCU INNOVATION FUND.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Education - Universities, if favorable, Finance*

**H 460: REPORTING OF ANIMAL INCIDENTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Wildlife Resources, if favorable, Judiciary IV*

**H 464: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY REVISIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Transportation*

**H 465: CLARIFY & MODIFY CERTAIN ABORTION LAWS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Health, if favorable, Judiciary IV*

**H 468: SPECIAL EDUCATION CHARTER PILOT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Education - K-12, if favorable, Appropriations*

**H 471: LRC/HOMELAND SEC. & LEGISLATIVE SECURITY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 472: COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PILOT PROJECT/FUNDS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 473: AFTER-SCHOOL GRANTS/21ST CENTURY LEARNING.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Education - K-12, if favorable, Appropriations*

**H 474: HEALTHY OUT-OF-SCHOOL RECOGNITION PROGRAM.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 475: LENDERS MUST HAVE PROOF OF ABILITY TO REPAY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 476: DRIVERS LICENSE FEE/DONATE LIFE NC.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*



*House: Ref To Com On Finance*

**H 477: LEO PRIVACY PROTECTION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Judiciary II*

**H 479: AUTO SALVAGE DEALER PROTECTION ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Judiciary II*

**H 481: HOUSE PERMANENT RULES-FINAL.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Added to Calendar*

*House: Adopted*

**H 482: EMPLOYEE FAIR CLASSIFICATION ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Commerce and Job Development, if favorable, Judiciary II*

**H 483: LAND USE REGULATORY CHANGES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Judiciary II*

**H 484: HOME SCHOOLERS PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL SPORTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Education - K-12, if favorable, Local Government, if favorable, Appropriations*

**H 485: HOME SCHOOLERS PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL SPORTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 486: LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/DISCHARGE WEAPON.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 487: COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PILOT PROJECT/FUNDS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 489: INCREASE SCHOOL BUS SAFETY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 494: EQUALIZE TAX ON PROPANE USED AS A MOTOR FUEL.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Finance*

**H 495: OSHR MODERNIZATION/TECHNICAL CHANGES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On State Personnel*

**H 496: SURCHARGE TRANSPARENCY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: RefTo Com On Insurance*

**H 497: SDIP OPT-OUT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: RefTo Com On Insurance*

**H 498: DEPOPULATE REINSURANCE FACILITY/OPT. ENHTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: RefTo Com On Insurance*

**H 499: STUDY/PUBLIC RECORDS & OPEN MEETINGS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: RefTo Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 500: FUNDING FOR WILSON AND PITT CIHSS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Education - K-12, if favorable, Appropriations*

**H 501: U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES SPECIAL PLATES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: RefTo Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 502: CREATE CHAIN OF SURVIVAL TASK FORCE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: RefTo Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 505: SMALL BUSINESS TAX RELIEF ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 506: 911 FUND DISTRIBUTION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 509: VOTER FREEDOM ACT OF 2015.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 510: GENERAL ASSEMBLY/L.A. PAY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: RefTo Com On Appropriations*

**H 511: CREDIT UNIONS/STATUTORY CHANGES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: RefTo Com On Banking*

**H 512: AMEND/CLARIFY BACK-UP PSAP REQUIREMENTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: RefTo Com On Local Government*

**H 513: REAL PROPERTY/TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Judiciary IV*

**H 514: COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGERS LICENSURE ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 515: WORK AND SAVE PLAN STUDY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 516: COUNTIES DISSOLVE CERTAIN SANITARY DISTRICTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 517: ASSIGNMENT OF DEATH BENEFITS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Judiciary I*

**H 518: COUNTY SALES TAX FLEXIBILITY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 519: STRENGTHEN THE DO NOT CALL REGISTRY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Judiciary I*

**H 520: REQUIRE RESTAURANT TRAINING ON FOOD ALLERGIES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Regulatory Reform, if favorable, Health*

**H 521: UNC/GOOD NEIGHBOR TUITION POLICY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Education - Universities, if favorable, Appropriations*

**H 522: STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 523: DRIVERS LICENSE DESIGNATION/AMERICAN INDIAN.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 524: COUNTIES/PERIODIC AVAILABILITY CHARGE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 525: MEDICAID MODERNIZATION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 528: ESTABLISH CHIROPRACTOR CO-PAY PARITY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 529: NC DRIVERS LICENSE RESTORATION ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 530: LOCAL GOV'TS/INSPECT BLDGS & STRUCTURES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Local Government, if favorable, Regulatory Reform*

**H 548: ZONING/MODERNIZE & REORGANIZE.**

*House: Filed*

*House: Rules Suspended*

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Judiciary IV*

**H 549: TAX RESTORATION ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 550: CLARIFY DEALER PLATE REQUIREMENTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 551: DOT SALES OF UNUSED PROPERTY.**

*House: Filed*

**H 552: GRAFFITI VANDALISM.**

*House: Filed*

**H 553: ORDINANCES REGULATING ANIMALS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 554: PROTECT PUBLIC FROM DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 555: PROBATION/PAROLE OFFICERS RETIREMENT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 556: ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 557: CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 558: RESERVES & NAT. GUARD/MILITARY AFFAIRS COMM.**

*House: Filed*

**H 559: TESTING FEEDBACK FOR STUDENTS/TEACHERS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 560: ASSAULT EMERGENCY WORKERS/HOSPITAL PERSONNEL.**

*House: Filed*

**H 561: SCHOOL SYSTEM AUTH. RE: LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 562: AMEND FIREARM LAWS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 563: STRENGTHEN FIREARMS BACKGROUND CHECKS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 564: EXEMPT MOTORCOACH MANUFACTURER & DISTRIBUTOR.**

*House: Filed*

**H 565: THREATEN LEO OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICER.**

*House: Filed*

**H 566: AMEND EYEWITNESS ID/SHOW-UP.**

*House: Filed*

**H 567: NC AIRCRAFT REPAIR ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 568: TRANSFORMING POVERTY SCHOOLS PILOT PROGRAM.**

*House: Filed*

**H 569: RURAL COUNTY DEV. FUNDS FOR ROAD CONST.**

*House: Filed*

**H 570: FACILITATE SUCCESSFUL REENTRY.**

*House: Filed*

**H 571: IMPLEMENTATION OF CARBON DIOXIDE REGULATIONS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 572: STUDY HS INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 573: RESTORE MEANINGFUL FINANCIAL FLEX. FOR LEAS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 574: OPOSSUM EXCLUSION FROM WILDLIFE LAWS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 575: REENACT QUALIFIED BUSINESS INVESTMENT CREDIT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 576: AMEND ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS - 1.**

*House: Filed*

**H 577: REASONABLE & CUSTOMARY APPRAISAL FEES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 578: FAMILIES' ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 579: COMM. COLL. SUMMER COURSES/FUNDED FTE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 580: BAN SMOKING IN FOSTER CARE SETTING/INFANTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 581: COMPUTER CODING COURSE ELECTIVE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 582: RELIEF FOR WORKING FAMILIES ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 583: BUILDING CODE COUNCIL/POST CODE ONLINE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 584: USE OF POSITION/LETTERS OF REFERENCE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 585: USE OF DEADLY FORCE/SBI INVESTIGATIONS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 586: PROH'T COMP. POOLING/RQR. SURF. OWNER'S CONS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 587: SCHOOL FLEXIBILITY ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 588: CAROLINA PANTHERS SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 589: LRC/REEVALUATE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 590: FUNDING FOR AID TO LIBRARIES FUND.**

*House: Filed*

**H 591: CITIES/PUBLIC TRUST AREAS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 592: DEBT ISSUANCE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 593: AMEND ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS - 2.**

*House: Filed*

**H 594: CLARIFY SALE OF ANTIQUE & SPECIALTY VEHICLES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 595: MILITARY EXPERIENCE/LEO CERT. REQUIREMENTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 596: REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & SAFETY EDUC. REVISIONS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 597: MEDIATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 598: REVISE RULE 11/ALLOW CURE BEFORE SANCTIONS.**

*House: Filed*

**S 43: CDLS FOR VETERANS REVISIONS.**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

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

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received From Senate*

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

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received From Senate*

**S 90: REQUIRED NUMBER OF OPERATING BRAKE LIGHTS.**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

**S 116: HANDICAPPED PARKING WINDSHIELD PLACARD.**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

**S 154: CLARIFYING THE GOOD SAMARITAN LAW.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

*Senate: Placed On Cal For 04/14/2015*

**S 183: ELIMINATE CRVS FOR MISDEMEANANTS.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

*Senate: Placed On Cal For 04/14/2015*

**S 188: ADJUST CAP ON TURNPIKE PROJECTS.**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

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

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received From Senate*

**S 233: AUTOMATIC EXPUNCTION/MISTAKEN IDENTITY.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

*Senate: Placed On Cal For 04/14/2015*

**S 269: LANDLORD/TENANT-ALIAS & PLURIES SUMMARY EJECT.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

*Senate: Placed On Cal For 04/14/2015*

**S 279: AMEND QUALIFICATIONS/PRACTICE OF COUNSELING.**

*Senate: Amend Adopted Al*

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

*Engrossed*

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

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

*Senate: Placed On Cal For 04/14/2015*

**S 315: SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC.**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

**S 359: PROMOTE NC-THINKS.**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

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

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received From Senate*

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

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received From Senate*

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

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

*Senate: Placed On Cal For 04/14/2015*

**S 675: LIMIT PAROLE REVIEW FREQUENCY.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

*Senate: Placed On Cal For 04/14/2015*

**LOCAL BILLS**

**H 188: TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS/ISOTHERMAL COMM. COLL.**

*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 236: CERTAIN COUNTIES/PURCHASING EXEMPTION.**

*House: Regular Message Sent To Senate*

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*



*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On State and Local Government*

**H 312: CERTAIN COUNTIES SHERIFF/FOOD PURCHASES.**

*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 313: PROMOTION GRIEVANCES/CITY OF STATESVILLE.**

*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 345: CURRITUCK COUNTY/REMOVE ABANDONED VESSELS.**

*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 442: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEXIBILITY/DURHAM COUNTY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 444: TOWN OF SHALLOTTE/DEANNEXATION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 461: GUILFORD/ALAMANCE COUNTY LINE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 462: SPECIAL ELECT./SHERIFF VACANCY/WASHINGTON CTY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Elections*

**H 463: CABARRUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REDISTRICTING.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Elections*

**H 466: STOKESDALE FIRE DISTRICT ASSESSMENT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 467: CLEVELAND COUNTY CORONER/ME RECOMMENDATIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 469: SUNSET BEACH/PARKING METER PROCEEDS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 470: HARNETT MUNICIPAL PRIVILEGE LICENSE TAX.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 478: BRUNSWICK CTY/NAVIGABLE WATERS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 488: CENTRAL CAROLINA CC/BD. OF TRUSTEES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Education - Community Colleges*

**H 490: SANFORD OCCUPANCY TAX AUTHORIZATION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 491: CHARLOTTE/ANNEXATIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 492: RUTHERFORD CTY/RUTHERFORD AIRPORT AUTHORITY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 493: LAKE LURE DEANNEXATION/REFERENDUM.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 503: ALLOW MOORE CO. COMMISSIONERS TO REDISTRICIT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 504: MOORE COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX INCREASE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 507: DURHAM PRIVILEGE LICENSE TAX.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 508: ALARM REGISTRATION INFO NOT PUBLIC RECORD.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Judiciary II*

**H 526: TOWN OF NORWOOD/DEANNEXATION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 527: MUNICIPAL ELECT'N/EVEN-NUMBERED YRS/STANLY CO.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Local Government, if favorable, Elections, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 531: INCREASE/MODIFY GOLDSBORO OCCUPANCY TAX.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Finance*

**S 46: JACKSONVILLE OCCUPANCY TAX.**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

**S 181: WAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS.**

*Ratified*

**S 247: RALEIGH/DONATE SERVICE ANIMALS TO OFFICERS.**

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received From Senate*

**S 248: TOWN OF CARY/RELEASE UNNEEDED EASEMENTS.**

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received From Senate*

**S 252: WAKE CTY LOCAL BOARD OF EQUALIZATION/REVIEW.**

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received From Senate*

**S 258: PARTY EXEC. COMM./FILL VACANCY/WASHINGTON CTY.**

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received From Senate*

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