

The Daily Bulletin: Monday, April 6, 2015

PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 529 (2015-2016) [NC DRIVERS LICENSE RESTORATION ACT](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO REPEAL THE PUNISHMENT OF REVOKING A PERSON'S DRIVERS LICENSE FOR COMMITTING CERTAIN DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED OFFENSES; TO MAKE DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED A NONMOVING VIOLATION FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES; AND TO MAKE OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES.*

Declares that this act is to be known as the North Carolina's Drivers License Restoration Act.

Makes organizational and substantive changes to GS 20-28, Unlawful to drive while license revoked, after modification, or while disqualified. Amends subsection (a), driving while license revoked, to declare that except as provided in subsections (a1) or (a2) (was, subsection a1), anyone with a revoked license who drives any motor vehicle on the state's highways is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. Removes from subsection (a) the provision making the offense of driving with a revoked license a Class 1 misdemeanor if the person's license was originally revoked for driving while impaired. Enacts a new subsection (a1) of GS 20-28 with the offense of aggravated driving while license revoked. Recodifies current subsection (a1), driving without reclaiming license, as subsection (a2); and recodifies current subsection (a2), driving after notification or failure to appear, as subsection (a3). Provides in new subsection (a1), that a person convicted under GS 20-28(a) is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor if the original revocation of the person's driver's license was for any of the following: (1) an impaired driving license revocation as defined in GS 20-28.2, except as provided in subsection (a2) of GS 20-28; (2) accumulation of driver's license points in violation of GS 20-16(a)(5); (3) a violation of any restriction of GS 20-179.3; (4) a violation of any restriction of GS 20-179.3; or (5) a violation of a limited driving privilege issued under GS 20-20.1. Also provides that a person whose driver's license was revoked and subsequently restored who operates a motor vehicle on the highways of the state without maintaining legally required financial responsibility is to be punished the same as driving without a license and punished under the provisions of GS 20-28(a1). Amends GS 20-28(c1) to provide that for the purposes of this subsection, a violation of subsection (a) of GS 20-28 is not considered to be a moving violation.

Amends GS 20-28.1(a) to provide that for the purposes of this subsection the following violations are not to be considered a "motor vehicle moving offense": (1) a violation of GS 20-28(a), (2) a violation of GS 20-28(a2), and (3) a violation of GS 20-7 for driving a motor vehicle without a regular driver's license.

Makes conforming changes to provisions of the following statutes to reflect the relabeling of the subsections and the content change to GS 20-28, subsection (a1): GS 20-28.1, GS 20-20.1, GS 20-17.8(f), GS 20-179.3(j), and GS 20-179(c).

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

Intro. by Baskerville, Bryan.

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[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle](#)

H 532 (2015-2016) [HARD APPLE CIDER/GROWLERS](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN ABC PERMITTEES TO SELL HARD CIDER IN CERTAIN CONTAINERS FOR CONSUMPTION OFF THE PERMITTED PREMISES.*

Amends GS 18B-1001 to add that an on-premises unfortified wine permit, an off-premises unfortified wine permit, and a wine shop permit also authorize the retail sale of cider in a cleaned, sanitized, resealable container that is filled or refilled and sealed for consumption off the premises, complies with specified regulations, and identifies the permittee and the date it was filled or refilled. Amends GS 18B-101, to add that the term unfortified wine includes cider. Adds a definition for cider.

Intro. by McGrady, Jeter, West, Fisher.

GS 18B

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Alcoholic Beverage Control

H 534 (2015-2016) **NORTH CAROLINA BENEFIT CORPORATION ACT**. Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA BENEFIT CORPORATION ACT*.

Adds new Article 18, The North Carolina Benefit Corporation Act (Benefit Corporation Act), to GS Chapter 55. Provides that new Article 18 applies to all benefit corporations and defines *benefit corporations* to mean a domestic corporation that elects to become subject to the Benefit Corporation Act and that has not terminated its status as a benefit corporation under proposed GS 55-18-22 (termination of benefit corporation status). Provides additional details regarding the application and effect of the Benefit Corporation Act.

Provides definitions for the terms used in the Benefit Corporation Act. Defines general public benefit to mean the material positive impact on society and environment, as measured from a third-party standard, arising from the business and operations of a benefit corporation. Defines *specific public benefit purpose* to mean a corporate purpose conferring any particular benefit on society or the environment. Requires that the formation of a benefit corporation adhere to the provisions of the other Articles in GS Chapter 55 but that the articles of incorporation for the benefit corporation must state that it is a benefit corporation. Provides that a benefit corporation is not entitled to claim an exemption from any property tax imposed under Subchapter II of GS Chapter 105.

Requires heightened voting requirements for some actions and changes within a benefit corporation that are in addition to provisions of other Articles in GS Chapter 55. Provides process for a domestic corporation to elect to become a benefit corporation under proposed Article 18. Includes process for termination of benefit corporation status. Directs that the purpose of a benefit corporation must be to create general public benefit and that this purpose is in addition to any lawful business purpose.

Includes accountability provisions setting standards of conduct for directors of a benefit corporation. Requires that the board of directors of a benefit corporation designate by resolution one director who is an independent person to be the benefit director. Delineates the powers, duties, rights, and immunities specific to the Benefit Director. Allows for the designation of a benefit officer and provides for the officer's duties. Provides that the benefit director may serve as the benefits officer at the same time as serving as the benefit director.

Limits enforcement of the duties of directors under the Benefit Corporation Act to only in a benefit enforcement proceeding. Provides guidelines for commencing or maintaining a benefit enforcement proceeding.

Requires that a benefit corporation prepare an annual benefit report to be sent to each shareholder. Additionally requires the benefit corporation to post its annual benefit report on the public portion of its website for a period of five years; however, permits redaction of information regarding compensation paid to directors and any financial or proprietary information included in the benefit report.

Makes a conforming change to GS 55-13-02(a), which concerns shareholders' dissenting rights.

Effective October 1, 2015.

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Business and Commerce, Corporation and Partnerships

H 541 (2015-2016) [PROOF REQUIRED FOR DEBT/FEES](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO ALLOW COLLECTION ONLY WHERE ADEQUATE PROOF OF INDEBTEDNESS PROVIDED; TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL LAW; TO AID DEBTORS IN IDENTIFYING ACCOUNT OWNERS TO RESOLVE CREDIT ISSUES; TO SPECIFY THAT A CHARGE-OFF STATEMENT SERVES AS PROOF OF DEBT OWED; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS RELATED CHANGES.*

Amends North Carolina's unfair debt collection practices provisions, GS 58-70-115, to require (1) an itemized accounting for debts that have been charged off, including a list of all fees and interest and (2) notice to the debtor if the debt that is being collected is time-barred. Notice for time-barred debts must include the statement that the creditor will not sue the debtor and, if the debt is past the obsolescence date created by the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. 1681(c), the statement that the creditor will not report the debt to any credit reporting agency. Amends the prerequisites to entering a default or summary judgment against a debtor mandated by GS 58-70-155 to include additional items relating to post charge-off payments, credits, fees, and interest. Effective October 1, 2015.

Intro. by Collins, Szoka, R. Moore, Jeter.

GS 58

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Banking and Finance

H 543 (2015-2016) [AMEND LAWS PERTAINING TO NC MEDICAL BOARD](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT AMENDING LAWS PERTAINING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD.*

Amends GS 90-2(b) concerning the NC Medical Board (Board), providing that no member can serve more than two complete consecutive three-year terms in a lifetime (previously did not limit it to a lifetime). Amends GS 90-3(b) adding language that provides that you cannot have served more than 72 months as a member of the Board as criteria for serving on the Board. Amends GS 90-3(c), making technical changes.

Adds new subsections to GS 90-3, concerning the Review Panel recommending certain Board members, providing that the Board can provide the Review Panel with confidential and nonpublic licensing and investigative information it possesses. Provides that the information the Review Panel receives or gathers is not a public record but rather is privileged, confidential, and not subject to discovery or other legal means of compulsory release. Requires the Review Panel to publish specified information concerning the nominees to the Board. Establishes that the Review Panel is a public body within the meaning of GS Chapter 143, Article 33C, authorized to conduct business as specified.

Amends GS 90-5.2 concerning the collecting and publishing of data collected by the Board, making technical and clarifying changes.

Amends GS 90-8.1, concerning the rules for licensure, providing that the Board cannot deny an application for licensure based solely on the applicant's failure to become board-certified. Makes technical changes.

Amends GS 90-13.1(a), changing the application fee to be licensed to practice medicine and surgery in North Carolina to \$400 (was, \$350).

Amends GS 90-13.3, concerning specified registration fees, requiring all individuals licensed to practice medicine in North Carolina to register with the Board and pay a \$250 registration fee (was, \$175). Provides that those that have a retired limited volunteer license, pursuant to GS 90-12.1B, are not required to pay an annual registration fee (previously, were required to pay a \$25 fee). Deletes language which provided that inactive physicians in North Carolina could direct the Board to place their licenses on inactive status. Makes technical and conforming changes.

Amends GS 90-14(n) concerning disciplinary proceedings, making technical and clarifying changes, deleting language which only allowed service of process to both the licensee and counsel if the licensee retained counsel before the Board made a nonpublic determination to initiate disciplinary proceedings.

Enacts new GS 90-14.2(c) concerning discovery in disciplinary hearings, providing that the parties can engage in discovery once charges have been issued. Further provides that the Board must provide the respondent or counsel all the exculpatory evidence in its possession except for information subject to attorney-client privilege; information that would identify an anonymous complainant; and information related to advisory opinions, recommendations, or deliberations by the Board or associated staff.

Amends GS 90-14.13(a1)(1) deleting language which provided an exception to the prohibition on hospitals reporting the suspension or limitation of a physician's privileges for failure to timely complete medical records.

Recodifies GS 90-21.22A (Medical review and quality assurance committees) as GS 90-21.22B.

Renames GS Chapter 90, Article 1D, as Health Program for Medical Professionals (was, Peer Review).

Enacts new GS 90-21.22A, Health Program for Medical Professionals, providing that the Board is authorized to enter into agreements with the NC Medical Society, the NC Academy of Physician Assistants, and the NC Physicians Health Program in order to identify, review, and evaluate the ability of licensees of the Board referred to the NC Physicians Health Program to function in their professional capacity, as well as to coordinate regimens for treatment and rehabilitation. Sets out guidelines for the agreement requiring the agreement to include procedures for the Board to refer licensees to the NC Physicians Health Program as well as the maintenance of confidential nonpublic information. Sets out criteria that if met the NC Physicians Health Program is required to immediately report to the Board detailed information about certain licensees, including that such licensees refuse to submit to an assessment as ordered by the Board or they are still unsafe to practice medicine after treatment.

Sets out provisions governing the confidentiality of any information received or created by the NC Physicians Health Program, maintaining that such records are privileged, confidential, and not subject to the specified methods of legal compulsion. Sets out provisions concerning the licensee's ability to receive copies of written assessments. Provides for civil protection for activities conducted in good faith. Authorizes the Board to adopt or amend rules as necessary to enforce the above provisions.

Repeals GS 90-16(d) (concerning the access of specified information to a licensee) and GS 90-21.22 (Peer review agreements).

Effective October 1, 2015.

Intro. by W. Brawley, Jones.

GS 90

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

H 546 (2015-2016) [PREGNANT WORKERS' FAIRNESS ACT](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE PREGNANT WORKERS' FAIRNESS ACT*.

Enact new Article 24, Pregnant Workers' Fairness Act, in GS Chapter 95.

Makes it illegal for an employer to: (1) fail or refuse to hire or to discharge any individual or otherwise to discriminate against any individual with respect to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of pregnancy or (2) limit, segregate, or classify employees in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive any individual of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect the individual's status as an employee because of pregnancy. Specifies six unlawful employment practices, including: (1) failing or refusing to make reasonable

accommodations to the known limitations related to the pregnancy of an applicant for employment or employee, unless the employer can demonstrate that the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the operation of the business; (2) denying employment opportunities to a job applicant or employee, if such denial is based on the need of the employer to make reasonable accommodations to the known limitations related to the pregnancy; and (3) requiring an employee to take leave under any leave law or policy of the employer if another reasonable accommodation can be provided to the known limitations related to the pregnancy of the employee. Makes it illegal for an employment agency to fail or refuse to refer for employment or otherwise to discriminate against any individual because of pregnancy. Specifies two unlawful employment practice by a labor organization. Makes it illegal for any employer, labor organization, or joint labor-management committee controlling apprenticeship or other training or retraining programs to discriminate against any individual because of pregnancy in admission to or employment in any program established to provide apprenticeship or other training. Also makes it illegal for any employer, employment agency, labor organization, or joint labor-management committee controlling apprenticeship or other training or retraining programs to discharge, refuse to hire, or otherwise discriminate against any individual or applicant for employment or membership on the basis of pregnancy because the person has opposed any practice prohibited by this Article or because the person has testified, assisted, or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing to enforce the provisions of this Article. Sets out exceptions to the prohibitions. Requires employers to post notices on the right to be free from discrimination in relation to pregnancy, childbirth, and related conditions. Also requires individualized notice to be given upon certain events.

Allows an employee discharged or discriminated against, or a prospective employee who is denied employment in violation of the Article, to bring a civil action within one year from the date of the violation. Also allows an employee damaged by a labor organization's or employment agency's violation of the Article to bring a civil action within one year of the date of the violation.

Makes conforming changes to GS 95-241.

Provides that nothing in the act preempts, limits, diminishes, or otherwise affects any other provision of federal, State, or local law relating to discrimination based on sex or pregnancy or to invalidate or limit the remedies, rights, and procedures of any federal, state, or local law that provides greater or equal protection for employees affected by pregnancy, childbirth, or related conditions.

Provides that if any provisions of the Article conflict with the provisions of GS Chapter 168A (North Carolina Persons with Disabilities Protection Act), then this Article prevails.

Intro. by Fisher, Glazier, Harrison, Meyer.

GS 95

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Employment and Retirement, Health and Human Services, Health

H 551 (2015-2016) **DOT SALES OF UNUSED PROPERTY**. Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF UNUSED DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LAND TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR BY STREAMLINING THE PROCESS OF SELLING THAT LAND.*

Enacts a new Article 2F, Identification and Sale of Unused Property, in GS Chapter 136. Includes definitions for terms as they apply in this Article.

Directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to continuously identify unused real property and classify the property as either (1) Class A--property with suitable size and road access to allow commercial or residential development of one or more stand-alone projects without the acquisition of additional real property and the property's size and shape allows for compliance with applicable or proposed zoning and development requirements, (2) Class B--property that doesn't meet the qualifications of Class A but enhances the value of the adjacent land when joined with that land, or (3) Class C-

-property that doesn't meet the definition of Class A or Class B.

Directs the DOT to attempt to promptly sell all unused property under the provisions of new Article 2F. Provides sales strategies and bid guidelines based on each class of property. Provides for the auction of unsold unused property remaining unsold after one year.

Directs the DOT to examine real property that is unused at the completion of a project and determine if it may be sold or determine the reasons that the property cannot be sold. Requires the DOT to document the reason that a property cannot be sold and review the determination at least every 10 years. Also requires that the DOT review at least every 5 years a determination that a property cannot be sold because it is unknown as to whether the property is needed for future transportation purposes.

Provides that if the Governor and Council of state disapprove property sales with an appraised value of at least \$25,000 within 30 days of being notified about the proposed sale, then sale will not be completed. Requires the DOT to notify the Governor and Council of State of the proposed sale of any land under this Article with an appraised value of at least \$25,000. However, approval of a sale under this Article from the Governor and Council of State is not required.

Directs the DOT to conduct the same review of projects completed before the effective date for this act that is required by proposed Article 2F. Requires the DOT to report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on the classification and sale of properties under proposed Article 2F of GS Chapter 136 no later than January 1, 2016. Provides guidelines as to what the report should minimally contain.

Makes conforming changes to GS 136-19. Directs the DOT to treat the Rodney Orr Bypass surplus right-of-way property as unused property and sell it in accordance with the provisions of Article 2F, GS Chapter 136, as enacted by Section 1 of this act.

Effective October 1, 2015.

Intro. by W. Brawley, Iler.

[GS 136](#)

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[Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation, State Government, State Property](#)

H 553 (2015-2016) [ORDINANCES REGULATING ANIMALS](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE AUTHORITY OF CITIES AND COUNTIES TO ADOPT ORDINANCES REGARDING ANIMALS*.

Enacts new subsection (d) to GS 153A-121, pertaining to the general ordinance-making power of a county, and enacts new subsection (d) to GS 160A-174, pertaining to the general ordinance-making power of a city, to prohibit any county or city from establishing standards of care for farm animals, including, but not limited to, the construction, repair, or improvement of farm animal shelter or housing, restrictions on the types of feed or medicines that may be given to farm animals, and exercise and social interaction requirements. Defines farm animal to include cattle, oxen, bison, sheep, swine, goats, horses, ponies, mules, donkeys, hinnies, llamas, alpacas, lagomorphs, ratites, and poultry.

Current law provides under GS 153A-127 that a county may define and prohibit the abuse of animals by ordinance and GS 160A-182 provides the same authority to a city. However, GS 153A-127 and GS 160A-182 reiterate that these provisions do not authorize a county or city to establish standards of care for farm animals.

Intro. by McGrady, Whitmire, Langdon, Dixon.

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

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[Animals, Government, Local Government](#)

H 554 (2015-2016) **PROTECT PUBLIC FROM DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS**. Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC AGAINST THE HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS THAT CERTAIN DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS POSE TO THE COMMUNITY*.

Adds new Article 7, Dangerous Wild Animals, to GS Chapter 19A.

Defines *dangerous wild animal* to mean: (1) red wolves and gray wolves; (2) all species of felids, excluding domestic cats but including hybrids of lions, tigers, leopards, clouded leopards, snow leopards, jaguars, cheetahs, and mountain lions; (3) all species of hyena and aardwolf; (4) all species of bears; and (5) all species of primates, excluding humans. Also defines the following terms as they apply in this Article: (1) *animal control authority*, (2) *circus*, (3) *law enforcement officer*, (4) *person*, and (5) *wildlife sanctuary*.

Enacts new GS 19A-72, Prohibited Activities. Subsection (a) provides that regardless of any other provision of law, unless exempt under this Article, it is unlawful for any person to possess, sell, transfer, or breed a dangerous wild animal. Subsection (b) provides that regardless of any other provision of law, it is unlawful for any person to allow any member of the public to come into direct physical contact with a dangerous wild animal regardless of the age of the animal.

Enacts GS 19A-73, Exemptions. Provides that the prohibitions against any person possessing, selling, transferring, or breeding a dangerous wild animal do not apply to the following: (1) institutions accredited or certified by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA); (2) research facilities as defined in the federal Animal Welfare Act; (3) wildlife sanctuaries, as defined in GS 19A-71(6); (4) incorporated nonprofit animal protection organizations; (5) veterinary hospitals, clinics, and veterinarians; (6) law enforcement officers; (7) circuses, as defined in GS 19A-71(2); and (8) a person temporarily transporting a legally owned dangerous wild animal and meeting specified requirements and limitations.

Declares that the prohibitions in GS 19A-72(a), which declare it unlawful for any person to possess, sell, transfer, or breed a dangerous wild animal, do not apply to persons who lawfully possessed a dangerous wild animal before June 1, 2015, provided that the person meets certain specified criteria that include maintaining veterinary records, acquisition papers, or other documents that establish that the person lawfully possessed the animal before June 1, 2015. Also requires the lawful owner to pay a registration fee to the local animal control authority by September 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, and to provide proof of liability insurance of not less than \$250,000 with a deductible of not more than \$250,000 for each occurrence of property damage, bodily injury, or death caused by any dangerous wild animal possessed by the person. Provides additional specifications and requirements related to the possession, sale, transfer, and breeding of a dangerous wild animal.

Enacts GS 19A-75 to provide criteria for the transport and containment of a dangerous wild animal. Declares that it is unlawful for a person to knowingly release a dangerous wild animal into the wild.

Enacts GS 19A-76 to provide that the provisions of this Article are to be enforced by any state law enforcement officer, or by any other law enforcement officer or animal control authority in whose jurisdiction a violation occurs. Provides that this Article is not to be construed as prohibiting a city or county from passing or enforcing a law that places additional restrictions or requirements on the possession, sale, transfer, or breeding of dangerous wild animals. Specifies how animals may be seized under the provisions of this Article. Provides for the placement of animals with AZA or other such facilities and also allows for humanely euthanizing a dangerous wild animal in compliance with state and federal law if after reasonable efforts no AZA or wildlife sanctuary is willing and able to provide long-term care for the animal.

Makes each violation of this Article a Class 2 misdemeanor and imposes a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for a violation of this Article. Provides that each animal possessed, sold, transferred, or bred constitutes a separate offense under this Article. Makes an act or omission by a dangerous wild animal owner or custodian in the care, control, or containment of that animal that results in the animal running loose or causing property damage is liable for a Class A1 misdemeanor. Provides that if the act or omission results in seriously bodily injury to any person, the owner of the

animal will be held strictly liable and the offense is a Class I felony. Provides that any person who lives in the county where a dangerous wild animal is kept may bring a civil action against the owner or custodian of the animal to enjoin a violation of this Article.

Declares that if any part of this Article is deemed unconstitutional or unenforceable, it does not affect the constitutionality or enforceability of any other part.

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

Intro. by McGrady, Hurley, Hardister, Saine.

[GS 19A](#)

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[Animals](#)

H 557 (2015-2016) [CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDS](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE TYPE OF FUNDS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND OF A LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT AND TRANSFERRED TO CHARTER SCHOOLS ON A PER PUPIL BASIS.*

Current law under GS 115C-426, as amended by Section 7.17(a) of SL 2010-31, provides that the uniform budget format requires the (1) State Public School Fund, (2) local current expense fund, (3) the capital outlay fund, identifies other funds that may be used for reimbursements such as certain sales tax revenues, sales tax refunds, and direct federal appropriations. In addition, provides that the appropriation or use of fund balance or interest income is not to be construed as a local current expense appropriation.

Amends GS 115C-246(c) to provide that in addition to the funds provided via the uniform budget format, other funds may be used only (1) for funds received for the federal Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program or (2) if necessary to comply with the donor of a gift or grant who requires the local school administrative unit to use a separate fund account for trust funds and federal grants restricted as to use. Retains provision that other funds may be used for funds received for pre-K programs. Deletes other existing language concerning the use of other funds.

Amends subsection (e) of GS 115C-246 to provide the types of funds to be included in the local current expense fund of a local school administrative unit. Amends GS 115C-218.105(c), which requires the transfer of the per pupil share of the local current expense fund to a charter school attended by a student who resides in the local school administrative unit, to prohibit the transfer under this subsection of revenue from supplemental taxes to a school that is located outside the tax district in which the student resides if the language on the ballot authorizing the levy of a supplemental tax approved by the voters specified the supplemental taxes were only to be levied for students residing in and attending charter schools located in that specific tax district and the ballot was voted on by the voters before July 1, 2015.

Effective when the act becomes law and applies beginning with the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Intro. by Stam.

[GS 115C](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

H 558 (2015-2016) [RESERVES & NAT. GUARD/MILITARY AFFAIRS COMM.](#) Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO ENSURE REPRESENTATION ON THE NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD AND THE RESERVE COMPONENTS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.*

Amends GS 127C-2 to add two members to the North Carolina Military Affairs Commission. Requires the two additional members to be appointed by the Governor and be state residents with a long-term connection to the state who are current or retired members of the (1) North Carolina National Guard involved in a military affairs organization or in

military issues through civil, commercial, or governmental relationships and (2) Reserve Component of the Air Force, Army, Navy, or Marines who are involved in a military affairs organization or in military issues through civil, commercial, or governmental relationships.

Intro. by Whitmire, G. Martin, Pendleton, Pittman.

GS 127C

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Military and Veteran's Affairs

H 559 (2015-2016) [TESTING FEEDBACK FOR STUDENTS/TEACHERS](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO PROVIDE SUMMATIVE FEEDBACK TO PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND TEACHERS ON THE RESULTS OF STATEWIDE TESTS AND ASSESSMENTS*.

Amends GS 115C-174.12 to add the requirement that the State Board of Education develop a summative analysis of the statewide assessments and tests administered under the Article to be distributed to local school administrative units, teachers, parents, and students. Also requires the Department of Public Instruction to use an applicable component of the Instructional Improvement System to provide instructional feedback to local school administrative units, teachers, parents, and students. Specifies the information that is to be distributed and the timeline for doing so. Applies beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

Intro. by Whitmire, Lucas, Riddell, Elmore.

GS 115C

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

H 560 (2015-2016) [ASSAULT EMERGENCY WORKERS/HOSPITAL PERSONNEL](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS A FELONY TO ASSAULT HOSPITAL PERSONNEL WHO ARE DISCHARGING OR ATTEMPTING TO DISCHARGE THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES*.

Amends GS 14-34.6 to make it a Class I felony to assault hospital personnel (was, emergency department personnel) who are discharging or attempting to discharge their official duties. Increases the penalty under specified circumstances. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2015.

Intro. by Dobson, Stevens.

GS 14

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

H 561 (2015-2016) [SCHOOL SYSTEM AUTH. RE: LEGAL PROCEEDINGS](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE AUTHORITY OF SCHOOL SYSTEMS WITH REGARD TO LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND INVESTIGATIONS*.

Amends GS 115C-321(a) concerning the privacy of personnel files of employees of local boards of education, adding language that allows the inspection and examination of such records by any state or federal administrative agency that has a quasi-judicial function or to any court of law only when necessary to adequately defend against claims by a current or former employee for any alleged act or omission arising during the course and scope of his or her official duties or

employment.

Amends GS 115C-45(a) concerning the judicial functions of a local board of education, providing that it has the power to issue subpoenas for the production of all tangible things, including documents, papers, letters, maps, and so forth.

Effective October 1, 2015.

Intro. by Blackwell, Glazier.

GS 115C

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

H 562 (2015-2016) [AMEND FIREARM LAWS](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO ALLOW DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO CARRY CONCEALED HANDGUNS IN COURTROOMS, TO PROVIDE THAT PROHIBITIONS ON CARRYING CONCEALED HANDGUNS DO NOT APPLY TO CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES, TO AMEND LAWS RELATING TO CONCEALED HANDGUNS ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY, TO PROHIBIT CONCEALED HANDGUNS ON RIDES AT THE STATE FAIR, TO ELIMINATE PISTOL PERMITS, TO REQUIRE CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO COMPLETE CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW, TO REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO ALLOW EMPLOYEES TO SECURE A HANDGUN IN THEIR VEHICLE, TO AMEND THE SHOOTING RANGE PROTECTION ACT, TO ENSURE FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF STATE FIREARM RIGHT RESTORATION, TO MODIFY THE MISDEMEANOR CONVICTIONS THAT PREVENT ISSUANCE OF A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT, TO IMPLEMENT SIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS THAT CHOOSE TO PROHIBIT CONCEALED HANDGUNS, AND TO ALLOW HUNTING WITH SUPPRESSORS ON SHORT-BARRELED RIFLES.*

Amends GS 14-269 to allow district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, and investigators employed by the office of a district attorney to carry a concealed weapon in the courtroom. Also adds that a person employed by the Department of Public Safety who is designated in writing by the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and has a concealed handgun permit is exempt from the prohibition on carrying concealed handguns. Makes conforming changes to GS 14-415.27. Applies to offenses committed on or after July 1, 2015.

Amends GS 14-269.2, which prohibits weapons on campus or other educational property, to add that the statute does not apply when a person with a concealed handgun permit, or who is exempt from obtaining a permit: (1) has a handgun concealed on the person and the person remains in the locked vehicle and only unlocks the vehicle to allow the entrance or exit of another person or (2) is within a locked vehicle and removes the handgun from concealment only for the amount of time reasonably necessary to move the handgun from concealment on the person to a closed compartment or container within the vehicle or move the handgun from within a closed compartment or container within the vehicle to concealment on the person. Applies to offenses committed on or after July 1, 2015.

Amends GS 14-269.2 to add that it is an affirmative defense to prosecution for possessing or carrying, whether openly or concealed, any gun, rifle, pistol, or other firearm of any kind on educational property or to a curricular or extracurricular activity sponsored by a school, that the person was authorized to have a concealed handgun in a locked vehicle under the statute and removed the handgun from the vehicle only in response to a threatening situation in which deadly force was justified. Applies to offenses committed on or after July 1, 2015.

Amends GS 14-269.3, prohibiting carrying weapons into assemblies and establishments where alcoholic beverages are sold and consumed, to add that the statute does not apply to a person carrying a handgun on the premises of the State Fairgrounds during the State Fair if the person has a valid concealed handgun permit, or is exempt from obtaining a permit, provided the person does not ride or enter any amusement device.

Repeals GS 14-402, GS 14-403, GS 14-404, GS 14-405, and GS 14-407.1, thereby eliminating pistol permits. Makes conforming changes to GS 14-315. Applies to offenses committed on or after October 1, 2019.

Enacts new GS 14-409.41 to provide that when a chief law enforcement officer's certification is required by federal law

or regulation for the transfer or making of a firearm, the chief law enforcement officer must, within 15 days of receipt of a request for certification, provide the certification if the applicant is not prohibited from receiving or possessing the firearm and is not the subject of a proceeding that could result in the applicant being prohibited from receiving or possessing the firearm. Requires written notification of any certification denial. Allows an applicant whose request for certification is denied to appeal the decision to the district court of the district in which the request for certification was made. Provides chief law enforcement officers and their employees who act in good faith with immunity from liability arising from any act or omission in making a certification. Effective July 1, 2015.

Enacts new GS 14-409.42. Prohibits a business, commercial enterprise, or employer from establishing, maintaining, or enforcing a policy or rule that prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting a person from transporting or storing any firearm or ammunition when the person has a valid concealed handgun permit, or is exempt from obtaining a permit, is otherwise in compliance with all other applicable laws and regulations, and the firearm or ammunition is in a closed compartment or container within the person's locked vehicle or in a locked container securely affixed to the person's vehicle. Provides a definition of motor vehicle to include any automobile, truck, minivan, sports utility vehicle, motorcycle, motor scooter, and any other vehicle required to be registered under GS Chapter 20. Provides that this prohibition does not apply to vehicles owned or leased by an employer and where transport or storage of a firearm is prohibited by state or federal law or regulation. Provides that a person who is injured or the survivors of a person killed as a violation of this section's prohibition on restricting the transportation or storage of a firearm and ammunition in a locked vehicle in a manner otherwise in compliance with state law may bring a civil action in the appropriate court against the employer, commercial enterprise, or business who committed or caused such a violation. Additionally provides for the right to bring a civil action to enjoin any employer, commercial enterprise, or business from violating this section. Provides remedies for an employee who is discharged in violation of a policy or rule controlling firearms that is prohibited by this section. Gives a business, commercial enterprise, employer, or property owner that allows persons to transport or store any firearm or ammunition under the statute complete immunity and prohibits these entities from being held liable in any civil action for damages, injuries, or death resulting from or arising out of another person's actions involving a firearm or ammunition transported or stored in accordance with the statute. Effective July 1, 2015.

Amends GS 14-409.46, sport shooting range protection, to no longer require the shooting range to be in existence at least three years before Article 53C became effective in order to be eligible for the protections under the statute. Amends GS 14-409.47 to provide that Article 53C, Sport Shooting Range Protection Act of 1997, does not prohibit a local government from regulating the location and construction of a sport shooting range after September 1, 1997 (was, after the effective date of the Article). Effective July 1, 2015, but does not apply to pending litigation.

Amends GS 14-415.4, Restoration of firearms rights, by amending the definition of the term *firearm rights* as it applies in the statute, to no longer exclude weapons defined in GS 14-409(a) (defining *machine gun* or *submachine gun*). Applies to restorations granted before, on, or after the date that the act becomes law.

Amends GS 14-415.12 to require a sheriff to deny a concealed handgun permit to a person prohibited from possessing a firearm as a result of a conviction of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence. Also no longer requires the denial of a permit for a person committing a violation involving fireworks, and limits the prohibition on issuing a permit to a person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor under former GS 14-277.3 to those convictions that are within three years before the application date. Applies to permit applications submitted on or after July 1, 2015.

Enacts new GS 14-415.28, setting out requirements that must be met by signs prohibiting the carrying of a concealed handgun on any premises, including the location and content of the signs. Makes conforming changes. Effective July 1, 2015.

Amends GS 113-291.1 to allow hunting with short-barreled rifles. Applies to offenses committed on or after July 1, 2015.

H 563 (2015-2016) [STRENGTHEN FIREARMS BACKGROUND CHECKS](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN FIREARMS BACKGROUND CHECKS BY REQUIRING THAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BE COLLECTED AND REPORTED TO THE NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM (NICS) AND BY MAKING THE REPORTING OF THAT INFORMATION MORE EFFICIENT*.

Repeals GS 122C-54(d1), (concerning determinations or findings to be reported to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) under the statute governing exceptions and abuse reports and court proceedings). Effective January 1, 2016.

Recodifies GS 122C-54.1 (Restoration process to remove mental commitment bar) as GS 14-409.42.

Repeals GS 14-404(c1) (transmission of information to NICS under the statute concerning refusals to issue pistol permits).

Enacts new GS 14-409.43, Reporting of certain disqualifiers to the NICS, establishing seven instances when a record of determination or finding should be transmitted to the NICS no later than 48 hours after receiving notice, including when there is a determination that an individual shall be involuntarily committed to a facility for inpatient mental health treatment upon a finding that the individual is mentally ill and dangerous to self or others and when there is a finding that an individual is not guilty by reason of insanity. Sets out reporting requirements for additional circumstances including after receiving notice of a felony warrant, indictment, or criminal summons by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) or specified orders issued by a judge. Effective January 1, 2016.

Amend GS 122C-54(d2), providing that the records for involuntary commitment for inpatient or outpatient mental health treatment or for substance abuse treatment are accessible only by the sheriff or the sheriff's designee for the purposes of conducting background checks as specified. Deletes language which required the Administrative Office of the Courts to adopt rules concerning transmitting information to NICS.

Amends GS 14-404(a) (concerning the issuance or refusal of pistol permits) and GS 14-415.13(a) (concerning the application for a concealed handgun permit), adding language to both that provides that the required application forms pursuant to those subsections must be provided electronically by the sheriff. Effective October 1, 2015.

Amends GS 15A-502 adding new subsections that provide that it is the duty of an arresting law enforcement agency to fingerprint a person charged with the commission of specified misdemeanors, including but not limited to, GS 14-134.3 (Domestic criminal trespass), GS 20-138.1 (Impaired driving), or GS 90-95(d) (Possession of a controlled substance). Also provides that arresting law enforcement agencies are required to get as much of the specified personal identifying information as possible; such information includes given names, addresses, date of birth, gender, or race. Also requires arresting law enforcement agencies to fingerprint and forward the fingerprints to the NICS of all individuals charged with the misdemeanor offense of assault, stalking, or communicating a threat and held under GS 15A-534.1. Requires magistrates to enter all information provided by the arresting law enforcement agencies into the court information system. Makes technical and organizational changes. Effective October 1, 2015.

Directs the AOC to use funds available from the Court Technology Fund to comply with the reporting provisions found in Section 4 of the bill, as well as to provide all the specified historical records to the NICS, including active and unserved felony warrants, indictments, criminal summonses, and orders for arrest from all counties.

Amends GS 14-404(g), 14-415.3(c), and 14-415.12(c), making conforming changes.

Amends GS 122C-54.1(a), recodified by Section 2 of the act as GS 14-409.42(a), making conforming changes, effective January 1, 2016.

Amends GS 15A-534(a), making conforming changes, effective October 1, 2015.

Intro. by Schaffer, Faircloth, Burr, Cleveland.

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H 564 (2015-2016) [EXEMPT MOTORCOACH MANUFACTURER & DISTRIBUTOR](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO EXEMPT MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS OF MOTORCOACHES FROM THE PROHIBITION ON OWNING, OPERATING, OR CONTROLLING A MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERSHIP IN THIS STATE.*

As title indicates.

Intro. by Faircloth, Hardister, Blust.

[GS 20](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle](#)

H 565 (2015-2016) [THREATEN LEO OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICER](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO MAKE IT A FELONY TO THREATEN TO INFLICT SERIOUS BODILY HARM UPON OR TO KILL A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, CORRECTIONAL OFFICER, OR ANOTHER PERSON AS RETALIATION AGAINST THE OFFICER FOR PERFORMING THE OFFICER'S OFFICIAL DUTIES.*

Enacts new GS 14-277.6, Threats against law enforcement officers or correctional officers.

Makes it a Class I felony for any person to knowingly and willfully make a threat to inflict serious bodily injury upon or kill (1) any law enforcement or correctional officer or (2) any other person as retaliation against any law enforcement officer or correctional officer because of the exercise of that officer's duties.

Makes it a Class I felony for any person to knowingly and willfully deposit in the mail any letter, writing, or other document containing a threat to commit an offense described in subsection (a) of new GS 14-227.6.

Provides that for prosecutions under this statute, it is not necessary to prove that any law enforcement officer or correctional officer actually received the threatening communication or actually believed the threat.

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

Intro. by Faircloth.

[GS 14](#)

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H 566 (2015-2016) [AMEND EYEWITNESS ID/SHOW-UP](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION REFORM ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT APPLY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO ARE EYEWITNESSES, TO CLARIFY THAT A PHOTO LINEUP IS DIFFERENT FROM A SHOW-UP, AND TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCTING A SHOW-UP.*

Amends GS 15A-284.52 as follows. Amends the definition of *eyewitness* to include a law enforcement officer whose

identification by sight of another person may be relevant in a criminal proceeding. Adds and defines the terms *show-up* and *show-up administrator*.

Adds to the procedures for lineups that law enforcement must, before the lineup and as soon as possible after the crime, get a complete description of the perpetrator from the eyewitness in the eyewitness's own words. Specifies information that must be included in the statement.

Adds a provision setting out eight requirements that must be met when the state, a county, or other local law enforcement officers conduct a show-up, including that a show-up only be conducted when a suspect matching the description of the perpetrator is located in close proximity in time and place to the crime and only if there are exigent circumstances that require the immediate display of a suspect to an eyewitness; that the show-up be performed using a live suspect and not conducted with a photograph; that before the show-up, and as soon as possible after the crime, law enforcement obtain a complete description of the perpetrator from the eyewitness, in the eyewitness's own words that includes specified information; and that investigators photograph a suspect at the time and place of the show-up to preserve a record of the appearance of the suspect at the time of the show-up procedure.

Applies to eyewitness identifications and show-ups conducted on or after August 1, 2015.

Intro. by Glazier.

[GS 15A](#)

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

H 567 (2015-2016) [NC AIRCRAFT REPAIR ACT](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO REGULATE THE REPAIR OF AIRCRAFTS*.

Amends GS Chapter 44A, Article 5, changing the Article catchline to Aircraft Labor and Storage (was, Aircraft Labor and Storage Liens). Adds new definitions for use in the Article, including *aircraft repair shop*, *aircraft repair work*, *customer*, *employee*, *total amount authorized*, and *written repair estimate*. Sets out a requirement that for any work that will exceed \$350, the shop must prepare and provide a written repair estimate before commencing any aircraft repair work. Sets out requirements for the written repair estimate. Allows a customer to waive the written estimate requirement. Provides that if a written estimate is to be given, the amount of any charge for preparing it must be disclosed and requires written authorization to be obtained from the customer to prepare the written report. Also requires the customer to be promptly notified as provided for in regards to charges exceeding the estimated amount or for reasons concerning the fact that the estimate was only for diagnostic work and that the diagnostic work has been completed. Sets out provisions requiring the expeditious reassembly of an aircraft if the customer cancels the order for aircraft repair or once diagnostic work is completed. Allows for certain charges by the shop in accordance with the work performed. Provides for the inspection of aircraft parts that have been removed.

Requires that upon the completion of repair work, the shop must provide each customer with a legible copy of an invoice for the repairs that have been completed. Sets out information that the invoice must include, such as a statement indicating what was done to correct any problem or a description of the service provided. Requires a sign to be posted in the shop in a conspicuous spot that conveys the right to a written repair estimate and the right to inspect or return of parts.

Sets out 14 prohibited acts and practices that are a violation of this Article, including charging more than 10% over the total amount authorized by a customer for aircraft repair work and causing or allowing a customer to sign any written repair estimate that does not state the type of aircraft repair work requested by the customer.

Provides for civil remedies for violations of the provisions of this Article. Allows prevailing parties to be awarded damages plus court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees. Also allows actions for injunctive relief in the appropriate court.

Amends GS 44A-55, Persons entitled to a lien on an aircraft, adding language that provides that any aircraft repair shop that violates any of the provisions of GS 44A-51 through GS 44A-51.5 cannot have a perfected lien on an aircraft owned by a customer injured as a result of the violation.

Effective January 1, 2016, applying to aircraft repairs requested and performed on or after that date.

Intro. by Saine, Hager.

[GS 44A](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Transportation](#)

H 568 (2015-2016) [TRANSFORMING POVERTY SCHOOLS PILOT PROGRAM](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRANSFORMING POVERTY SCHOOLS PILOT PROGRAM*.

Requires the Department of Public Instruction to establish and administer the Transforming Poverty Schools Pilot Program focusing on high-poverty schools and designed to create centers that provide a full-service system of support to students and school communities. Specifies where the centers may be located and when they may operate. Requires a school to meet the following requirements to be eligible to participate in the pilot: (1) it received an overall school performance grade of F for the 2013-14 school year, (2) over 85% of its students qualified for free or reduced-price lunches for the 2013-14 school year, (3) the school and the local school administrative unit are committed to providing their employees and other resources to the pilot program, and (4) local government resources are committed to participate in the pilot program. Requires a report on the implementation of the pilot to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by January 1, 2017.

Intro. by Cotham.

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

H 569 (2015-2016) [RURAL COUNTY DEV. FUNDS FOR ROAD CONST.](#) Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO ALLOW RURAL COUNTIES TO USE DEVELOPER FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS TO SERVE OCCUPANTS, RESIDENTS, OR INVITEES OF A SUBDIVISION OR DEVELOPMENT TO ENFORCE ORDINANCES*.

Amends GS 15A-331 to provide that for counties where greater than 15% of residents live within an incorporated municipality, all funds received by the county from developers under this statute must be transferred to the municipality to be used solely for the development of roads, including design, land acquisition, and construction. Requires all other counties to use the funds received solely for the development of roads, including design, land acquisition, and construction, and allows these activities to be done in conjunction with the Department of Transportation.

Intro. by Steinburg.

[GS 153A](#)

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[Government, Local Government, Transportation](#)

H 570 (2015-2016) [FACILITATE SUCCESSFUL REENTRY](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF ADULT CORRECTION TO TAKE ACTION TO FACILITATE SUCCESSFUL REENTRY AND IMPROVE JUDICIAL EFFICIENCY THROUGH THE USE OF THE ELECTRONIC REPOSITORY COMMONLY KNOWN AS NCAWARE TO*

RESOLVE OUTSTANDING WARRANTS ON INMATES WHILE THEY ARE STILL IN CUSTODY.

Enacts GS 148-10.5 to direct the Division of Adult Correction to facilitate successful reentry and improve judicial efficiency by doing the following: (1) establishing a policy that requires checking the Electronic Repository created under GS 15A-301.1, both at intake and release, for each inmate in order to identify all outstanding warrants on the inmate and (2) developing and implementing a plan, in consultation with district attorneys' offices, to resolve inmates' outstanding warrants while the inmates are in custody, whenever feasible. Requires that in the course of resolving an outstanding warrant while a defendant is in custody that the inmate must be notified of his or her right to counsel if such a right exists.

Makes a conforming change to GS 15A-301.1(a), which created the Electronic Repository.

Effective October 1, 2015.

Intro. by C. Graham, Pierce, Baskerville, Glazier.

[GS 15A, GS 148](#)

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

H 571 (2015-2016) [IMPLEMENTATION OF CARBON DIOXIDE REGULATIONS](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DEVELOP A STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S REGULATION OF CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS FOR EXISTING STATIONARY SOURCES.*

Requires the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to develop a State Plan for compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Power Plan in compliance with the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency's regulation of carbon dioxide emissions for existing stationary sources. Specifies 11 actions that must be taken in developing the State Plan, including establishing a State Plan Advisory Board to assist in developing the State Plan, holding at least three public hearings no later than February 1, 2016, and prioritizing the components of the State Plan based on a least-cost compliance approach to benefit the state's retail electric power customers. Requires an interim report on the State Plan to the Environmental Review Commission by October 1, 2015, and January 1, 2016. Requires DENR to provide a final report to the Environmental Review Commission by April 1, 2016. Provides that the State Plan has no legal effect if the EPA fails to issue or withdraws the EPA Clean Power Plan or a court invalidates the EPA Clean Power Plan.

Intro. by McGrady, Hager.

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H 572 (2015-2016) [STUDY HS INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION OF HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS BY THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.*

Establishes the 12-member Legislative Commission to Study the Current Administration of High School Athletics by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (Commission). Specifies Commission membership with six members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and six members appointed by the Speaker of the House. Sets out 10 issues to be studied by the Commission, including the adequacy of the current conference classification system under which schools that have access to athletes from other North Carolina counties and even other states compete with schools whose student athletes must reside in a single school attendance area and whether the

classification system should apply a multiplier to the number of students at schools with greater access to athletes to place them in a higher classification and the need to classify schools into up to eight classifications to ensure safety and competitive balance and safety issues for student athletes from a high school with a small student population playing in the same conference as a high school with a large student population because of the limited pool of players. Sets out provisions governing compensation of Commission members and administration of the Commission. Requires the Commission to make a final report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on or before March 1, 2016, at which time the Commission terminates.

Intro. by Whitmire, Blackwell, Dobson, Ford.

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

H 573 (2015-2016) **RESTORE MEANINGFUL FINANCIAL FLEX. FOR LEAS.** Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO RESTORE THE PROVISION THAT ALLOWS LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO TRANSFER POSITIONS AT THE STATEWIDE AVERAGE SALARY TO ALLOW MEANINGFUL FLEXIBILITY FOR LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS.*

Amends GS 115C-105.25(b) as the title indicates. Effective July 1, 2015, and applies beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

Intro. by Meyer, Langdon, Glazier, Holloway.

GS 115C

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

H 574 (2015-2016) **OPOSSUM EXCLUSION FROM WILDLIFE LAWS.** Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT STATE WILDLIFE LAWS DO NOT APPLY TO OPOSSUMS BETWEEN THE DATES OF DECEMBER 29 AND JANUARY 2.*

As title indicates.

Intro. by West, Hager, McElraft, Lucas.

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H 575 (2015-2016) **REENACT QUALIFIED BUSINESS INVESTMENT CREDIT.** Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO REENACT THE TAX CREDIT FOR QUALIFIED BUSINESS INVESTMENTS.*

Identical to [S 341](#), filed 3/19/15.

Amends the sunset date for the Tax Credit for Qualified Business Investments as found in GS Chapter 105, Article 4, Part 5 to be January 1, 2019 (was, January 1, 2014).

Effective for investments for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015.

Intro. by B. Brown, Saine, Jeter, S. Martin.

GS 105

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Government, Tax

H 576 (2015-2016) [AMEND ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS - 1](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES LAWS*.

Amends GS 130A-309.82 to allow the proceeds of the tax on new white goods to be used for the management of discarded electronic devices as well as discarded white goods. Allows the funds to be used for the cleanup of illegal white goods disposal sites, removing the restrictions concerning funding of cleanup of sites depending on whether more or less than 50% of the site consisted of white goods. Makes conforming changes. Effective July 1, 2015.

Intro. by McElraft.

[GS 130A](#)

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H 577 (2015-2016) [REASONABLE & CUSTOMARY APPRAISAL FEES](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO EMPOWER THE NORTH CAROLINA APPRAISAL BOARD TO ESTABLISH AND ENFORCE THE PAYMENT OF REASONABLE AND CUSTOMARY FEES FOR REAL ESTATE APPRAISALS*.

Amends GS 93E-1-4 to add and define the terms *client* and *net compensation*.

Enacts new GS 93E-1-9.1 to require the North Carolina Appraisal Board (Board) to publish at least every three years, a schedule of customary and reasonable rates of compensation for appraisals based on the market area where the real property is situated. Specifies measures that may be used to set the rates and factors that must be included in the rates. This statute applies only for appraisals for one- to four-family residential properties. Requires the Board to publish the rate schedule no later than 180 days after the act becomes law.

Amends GS 93E-2-4 to require an appraisal management company renewing registration to provide four specified pieces of information to the Board, including the total net compensation paid for all appraisals performed and the total net compensation paid for all complex property appraisal assignments performed.

Amends GS 93E-2-8 to allow the Board to take disciplinary action for the failure to pay reasonable and customary fees to appraisers. Also allows taking disciplinary action when an application for renewal that contains any false or misleading statements. Allows the Board to audit a registrant to determine the appraisal management company's compliance with new GS 93E-1-9.1.

Enacts new GS 93E-2-12 requiring an appraisal management company to separately state to a client the amount of net compensation paid to an appraiser for the appraisals performed and any fees charged by the appraisal management company for appraisal management services associated with the administration of the appraisal process.

Amends GS 53-244.111 to make it illegal, in the course of any residential mortgage loan transaction, to fail to disclose and distinguish, in writing, the separate amounts paid in compensation to an appraiser for the appraisal performed and for appraisal management services reported by an appraisal management company.

Intro. by Szoka, Lewis.

[GS 53, GS 93E](#)

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

H 578 (2015-2016) [FAMILIES' ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE FAMILIES'*

ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT TO ENSURE THAT EMPLOYEES IN THIS STATE ARE PAID THE SAME WAGES IN THE SAME ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE SAME QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF THE SAME CLASSIFICATION OF WORK.

Adds new Article 2B, Families' Economic Security Act, to GS Chapter 95. Prohibits an employer from paying any person in the employer's employ at wage rates less than the rates paid to employees of the opposite sex in the same establishment for the same quantity and quality of the same classification of work. Makes an employer committing a violation liable in the amount of the wages that the employee is deprived because of the violation. Allows a variation in pay rates for male and female employees under specified good-faith circumstances, including when the difference is based on a difference in length of service, ability, or skill, or difference in duties or services performed.

Prohibits reducing the pay of any employee in order to bring the employer into compliance and prohibits retaliation against an employee who is seeking redress or participating in an investigation. Specifies the process under which an affected employee may file a complaint with the Department of Labor. Allows an aggrieved employee to recover in a civil action the balance of the wages owed and costs and attorneys' fees. Requires a civil action to be instituted within two years after the date that the alleged violation is discovered.

Intro. by Cunningham, Fisher, Meyer, Reives.

[GS 95](#)

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[Employment and Retirement](#)

H 579 (2015-2016) [COMM. COLL. SUMMER COURSES/FUNDED FTE](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT PROVIDING THAT ALL COMMUNITY COLLEGE CURRICULUM COURSES OFFERED DURING THE SUMMER TERM ARE INCLUDED IN STATE FUNDING FORMULAS.*

Amends GS 115D-5, as the title indicates. Applies beginning with the 2015 summer term.

Intro. by McNeill, Johnson, Horn, Brody.

[GS 115D](#)

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[Education, Higher Education](#)

H 580 (2015-2016) [BAN SMOKING IN FOSTER CARE SETTING/INFANTS](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION TO ADOPT A POLICY PROHIBITING A FOSTER PARENT FROM SMOKING IN THE PRESENCE OF AN INFANT IN THE FOSTER PARENT'S CARE.*

Enacts new GS 131D-10.7A requiring the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, under rules adopted by the Social Services Commission, to enforce a policy prohibiting a foster parent from smoking in a private home used to provide licensed foster care to infants. Also requires the policy to prohibit a foster parent from smoking in the presence of an infant in the person's care while they are in a motor vehicle and requires the foster parent to prohibit others from smoking in the presence of an infant. Makes conforming changes to the Social Services Commission's duties in GS 131D-10.5.

Intro. by Cotham.

[GS 131D](#)

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[Health and Human Services, Health, Social Services, Child Welfare](#)

H 581 (2015-2016) [COMPUTER CODING COURSE ELECTIVE](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE*

BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR A COMPUTER SCIENCE CODING ELECTIVE COURSE FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS.

As title indicates. Effective when the act becomes law and applies beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

Intro. by Cotham, Saine.

GS 115

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

H 582 (2015-2016) [RELIEF FOR WORKING FAMILIES ACT](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE RELIEF FOR WORKING FAMILIES ACT.*

Enacts new GS 95-9.2 requiring employers to notify employees of the federal earned income tax credit by March 1 of each year. Specifies ways in which notice may be provided.

Intro. by Cotham, Jackson.

GS 95

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Employment and Retirement, Government, Tax

H 583 (2015-2016) [BUILDING CODE COUNCIL/POST CODE ONLINE](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE NC BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO MAKE THE NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD ONLINE.*

As title indicates.

Effective October 1, 2015.

Intro. by Cotham, Hager, Brody.

GS 143

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction

H 584 (2015-2016) [USE OF POSITION/LETTERS OF REFERENCE](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT A LEGISLATOR OR PUBLIC SERVANT MAY REFERENCE THEIR PUBLIC POSITION IN A LETTER OF REFERENCE.*

Amends GS 138A-31 as the title indicates.

Intro. by Glazier, Faircloth, Daughtry, Harrison.

GS 138A

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Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Government, Ethics and Lobbying, General Assembly

H 585 (2015-2016) [USE OF DEADLY FORCE/SBI INVESTIGATIONS](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO EXPAND THE LIST OF TACTICAL FORCE THAT, WHEN USED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, MAY CAUSE A DEATH THAT IS SUBJECT TO SBI INVESTIGATION AND TO REQUIRE THE RELEASE OF A SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION*

RESULTS TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, THE DECEDENT'S SURVIVING SPOUSE, THE DECEDENT'S NEXT OF KIN, AND OTHERS UPON REQUEST OF SPECIFIED PARTIES.

Amends GS 147-90 to add that in every instance in which a private citizen dies immediately after an incident involving the use of an electronic control device, chemical spray, or physical force by a law enforcement officer in the line of duty, the district attorney must, upon the request of the surviving spouse or next of kin of the private citizen within 180 days of the death, request the State Bureau of Investigation to conduct an investigation into the incident. Adds that the district attorney must release an executive summary of any report prepared because of an investigation requested under the statute to the decedent's surviving spouse, decedent's next of kin, or the head of the law enforcement agencies of the affected law enforcement officer, upon request. Allows the summary to be released to any other person when it is requested by the decedent's surviving spouse or next of kin.

Intro. by Alexander, Hanes, Horn.

GS 147

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Government, Public Safety

H 586 (2015-2016) [PROH'T COMP. POOLING/RQR. SURF. OWNER'S CONS.](#) Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE STATE FROM REQUIRING PERSONS WITH OIL OR GAS RIGHTS TO INVOLUNTARILY INTEGRATE THEIR INTERESTS IN A DRILLING UNIT AND TO GENERALLY REQUIRE A SURFACE OWNER'S CONSENT FOR OPERATIONS OR DISTURBANCES TO THE SURFACE OF THE LAND.*

As title indicates.

Intro. by Holloway.

GS 113

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Environment, Energy, Public Enterprises and Utilities

H 587 (2015-2016) [SCHOOL FLEXIBILITY ACT.](#) Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC SCHOOL FLEXIBILITY.*

Amends GS 115C-105.37B, concerning the reform of continually low-performing schools, adding a subsection that provides that the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) must conduct professional development workshops in each region of North Carolina that provide information on the four school reform models as set out in GS 115C-105.37B(a).

Requires particular emphasis to be placed on the restart model. Requires DPI to conduct at least one workshop annually for superintendents and their designees.

Amends GS 115C-105.25 concerning budget flexibility, requiring the DPI to conduct professional development workshops in each region of North Carolina that provide information on the budget flexibility in regards to differentiated pay and other initiatives to improve student achievement. Requires DPI to conduct at least one workshop annually for superintendents and their designees.

Directs the State Board of Education to report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by November 15, 2015, in regards to the five specified recommendations, including efforts to automate the teacher licensing process and changes to the lateral entry process for teachers.

Effective July 1, 2015.

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

H 588 (2015-2016) **CAROLINA PANTHERS SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE**. Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO CHANGE THE DESIGN AND COST OF THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE AUTHORIZED FOR THE CAROLINA PANTHERS.*

Directs the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue a special registration plate authorized for the Carolina Panthers with the plate bearing the phrase "Keep Pounding," the logo of the Carolina Panthers, and the letters "CP." Provides that the DMV is not to develop a plate under this subdivision without a license to use copyrighter or registered words, symbols, trademarks, or designs associated with the plate. Prohibits the DMV from paying a royalty for the licensing associated with the plate. Provides that the plate authorized by this subdivision is not subject to the minimum number of applicant provisions of GS 20-79.3A , nor the expiration of special registration plate authorization of GS 20-79.8.

Establishes a special plate fee for the Carolina Panthers plate of \$30 and requires that \$10 be credited to the Special registration Plate Account (SRPA) and that \$20 be credited to the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA).

Amends GS 20-81.12 to direct the DMV to transfer on a quarterly basis one-half of the money in the CCAPA to the Keep Pounding Fund of the Carolinas Healthcare Foundations, Inc. to support cancer research at the Carolinas Medical Center, and to transfer quarterly one-half of the money in the CCAPA to the Carolina Panthers Charities Fund of the Foundation for the Carolinas to create new athletic opportunities for children, support their educational needs, and promote healthy lifestyles for families.

Also amends GS 20-63(b1) to include the Carolina Panthers plate in those that are not required to be "First in Flight" plates or "First in Freedom" plates.

Directs the Revisor of Statutes to alphabetize, number and renumber the special registration plates listed in GS 20-79.4(b) to ensure that all of the special registration plates are listed in alphabetical order and numbered accordingly.

Provides that the DMV is not to issue and produce any more special registration plates developed for the Carolina Panthers under the authority in GS 20-79.4(b)(185).

Effective July 1, 2015.

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

H 589 (2015-2016) **LRC/REEVALUATE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS**. Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY EXISTING CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION LAWS AND REEVALUATE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS AND NECESSITY IN PROMOTING PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.*

Directs the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) to study all existing childhood immunization laws enacted under GS Chapter 130A, Article 6, Part 2, with the end of reevaluating their effectiveness and necessity for promoting public health and safety. Sets out two specific areas that the LRC should focus on, namely (1) current medical and scientific evidence on the immunizations required and (2) the health problems that occur after these required immunizations, including potential links to autism. Also directs the LRC to make four specified recommendations, including whether to add or eliminate any immunizations to/from the state's current schedule.

Requires the LRC to report its findings, with any recommended changes, to the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly upon its convening.

Intro. by Earle, Cunningham.

STUDY

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Government, General Assembly, Health and Human Services, Health

H 590 (2015-2016) [FUNDING FOR AID TO LIBRARIES FUND](#). Filed Apr 2 2015, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE AID TO STATE LIBRARIES FUND*.

Includes various whereas clauses.

Appropriates \$2,557,014 for 2015-16 from the General Fund to the Department of Cultural Resources as title indicates.

Effective July 1, 2015.

Intro. by Saine, McGrady, Steinburg, Hanes.

APPROP

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, Cultural Resources and Museums

H 601 (2015-2016) [SALE OF DEER SKINS](#). Filed Apr 6 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE LAWFUL SALE OF DEER SKINS SUBJECT TO TAGGING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND SEASON LIMITS*.

As title indicates.

Effective October 1, 2015, applying to deer taken on or after that date.

Intro. by Elmore.

GS 113

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Animals

H 602 (2015-2016) [RECRUIT CC STUDENTS TO TEACH/PILOT](#). Filed Apr 6 2015, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A PILOT PROGRAM TO RECRUIT COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS TO THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY*.

Appropriates \$91,000 for 2015-16 and \$91,000 for 2016-17 from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors as title indicates.

Effective July 1, 2015.

Intro. by Elmore, Jordan.

APPROP

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Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, UNC System

PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE COST RECOVERY FOR ACQUISITION OF JOINT MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN GENERATING FACILITIES, TO AUTHORIZE MUNICIPALITIES THAT ARE MEMBERS OF JOINT MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCIES TO ENTER INTO SUPPORT CONTRACTS, AND TO ISSUE BONDS TO PAY THE COSTS OF PROJECTS THAT ARE SOLD. Enacted April 2, 2015. Effective April 2, 2015.

Intro. by Newton, Pate, Bryant.

[GS 62, GS 159B](#)

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

S 332 (2015-2016) [REGISTER OF DEEDS-POA INDEXING FEES](#). Filed Mar 18 2015, *AN ACT TO ENABLE REGISTERS OF DEEDS TO COLLECT ADDITIONAL FEES FOR INDEXING INSTRUMENTS THAT CONTAIN EXHIBITS WITH MULTIPLE ENTERABLE PARTIES.*

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

Amends proposed language in GS 161-10(a)(1) to provide that excessive recording data, which is subject to an additional \$2 fee for each entity listed in the instrument, means an instrument that lists more than 20 (was, 10) distinct entities.

Intro. by Daniel.

[GS 161](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Court System](#)

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

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

Intro. by Pate.

[GS 52C](#)

[View summary](#)

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

LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 531 (2015-2016) [INCREASE/MODIFY GOLDSBORO OCCUPANCY TAX](#). Filed Apr 1 2015, *AN ACT TO PROMOTE TOURISM, AGRICULTURE, AND MILITARY RELATIONS IN THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO BY MODIFYING THE*

GOLDSBORO OCCUPANCY TAX.

Amends SL 1991-555 as follows. Amends the current provisions allowing Goldsboro to levy a room occupancy and tourism development tax by removing tourist camps from those accommodations subject to the tax. Makes clarifying changes.

Adds that Goldsboro may levy an additional room occupancy tax of up to 1% when the City levies the already authorized tax at the rate of 5% (5% is the maximum amount allowed for that tax).

Deletes the provisions that required the tax proceeds to be placed in a special fund for the creation of a citizens' advisory committee to study the construction of a civic center in Goldsboro. Deletes all provisions concerning the civic center.

Deletes provisions concerning the Goldsboro Tourism Council.

Adds the requirement that Goldsboro remit the proceeds of the occupancy tax to the Goldsboro Tourism Development Authority (TDA), with one-third of the funds to be used to promote travel and tourism in the City and the remainder used for tourism-related expenditures. Requires at least one-third of the TDA members be affiliated with businesses that collect the tax in the county and at least one-half of the TDA members be individuals who are currently active in the promotion of travel and tourism in the county.

Effective 20 years after the act becomes law, further amends SL 1991-555 to increase the amount of the tax proceeds that must be used by the TDA to promote travel and tourism in Goldsboro from one-third to two-thirds.

Intro. by J. Bell, Dixon, L. Bell.

Wayne

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Government, Tax

LOCAL/SENATE BILLS

S 181 (2015-2016) [WAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS](#). Filed Mar 4 2015, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND TO ALTER THE DISTRICTS TO COINCIDE WITH THE DISTRICTS OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION*.

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND TO ALTER THE DISTRICTS TO COINCIDE WITH THE DISTRICTS OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION. Enacted April 2, 2015. Effective April 2, 2015, except as otherwise provided.

Intro. by Barefoot.

Wake

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ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 7: [AMEND FIREARM RESTORATION LAW.](#)

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary II

H 113: PROTECT OUR STUDENTS ACT.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary I

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

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

H 195: ALLOW SUBSTITUTION OF BIOSIMILARS.

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 215: PROCEDURE FOR WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL.

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 297: DHHS CHILD SUPPORT RECOMMENDATIONS.-AB

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary II

H 298: AMEND UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT.-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 532: HARD APPLE CIDER/GROWLERS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Alcoholic Beverage Control

H 533: MODIFY PUV EXCEPTIONS TO DISQUALIFICATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 534: NORTH CAROLINA BENEFIT CORPORATION ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 535: PROMOTING CHARTER SCHOOL SUCCESS PILOT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 536: SCHOOL BUS CAMERAS/CIVIL PENALTIES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 537: PROTECT LAW ENFORCEMENT & COMM. RELATIONSHIPS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Appropriations

H 538: CLARIFY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY POWERS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 539: SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 540: BILLY GRAHAM/NATIONAL STATUARY HALL.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 541: PROOF REQUIRED FOR DEBT/FEES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Banking

H 542: MODIFY SUNSET RE: CONTINGENT AUDITS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 543: AMEND LAWS PERTAINING TO NC MEDICAL BOARD.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 544: COUNTY SIGN ORDINANCE IN MUNICIPAL PARKS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Local Government

H 545: INFORMATION/GUIDELINES RE: EATING DISORDERS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 546: PREGNANT WORKERS' FAIRNESS ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Appropriations

H 547: SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS SALARY/SIXTH TIER.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 549: TAX RESTORATION ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 550: CLARIFY DEALER PLATE REQUIREMENTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 551: DOT SALES OF UNUSED PROPERTY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 552: GRAFFITI VANDALISM.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 553: ORDINANCES REGULATING ANIMALS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Agriculture

H 554: PROTECT PUBLIC FROM DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Judiciary II

H 555: PROBATION/PAROLE OFFICERS RETIREMENT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Pensions and Retirement, if favorable, Appropriations

H 556: ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Finance

H 557: CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Appropriations

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

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 559: TESTING FEEDBACK FOR STUDENTS/TEACHERS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Education - K-12

H 560: ASSAULT EMERGENCY WORKERS/HOSPITAL PERSONNEL.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Judiciary III

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

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Judiciary IV

H 562: AMEND FIREARM LAWS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Judiciary I

H 563: STRENGTHEN FIREARMS BACKGROUND CHECKS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Judiciary I

H 564: EXEMPT MOTORCOACH MANUFACTURER & DISTRIBUTOR.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 565: THREATEN LEO OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICER.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Judiciary II

H 566: AMEND EYEWITNESS ID/SHOW-UP.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 567: NC AIRCRAFT REPAIR ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 568: TRANSFORMING POVERTY SCHOOLS PILOT PROGRAM.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Appropriations

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

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Appropriations

H 570: FACILITATE SUCCESSFUL REENTRY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 571: IMPLEMENTATION OF CARBON DIOXIDE REGULATIONS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Environment

H 572: STUDY HS INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 573: RESTORE MEANINGFUL FINANCIAL FLEX. FOR LEAS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Appropriations

H 574: OPOSSUM EXCLUSION FROM WILDLIFE LAWS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Wildlife Resources

H 575: REENACT QUALIFIED BUSINESS INVESTMENT CREDIT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Finance

H 576: AMEND ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS - 1.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 577: REASONABLE & CUSTOMARY APPRAISAL FEES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 578: FAMILIES' ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Education - Community Colleges, if favorable, Appropriations

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

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Health

H 581: COMPUTER CODING COURSE ELECTIVE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Education - K-12

H 582: RELIEF FOR WORKING FAMILIES ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 583: BUILDING CODE COUNCIL/POST CODE ONLINE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Regulatory Reform

H 584: USE OF POSITION/LETTERS OF REFERENCE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Ethics

H 585: USE OF DEADLY FORCE/SBI INVESTIGATIONS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Judiciary I

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

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 587: SCHOOL FLEXIBILITY ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Education - K-12

H 588: CAROLINA PANTHERS SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 589: LRC/REEVALUATE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 590: FUNDING FOR AID TO LIBRARIES FUND.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Appropriations

H 591: CITIES/PUBLIC TRUST AREAS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Local Government

H 592: DEBT ISSUANCE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Appropriations

H 593: AMEND ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS - 2.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 599: IMPOUNDING VEHICLES WITH LAPSED/NO INSURANCE.

House: Filed

H 600: HOME SCHOOLERS PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL SPORTS.

House: Filed

H 601: SALE OF DEER SKINS.

House: Filed

H 602: RECRUIT CC STUDENTS TO TEACH/PILOT.

House: Filed

H 603: REPORTS/VETERANS SERVED BY HOUSING PROGRAMS.

House: Filed

S 43: CDLS FOR VETERANS REVISIONS.

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received From Senate

S 52: CITIES/MEANS FOR ACTIVATING PARKING METERS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Local Government

S 71: STAGGER RRC MEMBER TERMS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 90: REQUIRED NUMBER OF OPERATING BRAKE LIGHTS.

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received From Senate

S 116: HANDICAPPED PARKING WINDSHIELD PLACARD.

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received From Senate

S 188: ADJUST CAP ON TURNPIKE PROJECTS.

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received From Senate

S 199: FUNDS DEPOSITED WITH CLERK OF COURT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 279: AMEND QUALIFICATIONS/PRACTICE OF COUNSELING.

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received From Senate

S 290: ALLOW EARLY REFILLS OF PRESCRIPTION EYE DROPS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Insurance

S 315: SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC.

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received From Senate

S 332: REGISTER OF DEEDS-POA INDEXING FEES.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Finance

S 359: PROMOTE NC-THINKS.

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received From Senate

S 372: RENEWABLE ENERGY SAFE HARBOR.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 379: CEMETERIES LOCATED ON STATE PROPERTY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 445: BURT'S LAW.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary II

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

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Placed On Cal For 04/14/2015

S 535: NC WORKS CAREER COACHES.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 536: STUDENTS KNOW BEFORE YOU GO.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Education/Higher Education

S 539: DOT/WORKFORCE REDUCTION COMPLIANCE.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 540: PRIORITY PASS/FERRY.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 544: REQUIREMENTS-BASED WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Commerce

S 545: WORKFORCE ENRICHMENT/VETERANS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Workforce and Economic Development. If fav, re-ref to Judiciary I

S 546: CREATE INSPECTION PROGRAM/VENISON DONATIONS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 547: INTERCONNECTION OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to State and Local Government. If fav, re-ref to Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources

S 552: SEDIMENTATION CONTROL CIVIL PENALTY REFORMS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 557: CREATE PERMIT EXEMPTIONS/HOME RENAL PRODUCTS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Health Care

S 566: DISPOSITION OF MINIMAL PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to State and Local Government

S 570: EXPUNCTION/BOAT VIOLATION.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary II

S 571: EXPAND USES OF 911 FEE.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary I

LOCAL BILLS

H 388: DARE COUNTY LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX.

Senate: Special Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 46: JACKSONVILLE OCCUPANCY TAX.

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received From Senate

S 247: RALEIGH/DONATE SERVICE ANIMALS TO OFFICERS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 248: TOWN OF CARY/RELEASE UNNEEDED EASEMENTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Local Government

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

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Local Government

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

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Elections

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