

## The Daily Bulletin: Thursday, April 9, 2015

### PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 604 (2015-2016) [PARENT-TAUGHT DRIVER EDUCATION](#). Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A PROCESS TO ALLOW PARENT-TAUGHT DRIVER EDUCATION*.

Directs the State Board of Education (SBE), in consultation with the Division of Non-public Education and the Division of Motor Vehicles, to develop a process in which a parent or other legal guardian can provide a student with a driver education program that complies with the requirements established by the SBE in GS 115C-215.

Requires the SBE to develop the above process by February 1, 2016, with a report to be given to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee, by March 15, 2016, that details the developed process and any statutory changes necessary to implement the process.

**Intro. by Pittman.**

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[Education, Government, State Agencies, State Board of Education](#)

H 605 (2015-2016) [REDUCE UNFAIR BARRIERS TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT](#). Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT TO REDUCE UNFAIR BARRIERS TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT BY REQUIRING THAT A PUBLIC EMPLOYER NEITHER ASK ABOUT NOR CONSIDER THE CRIMINAL RECORD OF A JOB APPLICANT UNTIL THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN SELECTED BY THE EMPLOYER FOR AN INTERVIEW*.

Enacts new GS 15A-151 to prohibit a public employer from asking about or considering the criminal record or criminal history of an applicant for public employment until the applicant has been selected for an interview. Exempts custody staff of the Divisions of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety or public employees who have a statutory duty to conduct a criminal history record check for a position or to consider a potential employee's criminal history during the hiring process. Defines public employer to mean the state or a local political subdivision of the state. Applies to applications for employment submitted on or after July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by R. Johnson.**

GS 15A

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Employment and Retirement](#)

H 606 (2015-2016) [AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR LICENSING BOARD](#). Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR SHOPS AND COLLISION REPAIRS*.

Identical to [S 454](#), filed 3/25/15.

Enacts new GS Chapter 93F, Motor Vehicle Repair Shops and Collision Repair Estimators and Technicians. Prohibits a person after December 1, 2015, from owning or operating a motor vehicle repair shop or engaging in business as a

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

**Intro. by Horn.**

[GS 58, GS 93F](#)

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

H 607 (2015-2016) [ALLOW PROTECTED CONSUMER SECURITY FREEZES](#). Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PLACEMENT OF A PROTECTED CONSUMER SECURITY FREEZE ON A PROTECTED CONSUMER'S CREDIT REPORT*.

Amends GS 75-61 adding new definitions to the Identity Theft Protection Act including *protected consumer*, *protected consumer security freeze*, *protected consumer's file*, *representative*, *sufficient proof of authority*, and *sufficient proof of identification*. Defines a protected consumer as an individual who is (1) under age 16 at the time a request for the placement of a security freeze is made or (2) incapacitated or for whom a guardian or guardian ad litem has been approved.

Enacts new section GS 75-63.1, Security freeze for protected consumers, which allows a consumer reporting agency to place a protected consumer security freeze (freeze) on the protected consumer's credit report or file within 30 days if specified conditions are met. Specifies procedures and actions for consumer reporting agencies when a freeze is required. Provides that a freeze must remain in effect until certain actions are taken, upon which the freeze must be removed within 30 days. These actions include: (1) the protected consumer or representative requests the consumer reporting agency to remove the freeze by following the specified process or (2) the consumer reporting agency determines that the freeze was placed based on a material misrepresentation of fact. Sets out provisions providing for and regulating the allowable reasonable fee that can be charged by consumer reporting agencies for the placement and removal of freezes. Provides that the fee cannot exceed \$3 in most cases but also specifies several cases where a fee cannot be charged, including that the request for placement or removal of a freeze was made electronically or the protected consumer is over 62 years old. Provides that the placement of a freeze does not stop the release of a protected consumer's consumer report, file, or additional information to specified parties, including certain credit reporting services (when subscribed to). Provides that a violation of this section is considered a violation of GS 75-1.1, concerning unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices affecting commerce.

Enacts new GS 130A-101(h) concerning birth registration, providing that when a birth occurs, the individual responsible for preparing the birth certificate must also provide the mother with information regarding how to request a freeze for the child pursuant to the above provisions.

Effective October 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Meyer, Hardister.**

[GS 75](#)

H 608 (2015-2016) **DO NOT CALL REGISTRY/ROBOCALL PREVENTION**. Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT TO INCLUDE POLITICAL ROBOCALLS AS A TYPE OF TELEPHONE SOLICITATION THAT CAN BE PROHIBITED AS PART OF THE DO NOT CALL REGISTRY AND TO STRENGTHEN THE DO NOT CALL REGISTRY*.

Amends GS 75-101(9), the definition for *telephone solicitation*, providing that it is voice or text communication (previously, stated it was only a voice communication). Makes organizational changes and adds language that provides that "telephone solicitation" also includes political messages if the message is communicated by use of an automatic dialing and recorded message player.

Amends GS 75-101(9) again, providing that creating a lead or referral for which the solicitor will receive compensation is considered telephone solicitation. Also amends the definition for telephone solicitor providing that subagents, contractors, or other third-party vendors are considered telephone solicitors. Also provides that the term includes parties that receive sales leads or inbound calls from a telephone subscriber that knows or has reason to know that the lead or call from the subscriber was generated by a telephone call.

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

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

**Intro. by Harrison, G. Martin.**

**GS 75**

H 609 (2015-2016) **HEALTHY AND HIGH-PERFORMING SCHOOLS**. Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE HEALTHY AND HIGH-PERFORMANCE SCHOOLS ACT OF 2015*.

Creates new Article 17A, Healthy Schools, in GS Chapter 115C.

Healthy Schools Fund. Establishes the Healthy Schools Fund (Fund) as a nonreverting fund administered by the State Board of Education (SBoE) and funded by annual appropriations. Requires the Fund to be used as follows: (1) to provide additional funding for healthy school meals, the SBoE must reimburse public schools as follows: a. 10¢ for each breakfast meal served that meets specified requirements, b. 10¢ for each lunch meal served that meets the requirements of GS 115C-270.4 and GS 115C-270.5; (2) to eliminate the reduced price co-payment, SBoE must reimburse public schools 40¢ for each lunch served to students who qualify for reduced price meals; (3) to provide resources to implement the school breakfast program, for the 2015-16 school year, the SBoE must provide \$7 per student to public schools in which more than 40% of students qualify for free or reduced price meals; (4) to encourage schools to serve local foods, the SBoE must provide an additional 5¢ per lunch meal reimbursement to public and public charter schools when at least one component of a reimbursable lunch meal is comprised entirely of locally grown and unprocessed foods; (5) to increase physical activity in schools, the SBoE must make grants available through a competitive process to public and public charter schools, provided that schools meet the requirements of GS 115C-270.14 and seek to increase

the amount of physical activity in which their students engage; and (6) to support school gardens, the SBoE must make grants available through a competitive process to public schools and other organizations.

**School Nutrition.** Requires breakfast and lunch to meet or exceed the nutritional standards in applicable state and federal law. Also requires breakfast and lunch served to students in public schools to meet or exceed specified nutritional and serving requirements. Requires public schools to offer free breakfast to all students and provides additional requirements for schools where more than 40% of the students qualify for free or reduced price meals. Also requires schools to not charge students for meals if the student qualifies for reduced price meals, provide meals meeting the dietary needs of children diagnosed with medical conditions, solicit input from specified entities on nutritious meals that appeal to students, promote healthy eating, provide at least 30 minutes for children to eat lunch, and participate in federal nutritional and commodity foods programs when possible. Encourages providing cold, filtered water when meals are served. Requires each local school administrative unit to establish a central kitchen. Requires food service providers to provide specified information to public schools and requires public schools to inform parents and students of that same information, as well as the information that vegetarian food options and milk alternatives are available. Requires all beverages and snack foods provided by or sold in public schools, whether through vending machines, fund raisers, snacks, after-school meals, or other means, to meet the requirements of the Healthier US School Challenge program at the Gold Award Level. Provides exceptions. Prohibits third parties, other than school-related organizations and school meal service providers, from selling food or beverages to students 90 minutes before school until 90 minutes after the school day ends. Allows for a penalty, after the first warning, of \$500 per day, paid to the Fund. Requires the Healthy Youth and Schools Commission to review school nutrition and the Article's requirements at least every three years and recommend improvements to the SBoE.

**Farm to School Program.** Requires schools to serve locally grown, locally processed, and unprocessed foods from growers engaged in sustainable agriculture whenever possible, with preference given to products grown in the state or in contiguous states. Requires the Department of Public Instruction, in conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and other entities to develop programs to promote locally grown and unprocessed foods from growers engaged in sustainable agriculture. Requires the SBoE to report to the General Assembly, by September 30 each year, on the farm-to-school initiatives.

**Physical and Health Education.** States the goal of children engaging in physical activity for 60 minutes each day; requires public and public charter schools to promote this goal. Specifies means thorough which physical activity is to be maximized. Establishes physical education requirements for students in kindergarten through fifth grade and sixth through eighth grade. Also establishes health education requirements for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Requires adapted physical education for students with disabilities and prohibits requiring or withholding physical activity as punishment. Requires the SBoE to report to the General Assembly, by September 30 each year, on issues concerning the physical and health education requirements.

**Environment.** Establishes an environmental programs office in the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to perform specified duties, including contracting with vendors to recycle all materials required by law at all public schools, develop a master recycling plan, and test drinking water in public schools for lead and promptly take any required remedial action. Requires local school administrative units to use environmentally friendly cleaning supplies and prepare a plan to use sustainable products in serving meals to students on or before December 31, 2015. Requires the SBoE, on or before December 31, 2015, to prepare and transmit to the General Assembly a report on the implementation of recycling, composting, energy reduction, pest management, air quality, and environmentally friendly cleaning supplies programs. Requires DPI, in conjunction with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, to develop an environmental literacy plan. Establishes a School Gardens Program within DPI to perform specified functions, including establishing a Garden Advisory Committee, providing schools with horticultural guidance and technical assistance, and coordinating curricula for school gardens. Requires the program to issue a report about school gardening in the state, plans for expanding them, and recommendations for approval by June 30, 2016. Allows, when tests show the soil is safe and produce is safely handled, for produce grown in school gardens to be served to students. Also allows the sale of the produce.

Health and Wellness. Requires local school administrative units to collaborate with specified entities to develop a comprehensive local wellness policy, revised every three years. Requires the policies to include goals for improving environmental sustainability of schools, increasing the use of locally grown, locally processed, and unprocessed foods from growers engaged in sustainable agriculture, and increasing physical activity. Also requires schools to report to DPI, by January 15 of each year, on specified issues concerning health programs, nutrition programs, physical and health education, and wellness policy. Provides for sharing of the information. Requires DHHS, in conjunction with local school administrative units, charter schools, and DPI, to develop a plan to establish and operate school health centers in public and public charter schools by December 31, 2020. The plan must include (1) a needs assessment to determine where school health centers must be located and (2) a proposal for financial sustainability for the centers. Requires the plan to be submitted to the General Assembly by December 31, 2015. Prohibits the size of a nurse's suite from being a determining factor as to whether a nurse is placed at a public charter school.

Healthy Youth and Schools Commission. Establishes the 10-member Healthy Youth and Schools Commission (Commission) to advise the SBoE and the General Assembly on the health, wellness, and nutritional issues concerning youth and schools in the state. Specifies the Commission's functions and requires a report to the SBoE by September 30 of each year. Provides that members serve three-year staggered terms and provides for appointment, naming of chairs, and rules of procedure.

Green Cleaning Supplies. Requires all elementary and secondary public and nonpublic schools with 50 or more students to, when economically feasible, establish a green cleaning policy and purchase and use environmentally sensitive cleaning products. If adopting such a policy is not economically feasible, requires annual notification of such to the Commission. Requires specified entities, including the Commission, to establish guidelines for environmentally sensitive cleaning products. Allows a school to deplete its existing cleaning and maintenance supply stocks and implement the new requirements for the following school year. Provides that no state funds are to be appropriated to implement these requirements.

**Intro. by Harrison, Fisher, Carney.**

**GS 115C**

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, State Agencies, Department of Public Instruction, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Department of Health and Human Services, State Board of Education, Health and Human Services, Health**

H 610 (2015-2016) **CITIZENS UNITED DISCLOSURES**. Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SHAREHOLDER VOTE ON CORPORATE INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES AND ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS*.

Enacts new GS 163-278.12D, applicable to any corporation incorporated in this state that spends in the aggregate \$10,000 or more of corporate treasury funds on independent expenditures or electioneering communications.

Requires a separate resolution subject to a shareholder vote to approve any spending of \$10,000 or more in the aggregate by the corporation for any independent expenditures or electioneering communications, for any proxy or consent or authorization for an annual meeting of the shareholders of a corporation incorporated in this state where proxies are solicited in respect of any security occurring on or after six months following the date on which final regulations are published under subsection (d) of this section.

Allows a corporation to request authorization for spending on independent expenditures or electioneering communications on a more frequent basis.

Provides in (d) that if a corporation spends less than an aggregate \$10,000 in a 12-month period for independent

expenditures or electioneering communications, then it does not have to seek shareholder authorization for the spending.

Specifies that (1) the authorization vote must garner support from a majority of shareholders and (2) a vote by the shareholders to approve or disapprove any spending of \$10,000 or more by a corporation for any independent expenditures or electioneering communications shall be binding on the corporation.

Provides that if a corporation makes an unauthorized independent expenditure, electioneering communication, or donation to a third party for such, then the directors at the time that the unauthorized contribution or donation was incurred are jointly and severally liable to repay to the corporation the amount of the unauthorized expenditure, with interest at the rate of 8% per year.

Applies to elections held on or after January 1, 2016.

**Intro. by Harrison, Insko, Fisher.**

GS 163

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**Government, Elections**

H 611 (2015-2016) **ENACT DEATH WITH DIGNITY ACT**. Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEATH WITH DIGNITY ACT TO ALLOW QUALIFIED PATIENTS DIAGNOSED WITH A TERMINAL ILLNESS TO END LIFE IN A HUMANE AND DIGNIFIED MANNER.*

Adds new Article 23A, Death With Dignity Act, to GS Chapter 90.

Defines terms as they apply in this Article. Specifies that an *adult*, defined in this act as a person 18 years or older, who meets all of the delineated criteria may make a written request for medication to end his or her life in a humane and dignified manner under the provisions of this Article. Provides that no person qualifies to make a written request for medication to end his or her life under this Article solely because of age or disability.

Requires that a valid request for medication under this Article to end one's life must be in substantially the form described in new GS 90-325.21, signed and dated by the patient in the presence of two witnesses who attest that to the best of their knowledge and belief that patient is (1) capable, (2) acting voluntarily, and (3) is not being coerced to sign the request. Includes specifications regarding individuals who may not be one of the two witnesses.

Specifies the responsibilities of the attending physician. Provides that notwithstanding any other provision of law, the attending physician may sign the patient's death certificate.

Requires that there must be a confirmation from a *consulting physician*, as defined in this act, who examines the patient and the patient's relevant medical records and makes a written confirmation of the attending physician's diagnosis that the person suffers from a terminal disease and verifies that the patient is capable, acting voluntarily, and has made an informed decision.

Requires the attending or consulting physician to refer a patient for counseling if in the opinion of either the patient may be suffering from a psychiatric or psychological disorder or depression causing impaired judgment.

Prohibits a patient from receiving a prescription for medication to end his or her life in a humane and dignified manner unless the patient has made an informed decision as defined in this act.

Requires the attending physician to recommend that the patient notify the next of kin of the patient's request for medication under this Article but prohibits denying a patient's request for medication under this Article solely on the refusal or inability of a patient to notify next of kin.

Requires a patient seeking a prescription for medication to end the patient's life to make both an oral and a written request and requires that the patient reiterate the oral request to the attending physician no less than 15 days after making the

initial oral request. Requires the attending physician to offer the patient the opportunity to rescind the request at the time that the patient makes the second oral request. Additionally, specifies that a patient may rescind a request at any time and in any manner. Directs an attending physician not to write a prescription under this Article without offering the qualified patient an opportunity to rescind the request for a prescription medication to end the patient's life. Prohibits less than 15 days elapsing between a patient's initial oral request and the writing of a prescription under this Article and prohibits less than 48 hours elapsing between the patient's written request and the writing of a prescription under this Article.

Specifies all of the data and information that must be documented or filed in the patient's medical record.

Requires that only requests by North Carolina residents are to be granted under this act. Provides that factors demonstrating residence equal: (1) possession of a North Carolina driver's license, (2) registration to vote in North Carolina, (3) evidence that a person owns or leases property in North Carolina, and (4) filing a North Carolina tax return for the most recent tax year.

Makes the NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) responsible for the reporting requirements under this act. Provides that except as otherwise required by law, the information collected under rules developed by DHHS does not constitute a public record under GS Chapter 132 and will not be made available for inspection by the public.

Provides that no provision, written or oral, in a contract, will, or other agreement that affects whether a person may make or rescind a request for medication to end his or her life in a humane and dignified manner, is valid. Provides that no obligation owed under any currently existing contract is to be conditioned or affected by the making or rescinding of a request by a person for medication to end his or her life in a humane and dignified manner. Also provides that a person choosing to act under the provisions of this Article does not have an effect on a life, health, or accident insurance or annuity policy.

Prohibits this Article from being construed to authorize a physician, health care provider, or any other person to end a patient's life by lethal injection, mercy killing, or active euthanasia. Specifies that actions taken in accordance with this Article do not constitute suicide, assisted suicide, mercy killing, or homicide under North Carolina laws.

Provides for immunity from civil or criminal liability or professional disciplinary action for a person participating in good-faith compliance with the provisions of this Article. Provides that this Article imposes no duty on a health care provider to participate in providing a qualified patient with medication to end his or her life in a humane and dignified manner.

Permits a health care provider to subject another health care provider to sanctions, as stated in this act, if the sanctioning health care provider has given prior notice to the health care provider who is being sanctioned of its policy against participation in activities authorized by this Article.

Provides that a person who willfully alters or forges a request for medication or destroys or conceals a rescission of such a request without authorization from the patient is guilty of a Class A felony. Also makes coercing or exerting undue influence on a patient to request medication to end the patient's life, or destroying a rescission of such a request, a Class A felony. Provides that the penalties in this Article do not prohibit application of criminal penalties under other law for conduct that violates the provisions of this Article. Declares that nothing in this Article limits liability for civil damages resulting from other negligent conduct or intentional misconduct by any person.

Permits a governmental entity that incurs costs as a result of a person ending his or her life under the provisions of this Article in a public place to have a claim against the estate of that person to recover costs and reasonable attorneys' fees related to enforcing the claim.

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

Includes a form for a person to make a request to end his or her life with prescription medication under this Article and includes penalties for altering, forging, concealing, or destroying the form or a revocation of the decision in the form.

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

**Intro. by Harrison, Fisher.**

GS 90

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**Health and Human Services, Health**

H 612 (2015-2016) "**BAN THE BOX**". Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE FAIR ASSESSMENTS OF PERSONS WITH CRIMINAL HISTORIES APPLYING FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.*

Adds a new Article 17, Fair Assessment of Persons with Criminal Histories, to GS Chapter 126. Defines the following terms as they apply in this Article: (1) *criminal history* means a state or federal history of conviction for a misdemeanor or felony relevant to an applicant's fitness for public employment but does not include a record of arrest that did not result in a conviction; (2) *hiring authority* means an agent responsible by law for the hiring of persons for public employment; and (3) *public employment* means any employment, including seasonal or temporary work, where the State or any local political subdivision of the State is the employer.

Prohibits a hiring authority from (1) asking about or considering the criminal history of an applicant for public employment or (2) including such an inquiry on any initial employment application form until the hiring authority has made a conditional offer of employment to the applicant. Declares that this Article does not apply to public employment in positions where the hiring authority is required by law to consider the applicants criminal record. Provides that nothing in this Article is to be construed to prevent any hiring authority in its discretion from adopting the provisions of this Article.

Prohibits any person from being disqualified for public employment solely or in part because of a previous conviction except as otherwise required by law or if the conviction is determined to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the position after all of the following factors are considered: (1) the level and seriousness of the crime; (2) the date of the crime; (3) the age of the person at the time of conviction; (4) the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime; (5) the connection between the criminal conduct and the duties of the position; (6) the prison, jail, probation, parole, rehabilitation, and employment records of the person since the date the crime was committed; and (7) the subsequent commission of a crime by the person. Clarifies that an arrest record that did not result in a conviction cannot be the basis for disqualification from public employment.

Requires a hiring authority to inform an individual of a potential adverse hiring decision based on the background check and provide the applicant an opportunity to provide evidence that the report is incorrect or inaccurate.

Specifies criteria governing data to be collected by the Office of State Personnel.

Declares that the provisions of this Article apply to all applicants for public employment. Makes a conforming change to GS 126-5.

Effective when the act becomes law and applies to applications for employment made on or after that date.

**Intro. by Pierce, G. Graham, Floyd.**

GS 126

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**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Employment and Retirement**

H 613 (2015-2016) **CLARIFY POLITICAL SIGN ORDINANCE AUTHORITY**. Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT A MUNICIPALITY IS AUTHORIZED TO ENFORCE STATE LAW CONCERNING PLACEMENT OF POLITICAL SIGNS ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE MUNICIPALITY.*



Amends GS 136-32(f) to allow a city to enforce the provisions of GS 136-32(b) through (e) (regulating the placement of political signs) on rights-of-way of streets that are located in the city's corporate limits and that are maintained by the city and on the rights-of-way of those parts of the state highway system that are located within the city. Also allows removal of signs that violate (b) through (e).

**Intro. by W. Brawley.**

GS 136

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**Government, Elections, Local Government,  
Transportation**

H 614 (2015-2016) **JPS STUDY/CRIM RULES OF DISCOVERY**. Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT REQUIRING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY TO STUDY THE DISCOVERY RULES IN FELONY CRIMINAL CASES AND OTHER MATTERS IN ORDER TO PROTECT VICTIMS AND WITNESSES AND TO ENABLE CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.*

Requires the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety to study seven specified issues in criminal law, including: the state's current laws, rules, or policies relating to discovery in criminal matters and how they compare to the laws, rules, or policies relating to discovery in federal criminal cases; whether the state's current criminal discovery laws, rules, or policies, and particularly the disclosure requirements, should be revised in order to protect victims and potential witnesses from intimidation and to ensure their safety prior to the trial of a defendant; and what authority the state has to enact laws or adopt rules regarding the ability of law enforcement officers to communicate with criminal defendants in order to determine whether they have information that would be helpful in criminal matters so as not to conflict with federal or state constitutional provisions and laws. Requires a final report to the 2015 General Assembly before the convening of the 2016 short session.

**Intro. by McNeill.**

STUDY

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

H 615 (2015-2016) **PROBATION VIOLATION COURT COSTS**. Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH COURT COSTS TO BE PAID BY PROBATION VIOLATORS.*

Enacts new GS 7A-304.1 to require a probationer to be assessed \$50 in court costs whenever a hearing is held under GS 15A-1344 (Response to violations; alteration and revocation) or GS 15A-1345 (Arrest and hearing on probation violation) in response to a probation violation.

Makes conforming changes to GS 15A-1344 and GS 15A-1345.

Applies to probation violations occurring on or after July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by McNeill.**

GS 7A, GS 15A

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

H 616 (2015-2016) [LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIRE. COLA](#). Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES FOR MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.*

Amends GS 128-27, concerning retirement benefits for county, city, and town employees, adding new subsections (hhh) through (lll) which provide for cost-of-living increases depending on the retirement date of the individual, as specified.

Provides that the cost-of-living increases as provided above represent increases already provided by the Board of Trustees to members of the Local Government Employee's Retirement System.

Effective July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by McNeill.**

[GS 128](#)

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[Employment and Retirement, Government, Local Government](#)

H 617 (2015-2016) [LOBBYIST EXPENDITURE RPTS - TRANSPARENCY](#). Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT TO MAKE LOBBYIST EXPENDITURE REPORTS AVAILABLE AND SEARCHABLE ONLINE AND TO REQUIRE LOBBYISTS AND LOBBYIST PRINCIPALS TO PROVIDE INVOICES UPON REQUEST.*

Amends GS 120C-405(b) concerning the reporting of reportable expenditures by lobbyists, providing that, no later than July 1, 2016, the Secretary of State must implement a searchable web-based database of the reports completed and filed under GS Chapter 120C, as well as the reports completed and filed under GS Chapter 163, Subchapter VIII (previously, did not provide a deadline date for implementation and also required coordination with the State Board of Elections; also only required reports filed to be available, not completed and filed). Requires the database to be searchable by the covered person's name as well as the filing entity.

Amends GS 120C-401(i), concerning lobbyist reports generally, adding language which requires a lobbyist or principal, upon the request of a legislator, to provide an invoice or other document indicating the fair market value of the reportable expenditure. The required invoice or document must be provided within 15 days of the legislator's request.

Effective October 1, 2015.

Requires the Department of the Secretary of State, Division of Lobbying Compliance to provide a preliminary report to the Joint Commission on Governmental Operations regarding the implementation of the database by January 1, 2016, with a final report due on May 1, 2016.

**Intro. by Cotham, Lewis.**

[GS 120C](#)

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[Government, Ethics and Lobbying](#)

H 618 (2015-2016) [DRIVERS LICENSE/CONCEALED CARRY](#). Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT DIRECTING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO DEVELOP A PROCESS TO ALLOW THE INCLUSION OF A CONCEALED CARRY HANDGUN ENDORSEMENT ON A PERSON'S DRIVERS LICENSE TO ALLOW A PERSON TO PRESENT HIS OR HER DRIVERS LICENSE FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLYING WITH THE CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT LAWS OF THIS STATE.*

Requires the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), in consultation with the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association and the Administrative Office of the Courts, to develop a process allowing a person with a concealed carry handgun permit to have a concealed carry handgun endorsement on the person's driver's license. The driver's license could then be

presented for the purpose of complying with GS 14-415.11 (Permit to carry concealed handgun; scope of permit). Requires the DMV to develop the process by February 1, 2016, and requires a report on the process to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee.

**Intro. by Hager, Elmore.**

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**Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation, Transportation**

H 619 (2015-2016) **OMNIBUS ACT REGARDING COAL-BASED ENERGY**. Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT TO (1) PRESERVE THE APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS BY PROHIBITING UNITS LOCATED IN NORTH CAROLINA FROM PURCHASING OR USING COAL THAT IS EXTRACTED USING MOUNTAINTOP REMOVAL COAL MINING; AND (2) PROVIDE ECONOMIC RELIEF TO ELECTRIC UTILITY RATEPAYERS DURING THIS PERIOD OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY BY PLACING A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY NEW COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT UNLESS IT IS CARBON NEUTRAL.*

Enacts a new Article 5B in GS Chapter 62 to be known as the Appalachian Mountains Preservation Act. Includes findings and purpose regarding the negative impact of mountaintop removal coal mining on the Appalachian Mountains.

Prohibits electric public utilities that operate coal-fired generating units in North Carolina from purchasing or using coal that is extracted by mountaintop removal coal mining. Authorizes the NC Utilities Commission (Commission) to adopt rules to implement proposed new Article 5B. Defines *coal-fired generating unit* as defined in GS 62-133.6 and *mountaintop removal coal mining* to mean any method of surface coal mining that removes a mountaintop or ridgeline, whether or not the mined area will be returned to its approximate original contour.

Requires each electric public utility that operates a coal-fired generating unit located in the state to secure the sworn statement of an authorized officer from the coal provider attesting that the coal the utility agrees to purchase or use was not, nor will be, extracted using mountaintop removal coal mining. Specifies information that must be included in the sworn statement. Directs each public utility to provide the Commission, on the fifteenth of each month, a report itemizing its costs for purchasing or using coal extracted by a method other than mountaintop removal coal mining. Requires that as a part of its annual report, each electric public utility operating a coal-fired generator in North Carolina submit to the Commission copies of each required sworn statement and each purchase contract. Provides additional guidelines regarding information regarding rate determinations, determining compliance, and confidentiality of information.

Provides for penalties for any electric public utility company that is in violation of the prohibition against contracting to purchase or use coal extracted by mountaintop removal coal mining or in violation of the monthly or annual reporting requirements. Enacts new GS 62-133.10 in Article 7 of GS Chapter 62 to provide for cost recovery through an annual rider for the incremental cost of purchasing or using coal extracted by a method other than mountaintop removal coal mining.

The above provisions are effective January 1, 2016, and apply to contracts to purchase coal entered into on or after that date.

Creates The Electric Utility Ratepayers Relief Act (Relief Act). Enumerates findings by the General Assembly to support its finding that for a certificate issued before the current recession, construction of a new coal-fired generating unit is no longer in the public interest. Provides that the purpose of the Relief Act is to promote economic relief to public utility rate payers by temporarily prohibiting the issuance of any new certificate authorizing the construction of a coal-fired generating unit by the North Carolina Utilities Commission and requiring the suspension of any certificate issued before July 1, 2013, for any generating unit not in operation by July 1, 2013, unless the new or pre-July 1, 2013, certificate is for a coal-fired generating unit that is carbon neutral. Provides definitions as follows: (1) *carbon neutral* means emitting

no carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and includes employing a technique to absorb carbon dioxide so that it is not emitted into the atmosphere, (2) *certificate* as defined in GS 62-3, (3) *coal-fired generating unit* as defined in GS 62-133.6, and (4) *public utility* as defined in GS 62-3.

Declares a moratorium on the issuance of a certificate to operate a coal-fired generating unit pursuant to any application filed with the NC Utilities Commission (Commission) on or after July 1, 2015, unless the unit is carbon neutral.

Temporarily suspends any certificate issued prior to July 1, 2015, for construction of any coal-fired generating unit that has not begun operations as of July 1, 2015, unless the coal-fired unit is carbon neutral. Provides that the suspension is to be in place until July 1, 2020. Does not prohibit cost recovery for an electric public utility. Provides for penalties for construction of a coal-fired generating unit in violation of this act.

**Intro. by Harrison, Fisher, Luebke, D. Hall.**

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[Environment, Energy, Government, State Agencies, Department of State Treasurer, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health, Public Enterprises and Utilities](#)

H 620 (2015-2016) [FOSSIL FUELS PUBLIC FUNDS DIVESTMENT REPORT](#). Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE TREASURER TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRIOR TO THE 2016 REGULAR SESSION OF THE 2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING DIVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS FROM COMPANIES INVOLVED IN THE EXTRACTION, PROCESSING, COMBUSTION, TRANSPORTATION, STORAGE, OR BROKERAGE OF FOSSIL FUELS.*

Requires the State Treasurer, no later than May 1, 2016, to report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on a plan for the divestment of Public Funds held by the Treasurer of all publicly traded securities held by the State Treasurer in any Public Fund of any company engaged in the extraction, processing, combustion, transportation, storage, or brokerage of fossil fuels. Requires the plan to include a list of companies to be divested from the Public Funds and a schedule for the divestment.

**Intro. by Harrison, Fisher, Luebke, D. Hall.**

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[Environment, Energy, Government, State Agencies, Department of State Treasurer](#)

H 621 (2015-2016) [PUBLIC FINANCING OF MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGNS](#). Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC FINANCING OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS.*

Provides that a governing body of a city can appropriate funds for a public campaign financing program for city office in that city's jurisdiction, if the city has held at least one public hearing on the program before adopting it, as well as having received approval by the State Board of Elections (SBE). Directs the SBE to develop guidelines as specified, laying out the basic components needed in such a program.

Directs the governing bodies of a city appropriating funds for such a program to prepare a report and submit it to the SBE no later than six months after the second election in which it appropriates funds. The report must include an analysis of the implementation of the public campaign financing program up to that date, as specified.

Sets out provisions defining and describing what comprises a *public campaign financing program*, providing that it is a uniform program of a governmental entity that offers support for the campaigns of candidates for elective office within the jurisdiction of that governmental entity under five specified conditions including, that the candidates participating in

the program must demonstrate public support and voluntarily accept strict fundraising and spending limits in accordance with government-established requirements and that any public funds provided to candidates are restricted to use for campaign purposes in accordance with SBE guidelines. Exempts the funds provided by a city from being subject to the various contribution limitations found in GS 163-278.13, 163-278.15, and 163-278.19.

Provides that this act applies to the Town of Chapel Hill, the City of Asheville, and any municipality with a total population of 50,000 or more that is selected by the State Board of Elections for participation in this pilot program. Includes provisions for determining the population of a city for eligibility in the pilot program. Provides guidelines and limitations for the SBE in regards to it determining which and how many municipalities are selected for the pilot program. Directs the SBE to closely monitor the pilot program and report its findings and recommendations by June 30, 2020, to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Fiscal Research Division, the Joint Legislative Elections Oversight Committee, and the committees in the House of Representatives and Senate to which election-related bills are primarily referred. Requires interim reports to be submitted to those same entities by June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2018.

Effective when the act becomes law and expires July 1, 2021.

**Intro. by Insko, Fisher.**

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**Government, Elections, Local Government**

H 622 (2015-2016) **END OVARIAN CANCER/LICENSE PLATE**. Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE AN END OVARIAN CANCER SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE*.

Amends GS 20-79.4(b) as title indicates. Establishes a special plate fee of \$20 and requires that \$10 of that amount be transferred quarterly to the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Care Center for ovarian cancer research, awareness, and education. Effective when the act becomes law, requires applications for the plate to be accepted through May 1, 2015. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Insko.**

GS 20

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

H 623 (2015-2016) **DEVICE & MEDICAL EQUIPMT PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**. Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN DEVICE AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT PERMIT HOLDERS AND APPLICANTS TO MAINTAIN AT LEAST ONE PHYSICAL LOCATION AND A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF INVENTORY IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA*.

Adds new subsection (b1) to GS 90-85.22, as the title indicates. Requires that each holder of a device or medical equipment permit, or each applicant for such a permit, must maintain the following: (1) at least one physical location within this state or within 40 miles of the border of this state and (2) a sufficient inventory to respond to orders or requests within this state in a timely manner. Provides that subsection (b1) does not apply to a *disposable medical supply mail order company* and defines that term as it is used in GS 90-85.22, as amended in this act.

Clarifies that GS 90-85.22, as amended, does not apply to either of the following: (1) a pharmaceutical manufacturer registered with the Food and Drug Administration and (2) a wholly owned subsidiary of a pharmaceutical manufacturer registered with the Food and Drug Administration.

Becomes effective October 1, 2015.

**Intro. by Dobson.**

GS 90

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**Business and Commerce, Health and Human Services,  
Health**

H 624 (2015-2016) **SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADES CALCULATION**. Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CALCULATION OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADES AND TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE METHOD OF CALCULATION OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADES*.

Current law requires that each local board of education ensure that the report card for its school system is widely distributed to the local press or is otherwise provided to the public. Amends GS 115C-47(58) public schools, GS 115C-218.65 (charter schools), and GS 115C-238.66(11) regional schools to require that any publication of the annual report card must include an explanation as to how the school performance data and associated school performance grades were calculated and compiled. Requires that explanation of the method of calculation and compilation also be made available in Spanish.

Adds new subsection (c1) to GS 115C-83.15 to direct the State Board of Education to use the Education Value-Added Assessment System (EVAAS) to calculate a student growth score for the 20% of the lowest performing students from the previous school year. Adds new subsection (c2) to GS 115C-83.15 to direct the state Board of Education to identify additional criteria to include in calculating the overall school performance grade and to report on the identification of the additional criteria and the calculation of school performance grades to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by January 15 of each year.

Amends subsection (d) regarding the calculation of the school performance scores and grades. Directs the State Board of Education to use EVAAS to calculate the school performance score by adding the school achievement score, and the school growth score, and including the student growth score for the 20% of the lowest performing students, and the score for additional criteria as provided in new subsections (c1) and (c2) of GS 115C-83.15.

Provides that the school achievement score is to account for 40% (was, 80%), the student growth score for lowest performing students is to account for 20%, the score for additional criteria is to account for 20%, and the school growth score will continue to account for 20%.

Provides that regardless of the provisions of GS 115C-83.15(c2), as enacted by this act, by November 15, 2016, the State Board of Education is to report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on any additional criteria identified by the State Board for inclusion in the calculation of school performance grades and the method for calculation of scores in accordance with the purposes set forth in GS 115C-83.15.

**Intro. by Meyer.**

GS 115C

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education**

H 625 (2015-2016) **BREWERY LAW REVISIONS**. Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE RETAIL SALE OF UNFORTIFIED WINE AT BREWERIES, TO CLARIFY THAT THE SELF-DISTRIBUTION BARREL LIMIT DOES NOT INCLUDE MALT BEVERAGES SOLD TO CONSUMERS AT THE BREWERY, AND TO CLARIFY THE LAW GOVERNING CHANGES IN OWNERSHIP AND CONTRACT BREWING*.

Amends GS 18B-1104, concerning brewery permits, adding language which provides that breweries can receive and sell malt beverages made in or outside of the state under contract at the brewery as well as at affiliated retail outlets of the brewery. Sets out other provisions regarding the sale of malt beverages. Makes conforming changes. Also provides that

breweries can, in any area where the sale of any type of alcoholic beverage is authorized, sell unfortified wine that has been approved by the Alcoholic Beverage Commission for sale.

Amends GS 18B-1001(3) concerning on-premises unfortified wine permits, adding "retail business" to the list of entities that can receive an on-premises unfortified wine permit.

Enacts new GS 18B-903(c1) concerning the duration of ABC permits and renewal and transfer of such permits, which provides that nothing in this statute limits alternating brewery proprietorships where the holder of a brewery permit leases or otherwise makes available its facility to another holder of a brewery permit. Sets out provisions concerning the issue of title to the malt beverages during the different stages of the brewing process. Authorizes alternating brewery proprietorships as long as there is no common ownership or affiliation between breweries except for the contract brewery agreement.

**Intro. by McGrady.**

**GS 18B**

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**Alcoholic Beverage Control**

H 626 (2015-2016) **AMEND PROP DAMAGE OFFENSES**. Filed Apr 9 2015, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR THE WILLFUL AND WANTON INJURY TO PERSONAL PROPERTY OR REAL PROPERTY*.

Amends GS 14-160 to increase the penalty for the willful and wanton injury to personal property based on the dollar amount of the damage done to the personal property. Provides that if the damage is: (1) more than \$200 but is \$10,000 or less, the person is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor, (2) more than \$10,000 but is \$100,000 or less, then the person is guilty of a Class I felony, or (3) more than \$100,000, the person is guilty of a Class F felony.

Amends GS 14-27 to increase the criminal penalty for willfully and wantonly damaging, injuring, or destroying real property, either of a public or private nature. Provides that if the damage to the personal property is: (1) \$200 or less, the person is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor, or (2) more than \$200 but is \$50,000 or less, the person is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor, (3) more than \$50,000 but \$150,000 or less, the person is guilty of a Class I felony, or (4) more than \$150,000, the person is guilty of a Class F felony.

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

**Intro. by Reives.**

**GS 14**

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**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing**

## **LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS**

H 218 (2015-2016) **CLAYTON ANNEXATION**. Filed Mar 11 2015, *AN ACT TO ANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE TOWN OF CLAYTON*.

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

Clarifies that the tracts, parcels, or pieces of land to be annexed and thereby increase the corporate limits of the Town of Clayton lie in both Johnston County and Wake County. More particularly describes the property to be annexed by tract and declares that the described tracts contain a total of approximately 489.24 acres, more or less (was, 446 acres, more or

less).

Specifies that the provisions of Article 19 of GS Chapter 160A do not apply to the North Carolina State University Central Crops Research Station tract, as it is described in this act.

Declares that the provisions of GS 106-701 do apply to the North Carolina State University Central Crops Research Station tract, as it is described in this act.

Exempts the keeping of swine on the North Carolina State University Central Crops Research Station tract as part of a research or educational mission from any municipal ordinance governing the keeping of swine.

**Intro. by Daughtry.**

[Johnston, Wake](#)

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

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

Expands the land over which the Town of Clayton has the authority to exercise the powers found in GS Chapter 160A, Article 19 (planning and regulation of development).

**Intro. by Daughtry.**

[Johnston](#)

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## ACTIONS ON BILLS

### PUBLIC BILLS

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

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

#### **H 195: ALLOW SUBSTITUTION OF BIOSIMILARS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Health Care*

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

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Commerce and Job Development*

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

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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



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

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 597: MEDIATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Judiciary II*

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

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Judiciary II*

**H 599: IMPOUNDING VEHICLES WITH LAPSED/NO INSURANCE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 600: HOME SCHOOLERS PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL SPORTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 601: SALE OF DEER SKINS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Wildlife Resources*

**H 602: RECRUIT CC STUDENTS TO TEACH/PILOT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 604: PARENT-TAUGHT DRIVER EDUCATION.**

*House: Filed*

**H 605: REDUCE UNFAIR BARRIERS TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 606: AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR LICENSING BOARD.**

*House: Filed*

**H 607: ALLOW PROTECTED CONSUMER SECURITY FREEZES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 608: DO NOT CALL REGISTRY/ROBOCALL PREVENTION.**

*House: Filed*

**H 609: HEALTHY AND HIGH-PERFORMING SCHOOLS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 610: CITIZENS UNITED DISCLOSURES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 611: ENACT DEATH WITH DIGNITY ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 612: "BAN THE BOX".**

*House: Filed*

**H 613: CLARIFY POLITICAL SIGN ORDINANCE AUTHORITY.**

*House: Filed*

**H 614: JPS STUDY/CRIM RULES OF DISCOVERY.**

*House: Filed*

**H 615: PROBATION VIOLATION COURT COSTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 616: LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIRE. COLA.**

*House: Filed*

**H 617: LOBBYIST EXPENDITURE RPTS - TRANSPARENCY.**

*House: Filed*

**H 618: DRIVERS LICENSE/CONCEALED CARRY.**

*House: Filed*

**H 619: OMNIBUS ACT REGARDING COAL-BASED ENERGY.**

*House: Filed*

**H 620: FOSSIL FUELS PUBLIC FUNDS DIVESTMENT REPORT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 621: PUBLIC FINANCING OF MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGNS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 622: END OVARIAN CANCER/LICENSE PLATE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 623: DEVICE & MEDICAL EQUIPMT PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 624: SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADES CALCULATION.**

*House: Filed*

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

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Transportation*

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

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Transportation*

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

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On Transportation*

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

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref To Com On State Personnel*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary II*

**S 541: REGULATE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 556: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REFORM.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 560: GDAC AMENDMENTS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 561: REMEDIATION-FREE HS GRADUATES.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 564: UI/DIRECT SELLERS/NONEMPLOYEE STATUS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 565: NO REVOLVING DOOR EMPLOYMENT.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref to State and Local Government. If fav, re-ref to Judiciary II*

**S 572: AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY RELIEF.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 577: MANUFACTURED HOME RE-TITLE.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary I*

**S 578: TRANSITION CERTAIN ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS/DCDEE.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 581: STUDY/SUBDIVISION STREET MAINTENANCE.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Transportation*

**S 582: THIRD-PARTY PREMIUM PAYMENTS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 585: CREATE HBCU ADVISORY BOARD.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 586: LOCAL FOOD SOURCING TAX CREDIT.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Finance*

**S 588: REMOVE REVOCATION FOR CERTAIN DWLR OFFENSES.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary I*

**S 589: HABITUAL FELONS/CLARIFY PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary I*

**S 590: SEX OFFENDER/UNLAWFULLY ON PREMISES.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary I*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Finance*

**S 594: TEACH FOR NORTH CAROLINA PILOT PROGRAM.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 595: SCHOOL SAFETY ACT.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 598: REPORTING OF SUBSTANCE-EXPOSED NEWBORNS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref to Health Care. If fav, re-ref to State and Local Government*

**S 599: HIGHWAY QUICK CLEARANCE AMENDMENTS.-AB**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Transportation*

**S 603: NC ACCOUNTABILITY.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 605: VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Finance*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Finance*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 616: COMMERCE NETWORKS/FUNDS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 619: GREY'S LAW.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 620: DOT/OUTSIDE COUNSEL.-AB**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Transportation*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Transportation*

**S 626: AMEND EXPUNCTION LAWS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary I*

**S 630: PI ACCESS TO CRIMINAL COURT RECORDS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary I*

**S 634: USE OF PASSING LANE/INCREASED PENALTY.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 637: AFTER TAX BENEFIT PLAN EFFICIENCY.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Insurance*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary I*

**S 647: AMEND TRAPPING LAW.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary I*

**S 654: MAP ACT/CLARIFICATIONS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Transportation*

**S 661: PRIVATE LABS MUST COMPLY WITH CODIS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary II*

**S 667: PRINCIPLE-BASED RESERVING.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Insurance*

**S 671: DL RESTORATION/DWI TREATMENT COURT.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary II*

**S 673: CLARIFY MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Transportation*

**S 678: AMEND DEBT COLLECTION STATUTES.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary II*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Commerce*

**LOCAL BILLS**

**H 217: CLAYTON DEANNEXATION/ANNEXATION.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On Finance*

**H 218: CLAYTON ANNEXATION.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Finance*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/13/2015*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/13/2015*

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

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Finance*

**S 46: JACKSONVILLE OCCUPANCY TAX.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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