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PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 128 (2017-2018) [PROHIBIT DRONE USE OVER PRISON/JAIL](#). Filed Feb 16 2017, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF AN UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM NEAR A LOCAL CONFINEMENT FACILITY OR STATE OR FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.*

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

Deletes subsections (c) and (d) of proposed GS 15A-300.3 pertaining to the confiscation, disposition, and release of an unmanned aircraft system used in violation of the statute's proposed prohibition of the use of an unmanned aircraft system near a confinement or correctional facility.

Instead, provides a new subsection (c) setting forth that an unmanned aircraft system used in violation of the statute and seized by law enforcement is subject to forfeiture and disposition as prescribed in existing GS 18B-504 (forfeiture of conveyances used to conceal, convey, or transport intoxicating beverages). Requires an innocent owner or holder of a security interest applying to the court for release of the unmanned aircraft system as prescribed in existing GS 18B-504(h) to also provide proof of ownership or security interest along with a written certification that the unmanned aircraft system will not be returned to the person who was charged with the violation of proposed GS 15A-300.3 (the previous edition also contained similar certification requirements for innocent owners). Further establishes that any property, weapons, or contraband seized by a law enforcement agency in connection with a violation of proposed GS 15A-300.3 is subject to forfeiture and disposition as prescribed in existing GS 18B-504, GS 14-269.1 (confiscation and disposition of deadly weapons), GS 90-112 (forfeiture related to controlled substances), or any combination of those statutes by order of the court.

Intro. by McNeill, Torbett, Faircloth.

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

H 260 (2017-2018) [ATTORNEY GENERAL/NORTH SHORE RD. PAYMENT](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT DIRECTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE LEGAL METHODS AVAILABLE TO SWAIN COUNTY AND THE STATE TO ENSURE PAYMENT BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF SUMS OF MONEY OWED FOR ITS FAILURE TO CONSTRUCT THE NORTH SHORE ROAD.*

Sets out six findings related to the "North Shore Road," including the following: the US Department of the Interior committed to construct or cause to be constructed the North Shore Road, a road that was to run from the eastern boundary of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to the Fontana Dam Access Road, but the road has never been fully constructed; and as part of the 2010 Agreement between the Tennessee Valley Authority and the State, the federal government agreed to pay \$8,800,000 within 130 days of the date the 2010 Agreement was executed, and additional sums not to exceed \$39,200,000 on or before December 31, 2020, to Swain County, to settle any and all claims related to the US Department of the Interior's failure to fully construct the North Shore Road; Swain County still has not received any of the additional sums owed to it under the 2010 Agreement.

Requires the Attorney General to investigate any legal methods available to Swain County and the State to ensure payment by the federal government of the remaining sums of money owed and requires a report to be submitted in accordance with GS 120-29.5 (specifying report recipients when a state agency must report to the General Assembly) to the General Assembly by June 1, 2017.

Intro. by Clampitt.

[UNCODIFIED, Swain](#)

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[Government, State Government, Transportation](#)

H 261 (2017-2018) [DISPLACED RESIDENTIAL LAND TAX DEFERRAL](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO CREATE A PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCES THAT ARE SUBSEQUENTLY REZONED FOR NONRESIDENTIAL USES*.

Enacts new GS 105-277.15B. Designates displaced residential land as a special class of property and sets out provision for the appraisal, assessment, and tax of such property. Requires property to meet the following to qualify as displaced residential land: (1) the dwelling site was not zoned for a particular use or was zoned for residential use; (2) prior to the time the dwelling site was zoned or during the time the dwelling site was zoned for residential use, a permanent residence was constructed on the dwelling site; (3) the dwelling site was zoned after construction of the permanent residence for a use other than residential use; and (4) the owner of the dwelling site was the owner at the time of the zoning for a use other than residential use. Allows an owner to defer a portion of the tax imposed on displaced residential land. Sets out occurrences that are disqualifying events, at which time the deferred taxes are due.

Adds GS 105-277.1B (appears to intend new GS 105-277.15B) to the scope of GS 105-277.1F, which contains provisions for payment of deferred taxes.

Makes a conforming change by amending GS 105-282.1 to add GS 105-277.15B to those special classes of property that require an owner to file an application for the property tax benefit in order to receive it.

Effective for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2017.

Intro. by Millis, Howard, Warren.

[GS 105](#)

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

H 263 (2017-2018) [UCC: ACCORD & SATISFACTION MODIFICATION](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PROVISIONS OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE APPLICABLE TO ACCORD AND SATISFACTION BY USE OF INSTRUMENT*.

Amends Article 3 of GS Chapter 25 that provides the Negotiable Instruments provisions of Article 3 of the Uniform Commercial Code, to specifically amend GS 25-3-311 concerning accord and satisfaction by use of negotiable instrument.

Current subsection (a) provides three qualifications a person against whom a claim of a property or possessory interest in a negotiable instrument (instrument) is asserted must prove in order for the provisions of GS 25-3-311 (providing for accord and satisfaction by use of an instrument) to apply. Currently, the person against whom a claim is asserted must prove (1) that person in good faith tendered an instrument to the claimant as full satisfaction of the claim, (2) the amount of the claim was unliquidated or subject to a bona fide dispute, and (3) the claimant obtained payment of the instrument. This act adds to the third qualification the alternative to prove that the claimant failed to return the instrument within 90 days of receipt.

Effective July 1, 2017, and applies to instruments tendered on or after that date.

Intro. by Brody.

[GS 25](#)

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[Banking and Finance, Business and Commerce](#)

H 264 (2017-2018) [DISQUALIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM PUV](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO DISQUALIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE PRESENT-USE VALUE CLASSIFICATION*.

Current law provides for land meeting the conditions for classification under GS 105-277.3, which details classifications for agricultural, horticultural, and forestland, to be classified and taxed based on the value of the land for its present use. Properties meeting the present-use value classification have the difference between the tax due on the present-use basis and the tax that would have been payable absent the classification, as well as other specified costs, accrue and carry forward in the records of the taxing unit as deferred taxes that become due and payable as detailed in the statute when the property loses its eligibility due to a disqualifying event. This act adds to the existing disqualifying events of either the land failing to meet any condition or requirement for present-use value classification or an application is not approved. Establishes that a property loses its eligibility for deferral when a solar energy electric system receiving the exclusion under GS 105-275(45) (excluding from the tax base 80% of the appraised value of a solar energy electric system) is located on the land, and the energy generated by the system is not solely used by the owner for the benefit of the land.

Effective July 1, 2017.

Intro. by Dixon, J. Bell, Collins, Adams.

GS 105

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

H 266 (2017-2018) [TERMINATE AGREEMENT FOR TOLLING OF I-77](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO TERMINATE THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE I-77 HOT LANES PROJECT IN MECKLENBURG AND IREDELL COUNTIES.*

Requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to terminate the Comprehensive Agreement for the I-77 HOT Lanes project in Mecklenburg and Iredell counties. Specifies that "Comprehensive Agreement" means the Comprehensive Agreement dated as of June 26, 2014, including any amendments made to the agreement as of the effective date of this act. The State is not relieved from paying damages or other monetary penalties owed from the early termination of the agreement. Provides that if damages or monetary penalties are owed by the state because of the cancellation, then DOT must pay the amounts from unobligated funds available to DOT. Effective July 1, 2017.

Intro. by Beasley, Bradford.

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**Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation,
Transportation**

H 267 (2017-2018) [UTILITIES/AMEND REPS REQUIREMENTS](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD.*

Amends the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficient Portfolio Standards (REPS) provided in GS 62-133.8 as follows.

Decreases the REPS requirement for electric public utilities from 10% to 8% of 2017 North Carolina retail sales for the 2018 calendar year and thereafter (currently, the Standard includes 10% of 2017 NC retail sales for calendar year 2018, and 12.5% of 2020 NC retail sales for calendar year 2021 and thereafter).

Decreases the REPS requirement for electric membership corporations or municipalities that sell electric power to retail electric power customers from 10% to 8% of 2017 North Carolina retail sales for the 2018 calendar year and thereafter.

Effective July 1, 2017, and applies to cost recovery proceedings that occur on or after that date.

Amends GS 62-133.8(b), which sets forth seven ways in which an electric public utility can meet the REPS requirements of subsection (b), to specifically amend the option of meeting the requirements by reducing energy consumption through the implementation of an energy efficiency measure. Establishes that an electric public utility can meet up to 40% of the requirements of subsection (b) through savings due to implementation of energy efficiency measures beginning in calendar year 2018 and each year thereafter (currently, beginning in 2021 and thereafter). Effective July 1, 2017.

Provides for recovery of incremental costs incurred by an electric power supplier prior to July 1, 2017 for the purpose of complying with any requirement repealed or amended by this act in accordance with the provisions of GS 62-133.8(h). Details costs incurred prior to July 1, 2017, that may be recovered.

Includes a severability clause.

Intro. by Dixon, J. Bell.

[GS 62](#)

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

H 270 (2017-2018) [THE HALEY HAYES NEWBORN SCREENING BILL](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT DIRECTING THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO ADOPT RULES TO ADD A SCREENING TEST FOR POMPE DISEASE, MUCOPOLYSACCHARIDOSIS TYPE I (MPS I), AND X-LINKED ADRENOLEUKODYSTROPHY (X-ALD) TO THE NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM; INCREASING THE FEE FOR NEWBORN SCREENING TESTS; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO PURCHASE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND UPGRADES AT THE STATE LABORATORY OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR NEWBORN SCREENING AND ALL OTHER LABORATORY OPERATIONS.*

Identical to [S 190](#), filed 3/6/17.

Contains whereas clauses.

Amends GS 130A-125 to raise the State Laboratory of Public Health test fee pursuant to this statute from \$44 to \$55. Directs the Commission for Public Health to amend the rules to implement the Newborn Screening Program to add to the newborn screening panel a screening test for Pompe disease, Mucopolysaccharidosis Type I, and X-Linked Adrenoleukodystrophy.

Appropriates \$2.7 million for 2017-18 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, for the purchase of laboratory instrumentation and upgrades to the existing North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health Laboratory Information System.

Effective July 1, 2017, and applies to laboratory tests conducted on and after July 1, 2017.

Intro. by Lambeth, Adcock, Murphy, White.

[APPROP, GS 130A](#)

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health](#)

H 271 (2017-2018) [REPEAL PLASTIC BAG BAN](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO REPEAL THE BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS IN CERTAIN COASTAL AREAS.*

Includes whereas clauses.

Repeals Part 2G (plastic bag management) of Article 9 of GS Chapter 130A, as the title indicates. Makes conforming changes to GS 130A-22 by removing related penalty provisions. Repeals Section 13.10(c) of SL 2010-31 (requiring in part that the Division of Waste Management and the Division of Environmental Assistance and Outreach monitor plastic bag use reduction resulting from Part 2G and report on the ban's impacts to the Environmental Review Commission on or before January 15, 2012).

Effective July 1, 2017.

Intro. by Boswell, J. Bell, Bradford.

[GS 130A](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Environment, Environment/Natural Resources](#)

H 273 (2017-2018) [CHARTER SCHOOLS IN STATE HEALTH PLAN](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE COASTAL PREPARATORY ACADEMY, PINE SPRINGS PREPARATORY ACADEMY, AND UNITY CLASSICAL CHARTER SCHOOL TO ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES.*

Authorizes the Board of Directors of Coastal Preparatory Academy of Wilmington, Pine Springs Preparatory Academy of Holly Springs, and Unity Classical Charter School of Charlotte, all charter schools, to each elect to become a participating employing unit in the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees in accordance with Article 3B of GS Chapter 135, notwithstanding the time limitation contained in GS 135-48.54. Requires each election authorized by this act to be made no later than 30 days after this act becomes law, and be made in accordance with all other requirements of GS 135-48.54.

Intro. by Williams, Grange, Saine, Stone.

UNCODIFIED, Mecklenburg, New Hanover, Wake

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

H 274 (2017-2018) [INCREASE PENALTIES FOR DEBT ADJUSTING](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO FURTHER PROTECT CONSUMERS BY INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR DEBT ADJUSTING.*

Amends GS 14-424. Changes the crime of debt adjusting from a Class 2 misdemeanor to a Class 1 misdemeanor, and establishes a Class H felony for the crime of debt adjusting if the business or practice involves an aggregate payment of money or property by one or more debtors valued at \$5,000 or more, or the business or practice involves five or more debtors.

Effective December 1, 2017, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Intro. by Stevens.

GS 14

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Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure

H 275 (2017-2018) [NO STORMWATER FEES ON TAXIWAYS OR RUNWAYS](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO EXEMPT AIRPORTS FROM PAYING A STORMWATER UTILITY FEE LEVIED ON RUNWAYS AND TAXIWAYS.*

Enacts new GS 153A-277(a1) (county utility fees) and GS 160A-314(a1) (city utility fees), exempting airports from paying a stormwater utility fee levied on its runways and taxiways by counties and cities, and directing the airports to use the amount of savings realized from this exemption for attracting business to the airport and to certify to the county or city with evidence and certification that the savings are being used for this purpose, or to remit the portion not used or encumbered for this purpose to the county or city.

Effective January 1, 2018, and applicable to fees levied on or after that date.

Intro. by Conrad, Torbett, Presnell, Hunter.

GS 153A, GS 160A

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction, Environment, Government, Local Government, Transportation

H 276 (2017-2018) [STRENGTHEN YOUTH TOBACCO USE PREVENTION/FUNDS](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT PROTECTING NORTH CAROLINA YOUTH FROM THE DANGERS OF TOBACCO USE.*

Contains whereas clauses.

Enacts new GS 14-313.5 (Tobacco Use Prevention Fund). Establishes new Tobacco Use Prevention fund (Fund) as a restricted reserve in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health, Chronic Disease and Injury Section (DHHS Section), for the purpose of preventing the use of new and emerging tobacco products, especially among youth and people of childbearing age. Authorizes DHHS to use money in the fund for specific purposes, including the creation of regional tobacco use prevention programs and education campaigns on the health risks of tobacco use. Monies in the Fund do not revert, but remain available to DHHS. Directs DHHS to develop guidelines providing for the administration of the Fund. Authorizes DHHS to appropriate 25% of the amount appropriated to the fund to administer the fund, and to disburse funds to any local health department or other organization with an interest in preventing tobacco use that does not receive tobacco industry funding upon demonstration of an authorized purpose and commitment to compliance with DHHS guidelines.

Appropriates \$17 million each for 2017-18 and 2018-19 from the General Fund to DHHS Section, to be allocated for the Tobacco Use Prevention Fund created in new GS 14-313.5.

Effective July 1, 2017.

Intro. by Lambeth, Adcock, Dobson, Watford.

[APPROP, GS 14](#)

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health](#)

H 277 (2017-2018) [EXPAND RX DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT ADDING ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DIVISION OF ADULT CORRECTION AND JUVENILE JUSTICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE*.

Amends GS 90-113.75A to add a representative from the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety to the Prescription Drug Abuse Advisory Committee, which is housed and staffed by the Department of Health and Human Services. Makes organizational and technical changes to the statute.

Intro. by Fairecloth.

[GS 90](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Corrections \(Sentencing/Probation\), Health and Human Services, Health](#)

H 278 (2017-2018) [OCC.LIC./AMEND FEE SCHED. BARBER EXAMINERS BD](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEE SCHEDULE AND EXPIRED REGISTRATION RENEWAL PROCEDURES FOR THE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS*.

Amends GS 86A-17, concerning the renewal or restoration of a barber's certificate of registration, to remove the State Board of Barber Examiners' authority to impose civil penalties for a registered barber's certificate of registration that has expired for a period of more than six months.

Amends GS 86A-25 to increase the various fees collectible by the State Board of Barber Examiners. Additionally, eliminates the provision establishing that no fee may be charged for barbers who are 70 years and older for a registration certificate or renewal.

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

Intro. by Lewis.

[GS 86A](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing](#)

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S 62 (2017-2018) [VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMISSION/STRATEGIC PLAN](#). Filed Feb 8 2017, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMISSION TO ADOPT A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PLAN TO ENHANCE BENEFITS FOR VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.*

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

Changes the number of the proposed statute to GS 143B-1221.1. Changes the due date of the update of the strategic plan to November 1, 2022 (was, 2020).

Intro. by D. Davis, Brown.

[GS 143B](#)

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[Military and Veteran's Affairs](#)

S 69 (2017-2018) [LOCAL GOV'T COMM/FINANCE OFFICER TRAINING](#). Filed Feb 9 2017, *AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION SHALL NOTIFY A FINANCE OFFICER OR OTHER EMPLOYEE WHO PERFORMS THE DUTIES OF A FINANCE OFFICER WHEN HE OR SHE IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING RELATED TO THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FINANCE OFFICER AND REQUIRING THE EMPLOYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR PUBLIC AUTHORITY TO NOTIFY THE COMMISSION WHEN THE FINANCE OFFICER OR OTHER EMPLOYEE HAS COMPLETED THE REQUIRED TRAINING.*

Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to the 1st edition. Change the effective date of the act from June 30, 2017, to when the act becomes law.

Intro. by D. Davis, Tarte.

[GS 159](#)

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[Banking and Finance, Government, Local Government](#)

S 117 (2017-2018) [FORFEITURE OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS/JUDGES](#). Filed Feb 21 2017, *AN ACT PROHIBITING THE RECEIPT OF BENEFITS FROM THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES WHO HAVE BEEN IMPEACHED AND CONVICTED OR REMOVED FROM OFFICE.*

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

Clarifies that the proposed prohibition in GS 135-75.1B from the payment of any retirement benefits or allowances, except for a return of member contributions plus interest, to any judge applies only after impeachment and conviction (previous edition only stated impeachment) for reasons other than a physical or mental incapacity interfering with the performance of the judge's duties.

Additionally amends GS 7A-376(b) to make conforming changes to except the return of member contributions plus interest from the prohibition from the payment of any retirement compensation to a judge who is removed by the Supreme Court for willful misconduct in office, willful and persistent failure to perform the judge's duties, habitual intemperance, conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, or conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute.

Makes conforming changes to the long title.

Intro. by Pate, Tucker.

[GS 7A, GS 135](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Employment and Retirement](#)

S 192 (2017-2018) [CONSOLIDATE STATE OFFICES/DIGITAL DOCS REQ'D](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO CONSOLIDATE OFFICE SPACE USED BY STATE AGENCIES; TO REQUIRE THE CONVERSION OF MOST EXISTING PUBLIC RECORDS INTO DIGITAL FORMAT; TO REQUIRE THAT FUTURE PUBLIC RECORDS BE STORED DIGITALLY; AND TO REQUIRE THE SALE OR DISPOSITION OF STATE-OWNED OR STATE-LEASED REAL PROPERTY THAT IS NO LONGER NEEDED AS A RESULT OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER THIS ACT.*

Part I.

Requires the Department of Administration (Department) to develop and implement a plan to analyze the current uses of all state-owned or leased property, to consolidate state functions into as few facilities as possible, and to see or otherwise dispose of all property that is freed of state functions. Sets out requirements to which the plan will be subject. Requires the Department to, by October 1, 2019, report the details of the plan to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal Research Division. Requires the Department to report quarterly, beginning on February 1, 2018, until February 1, 2020, to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal Research Division on its progress implementing the plan created pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Specifies the information that must be included in the report.

Part II.

Enacts new GS 121-5.1 requiring every public record stored by a state agency to be stored only in digital format; excludes public records that are not required to be stored or archived under applicable law and records that are not public records. Requires that once the records are digitally stored, all nondigital versions of a public record and all public records that are no longer required to be stored under applicable law are to be destroyed, unless the records are public records required to be maintained in paper format by federal law, or are records that are of historical, cultural, or other enduring significance in their original format. Specifies circumstances under which the records custodian may keep the record in the original format while also storing the record digitally. Requires the State Chief Information Officer to adopt rules to implement this section and sets out what must be included in the rules. Requires the State Chief Information Officer to make specified reports to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology, and to the Fiscal Research Division.

Makes conforming changes to GS 143B-1322.

Effective October 1, 2019.

Part III.

Requires each state agency, no later than November 1, 2017, to submit specified information to the State Chief Information Officer, including a list of the type of public records stored by the agency, a statement of the percentage of the public records stored by the agency that are stored in digital format, and a list of the facilities in which the agency currently stores public records. Requires the State Chief Information Officer to develop a plan to convert all public records stored by State agencies into a digital format and implement that plan on July 1, 2018. Sets out requirements for the plan. Requires the State Chief Information Officer to, no later than May 1, 2018, report the details of the plan to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology, the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, and the Fiscal Research Division.

Part IV.

Unless otherwise indicated, effective when the act becomes law.

Intro. by Tarte, Brock, Barefoot.

[GS 121, GS 147](#)

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[Government, Public Records and Open Meetings, State Agencies, Department of Administration, State Government, State Property](#)

S 196 (2017-2018) [VETERINARY PRACTICE OMNIBUS](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE PRACTICE OF HORSESHOEING IS NOT THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND TO STUDY VETERINARY PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOUNDING*.

Amends GS 90-187.10, prohibiting engaging in the practice of veterinary medicine without obtaining a license from the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board, to clarify that the Article does not prohibit any farrier or person actively engaged in the activity or profession of shoeing hooved animals from doing so without obtaining a license to practice veterinary medicine so long as the person's actions are limited to the art of shoeing hooved animals or trimming, clipping, or maintaining hooves.

Directs the Veterinary Division (Division) of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to study the practice of veterinary pharmaceutical compounding (VPC). Details contents to be included in the study and directs the Division to consult with the North Carolina Pharmacy and the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. Directs the Division to submit its report and recommendations no later than March 1, 2018, to the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee, the Joint Legislative Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, and the Environmental Review Commission.

Intro. by Wade, Rabon, B. Jackson.

[STUDY, GS 90](#)

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[Agriculture, Animals, Government, State Agencies,
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services](#)

S 197 (2017-2018) [ADOPT BOBCAT AS STATE CAT](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT ADOPTING THE BOBCAT AS THE OFFICIAL STATE CAT OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA*.

Identical to [H 74](#) filed on 2/8/17.

As title indicates.

Intro. by Lowe, McInnis, Smith-Ingram.

[GS 145](#)

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[Government, Cultural Resources and Museums](#)

S 198 (2017-2018) [STUDY EFFICACY OF FILM CREDIT VERSUS GRANT](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE EFFICACY OF A TAX CREDIT IN COMPARISON TO A DISCRETIONARY GRANT FUND FOR PURPOSES OF STIMULATING FILM PRODUCTIONS IN THE STATE AND THE RELATIVE RETURN ON INVESTMENT ASSOCIATED WITH FILM PRODUCTIONS*.

Requires the Joint Legislative Economic Development and Global Engagement Oversight Committee (Committee) to conduct study as title indicates. Requires the Committee to report its findings and recommendations to the 2018 Regular Session of the 2017 General Assembly upon its convening.

Intro. by Lowe, Van Duyn, Robinson.

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

S 199 (2017-2018) [LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETIREMENT/25 YEARS](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO RETIRE WITH UNREDUCED BENEFITS AFTER ACHIEVING TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES*.

Section 1 amends GS 135-5(a)(4) (concerning the Teacher's and State Employees' Retirement System) and GS 128-27(a)(5) (concerning the local Government Employees' Retirement System) to allow law enforcement officers' retirement with full benefits

after 25 years of creditable service, and makes a technical change.

Amends GS 135-5(b19) and GS 128-27(b21) to limit the existing service retirement allowance to members retiring before January 1, 2018.

Enacts new GS 135-5(b21) and GS 128-27(b22) to provide a Service Retirement Allowance to members retiring on or after January 1, 2018. New GS 135-5(b21) is substantially identical to GS 135-5(b19) with the following exceptions. The allowance provided in GS 135-5(b21)(1)(a) is identical to that in GS 135-5(b19)(1)(a), except that it is available after 25 years of creditable service instead of 30 years of creditable service. The allowance provided in GS 135-5(b21)(1)(b) is identical to that in GS 135-5(b19)(1)(b), except that it applies to the window between 15 and 25 years of creditable service, instead of the window between 15 and 30 years of creditable service, and is calculated with the difference between 25 years and the amount of creditable service at retirement, instead of the difference between 30 years and the amount of creditable service at retirement. New GS 128-27(b22) is substantially identical to GS 128-27(b21), with exceptions identical to those described above occurring in GS 128(b22)(1)(a) and GS 128(b22)(1)(b).

Amends GS 135-5(m) and GS 128-27(m) to refer to new GS 135-5(b21) and GS 128-27(b22) instead of existing GS 135-5(b19) and GS 128-27(b21), and to make technical changes.

Section 2 amends GS 143-166.41(a) and GS 143-166.42(a) to limit the existing separation allowance to officers retiring before January 1, 2018, and to authorize the separation allowance for officers retiring on or after January 1, 2018, who have completed 25 or more years of creditable service instead of the current 30 or more years, or who are 55 years old and have completed five or more years of creditable service. Makes technical changes.

Effective January 1, 2018.

Intro. by Britt, Cook, Sanderson.

[GS 128, GS 135, GS 143](#)

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[Employment and Retirement, Government, Public Safety](#)

S 203 (2017-2018) [ESTABLISH OWNERSHIP OF MINERAL RIGHTS](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM PROCEDURE TO DETERMINE TITLE TO OIL, GAS, OR MINERAL RIGHTS*.

Enacts new GS 1-42.10, Severed surface and mineral interests; registration and merger; publication.

Provides for the merger of oil, gas, or mineral interests with the surface fee simple estate subject to the interests and defects inherent in the provisions and limitations contained in the documented chain of record title as follows. Deems the oil, gas, or mineral interests to have merged with the surface fee simple estate where it appears on the public records that either (1) the fee simple title to any oil, gas, or mineral interest in an area of land has been severed or separated from the surface fee simple estate of that land and that interest is not currently being mined, drilled, worked, or operated, or in the adverse possession of another or (2) that the record title holder of any oil, gas, or mineral interest has not listed the fee oil, gas, or mineral interest in an area of land for ad valorem tax purposes in the county in which the oil, gas, or mineral interests are located for a period of 10 years prior to the effective date of this act. Establishes qualifications to a merger deemed in accordance with this provision, requiring the title holder on the surface fee simple estate to have the legal capacity to own land in the state, the title holder to have an unbroken chain of title of record to the surface fee simple estate of the area of land for at least 30 years, and that the surface fee simple estate is not in the adverse possession of another.

Requires every person claiming any oil, gas, or mineral interest that either (1) is severed or separated from the surface fee simple estate of that land and is not currently being mined, drilled, worked, or operated, or in the adverse possession of another or (2) who has not listed the oil, gas, or mineral interest in an area of land for ad valorem tax purposes in the county in which the oil, gas, or mineral interests are located within the last 10 years, to register the oil, gas, or mineral rights with the register of deeds office in the county or counties in which the oil, gas, or mineral rights are located. Requires a deed demonstrating ownership of those rights to accompany the registration. Establishes that any oil, gas, or mineral rights which are severed from the surface fee simple estate and not registered with the register of deeds office in the county or counties in which the minerals are located by January 1, 2020, to be null and void, and the oil, gas, and mineral rights to merge with the surface fee simple estate.

Directs the Secretary of State to give notice of the provisions of this statute at least once each calendar year for three years by publication, and maintain a record of the publications, as specified.

Clarifies that any oil, gas, or mineral interest registered under the existing provisions of GS 1-42.1 through GS 1-42.9 are not affected by this statute.

Intro. by Foushee, Woodard.

GS 1

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

S 204 (2017-2018) [ALLOW CONCEALED CARRY ON UNC & CC CAMPUSES](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO HAS A VALID CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT OR WHO IS EXEMPT FROM OBTAINING A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT MAY CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY IF THE EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY IS A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE.*

Identical to [H 251](#), filed 3/2/17.

Enacts new GS 14-269.2(m). Authorizes persons with concealed handgun permits issued under Article 54B or one considered valid under GS 14-415.24, or one who is exempt from obtaining a permit under GS 14-415.25 to carry a concealed handgun on institutions of higher education as defined in GS 116-143.1.

Amends GS 14-415.11(c) to make a conforming change.

Effective December 1, 2017. Prosecutions for offenses committed before the effective date of this act are not abated or affected by this act, and the statutes that would be applicable but for this act remain applicable to those prosecutions.

Intro. by Cook, Britt, Brock.

GS 14

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Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System

S 205 (2017-2018) [RESOLUTION TO ALLOW SAV OYSTER LEASING](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *A JOINT RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR REVISIONS TO POLICIES OF THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO ALLOW SHELLFISH CULTIVATION AND AQUACULTURE ACTIVITIES IN NORTH CAROLINA WATERS CONTAINING SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION.*

As title indicates.

Intro. by Cook, Sanderson.

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Environment, Aquaculture and Fisheries

S 206 (2017-2018) [MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT ALL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.*

Identical to [H 64](#), filed 2/8/17.

Amends GS 163-279 to require that all municipal elections be held in even-numbered years, beginning in 2022. Makes conforming changes.

Specifies that the act has the effect of repealing provisions of local or special acts requiring a municipal election to be conducted in an odd-numbered year.

Sets out provisions governing how to maintain staggered terms in municipalities that hold elections in odd-numbered years.

Intro. by Edwards, Brown.

[GS 163](#)

[View summary](#)

[Government, Elections, Local Government](#)

S 208 (2017-2018) [COUNTIES/INTERNET INFRASTRUCTURE](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO PROVIDE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE AS A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE*.

Enacts GS 153A-275.1 authorizing a county to provide infrastructure for the purpose of expanding high-speed internet access service in unserved areas of the county to promote and encourage economic development. Defines *high-speed internet access service* and *unserved area*. Specifies that the infrastructure can include, but is not limited to, conduit, fiber-optic cable, and fiber-optic wire. Authorizes the county to lease the infrastructure to unaffiliated, qualified private providers of high-speed internet access service. Requires any leases under this statute to comply with the provisions of Article 8 of GS Chapter 143 (concerning county property), and to be awarded on a technology-neutral basis. Requires the county to use only unrestricted general fund revenue to provide the authorized infrastructure. Clarifies that the statute does not permit a county to provide internet service.

Makes conforming changes to amend GS 153A-274 to include high-speed internet access service to the defined term *public enterprise*, as used in Article 15 of GS Chapter 153A (Public Enterprises).

Intro. by J. Davis, Ballard, Foushee.

[GS 153A](#)

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

S 209 (2017-2018) [NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING COMMISSION](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING PROCESS*.

Identical to [H 200](#), filed 2/27/17.

Enacts new Article 1B, Nonpartisan Redistricting, in GS Chapter 120. Includes definitions applicable to Article 1B.

Establishes a five-member Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission (Commission) no later than February 15 of each year ending in one. Provides additional details regarding Commission members and timelines. Lists three detailed functions of the Commission, including answering written requests for direction from the Legislative Services Office, conducting public hearings after districting bills are delivered to the General Assembly, and submitting a report to the General Assembly summarizing information and testimony received by the Commission in the course of the public hearings.

Directs the Legislative Services Office (Office) to acquire and review information, evaluate facilities, and develop programs in preparation for drawing congressional and legislative redistricting plans after each federal census. Specifies that the Office must obtain, by December 31 of each year ending in zero, Census Bureau information for geographic and political units in North Carolina. Directs the Office to use the data as described. Specifies that the Office must obtain, as soon as possible after January 1 of each year ending in one, Census Bureau population data needed for congressional and legislative districting and use the data to assign a population figure to geographic and political units. Directs the Office to deliver, no later than April 1 of each year ending in one, to the clerks and members of both the Senate and the House three sets of companion bills embodying plans for redistricting both houses of the General Assembly and the Congressional Districts, respectively, prepared in accordance with Article 1B. Details provisions applicable when the required population data is not available by the specified date. Directs the Office to provide information about the plan to persons outside Office staff only as may be required before the Office delivers the bill. Directs the Office to make available to the public, at the earliest feasible time, four types of information after delivering each bill embodying a districting plan to the General Assembly.

States that a bill embodying a plan submitted by the Office will not be brought to a vote in either chamber less than three legislative days after the report from the Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission is received and made available to members. Specifies that the bill will be voted under a procedure or rule allowing no amendments except for purely corrective changes. Specifies that if the bill is approved on third reading by the first house, it will quickly be brought to a vote in the second house, and if the bill fails, the respective Chamber can direct by resolution to the Office information regarding the reasons why the plan was not approved. Details the procedures for second and third plans of legislative and congressional districting upon failure of the first plan.

Requires legislative and congressional districts to be established on the basis of population. Provides that legislative districts will each have a population within 5% of the ideal population for that district. Provides that congressional districts will have a population as nearly as equal to the ideal population and within .1% of the ideal population. Requires legislative and congressional districts to be drawn in a manner that complies with requirements of federal and state law. States that the "whole county" rule will be complied with in a manner consistent with federal law. Provides that division of voting districts will also be minimized. Details additional provisions related to district division, including requiring contiguous territory and reasonably compact districts. Specifies that no district will be drawn to favor any individual, group, or political party, and the districts will not be divided using political affiliation, previous election results, or demographic information unless required by the NC or US Constitution or the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Applies to redistricting following the return of the 2020 federal census and thereafter.

Intro. by J. Jackson, Woodard, Chaudhuri.

[GS 120](#)

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[Government, Elections, General Assembly](#)

S 210 (2017-2018) [LIVING WAGE BY 2022](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT INCREASING THE STATE'S MINIMUM WAGE IN PHASES UNTIL 2022 WHEN THE WAGE SHALL BE ADJUSTED AUTOMATICALLY EACH YEAR BY INCREASES IN THE COST OF LIVING.*

Current law, GS 95-25.3(a), sets the minimum wage that every employer must pay to each employee who performs any work during any workweek at the higher of \$6.15 per hour or the minimum wage set forth in 29 USC 206(a)(1) (the Fair Labor Standards Act, which may change with time), except as otherwise provided in the statute.

This act increases the state's minimum wage in the five phases. Effective January 1, 2018, sets the minimum wage at the higher of \$8.80 per hour or the minimum wage set forth in 29 USC 206(a)(1). Effective January 1, 2019, sets the minimum wage at the higher of \$10.35 per hour or the minimum wage set forth in 29 USC 206(a)(1). Effective January 1, 2020, sets the minimum wage at the higher of \$12 per hour or the minimum wage set forth in 29 USC 206(a)(1). Effective January 1, 2021, sets the minimum wage at the higher of \$13.50 per hour or the minimum wage set forth in 29 USC 206(a)(1). Effective January 1, 2022, sets the minimum wage at the higher of \$15 per hour or the minimum wage set forth in 29 USC 206(a)(1). Directs the Commissioner of Labor to calculate an adjusted minimum wage rate, beginning September 30, 2022, and on each September 30 thereafter, using the Consumer Price Index , CPI-U, or its successor index, as calculated by the US Department of Labor for the 12-month period preceding the previous September 1. Requires each adjusted minimum wage rate calculated to be published on September 30 and take effect on the following January 1.

Intro. by Bryant, Waddell, McKissick.

[GS 95](#)

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[Employment and Retirement](#)

S 211 (2017-2018) [CHARTER SCHOOLS/HIGHER ED](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO ALLOW BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS AND BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO OPERATE CHARTER SCHOOLS.*

Amends GS 115C-218 to define *board of a charter school* to include the board of directors of a private nonprofit corporation, of a constituent institution as defined in GS 116-2(4), or a board appointed to operate a charter school by such a board of trustees, and a board of trustees of a community college or a board appointed to operate a charter school by such a board of trustees.

Authorizes the North Carolina Office of Charter Schools to provide technical assistance and guidance to boards of trustees of constituent institutions and of community colleges.

Amends GS 115C-218.1 to authorize the boards of trustees of constituent institutions or community colleges seeking to establish a charter school to apply to establish one. Directs the application to include the names of the members of the board of trustees or the names of the members of the board appointed by the board of trustees of constituent institutions or community colleges, in addition to the existing requirements.

Amends GS 115C-218.2(b) to direct the Advisory Board or a committee of the advisory board to allow the member of a board of a charter school to address the Advisory Board (currently authorizes the board in its entirety) prior to taking action regarding a charter school or charter school applicant.

Amends GS 115C-218.15 to authorize a charter school to be operated by a board of trustees of a constituent institution or the board appointed by such board of trustees, or a board of trustees of a community college or the board appointed by such board of trustees. Directs the board of directors of a private nonprofit corporation operating a charter school to comply with the existing requirements regarding conflict of interest and anti-nepotism policies. Makes a conforming change.

Amends GS 115C-218.20(a) to waive sovereign immunity of the charter school's trustees to the extent of indemnification by insurance, and to make conforming changes.

Amends various provisions in GS Chapter 115C, and GS 20-11(n)(4)d, to make conforming changes.

Amends GS 115C-218.90 to make employment requirements for charter schools applicable to boards of trustees of constituent institutions and community colleges. Makes employees of charter schools operated by a board of trustees of a constituent institution or of a community college eligible for State-funded employee benefits.

Requires motor vehicles owned and exclusively operated by boards of charter schools to have permanent decal or painted marking disclosing the name of the charter school (currently requiring the name of the nonprofit corporation operating the charter school).

Amends GS 105-228.90(b)(1) to redefine *charter school* in accordance with the above changes.

Intro. by Lee, Barefoot, Tillman.

[GS 20, GS 105, GS 115C](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, Tax](#)

S 212 (2017-2018) [ABC ELECTIONS](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN SMALL MUNICIPALITIES WITH DECREASING POPULATIONS TO ATTRACT BUSINESS THROUGH A MALT BEVERAGE AND UNFORTIFIED WINE ELECTION, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BOARD.*

Amends GS 18B-600(c) to authorize cities to hold a malt beverage or unfortified wine election if the county has already had an election and the vote was against such sales, when the city has a population of 400 or more according to the most recent federal decennial census, but less than 500, and had a population of 500 or more according to the prior federal decennial census. Clarifies that cities qualifying for the election with a population of 500 or more must have that population according to the most recent federal decennial census.

Intro. by McInnis.

[GS 18B](#)

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[Alcoholic Beverage Control, Government, Local Government](#)

S 213 (2017-2018) [MILITARY STATE INCOME TAX RELIEF](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE INCOME TAX RELIEF FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS BUT STATIONED OUTSIDE OF THE STATE.*

Amends GS 105-153.4, which sets forth provisions concerning North Carolina taxable income for individual state residents, to provide that North Carolina taxable income does not include the military pay of an active service member of any branch of the US Armed Forces for any period of time that the service member is not present in this state so long as the member is a North Carolina resident and the member is not present in North Carolina solely in compliance with military orders reassigning the member to a permanent duty station located outside of the state.

Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017.

Intro. by Krawiec, Rabin.

[GS 105](#)

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[Government, Tax, Military and Veteran's Affairs](#)

LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 262 (2017-2018) [KANNAPOLIS DEANNEXATION](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KANNAPOLIS.*

Removes two parcels, as described, from the City of Kannapolis's corporate limits. Specifies that, as of January 1, 2017, the property as described in Section 1 of the act is no longer subject to municipal taxes for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2017. Effective June 30, 2017.

Intro. by Ford.

[Cabarrus, Rowan](#)

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H 265 (2017-2018) [PARTISAN ELECTIONS/CERTAIN SCHOOL BOARDS](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO CHANGE THE ELECTION METHOD OF THE BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, DARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, HAYWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND YANCEY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM NONPARTISAN TO PARTISAN.*

Changes elections for the Boards of Education of Beaufort, Dare, Haywood, Hyde, Madison, and Yancey counties from nonpartisan elections to partisan elections, beginning in 2018. Directs elections for those Boards of Education to be held at the time of the general election in each even-numbered year as terms expire, and to be held and conducted in accordance with the general laws governing primaries and elections for county officers. Directs newly elected members to take office the first Monday of December of the year of their election. Directs vacancies for seats elected on a partisan basis to be filled in accordance with GS 115C-37.1, and vacancies for seats elected on a nonpartisan basis in 2014 or 2016 to be filled in accordance with GS 115C-37(f). Does not affect the terms of members elected in the 2014 or 2016 elections, and directs those members to serve until a successor has been elected and qualified. Makes conforming repeals.

Reduces the number of seats on the Dare County Board of Education from four to three.

Establishes that the Haywood County Board of Education consists of nine members, eight to be elected from six designated election districts, as specified, and requires a chair to be elected by the voters of Haywood County at large.

Specifies election cycles for individual seats on the Hyde County Board of Education.

Requires vacancy appointments to the Madison County Board of Education to reside in the election district where the vacancy exists, and a vacancy appointment to the chair of the Board to reside in the same district resided in at the time of the chair's election.

Makes a conforming change to GS 115C-37.1(d).

Intro. by Boswell, Presnell, Cleveland.

[Beaufort, Dare, Haywood, Hyde, Madison, Yancey](#)

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[Education](#)

H 268 (2017-2018) [CITY OF BELMONT CHARTER REVISIONS](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BELMONT*.

As title indicates, revises the City of Belmont's charter and consolidates certain local acts related to city property, affairs, and government. Makes conforming repeals of specified session laws. Provides that the act does not affect any rights or interests that arose under any provisions repealed by this act. Continues in effect all existing ordinances, resolutions, and other provisions of the City that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, until they are repealed or amended. Provides that no action or proceeding pending on the effective date of this act by or against the City or any of its departments or agencies is abated or otherwise affected by this act. Sets out a severability clause.

Intro. by Bumgardner.

[Gaston](#)

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H 269 (2017-2018) [SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEX./PERSON COUNTY](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO THE PERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR*.

Identical to [S 101](#), filed 2/15/17.

Under current law, GS 115C-84.2(d) sets the parameters within which local boards of education must determine the opening and closing dates of public schools under subdivision (a)(1) of this statute. Amends GS 115C-84.2(d) to provide the local board of education for the Person County Schools with additional flexibility in adopting its school calendar. Limits application of this provision to the Person County Schools.

Applies beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

Intro. by Yarborough.

[Person](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

H 272 (2017-2018) [FOX AND COYOTE TRAPPING/YADKIN COUNTY](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO PERMIT FOX AND COYOTE TRAPPING IN YADKIN COUNTY*.

Establishes an open season for taking foxes by trapping in Yadkin County from October 1 through March 31 of each year. Provides that there are no tagging requirements prior to or after sale under this provision.

Establishes an open season for taking coyotes by trapping in Yadkin County from October 1 through March 31 of each year.

Provides that no bag limit applies to foxes or coyotes taken under this act. Directs the Wildlife Resource Commission to provide for the sale of foxes and coyotes taken lawfully in accordance with this act.

Limits these provisions to Yadkin County.

Intro. by Zachary.

[Yadkin](#)

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[Animals](#)

LOCAL/SENATE BILLS

S 6 (2017-2018) [CORNELIUS ANNEXATION](#). Filed Jan 25 2017, *AN ACT ADDING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF CORNELIUS*.

Senate committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following change. Clarifies that the property being annexed would be subject to municipal taxes for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2017.

Intro. by Tarte.

[Mecklenburg](#)

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S 19 (2017-2018) [EVEN YR MUNICIPAL ELECTION/TOWNS OF TROY/STAR](#). Filed Jan 31 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN BOTH THE TOWN OF TROY AND THE TOWN OF STAR SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS*.

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

Amends the proposed language in Section 1 of SL 1957-125 to provide that the the officers (was, the Town Council) for the Town of Troy consists of a mayor and five commissioners. Deletes proposed language concerning the commissioners' terms and election and replaces it with the following. Directs the three commissioners whose terms expire in 2017 to continue to serve until 2018. Provides that in 2018, and quadrennially thereafter as their terms expire, three commissioners are to be elected to fill expired seats, and are to serve four-year terms. Directs that the two commissioners whose terms expire in 2019 are to continue to serve until 2020. Provides that in 2020, and quadrennially thereafter as their terms expire, two commissioners are to be elected to fill expired seats, and are to serve four-year terms.

Deletes the proposed language concerning the Town of Star's commissioners' terms and election in Section 1 of SL 1957-448 and replaces it with language identical to the provisions added by this committee substitute concerning the terms and election of the Town of Troy commissioners above.

Adds that this act applies to elections held on or after the date on which the act becomes effective. Prohibits the towns of Troy and Star from holding municipal elections in 2017 and provides that municipal elections are to next occur in 2018.

Intro. by Dunn.

[Montgomery](#)

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S 37 (2017-2018) [ROANOKE ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT CHANGES](#). Filed Feb 7 2017, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE ROANOKE ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT*.

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

Intro. by Cook.

[Dare](#)

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[Government, Public Safety](#)

S 191 (2017-2018) [28TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 28TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT*.

Blank bill.

Intro. by Robinson.

Guilford

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S 193 (2017-2018) [37TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 37TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.*

Blank bill.

Intro. by J. Jackson.

Mecklenburg

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S 194 (2017-2018) [SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEX./CALDWELL COUNTY](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO CALDWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.*

Under current law, GS 115C-84.2(d) sets the parameters within which local boards of education must determine the opening and closing dates of public schools under subdivision (a)(1) of this statute. Amends GS 115C-84.2(d) to provide the local board of education for the Caldwell County Schools with additional flexibility in adopting its school calendar. Limits application of this provision to the Caldwell County Schools. Includes whereas clauses.

Applies beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

Intro. by Ballard.

Caldwell

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

S 195 (2017-2018) [SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEX./WATAUGA COUNTY](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO WATAUGA COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.*

Identical to [H 203](#), filed 2/28/17.

Under current law, GS 115C-84.2(d) sets the parameters within which local boards of education must determine the opening and closing dates of public schools under subdivision (a)(1) of this statute. Amends GS 115C-84.2(d) to provide the local board of education for the Watauga County Schools with additional flexibility in adopting its school calendar. Limits application of this provision to the Watauga County Schools. Includes whereas clauses

Applies beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

Intro. by Ballard.

Watauga

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

S 200 (2017-2018) [7TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 7TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.*

Blank bill.

Intro. by Pate.

Lenoir, Pitt, Wayne

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S 201 (2017-2018) [SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEXIBILITY/CERTAIN SYSTEMS](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO CERTAIN LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR*.

Under current law, GS 115C-84.2(d) sets the parameters within which local boards of education must determine the opening and closing dates of public schools under subdivision (a)(1) of this statute. Amends GS 115C-84.2(d) to provide the local boards of education for the Chatham County School and Orange County School systems with additional flexibility in adopting their school calendars. Allows all first semester examinations to be given before winter break, regardless of the opening date the local boards select for students.

Applies only to Chatham County Schools and Orange County Schools.

Applies beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

Intro. by Foushee.

[Chatham, Orange](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

S 202 (2017-2018) [23RD SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 23RD SENATORIAL DISTRICT*.

Blank bill.

Intro. by Foushee.

[Chatham, Orange](#)

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S 207 (2017-2018) [34TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 34TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT*.

Blank bill.

Intro. by Brock.

[Davie, Iredell, Rowan](#)

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S 214 (2017-2018) [49TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Mar 7 2017, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 49TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT*.

Blank bill.

Intro. by Van Duyn.

[Buncombe](#)

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PUBLIC BILLS

H 9: ALLOW ELECTION DAY SERVICE - RETIRED LEOS.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 11: HANDICAP PARKING PRIVILEGE CERTIFICATION.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 03/08/2017

H 63: CITIZENS PROTECTION ACT OF 2017.

House: Serial Referral To Appropriations Added

H 65: REQ ACTIVE TIME FELONY DEATH MV/BOAT.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 98: CRIM. OFFENSE/VANDALIZE FIRE & EMS EQUIPMENT.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 100: RESTORE PARTISAN ELECTIONS/SUP. & DIST. COURT.

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub

H 115: RETIREMENT TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT OF 2017.-AB

House: Placed On Cal For 03/08/2017

H 119: CLARIFY VACANCY ELECTIONS - COUNTY COMMISSION.

Ratified

H 128: PROHIBIT DRONE USE OVER PRISON/JAIL.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Re-ref Com On Judiciary II

H 142: INCREASE OVERSIGHT OF OLBS.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 169: KAPPA ALPHA PSI/SPECIAL PLATE FEE.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On Finance

H 194: SBCC ELECTIONS.

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 207: MOTORCYCLE LICENSE/EXEMPT ANTIQUE SCOOTERS.

House: Serial Referral To Finance Added

H 223: DISABLED VETERAN PLATE FOR MOTORCYCLES.

House: Serial Referral To Finance Added

H 240: GA APPOINT FOR DISTRICT COURT VACANCIES.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref Com On Judiciary IV

H 254: SURPLUS COMPUTERS FOR LOW-INCOME STUDENTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Appropriations, Information Technology

H 256: MODIFY VARIOUS APPOINTMENTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 258: AMEND MED. MAL. HEALTH CARE PROVIDER DEFIN.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 259: GOT NATURAL MILK.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref to the Com on Health, if favorable, Agriculture

H 260: ATTORNEY GENERAL/NORTH SHORE RD. PAYMENT.

House: Filed

H 261: DISPLACED RESIDENTIAL LAND TAX DEFERRAL.

House: Filed

H 263: UCC: ACCORD & SATISFACTION MODIFICATION.

House: Filed

H 264: DISQUALIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM PUV.

House: Filed

H 266: TERMINATE AGREEMENT FOR TOLLING OF I-77.

House: Filed

H 267: UTILITIES/AMEND REPS REQUIREMENTS.

House: Filed

H 270: THE HALEY HAYES NEWBORN SCREENING BILL.

House: Filed

H 271: REPEAL PLASTIC BAG BAN.

House: Filed

H 273: CHARTER SCHOOLS IN STATE HEALTH PLAN.

House: Filed

H 274: INCREASE PENALTIES FOR DEBT ADJUSTING.

House: Filed

H 275: NO STORMWATER FEES ON TAXIWAYS OR RUNWAYS.

House: Filed

H 276: STRENGTHEN YOUTH TOBACCO USE PREVENTION/FUNDS.

House: Filed

H 277: EXPAND RX DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

House: Filed

H 278: OCC.LIC./AMEND FEE SCHED. BARBER EXAMINERS BD.

House: Filed

S 62: VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMISSION/STRATEGIC PLAN.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 69: LOCAL GOV'T COMM/FINANCE OFFICER TRAINING.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 88: LANDLORD/TENANT-ALIAS & PLURIES SUMMARY EJECT.

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received From Senate

S 117: FORFEITURE OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS/JUDGES.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations on Pensions, Compensation, and Benefits

S 169: TEACHING EXCELLENCE BONUS EXPANSION.

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget

S 175: STRENGTHEN OPIOID MISUSE PREVENTION (STOP)ACT.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Health Care. If fav, re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 179: RECOGNIZE CHOWANOKE TRIBE.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 182: PROHIBIT USE OF LIGHT BARS ON MOTOR VEHICLES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 184: EVIDENCE PASSED VEHICLE IS A SCHOOL BUS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 186: INCREASE SAMPSON COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 188: NO POWELL BILL FUNDS/SANCTUARY CITIES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 189: TOLLING OF MISD. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 190: THE HALEY HAYES NEWBORN SCREENING BILL.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 192: CONSOLIDATE STATE OFFICES/DIGITAL DOCS REQ'D.

Senate: Filed

S 196: VETERINARY PRACTICE OMNIBUS.

Senate: Filed

S 197: ADOPT BOBCAT AS STATE CAT.

Senate: Filed

S 198: STUDY EFFICACY OF FILM CREDIT VERSUS GRANT.

Senate: Filed

S 199: LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETIREMENT/25 YEARS.

Senate: Filed

S 203: ESTABLISH OWNERSHIP OF MINERAL RIGHTS.

Senate: Filed

S 204: ALLOW CONCEALED CARRY ON UNC & CC CAMPUSES.

Senate: Filed

S 205: RESOLUTION TO ALLOW SAV OYSTER LEASING.

Senate: Filed

S 206: MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

Senate: Filed

S 208: COUNTIES/INTERNET INFRASTRUCTURE.

Senate: Filed

S 209: NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING COMMISSION.

Senate: Filed

S 210: LIVING WAGE BY 2022.

Senate: Filed

S 211: CHARTER SCHOOLS/HIGHER ED.

Senate: Filed

S 212: ABC ELECTIONS.

Senate: Filed

S 213: MILITARY STATE INCOME TAX RELIEF.

Senate: Filed

LOCAL BILLS

H 255: CORNELIUS ANNEXATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 257: STANLY COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES/CONTRACTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on State and Local Government I, if favorable, Judiciary I

H 262: KANNAPOLIS DEANNEXATION.

House: Filed

H 265: PARTISAN ELECTIONS/CERTAIN SCHOOL BOARDS.

House: Filed

H 268: CITY OF BELMONT CHARTER REVISIONS.

House: Filed

H 269: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEX./PERSON COUNTY.

House: Filed

H 272: FOX AND COYOTE TRAPPING/YADKIN COUNTY.

House: Filed

S 5: MECKLENBURG/POLICE COUNTYWIDE JURISDICTION.

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary

S 6: CORNELIUS ANNEXATION.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Finance

S 19: EVEN YR MUNICIPAL ELECTION/TOWNS OF TROY/STAR.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 37: ROANOKE ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT CHANGES.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Finance

S 180: 3RD SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 181: AMEND W-S CHARTER/CERTAIN CANDIDATES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 183: 6TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 185: ABOLISH COLUMBUS COUNTY CORONER.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 187: 21ST SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 191: 28TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.

Senate: Filed

S 193: 37TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.

Senate: Filed

S 194: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEX./CALDWELL COUNTY.

Senate: Filed

S 195: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEX./WATAUGA COUNTY.

Senate: Filed

S 200: 7TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.

Senate: Filed

S 201: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEXIBILITY/CERTAIN SYSTEMS.

Senate: Filed

S 202: 23RD SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.

Senate: Filed

S 207: 34TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.

Senate: Filed