

The Daily Bulletin: 2017-03-21

PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 84 (2017-2018) [DL/DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING DESCRIPTION \(New\)](#) Filed Feb 9 2017, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO DEVELOP A DESIGNATION FOR DRIVERS LICENSES THAT MAY BE GRANTED UPON REQUEST TO A PERSON WHO IS DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING.*

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

Amends proposed GS 20-7(q2) to provide that the new driver's license designation can be granted upon request to a person who is deaf or hard of hearing (previously, specified North Carolina residents with a hearing impairment). Deletes language requiring an applicant requesting a designation under this subsection to provide the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) with a letter from the applicant's primary care provider certifying that the applicant has a hearing impairment. Instead, establishes that medical certification or examination is not required to make a request under this subsection. Adds requirements for the DMV to place a unique numerical identifier on the front of the person's license, with no further descriptor, at the request of a person who is deaf or hard of hearing, and requires the DMV to record the designation in the electronic record associated with the person's driver's license. Additionally, requires the DMV to enter the driver license numerical number and a descriptor into the electronic record of any motor vehicle registered in the same name of the deaf or hard of hearing person at their request. Makes organizational and clarifying changes.

Amends GS 17C-6 (concerning the powers of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission) and GS 17E-4 (concerning the powers of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission) to require the commissions to establish minimum educational and training standards for employment and continuing education for criminal justice officers and officers concerning driver's license and vehicle registration identifiers of person who are deaf and hard of hearing, as authorized by proposed GS 20-7(q2).

Makes conforming changes to the act's short and long titles.

Changes the effective date to January 1, 2018 (was, effective when the act becomes law).

Intro. by Insko.

[GS 17C](#), [GS 17E](#), [GS 20](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary](#), [Motor Vehicle](#), [Government](#), [State Agencies](#), [Department of Transportation](#)

H 90 (2017-2018) [ELIMINATE NC FINAL EXAM](#). Filed Feb 14 2017, *AC ACT TO ELIMINATE THE NC FINAL EXAM AND THE ANALYSIS OF STUDENT WORK PROCESS AS THE MEASURES USED TO EVALUATE TEACHER PERFORMANCE AS PART OF THE EVALUATION INSTRUMENT AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.*

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

Amends the long title of the bill.

Prohibits the use of local final examinations or an analysis of student work process to assess teacher performance and professional growth as part of the North Carolina Teacher Evaluation System.

Amends GS 115C-296 and GS 115C-296.11 to eliminate the requirement that mentor teachers and clinical educators supervising students in residencies and internships have met expectations for student growth to participate in the teacher mentor program.

Intro. by Elmore, K. Hall, Hurley.

[GS 115C](#)

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

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 2nd edition:

Clarifies the measurement of the area in which operation of an unmanned aircraft is prohibited. Requires posted notices no more than 100 yards apart along a marked boundary. Creates new exceptions to the prohibition for public utilities or providers, so long as they remain outside a horizontal or vertical distance of 100 feet from the relevant facilities, they notify the official in responsible charge of the facility at least 24 hours prior to operating the unmanned aircraft, they use the aircraft for the purpose of inspecting public utility or provider transmission lines or equipment, and they use the aircraft for commercial purposes in compliance with Federal Aviation Administration regulations. Revises a reference to GS 14-401.24 to specifically refer to subsection (c) of that statute. Amends the caption of subsection (d) to read "Seizure, Forfeiture, and Disposition of Seized Property." Authorizes law enforcement agencies to seize aircraft and any attached property used in violation of this statute. Makes technical changes.

Directs the Department of Transportation, Division of Aviation (Division) to petition the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to designate any local confinement facility or State or federal correctional facility in the state as a fixed site facility, and to follow any guidance from the FAA in submitting and processing the petition, and to publish designations by the FAA on the Division's website. Directs the Division to develop guidelines for posted notices to mark boundaries established in this act.

Intro. by McNeill, Torbett, Faircloth.

GS 15A

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

H 155 (2017-2018) **MODIFY EDUCATOR LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS**. Filed Feb 21 2017, *AN ACT TO EXPAND ACTIVITIES QUALIFYING FOR CONTINUING LICENSURE OF RETIRED TEACHERS, EXEMPT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHERS, AND ALLOW SCHOOL BOARDS TO HIRE RETIRED PRINCIPALS AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS TO SERVE AS INTERIM PRINCIPALS*.

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

Amends the long title.

Directs in GS 115C-296(b)(1) that the licensure program will provide licensure based on teaching experience for retirement licensure (currently, continuing licensure) of a teacher as specified.

Directs that the increased standards for continuing licensure will include, for teachers seeking a retirement license (currently, retired teachers serving as substitutes), at least 640 hours of documented employment as specified.

Deletes the proposed amendment to GS 115C-284. Amends GS 115C-284(e) to authorize local boards of education to select a retired principal or a retired assistant principal to serve as an interim principal for the remainder of any school year regardless of licensure status.

Clarifies that Section 1 of the act (amending GS 115C-296) applies to applications for retirement licensure on or after that date.

Intro. by K. Hall, Conrad, L. Bell, Floyd.

GS 115C

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**Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Education,
Elementary and Secondary Education**

H 302 (2017-2018) [DODEA/CLINICAL EDUCATORS FOR STUDENT TEACHING](#). Filed Mar 9 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CLINICAL EDUCATORS TO INCLUDE EDUCATORS EMPLOYED AT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SCHOOLS*.

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

Amends GS 115C-296.11 as follows. Requires clinical educators who supervise students in residencies or internships at Department of Defense Elementary and Secondary Schools in North Carolina to meet or exceed performance standards on all aspects of the Department of Defense Education Activity teacher evaluation instrument (currently, must have been rated as "fully successful" in all areas of the instrument).

Defines *local school administrative unit* to include Department of Defense Elementary and Secondary Schools located in North Carolina.

Intro. by Szoka, Lucas, G. Martin, Shepard.

GS 115C

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Military and Veteran's Affairs

H 414 (2017-2018) [SWAIN COUNTY/OFFICIAL TROUT FISHING LOCATION](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT DESIGNATING SWAIN COUNTY AS THE OFFICIAL LOCATION FOR TROUT FISHING IN NORTH CAROLINA*.

Enacts new GS 145-49, as title indicates. Includes many whereas clauses related to trout streams and waters in Swain County.

Intro. by Clampitt.

Swain, GS 145

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Environment, Aquaculture and Fisheries, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, Cultural Resources and Museums

H 417 (2017-2018) [ACTUALLY GET RID OF COMMON CORE ACT](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE ACTUALLY GET RID OF COMMON CORE ACT*.

Directs the State Board of Education (Board) to replace its current mathematics and English language arts courses of study, adopted in June 2010, with new courses of study in those subject matters that are consistent with specified standard courses of study, subject to minor changes necessary to meet North Carolina-specific educational needs, and directs the Board to adopt student assessments consistent with those changes, to be taught and assessed beginning with the 2018-19 school year. Requires that local school administrative units offer only the traditional sequence of mathematics course for Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II, instead of Math I, Math II, and Math III. Directs the Board to report to the General Assembly and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by March 15, 2018, the new standard courses of study, a summary of the differences between the new course of study and its predecessor, and the corresponding changes to student assessments.

Intro. by Pittman, Speciale, Ford, Boswell.

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, State Agencies, State Board of Education

H 418 (2017-2018) [SOS/SAVE OUR STREET SIGNS](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR DAMAGING OR REMOVING STREET SIGNS AND PROVIDING THAT REWARD FUNDS FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND*

CONVICTION OF A PERSON WHO DAMAGES OR REMOVES STREET SIGNS SHALL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE 911 FUND.

Amends GS 136-33 to raise the authorized reward for information on damaging or removing street signs from \$500 to \$1,000, to be paid from the 911 Fund (previously, reward money was paid from Department of Transportation funds).

Enacts new GS 143B-1404(a1), directing the 911 Board to deduct and retain 1% of the total service charges remitted to it under GS 143B-1403 for deposit into the 911 Fund for the purpose of funding the reward described above.

Effective July 1, 2017.

Intro. by Clampitt.

[GS 136, GS 143B](#)

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

H 421 (2017-2018) [CLARIFY HUT & IMPROVE VEHICLE TITLING PROCESS](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE APPLICATION OF THE HIGHWAY USE TAX TO OUT-OF-STATE VEHICLES TITLED IN THIS STATE AND TO IMPROVE THE VEHICLE TITLING PROCESS BY ELIMINATING DUPLICATIVE REQUIREMENTS.*

Identical to [S 326](#), filed 3/21/17.

Amends GS 105-187.6 (Exemptions from highway use tax) to make the listed exemptions in subsections (a) and (b) of this statute, except for three of them in (a) (concerning transfers of a vehicle to manufacturers or vehicle retailers, specified volunteer fire departments or volunteer rescue squad vehicles, and State agencies from a local government, volunteer fire department, or volunteer rescue squad), not applicable to certificates of title issued for a motor vehicle titled in another state at the time of the transfer. Specifies that the partial exemptions in the statute do not apply to a title issued for a vehicle titled in another state at the time of the transfer.

Repeals GS 20-52(a)(4 through 6) (regarding information concerning insurance coverage that is required for an application for registration and certificate of title). Amends GS 20-52(a) by adding that an application for registration and certificate for the title must include a statement that the owner has proof of financial responsibility.

Amends GS 58-2-164(b) to make the Class 3 misdemeanor described there only apply to false or misleading information on applications for issuance of or amendment to a policy of auto insurance (currently, applications for issuance of or amendment to a policy of auto insurance or for vehicle registration pursuant to GS 20-52(a)(4) and (a)(5)).

The repeal in and changes to GS 20-52 and the amendment to GS 58-2-164 are effective July 1, 2017. The remainder is effective when the bill becomes law.

Intro. by Shepard, Torbett, Iler.

[GS 20, GS 58, GS 105](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Government, Tax](#)

H 422 (2017-2018) [RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIAS](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES, FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS.*

Identical to [S 305](#), filed 3/16/17.

Appropriates \$300,000 for 2017-18 and \$200,000 for 2018-19 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services, to be allocated to the Center of Outreach in Alzheimer's, Aging, and Community Health at NC Agricultural and Technical State University, to be used to develop workshops, support groups, and conferences to promote awareness of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in 20 counties with the highest number of low-income families,

to develop a comprehensive caregiver toolkit to assist families caring for Alzheimer's or related dementia patients, and to implement a project to increase awareness of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias resources, as specified.

Intro. by Murphy, Dobson, Boswell.

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Adult Services

H 423 (2017-2018) **CHECK-OFF DONATION: LAND TRUSTS**. Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE SPACE ON THE INCOME TAX RETURN FOR INDIVIDUALS TO MAKE DONATIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF LAND, WATER, AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES*.

Enacts new GS 105-269.8 (Contribution of income tax refund to Conservation Grant Fund). Provides an option for taxpayers to contribute all or part of their income tax refund to the Conservation Grant Fund (Fund) established under GS 113A-232. Directs the Secretary of Revenue to provide appropriate language and space on the income tax form to make the selection, and to transmit contributions made under this statute to the State Treasurer for credit to the Fund.

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

Intro. by W. Richardson, Harrison, Belk.

GS 105

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Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, Tax

H 424 (2017-2018) **SUPERSEDING DOMESTIC ORDERS**. Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT SUBSEQUENT ORDERS RELATED TO CUSTODY, CHILD AND SPOUSAL SUPPORT, AND POSSESSION OF PROPERTY SUPERSEDE LIKE PROVISIONS IN TEMPORARY CUSTODY ORDER*.

Amends GS 50B-7 to provide that subsequent orders entered pursuant to GS Chapter 50 related to custody, child and spousal support, and possession of property and subsequent child support orders entered pursuant to GS Chapter 110 supercede like provisions in an order issued pursuant to GS Chapter 50B. Effective October 1, 2017.

Intro. by W. Richardson, Harrison, Belk.

GS 50B

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Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Family Law

H 425 (2017-2018) **IMPROVE UTILIZATION OF MH PROFESSIONALS**. Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT ALLOWING LICENSED CLINICAL ADDICTION SPECIALISTS TO FORM A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION WITH A PHYSICIAN AND AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ALLOW LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS TO CONDUCT INITIAL (FIRST-LEVEL) EXAMINATIONS FOR THE INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER*.

Amends GS 55B-14(c)(4) to add licensed clinical addiction specialists to the list of professionals who may form a professional corporation to render psychotherapeutic and related services.

Amends GS 122C-263.1(a) to include licensed professional counselors in the list of professionals for which a local management entity (as defined in GS 122C-3) may request to substitute for a physician or eligible psychologist when conducting the first level exams of individuals with a mental illness or substance use disorder.

Effective October 1, 2017.

Intro. by Dobson, Dollar, Murphy, Earle.

[GS 55B, GS 122C](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Corporation and Partnerships, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Mental Health](#)

H 427 (2017-2018) [EFFICIENT AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY RATES](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO (1) REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH TIERED ELECTRICITY RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, PUBLIC, AND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS TO ENCOURAGE ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY; (2) CREATE THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY BANK TO BE USED FOR LOANS TO CUSTOMERS FOR THE COSTS OF CERTAIN ENERGY EFFICIENCY OR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS; AND (3) CREATE AN INCENTIVE FOR CONSUMERS TO PURCHASE ENERGY STAR QUALIFIED HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS.*

Substantively identical to [S 236](#), filed 3/9/17.

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

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

These sections are effective January 1, 2018.

Effective January 1, 2018, and applicable to tax years beginning on or after that date, enacts new Article 5J, Avoidable Pollution Tax for Certain Energy Inefficient Products, in GS Chapter 105. Imposes a privilege tax on an energy inefficient product retailer for each new energy inefficient product the retailer sells. Imposes an excise tax on a new energy inefficient product sold outside the state for storage or use in the state. Sets the rate for the taxes at 5% of the sales price. Provides for the administration of the tax, exemptions from the tax, and refunds. Requires the taxes, minus the allowance for administrative expenses, to be credited to the Bank Fund.

Intro. by Insko, Fisher, Harrison, Autry.

[GS 62, GS 105](#)

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

H 428 (2017-2018) [PROBATION/PAROLE OFFICERS RETIREMENT](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE BENEFITS OF PROBATION/PAROLE OFFICERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.*

Amends GS 135-1 to amend the definition of law-enforcement officer to include probation/parole officers with respect to service rendered on or after July 1, 2017, and to define probation/parole officer for the purposes of GS Chapter 135 (Retirement System for Teachers and State Employees; Social Security; State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees). Effective July 1, 2017.

Intro. by McNeill, Faircloth, Hurley, Goodman.

[GS 135](#)

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

H 431 (2017-2018) **REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL CLARIFICATIONS**. Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO CONFORM WITH FEDERAL GUIDELINES IN THE PERFORMANCE OF EVALUATIONS FOR REAL PROPERTY FOR FEDERALLY REGULATED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS*.

Makes clarifying and technical changes to the definitions set out in GS 93A-1-4 as the terms apply to the North Carolina Appraisers Act. Adds the term *evaluation* and defines the term to mean a determination as to the value of real estate performed for a federally regulated financial institution in accordance with the Interagency Guidelines. Also adds the term *Interagency Guidelines* and defines the term to mean the Interagency Appraisal and Evaluation Guidelines issued jointly by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Reserve System, National Credit Union Administration, Office of Thrift Supervision, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Enacts GS 93E-1-15, *Evaluations performed by appraisers*, authorizing evaluations to be performed by persons licensed or certified by the North Carolina Appraisal Board so long as the evaluation is performed in accordance with the Interagency Guidelines. Requires appraisers performing evaluations to develop and report the evaluations in accordance with the Interagency Guidelines. Clarifies that the appraisers do not have to report evaluations in accordance with Standards 1 and 2 of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice but requires an evaluation report to contain a disclaimer, as specified, if the evaluation is not an appraisal performed in accordance with Standards 1 and 2 of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.

Intro. by Hardister, Ross, Goodman.

GS 93E

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing

H 432 (2017-2018) **INCREASE TEACHER SUPPLEMENT/ELECTRONIC NOTICE**. Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO MODERNIZE PUBLICATION OF LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES, REQUIRE INTERNET WEB SITE PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES, ALLOW THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF COUNTIES AND CITIES TO OPT TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC NOTICES TO BE GIVEN ELECTRONICALLY, AND ALLOW COUNTIES TO OPT TO POST LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES ON THE COUNTY WEB SITE FOR A FEE WITH MONIES COLLECTED TO BE USED FOR LOCAL SUPPLEMENTS FOR TEACHER SALARY AND OTHER COUNTY NEEDS*.

Identical to [S 343](#) filed on 3/21/17.

Makes the following changes to Article 50 of GS Chapter 1 (General Provisions as to Legal Advertising).

Amends GS 1-595 (advertisement of public sales) providing that when a statute or written instrument stipulates that an advertisement of a sale must be made for any certain number of weeks, publication on the county website in accordance with GS 1-602 (enacted by this act) for the number of weeks indicated is sufficient for compliance.

Amends GS 1-596 (charges for legal advertising) providing that when a notice is required by statute to be published by a unit of government more than once and is paid for by the unit of government and the cost of publication is not paid in advance by or allowed to be recouped from private parties, the unit of government can not be charged for the second and successive publications of that notice at a rate greater than 85% of the rate charged for the first publication in the series.

Amends GS 1-597 (regulations for newspaper publication of legal notices, advertisements, etc.), deleting the existing regulations and instead setting forth four requirements that a newspaper must meet for a required publication, legal notice, or advertisement to have full force and effect. Requires (1) the newspaper to have content that appeals to the public generally; (2) the newspaper to have more than a de minimis number of actual paid subscribers in the county or political subdivision where the publication, advertisement, or notice is required to be published; (3) the newspaper's paid subscriber distribution to not be entirely limited geographically to one community, or section, of the county or political subdivision where the publication, advertisement, or notice

is required to be published; and (4) the newspaper to be available to anyone in the county or political subdivision where the publication, advertisement, or notice is required to be published who wishes to subscribe to it. Requires the newspaper to place each notice on the newspaper's website on the same day that the notice appears in the newspaper at no additional cost if the newspaper maintains a website displaying the contents of the newspaper. Requires a hyperlink to legal notices to be provided on the front page of the newspaper's website to provide access to the legal notices without charge. Requires the size and placement of legal notices on the website to comply with requirements for a printed legal notice. Requires the webpage containing legal notices to present the legal notices as the dominant subject matter of those pages. Also requires the newspaper's website to contain a search function for searching legal notices. Requires the newspaper to, without charge, provide email notification of legal notices printed and added to the website upon the request of a person. Requires notification for the email registry to be available on the front page of the legal notices section of the newspaper's webpage. Clarifies that for any legal notice required to be published more than once, email notification required by this statute only applies to the first publication in the series of that notice. Establishes that any error in the placement of a governmental legal notice on a newspaper's website is considered harmless error and the requirement of proper legal notice is to be deemed met if the governmental entity placing the notice also places the notice on its own website under an ordinance adopted in accordance with GS 153A-52.2 (enacted by this act).

Makes clarifying change to the caption of GS 1-598 to now describe the statute as Sworn statement prima facie evidence of qualifications; affidavit of publication by a newspaper (currently, does not clarify publication by a newspaper). Makes organizational changes.

Enacts GS 1-602, Publication via county-maintained website, providing that in lieu of publishing in a newspaper, publication of any notice permitted or required by law to be published in a newspaper can be accomplished by contracting with a county who has adopted an ordinance under GS 153A-458 (enacted by this act) to publish the notice on the county-maintained website. Details publication fees the county may charge ranging from \$0 to \$450, and the distribution of fees collected, with 10% of fees collected to be used for county administrative costs, 40% to the county general fund, and 50% to the local board of education for payment of local supplements for teachers as defined by GS 115C-325.1(6). Provides for a county employee's sworn written statement to be prima facie evidence that the county placed the notice, paper, document or legal advertisement on its website for the stated period of time, and deems the sworn statement a record of the court and prima facie evidence that the county made the publication on its website for the stated period of time when filed and certified by the clerk of superior court. Clarifies that the statute does not require a county to adopt an ordinance under GS 153A-458 and publish notices on a county-maintained website.

Enacts GS 153A-52.2, Electronic notice for notices required to be published by the board, authorizing a governing board of a county to adopt an ordinance providing that any notice the board is required by law to publish or advertise, whether under GS 1-597 or GS Chapter 143 Article 8, or any other general law or local act, can be published electronically, as provided, in lieu of or in addition to the required publication or advertisement. Defines governing board to mean the body elected or appointed as the board of county commissioners, city council, or county board of elections. Clarifies that the county ordinance can cover all notices required to be published or advertised or a clearly identified category of notices. Requires the governing board to publish specific instruction regarding how to access noticed published electronically under the adopted ordinance at least once a month for 12 months in a newspaper having general circulation for that jurisdiction, as provided in GS 1-597 as amended by this act. Details five requirements of any notice published under an ordinance adopted pursuant to this statute, including the requirement that notices and links to all notices on the website must be maintained on the website for at least one year after publication and must be searchable. Establishes that ordinances adopted under the statute cannot supersede any general law or local act that requires notice by mail to certain persons or classes of persons, or the posting of signs on certain property. Sets out that the ordinance adopted by the governing board can control notice given by any board appointed by the governing board, including the planning board, board of social services, and board of health.

Makes conforming changes to GS 160A-1(7), GS 153A-1(6), and GS 159-1(b)(5) to include electronic notice to the defined term publish where an ordinance has been adopted by that governing board. Makes organizational and technical changes.

Makes conforming change to amend GS 163-33 (powers and duties of county board of elections) to authorize the county board to adopt a policy in accordance with GS 153A-52.2 to provide for notices, advertisements, and publications to be given electronically.

Enacts GS 153A-458, authorizing the board of county commissioners to adopt an ordinance establishing the county website as a central location for publishing or advertising legal notices in accordance with GS 1-602, so long as three qualifications are met: (1) the county maintains its own website, with sufficient staff to maintain that website; (2) the county has sufficient staff to

complete affidavits as needed for all legal notices as stated in GS 1-602(d); and (3) the county collects and remits fees as provided in GS 1-602(b) and (c).

Clarifies that the validation of any publication, or notice pursuant to a previous enactment of GS 1-597 remains in effect and is not effected by any modifications of that statute enacted by this act.

Effective October 1, 2017, and applies to notices required to be published on or after that date, but does not apply to notices permitted to be pushed on a governmental website in lieu of newspaper publication pursuant to an ordinance enacted before that date.

Intro. by McGrady, Brawley, Blust.

[GS 1, GS 153A, GS 159, GS 160A, GS 163](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Procedure, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Local Government](#)

H 433 (2017-2018) [AGRICULTURE/SCIENCE EARLY COLLEGE FUNDS](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE IREDELL-STATESVILLE SCHOOLS AGRICULTURE AND SCIENCE EARLY COLLEGE TO BEGIN OPERATION IN THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR.*

Appropriates \$310,669 in recurring funds for 2017-18 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to be allocated to Iredell-Statesville Schools to establish the Agriculture and Science Early College to begin operation in 2017-18. Effective July 1, 2017.

Intro. by R. Turner, Fraley.

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

PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 319 (2017-2018) [NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES/CONFIRMATION](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF SUSI H. HAMILTON AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES.*

Requires the Senate to consider whether to confirm Susi H. Hamilton as Secretary of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Includes whereas clauses.

Intro. by Rabon.

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[Government, General Assembly, State Agencies, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources \(formerly Dept. of Cultural Resources\), State Government, Executive](#)

S 320 (2017-2018) [SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION CONFIRMATION](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF MACHELLE SANDERS AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.*

Requires the Senate to consider whether to confirm Machel Sanders as Secretary of the Department of Administration. Includes whereas clauses.

Intro. by Rabon.

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Government, General Assembly, State Agencies, Department of Administration, State Government, Executive

S 321 (2017-2018) [SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEXIBILITY/PED REPORT](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS IDENTIFIED AS LOW-PERFORMING, AS RECOMMENDED BY A PROGRAM EVALUATION DIVISION REPORT.*

Substantively identical to [S 318](#), filed 3/20/17.

Amends GS 115C-84.2 to provide flexibility in setting the opening and closing dates for low-performing schools. Requires a local board of education to determine the opening and closing dates for any specific school in the local school administrative unit identified as a low-performing school in the previous school year. Requires the local school board to thereafter determine the dates for opening and closing regardless of whether the school is identified as low performing in subsequent school years if the school receives a school performance grade of D or F. Provides that if in three subsequent, consecutive years, the school is not identified as low-performing and receives a grade of C or higher, the local board of education must determine the opening and closing dates for that school in the following year under the current statutory provisions. Requires the local board of education to determine the opening and closing dates for all schools in a local school administrative unit that was identified as low-performing in the previous school year. Provides that if in three subsequent, consecutive years, the local school administrative unit is not identified as low-performing, the local board of education must determine the opening and closing dates for that school in the following year under the current statutory provisions.

Requires the Department of Public Instruction to study whether the modified calendar has an effect on student performance, including reviewing specified types of information. Requires DPI to compare low-performing schools following the traditional calendar to low-performing schools following the modified calendar and requires DPI to report the results annually to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by March 15, beginning in 2019.

Amends GS 115C-105.27 by adding that if a local board of education adopts a modified calendar, the school improvement team for each school operating under the modified calendar must include five specified pieces of information in its school improvement plan, including an outline of the goals to be achieved by operating under a modified calendar, a description of the calendar, and a description of how the school will measure student and parent satisfaction with the modified calendar to determine how it is affecting families.

Applies beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

Intro. by Foushee, Robinson, Smith-Ingram.

GS 115C

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

S 322 (2017-2018) [CAREGIVER ADVISE, RECORD & ENABLE \(CARE\) ACT](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT ENACTING THE CAREGIVER ADVISE, RECORD, AND ENABLE (CARE) ACT.*

Entitles the act as The Caregiver Advise, Record, and Enable Act of 2017 (The Care Act).

Enacts GS 131E-79.5, *Designation of a caregiver*, to require each licensed hospital to provide each patient or the patient's legal guardian with at least one opportunity to designate at least one caregiver no later than 24 hours following the patient's entry into a hospital, or within 24 hours following the patient's recovery of consciousness or capacity, and prior to the patient's discharge or

transfer to another facility. Defines *caregiver* to mean any individual duly designated by a patient or the patient's legal guardian as a caregiver pursuant to subsection (b) of the statute and who provides after-care assistance to a patient living in the patient's residence. Clarifies that the term *caregiver* includes a relative, partner, friend, or neighbor who has a significant relationship with the patient. Also defines *discharge*, *entry*, and *residence*.

Sets forth provisions that apply if a patient or the patient's legal guardian elect to designate a caregiver, including requiring the hospital to promptly request written consent of the patient or legal guardian to release medical information to the caregiver and requiring the hospital to record the designated caregiver in the patient's medical record. Requires the hospital to document the patient or legal guardian's decision to decline to designate a caregiver. Clarifies that designation of a caregiver does not obligate any individual to perform any after-care tasks for any patient. Defines *after-care* as any assistance provided by a caregiver to a patient after the patient's discharge from a hospital, including assistance with basic activities of daily living, instrumental activities of daily living, or carrying out medical or nursing tasks, such as managing wound care, assisting in the administration of medications, and operating medical equipment.

Requires the hospital to notify the patient's designated caregiver no later than four hours prior to the patient's actual discharge or transfer to another hospital or licensed facility. Requires the hospital to consult with the designated caregiver and the patient within 24 hours prior to a patient's discharge from a hospital and issue a discharge plan that describes the patient's after-care needs at the patient's residence. Requires the discharge plan to include the name and contact information of the designated caregiver; a description of all after-care tasks necessary to maintain the patient's ability to reside at home, taking into account the capabilities and limitations of the designated caregiver; and the contact information for any health care, community resources, and long-term services and supports necessary to successfully carry out the patient's discharge. Requires the hospital issuing the discharge plan to provide designated caregivers with instructions for all after-care tasks described in the discharge plan, and sets forth parameters that the instructions must include including a live demonstration of the after-care tasks and an opportunity for the designated caregiver and the patient or legal guardian to ask questions and have those questions answered in a competent manner. Requires any instructions provided pursuant to the Care Act to be documented in the patient's medical record as specified.

Allows the Division of Health Service Regulation to adopt necessary rules to implement the Care Act. Clarifies that the Care Act is not to interfere with the rights of an agent operating under a valid health care power of attorney or other valid advance health care directive. Clarifies that the Care Act does not require a patient or a patient's legal guardian to designate any individual as a caregiver. Establishes that the Care Act does not create a private right of action against a hospital or a hospital employee or contractor, or otherwise supersede or replace existing rights or remedies under any other law.

Effective January 1, 2018.

Intro. by Lowe, Pate, Hise.

GS 131E

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

S 323 (2017-2018) [UNC PUBLIC RECORDS/ATHLETIC CONFERENCES](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL POSSESSED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA OR ANY OF ITS CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS REGARDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (NCAA), IN THE ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE (ACC) OR OTHER NCAA CONFERENCES, OR IN ANY OTHER COLLEGIATE SPORTS ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION ARE PUBLIC RECORDS.*

Identical to [H 412](#), filed 3/20/17.

Enacts new GS 132-1.3A to categorize the following as public records (as defined in GS 132-1): all documents, papers, letters, photographs, films, sound recordings, magnetic or other tapes, electronic data-processing records, artifacts, or other documentary material in the possession of UNC or any of its constituent institutions related to membership in or communication with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the Atlantic Coast Conference, or any other athletic conference in any division of the NCAA, or any other collegiate sports association or organization.

Intro. by Lee, Hise, Daniel.

GS 132

S 324 (2017-2018) [REPEAL CERTIFICATE OF NEED LAWS](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT REPEALING NORTH CAROLINA'S CERTIFICATE OF NEED LAWS*.

Repeals GS Chapter 131E, Article 9 (Certificate of Need). Makes conforming changes to GS 6-19.1, GS 113A-12, GS 122C-23.1, GS 131E-13, GS 131E-136, GS 148-19.1, GS 130A-45.02, GS 143B-1292, GS 150B-2, and GS 150B-21.1. Makes further conforming changes to GS 58-50-61 (defining *health service facility* as it was defined in the repealed Article) and GS 58-55-35 (defining *hospice* and *intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded* as they were defined in the repealed Article).

Effective January 1, 2018.

Intro. by Hise, Wade.

[GS 6](#), [GS 58](#), [GS 113A](#), [GS 122C](#), [GS 130A](#), [GS 131E](#), [GS 143B](#), [GS 148](#), [GS 150B](#)

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**Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Health and Human
Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Mental
Health**

S 325 (2017-2018) [BILLION DOLLAR MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUT](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO REDUCE THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX RATE AND INCREASE THE STANDARD DEDUCTION; TO ELIMINATE THE TAX PENALTY IN THE MORTGAGE INTEREST TAX DEDUCTION; TO EXPAND AND INCREASE THE CHILD TAX DEDUCTION; TO REDUCE THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE; AND TO ADOPT MARKET-BASED SOURCING FOR BUSINESS TAX APPORTIONMENT*.

Part I. Personal Income Tax Changes

Amends GS 105-153.7(a) to reduce the personal income tax rate imposed for each taxable year from 5.499% to 5.35% of the taxpayer's North Carolina taxable income. Amends GS 105-153.5, increasing the standard deduction a taxpayer may deduct from adjusted gross income based on the taxpayer's filing status, providing (1) married, filing jointly/surviving spouse a standard deduction of \$20,000 (currently, \$17,500); (2) head of household a standard deduction of \$15,000 (currently, \$14,000); (3) single a standard deduction of \$10,000 (currently, \$8,750); and (4) married, filing separately a standard deduction of \$10,000 (currently, \$8,750). Deletes provisions concerning cap amounts for mortgage interest and real estate tax deduction, instead providing (1) married, filing jointly/surviving spouse a cap amount of \$22,000 (currently, \$20,000); (2) head of household a cap amount of \$16,500; (3) single a cap amount of \$11,000; and (4) married, filing separately a cap amount of \$11,000.

Repeals GS 105-153.10 (Tax credit for children effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014), providing for credit amounts up to \$125. Instead adds new subsection (a1) to GS 105-153.7, providing for an expanded child deduction amount for a taxpayer who is allowed a federal child tax credit for the taxable year for each dependent child for whom the taxpayer is allowed the federal tax credit. Details the specific child deduction amounts based on the taxpayer's filing status and adjusted gross income, with deduction amounts ranging from \$0 up to \$2,500.

Effective January 1, 2018.

Part II. Business Tax Changes

Amends GS 105-130.3 to reduce the income tax rate for C Corporations in the state from 3% to 2.75% for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, and to 2.5% for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019.

Amends GS 105-122 to clarify that the annual franchise or privilege tax imposed on a corporation doing business in the state is for the privilege of doing business in the state and for the continuance of articles of incorporation or domestication of each corporation in this state. Makes organizational change to separate existing provisions concerning the corporate tax base and tax rate, both currently in subsection (d). Places provisions concerning the corporate tax base in subsection (d). Provides that a corporation's tax base is the greater of (1) the proportion of its net worth, (2) 55% of its appraised value as determined for ad

valorem taxation of all the real estate and tangible personal property in the state, or (3) its total actual investment in tangible property in the state. Makes further organizational and technical changes to subsection (d). Adds new subsection (d2) providing for the corporate tax rate. Sets the tax rate for a C corporation at \$1.50 per \$1,000 of the corporation's tax base as determined under subsection (d) (currently, the corporate tax rate provisions do not differentiate between C Corporations and S Corporations). Sets the tax rate for an S Corporation at \$200 for the first \$1 million of the corporation's tax base as determined by subsection (d), and \$1.50 per \$1,000 of its tax base that exceeds \$1 million. Prohibits the tax imposed to be less than \$200. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, and is applicable to the calculation of franchise tax reported on the 2018 and later corporate income tax returns.

Part III. Market-Based Sourcing

Establishes that market-based sourcing will be used for multistate income tax apportionment. Amends GS 105-130.4, Allocation and apportionment of income for corporations, by eliminating subsections (l)(2) and (l)(3), leaving only the sales factor (was, (l)(1)) under subsection (l). Establishes that recipients are in this state if the taxpayer's market for the receipts is in this state, and if the market for a receipt cannot be determined, the state or states of assignment are to be reasonably approximated. Provides that when a taxpayer cannot ascertain the state to which the receipts are to be assigned using reasonable approximation, then the receipts must be excluded from the denominator of the sales factor. Provides six criteria, GS 105-130.4(l)(1) through (6), to determine if a taxpayer's market for receipts is in this state. Adds and defines the term *banks*.

Enacts new GS 105-130.4A, Market based sourcing for banks. Establishes GS 105-130.4A(a), which provides definitions that apply to the new statute. Creates a general rule that states the receipts factor of a bank is a fraction, with the numerator being the total receipts of the taxpayer in this state during the income year and the denominator being the total receipts of the taxpayer everywhere during the income year, and lists five receipts that are excluded from both the numerator and denominator of the receipts factor. Sets out provisions for calculations concerning: (1) receipts from the sale, lease, or rental of real property; (2) receipts from the sale, lease, or rental of tangible personal property; (3) interest, fees, and penalties from loans secured by real property; (4) interest, fees, and penalties from loans not secured by real property; (5) net gains from the sale of loans; (6) receipts from interest, fees, and penalties from card holders; (7) receipts from ATM fees; (8) net gains from the sale of credit card receivables; and (9) miscellaneous receipts.

The above provisions are effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

Directs the Codifier of Rules to enter into the Administrative Code the rules adopted by the Department of Revenue as directed by Section 38.4 of SL 2016-94 regarding the implementation and administration of market-based sourcing principles as set out in the act, which were approved by the Rules Review Commission at its meeting on February 16, 2017.

Requires the Utilities Commission (Commission) to adjust the rates for public utilities, excluding water public utilities with less than \$200,000 in annual operating revenues, for the tax changes in Part I (intends Section 3.1) of this act, as directed by Section 38.4(d) of SL 2016-94. Requires each utility to calculate the cumulative net effect of the tax changes and file the calculations with proposed rate changes to reflect the net prospective tax changes in utility customer rates within 60 days of the enactment of this act. Requires any adjustments that are required to existing tax assets or liabilities to be reflected in the utility's books and records by the tax changes are to be deferred and reflected in customer rates in either the utility's next rate case or earlier if deemed appropriate by the Commission.

Intro. by Tillman, Brock, Tucker.

GS 105

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**Business and Commerce, Corporation and Partnerships,
Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing,
Government, Tax**

S 326 (2017-2018) **CLARIFY HUT & IMPROVE VEHICLE TITLING PROCESS**. Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE APPLICATION OF THE HIGHWAY USE TAX TO OUT-OF-STATE VEHICLES TITLED IN THIS STATE AND TO IMPROVE THE VEHICLE TITLING PROCESS BY ELIMINATING DUPLICATIVE REQUIREMENTS.*

Amends GS 105-187.6 (Exemptions from highway use tax) to make the listed exemptions in subsections (a) and (b) of this statute, except for three of them in (a) (concerning transfers of a vehicle to manufacturers or vehicle retailers, specified volunteer

fire departments or volunteer rescue squad vehicles, and State agencies from a local government, volunteer fire department, or volunteer rescue squad), not applicable to certificates of title issued for a motor vehicle titled in another state at the time of the transfer. Specifies that the partial exemptions in the statute do not apply to a title issued for a vehicle titled in another state at the time of the transfer.

Repeals GS 20-52(a)(4 through 6) (regarding information concerning insurance coverage that is required for an application for registration and certificate of title). Amends GS 20-52(a) by adding that an application for registration and certificate for the title must include a statement that the owner has proof of financial responsibility.

Amends GS 58-2-164(b) to make the Class 3 misdemeanor described there only apply to false or misleading information on applications for issuance of or amendment to a policy of auto insurance (currently, applications for issuance of or amendment to a policy of auto insurance or for vehicle registration pursuant to GS 20-52(a)(4) and (a)(5)).

The repeal in and changes to GS 20-52 and the amendment to GS 58-2-164 are effective July 1, 2017. The remainder is effective when the bill becomes law.

Intro. by Tillman, Meredith.

GS 20, GS 58, GS 105

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Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Government, Tax

S 327 (2017-2018) **DRIVERS WITH DISABILITIES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**. Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A VOLUNTARY DESIGNATION ON DRIVERS LICENSES AND REGISTRATION PLATES FOR NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY, OR CO-OCCURRING MENTAL ILLNESS AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AND TO REQUIRE TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON HOW TO INTERACT WITH A PERSON THE OFFICER KNOWS OR REASONABLY SHOULD KNOW HAS A MENTAL ILLNESS, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY, OR CO-OCCURRING MENTAL ILLNESS AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY.*

Amends GS 20-7 (Issuance and renewal of drivers licenses) to direct the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to develop an electronic designation in the DMV database for driver's licenses that can be granted to state residents with a mental illness, developmental disability, or co-occurring mental illness and developmental disability upon request. Directs the DMV to consult with the Department of Public Safety and the State Highway Patrol in developing the electronic designation. Requires an applicant requesting an electronic designation under this new subsection to come to the DMV for registration. Provides for a standard transaction fee to be set by the DMV for this service. Defines mental illness and developmental disability as the terms are defined in GS 122C-3. Clarifies that the new subsection does not authorize the issuance of a driver's license to a person ineligible under GS 20-9.

Makes technical change to a statutory reference in GS 20-63 (Registration plates furnished by the DMV) to refer to special plates authorized by GS 20-79.4 (Special registration plates) instead of GS 20-79.7 (Fees for special registration plates) concerning the qualifications for the issuance of those special plates. Further, adds new subsection (c1) to GS 20-63 providing substantively identical provisions as those added in GS 20-7 by this act to establish a mental illness and developmental disability designation for registration plates.

Amends GS 17C-6 (concerning the powers of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission) and GS 17E-4 (concerning the powers of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission) to require the commissions to add crisis intervention training to the minimum educational and training standards that the commissions must establish for qualification for entry level employment and retention as a criminal justice officer or officer in temporary or probationary status or in a permanent position, as well as for in-service training for criminal justice officers and justice officers. Makes technical changes. Amends GS 17C-2 to define *crisis intervention training* to mean training for criminal justice officers on how to interact with a person the officer knows or reasonably should know has a mental illness, developmental disability, or co-occurring mental illness and developmental disability. Details four elements that crisis intervention training must include, including conflict resolution and de-escalation techniques for potentially dangerous situations involving a person who has a mental illness, developmental disability, or co-occurring mental illness and developmental disability.

Effective October 1, 2017.

Intro. by Tillman.

GS 17C, GS 17E, GS 20

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**Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Government, Public Safety,
Health and Human Services, Health, Mental Health**

S 328 (2017-2018) **LOWER COST OF CATARACTS FOR SENIORS ACT**. Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT EXEMPTING OPHTHALMOLOGISTS WHO PERFORM OFFICE-BASED CATARACT SURGERY FROM CERTIFICATE OF NEED LAWS.*

Amends GS 131E-175 to add a legislative finding regarding the demand for office-based cataract surgery.

Amends GS 131E-176 to define *ocular surgical procedure room* and *office-based cataract surgery* as used in Article 9, Certificate of Need, and to make a technical change.

Amends GS 131E-178. Amends the caption to read "Activities requiring certificate of need; limited exemption for gastrointestinal endoscopy procedures and office-based cataract surgery." Clarifies that the four listed criteria to exempt gastrointestinal endoscopy rooms from certificate of need requirements must all be met to receive the exemption. Exempts licensed ophthalmologists who provide office-based cataract surgery in one or more ocular surgical procedure rooms from certificate of need requirements, provided that the facility has been accredited by one of several specified organizations, and the license application includes a commitment to and plan for serving indigent and medically underserved populations. Requires all other persons proposing to obtain a license to establish an ambulatory surgical facility for office-based cataract surgery to obtain a certificate of need. Makes technical changes.

Intro. by Sanderson, Pate.

GS 131E

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

S 329 (2017-2018) **DIVESTMENT FROM COMPANIES THAT BOYCOTT ISRAEL**. Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT REQUIRING STATE DIVESTMENT FROM, AND PROHIBITING STATE AGENCIES FROM CONTRACTING WITH, COMPANIES THAT BOYCOTT ISRAEL.*

Includes several whereas clauses.

Enacts new Article 6G, Divestment from Companies Boycotting Israel, in GS Chapter 147, providing as follows. Requires the State Treasurer, no more than 30 days after October 1, 2017, to adopt a policy prohibiting the North Carolina Retirement Systems or the Department of State Treasurer from directly investing in any company engaged in a boycott of Israel. Defines *boycott Israel or boycott of Israel* as engaging in refusals to deal, terminating business activities, or taking actions that are intended to penalize, inflict economic harm, or otherwise limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or persons or entities doing business in Israel or in Israeli-controlled territories; the term excludes decisions made for ordinary business purposes. Sets out the following minimum requirements for the policy: (1) requires the State Treasurer, within 120 days of adoption of the policy, to develop and make publicly available a list of companies determined to be engaged in a boycott of Israel; (2) requires the State Treasurer to identify any restricted companies in which the North Carolina Retirement Systems own direct holdings and indirect holdings; (3) requires the State Treasurer to annually review the list of restricted companies; (4) prohibits the North Carolina Retirement Systems and the State Treasurer from making direct investments in a restricted company; (5) requires the North Carolina Retirement Systems and the State Treasurer to sell, redeem, divest, or withdraw all direct holdings of restricted companies and instruct all investment advisors to sell, redeem, divest, or withdraw all direct holdings of restricted companies within 90 days after a company is placed on the State Treasurer's list of restricted companies; and (6) provides that the prohibitions under subdivision (3) do not apply to the North Carolina Retirement Systems' or the State Treasurer's indirect holdings or private market funds. Exempts the North Carolina Retirement Systems and the State Treasurer from any conflicting statutory or common law obligations.

Makes a restricted company ineligible to contract with the State or any political subdivision of the State. Voids any contract entered into with a company identified as a restricted company at the time of contract. Requires the State agency to review the

information and offer the company an opportunity to respond upon receiving information that the company was not identified as restricted at the time of contract but has later been identified as a restricted company. Allows the State agency to take appropriate action provided by law, rule, or contract if the company fails to demonstrate that the company should not have been identified as a restricted company within 90 days after notification by the State agency. Specifies that contracts in existence on October 1, 2017, with restricted companies are allowed to expire in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Requires the State Treasurer to annually report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations by March 1 on information regarding investments sold, redeemed, divested, or withdrawn in compliance with the Article.

Effective October 1, 2017.

Effective when the act becomes law, authorizes the State Treasurer to retain the services of consultants, professional individuals, analysts, data collection firms, or other persons possessing specialized skills or knowledge necessary for the proper implementation and administration of the requirements of this act.

Intro. by Tucker, Gunn, Brock.

GS 147

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Employment and Retirement, Government, State Agencies, Department of State Treasurer, State Government, State Property

S 330 (2017-2018) **EXEMPT HOSPICE INPATIENT FACILITIES FROM CON.** Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT EXEMPTING HOSPICE INPATIENT FACILITIES FROM CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW.*

Amends GS 131E-176 to revise the definitions of five terms to exclude hospice inpatient facilities, exempting them from certificate of need review. Any hospice inpatient facility which operated under a certificate of need prior to the effective date of the act is exempt from certificate of need review after that date.

Intro. by Brown.

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S 331 (2017-2018) **MILITARY OPERATIONS PROTECTION ACT OF 2017.** Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE CONSIDERATION OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ONSHORE AND OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY FACILITIES AND DIRECT A STUDY OF GEOSPATIAL, TEMPORAL, AND OTHER DATA TO UNDERSTAND THE EXTENT AND SCOPE OF MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THIS STATE WITH RESPECT TO ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE.*

Contains whereas clauses.

Establishes a statewide moratorium on consideration of applications for and on the issuance of permits for wind energy facilities and expansions, to allow the General Assembly time to study the extent and scope of military operations in the State and the impact of future wind energy facilities on military operations. Directs the Department of Environmental Quality and the Coastal Resources Commission to not consider applications for wind energy facilities from January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2020. Does not prohibit consideration of application or issuance of permit for wind energy facilities or expansions for facilities that have received a written "Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation" by the Federal Aviation Administration on or before May 17, 2013, or if the applicant can show that a completed application was submitted on or before January 1, 2017.

Directs the General Assembly's funds to complete a study of the extent and scope of military operations in the state to create maps and other data and documentation to communicate the temporal and spatial use of land-, air-, and water-based military operations by June 30, 2019. Directs the Legislative Services Officer to issue a request for proposals related to the study by December 31, 2017, and to award contracts by June 30, 2018. Instructs the selected contractors to consult with specified military personnel.

Appropriates \$50,000 for 2016-17 from the General Assembly's funds for the purpose of funding the study described above, to be used through the 2017-18 fiscal year or until the money is spent, whichever is first.

Intro. by Brown, Sanderson, Pate.

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, General Assembly, Military and Veteran's Affairs

S 332 (2017-2018) **REPEAL HB 2**. Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO REPEAL S.L. 2016-99 AND S.L. 2016-3*.

Repeals SL 2016-99 (Restore State Claim for Wrongful Discharge) and SL 2016-3 (Public Facilities Privacy and Security Act, popularly known as HB2).

Prohibits local governments from enacting or amending ordinances regulating public accommodations or access to restrooms, showers, or changing facilities. Expires 30 days following the adjournment in 2017 of the 2017 General Assembly for more than 30 days jointly.

Intro. by Ford.

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Business and Commerce, Education, Government, State Agencies, Local Government

S 333 (2017-2018) **REQUIRE USE OF DIRECTIONAL SIGNALS**. Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DRIVER OF ANY VEHICLE UPON A HIGHWAY OR PUBLIC VEHICULAR AREA TO GIVE A DIRECTIONAL SIGNAL BEFORE STARTING, STOPPING, OR TURNING THE VEHICLE FROM A DIRECT LINE*.

Amends GS 20-154(a) to always require a driver to use a turn signal before starting, stopping, or turning from a direct line (currently only required when another vehicle may be affected by such movement). Makes organizational changes.

Effective December 1, 2017.

Intro. by Lee, J. Jackson.

GS 20

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Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle

S 334 (2017-2018) **MH/SA CENTRAL ASSESSMENT & NAVIGATION PILOT**. Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CENTRAL ASSESSMENT AND NAVIGATION SYSTEM PILOT PROGRAM IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS UTILIZING HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES*.

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (Division), and local management entities/managed care organizations (LME/MCOs) responsible for New Hanover County to establish a two-year pilot program in New Hanover County to focus on assessing and navigating individuals to appropriate community-based mental health or substance-abuse services and resources to reduce utilization of hospital emergency department services for those purposes.

Provides for the location of the pilot program, and creates a three-person centralized team to operate the program.

Directs the LME/MCO for New Hanover to report to the Division and the Fiscal Research Division on the effectiveness of the pilot program by July 1, 2018, and again by July 1, 2019. Directs the Division to report to the Joint Legislative Oversight

Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division on the effectiveness of the program, along with recommendations for sustaining or expanding it, by October 1, 2019.

Appropriates \$250,000 each for 2017-18 and 2018-19 from the General Fund to the Division to fund the program described above.

Effective July 1, 2017.

Intro. by Lee, Rabon.

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S 335 (2017-2018) [STUDY/FAIR TREATMENT OF COLLEGE ATHLETES](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON THE FAIR TREATMENT OF COLLEGE STUDENT-ATHLETES*.

Contains whereas clauses.

Creates a twelve-member Legislative Commission on the Fair Treatment of College Student-Athletes (Commission), consisting of six members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and six members of the House appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, with representation in proportion to the party makeup of each chamber. The Lieutenant Governor is an ex officio voting member, and the chair of the Commission. States the Commission's purpose as examining the needs and concerns of college students participating in athletics on behalf of the UNC constituent institutions and to propose appropriate legislation. Directs the Commission to study issues related to the provision of health insurance, injuries, unionization, and profit-sharing for student athletes, including twelve specified topics. Authorizes the Commission to exercise all powers under GS 120-19 and GS 120-19.1 through GS 120-19.4. Provides for the meeting space, support staff, and subsistence and travel expenses of the commission.

Directs the Commission to file an interim report of its results by December 1, 2017, and a final report by April 1, 2018, including any proposed legislation, to the members of the General Assembly by filing copies with the offices of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Legislative Library. The Commission terminates upon the convening of the 2019 General Assembly or upon the filing of its final report, whichever occurs first.

Effective July 1, 2017.

Intro. by Daniel, Bishop, Tarte.

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

S 336 (2017-2018) [CATAWBA VALLEY CC/MANUFACTURING CENTER](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO CODIFY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MANUFACTURING SOLUTIONS CENTER AT CATAWBA VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE*.

Identical to [H 316](#), filed 3/9/17.

Enacts new GS Chapter 115D, Article 5B.

Sets out the purpose of the Manufacturing Solutions Center (Center) at Catawba Valley Community College (College). Directs the president of the College to appoint an individual to serve as the executive director of the Center. Directs the executive director to select Center personnel, subject to approval by the president of the College. Subjects executive director and Center personnel to personnel policies of the College. Directs that fees collected by the Center for services to industry, except for regular curriculum and continuing education tuition receipts, are retained by the Center and used for its operations. Exempts purchases made by the Center from GS Chapter 143, Article 3 (regarding state institution purchases and contracts). Directs the Center to notify the Secretary of the Department of Administration, or the Secretary's designee, of the intent to enter into contracts that exceed \$1 million, and to include in all agreements or contracts awarded by the Center a clause allowing the State Auditor and Center

auditors to audit the contractor's records during and after the term of the contract. Prohibits the Center from awarding a cost plus percentage of cost agreement or contract.

Intro. by Tillman.

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[Business and Commerce, Education, Higher Education](#)

S 337 (2017-2018) [REGULATION OF FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF FULLY AUTONOMOUS MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS OF THIS STATE*.

Amends GS 20-4.01 to revise the definition of *operator* to include persons who cause fully autonomous vehicles to move or travel with the automated driving system engaged.

Amends GS 20-8 to exempt fully autonomous vehicles with the automatic driving system engaged and their operators from GS Chapter 20, Article 2 (Uniform Driver's License Act).

Amends GS 20-49 to provide that fully autonomous vehicles with an engaged automated driving system satisfy the requirement to exhibit a registration card if the card is in the vehicle, or available online, and readily available to be inspected by an officer or inspector. Makes conforming changes to GS 20-57.

Amends GS 20-57 to require a registration card for a fully autonomous vehicle to contain information required under new GS 20-400(a)(5).

Amends GS 20-135.2A to exempt fully autonomous vehicles with an automated driving system engaged from seat belt requirements.

Amends GS 20-135.2B and GS 20-137.1 to make the parent or guardian of a child responsible for compliance with the prohibition on transporting children under the age of 16 in the bed or cargo area of a fully autonomous vehicle with an automatic driving system engaged, and the requirement that a passenger less than 16 years old be properly secured with a child restraint system or seat belt. Exempts the parents or legal guardians of passengers who do not comply with the seat belt requirement from the penalty of two drivers license points.

Amends GS 20-163 to exempt fully autonomous vehicles with an automatic driving system engaged from the prohibition on unattended motor vehicles with an engine running.

Amends GS 20-166 and GS 20-166.1 to provide that fully autonomous vehicles with an automatic driving system engaged are considered compliant with the requirements to stop in the event of a crash if the vehicle remains on the scene of the crash, and the vehicle or the person responsible for the vehicle promptly contacts a law enforcement agency and communicates the required information. Holds the owner of the vehicle responsible for violations of this requirement.

Enacts new GS Chapter 20, Article 17 (Regulation of Fully Autonomous Vehicles). New GS 20-399 defines five terms, including *fully autonomous vehicle* and *automated driving system*. New GS 20-400 creates five requirements for the operation of a fully autonomous vehicle with an automated driving system engaged without a human driver present in the vehicle, including being covered by a motor vehicle liability policy. Provides that no local government may enact a law or ordinance regulating fully autonomous vehicles and their operation.

Makes technical and conforming changes.

Effective December 1, 2017.

Intro. by Meredith, J. Davis, McInnis.

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[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle](#)

S 338 (2017-2018) [VIOLATION OF TAX LAW/VENUE](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE SITUS OF TAX LAW VIOLATIONS IS IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE CHARGED OFFENSE OCCURRED AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAS SOLE JURISDICTION TO PROSECUTE VIOLATIONS OF TAX LAW.*

Amends GS 15A-132 (concurrent venue provisions of the Criminal Procedure Act) to establish that for acts or omissions constituting violation of a tax law, the county where the charged offense occurred has exclusive venue. Makes conforming changes to GS 105-236(b) to establish violation of a tax law is considered an act committed in the county where the charged offense occurred. Additionally establishes that the District Attorney has sole jurisdiction to prosecute violations of tax law, but clarifies that the Attorney General has concurrent jurisdiction in the prosecution if the District Attorney requests in writing that the Attorney General prosecute the violation.

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

Intro. by Meredith, Britt, Bishop.

[GS 15A, GS 105](#)

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

S 339 (2017-2018) [UTILITIES/RATE BASE/FAIR VALUE DETERMINATION](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING WATER AND WASTEWATER PUBLIC UTILITIES TO ELECT TO USE A FAIR VALUE DETERMINATION FOR RATE-MAKING PURPOSES WHEN ACQUIRING UTILITIES OWNED BY COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES.*

Identical to [H 351](#), filed 3/14/17.

Enacts new GS 62-133.1A (Fair value determination of government-owned water and wastewater systems). Authorizes water and wastewater public utilities to elect to establish rate base by using the fair value of the utility property instead of original cost when acquiring an existing water or wastewater system owned by a municipality or county or an authority or district. Establishes criteria for the determination of the fair value, including evaluation and assessment by two separate appraisals, and a licensed engineer jointly retained by the acquiring and selling utilities to conduct an assessment. Establishes procedure for application to the Commission for a determination of the rate base value of the system to be acquired, including requirements for submission of specified information. Directs the Commission to issue its final order approving or denying an application that meets the requirements within four months of the date on which the application was filed. An order approving an application must determine the rate base value of the acquired property for rate-making purposes. Clarifies that the Commission retains its authority to set rates for the acquired system in future rate cases.

Makes conforming changes to GS 62-133.

Intro. by Meredith.

[GS 62](#)

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S 340 (2017-2018) [RATE MAKING/WATER/WASTEWATER PUBLIC UTILITIES](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE UTILITIES COMMISSION TO USE A FULLY PROJECTED FUTURE TEST PERIOD IN RATE MAKING FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER PUBLIC UTILITIES.*

Identical to [H 352](#) filed on 3/14/17.

Enacts new GS 62-133(c1), authorizing water or wastewater public utilities to use a fully projected future test period in lieu of the test period provided in subsection (c). Directs the Utilities Commission (Commission), when using a fully projected future test period, to determine the projected rate base at the end of the future test period. Directs the Commission to adopt rules and regulations regarding submission requirements for fully projected future test periods. Directs a public utility that uses a fully projected future test period as part of a final rate determination by the Commission to provide appropriate data evidencing the accuracy of the estimates, and authorizes the Commission to adjust the public utility's rates on the basis of that data after notice

and hearing. Directs the Commission to permit facilities projected to be in service during the fully projected future test period to be included in the base rate.

Intro. by Meredith.

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S 341 (2017-2018) **OPERATING FUNDS FOR LINVILLE NURSERY**. Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE OPERATING FUNDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA FOREST SERVICE'S LINVILLE RIVER TREE NURSERY*.

Appropriates \$200,000 in recurring funds for 2017-18 from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, for operating support for the NC Forest Service's Linville River Tree Nursery. If the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services permanently closes the nursery, the funds revert to the General Fund.

Effective July 1, 2017.

Intro. by Hise, Ballard.

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Agriculture, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

S 342 (2017-2018) **ENACT ENHANCED ACCESS TO EYE CARE ACT**. Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT AMENDING THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY IN ORDER TO ENHANCE ACCESS TO EYE CARE IN NORTH CAROLINA*.

Contains whereas clauses.

Amends GS 90-114 to amend the definition of the practice of optometry to include surgery, except for a list of eighteen procedures including retina laser procedures and the administration of general anesthesia, effective January 1, 2018.

Amends GS 90-118 to direct the NC State Board of Examiners in Optometry (Board) to identify any procedure, technique, or treatment which the Board determines to require additional education, training, or experience in order for the optometrist performing the treatment, using the technique, or employing the treatment to do so with the requisite skill and standard of care. Prohibits licensed optometrists from performing those procedures, techniques, or treatments unless they have submitted to the Board evidence of completion of all requirements to perform that action, and has been certified by the Board as qualified to perform the treatment.

Directs a new ten-member committee appointed by the Board to recommend to the Board by July 31, 2017, requirements to perform any procedure, technique, or treatment identified by the Board under GS 90-118, as amended above. Directs the Board to consider the recommendations and establish appropriate protocol and criteria for certification. Authorizes the Board to create future committees to recommend future revisions to these protocol and criteria.

Except as otherwise specified, the act is effective when it becomes law.

Intro. by Hise, Tucker, Brock.

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Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers

S 343 (2017-2018) **INCREASE TEACHER SUPPLEMENT/ELECTRONIC NOTICE**. Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO MODERNIZE PUBLICATION OF LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES, REQUIRE INTERNET WEB SITE PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES, ALLOW THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF COUNTIES AND CITIES TO OPT TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC NOTICES TO BE*

GIVEN ELECTRONICALLY, AND ALLOW COUNTIES TO OPT TO POST LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES ON THE COUNTY WEB SITE FOR A FEE WITH MONIES COLLECTED TO BE USED FOR LOCAL SUPPLEMENTS FOR TEACHER SALARY AND OTHER COUNTY NEEDS.

Makes the following changes to Article 50 of GS Chapter 1 (General Provisions as to Legal Advertising).

Amends GS 1-595 (advertisement of public sales) providing that when a statute or written instrument stipulates that an advertisement of a sale must be made for any certain number of weeks, publication on the county website in accordance with GS 1-602 (enacted by this act) for the number of weeks indicated is sufficient for compliance.

Amends GS 1-596 (charges for legal advertising) providing that when a notice is required by statute to be published by a unit of government more than once and is paid for by the unit of government and the cost of publication is not paid in advance by or allowed to be recouped from private parties, the unit of government can not be charged for the second and successive publications of that notice at a rate greater than 85% of the rate charged for the first publication in the series.

Amends GS 1-597 (regulations for newspaper publication of legal notices, advertisements, etc.), deleting the existing regulations and instead setting forth four requirements that a newspaper must meet for a required publication, legal notice, or advertisement to have full force and effect. Requires (1) the newspaper to have content that appeals to the public generally; (2) the newspaper to have more than a de minimis number of actual paid subscribers in the county or political subdivision where the publication, advertisement, or notice is required to be published; (3) the newspaper's paid subscriber distribution to not be entirely limited geographically to one community, or section, of the county or political subdivision where the publication, advertisement, or notice is required to be published; and (4) the newspaper to be available to anyone in the county or political subdivision where the publication, advertisement, or notice is required to be published who wishes to subscribe to it. Requires the newspaper to place each notice on the newspaper's website on the same day that the notice appears in the newspaper at no additional cost if the newspaper maintains a website displaying the contents of the newspaper. Requires a hyperlink to legal notices to be provided on the front page of the newspaper's website to provide access to the legal notices without charge. Requires the size and placement of legal notices on the website to comply with requirements for a printed legal notice. Requires the webpage containing legal notices to present the legal notices as the dominant subject matter of those pages. Also requires the newspaper's website to contain a search function for searching legal notices. Requires the newspaper to, without charge, provide email notification of legal notices printed and added to the website upon the request of a person. Requires notification for the email registry to be available on the front page of the legal notices section of the newspaper's webpage. Clarifies that for any legal notice required to be published more than once, email notification required by this statute only applies to the first publication in the series of that notice. Establishes that any error in the placement of a governmental legal notice on a newspaper's website is considered harmless error and the requirement of proper legal notice is to be deemed met if the governmental entity placing the notice also places the notice on its own website under an ordinance adopted in accordance with GS 153A-52.2 (enacted by this act).

Makes clarifying change to the caption of GS 1-598 to now describe the statute as *Sworn statement prima facie evidence of qualifications; affidavit of publication by a newspaper* (currently, does not clarify publication by a newspaper). Makes organizational changes.

Enacts GS 1-602, *Publication via county-maintained website*, providing that in lieu of publishing in a newspaper, publication of any notice permitted or required by law to be published in a newspaper can be accomplished by contracting with a county who has adopted an ordinance under GS 153A-458 (enacted by this act) to publish the notice on the county-maintained website. Details publication fees the county may charge ranging from \$0 to \$450, and the distribution of fees collected, with 10% of fees collected to be used for county administrative costs, 40% to the county general fund, and 50% to the local board of education for payment of local supplements for teachers as defined by GS 115C-325.1(6). Provides for a county employee's sworn written statement to be prima facie evidence that the county placed the notice, paper, document or legal advertisement on its website for the stated period of time, and deems the sworn statement a record of the court and prima facie evidence that the county made the publication on its website for the stated period of time when filed and certified by the clerk of superior court. Clarifies that the statute does not require a county to adopt an ordinance under GS 153A-458 and publish notices on a county-maintained website.

Enacts GS 153A-52.2, *Electronic notice for notices required to be published by the board*, authorizing a governing board of a county to adopt an ordinance providing that any notice the board is required by law to publish or advertise, whether under GS 1-597 or GS Chapter 143 Article 8, or any other general law or local act, can be published electronically, as provided, in lieu of or in addition to the required publication or advertisement. Defines *governing board* to mean the body elected or appointed as the board of county commissioners, city council, or county board of elections. Clarifies that the county ordinance can cover all notices required to be published or advertised or a clearly identified category of notices. Requires the governing board to publish

specific instruction regarding how to access noticed published electronically under the adopted ordinance at least once a month for 12 months in a newspaper having general circulation for that jurisdiction, as provided in GS 1-597 as amended by this act. Details five requirements of any notice published under an ordinance adopted pursuant to this statute, including the requirement that notices and links to all notices on the website must be maintained on the website for at least one year after publication and must be searchable. Establishes that ordinances adopted under the statute cannot supersede any general law or local act that requires notice by mail to certain persons or classes of persons, or the posting of signs on certain property. Sets out that the ordinance adopted by the governing board can control notice given by any board appointed by the governing board, including the planning board, board of social services, and board of health.

Makes conforming changes to GS 160A-1(7), GS 153A-1(6), and GS 159-1(b)(5) to include electronic notice to the defined term publish where an ordinance has been adopted by that governing board. Makes organizational and technical changes.

Makes conforming change to amend GS 163-33 (powers and duties of county board of elections) to authorize the county board to adopt a policy in accordance with GS 153A-52.2 to provide for notices, advertisements, and publications to be given electronically.

Enacts GS 153A-458, authorizing the board of county commissioners to adopt an ordinance establishing the county website as a central location for publishing or advertising legal notices in accordance with GS 1-602, so long as three qualifications are met: (1) the county maintains its own website, with sufficient staff to maintain that website; (2) the county has sufficient staff to complete affidavits as needed for all legal notices as stated in GS 1-602(d); and (3) the county collects and remits fees as provided in GS 1-602(b) and (c).

Clarifies that the validation of any publication, or notice pursuant to a previous enactment of GS 1-597 remains in effect and is not effected by any modifications of that statute enacted by this act.

Effective October 1, 2017, and applies to notices required to be published on or after that date, but does not apply to notices permitted to be pushed on a governmental website in lieu of newspaper publication pursuant to an ordinance enacted before that date.

Intro. by Wade, Meredith, Bishop.

[GS 1](#), [GS 153A](#), [GS 159](#), [GS 160A](#), [GS 163](#)

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S 344 (2017-2018) [COMBINE ADULT CORRECTION & JUVENILE JUSTICE](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO CONSOLIDATE THE DIVISION OF ADULT CORRECTION AND THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE INTO A SINGLE DIVISION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY.*

Adds new Part 1A, "Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice," to Article 13 of GS Chapter 143B. Enacts new GS 143B-630 establishing the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety, which has the power and duty to implement Parts 2 (Division of Adult Correction) and 3 (Division of Juvenile Justice) of Article 13 as well as other powers and duties set forth in GS Chapter 143B and as are prescribed by the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety.

Repeals GS 143B-700, which created the Division of Adult Correction of the Department of Public Safety.

Amends GS 143B-704 to provide that the functions of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety includes all functions of the executive branch of the State in relation to corrections and the rehabilitation of adult offenders, including detention, parole, and aftercare supervision, and further including those prescribed powers, duties, and functions enumerated in the laws of this State.

Makes conforming changes to now refer to the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice throughout GS Chapter 143B.

Renames the Division of Juvenile Justice as the Juvenile Justice Section of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice in GS 143B-800. Amends GS 143B-806 to provide that the Juvenile Justice Section of the Division of Adult Correction and

Juvenile Justice has all of the specified powers and duties, which were previously given to the Division of Juvenile Justice. Makes conforming changes throughout GS Chapter 143B.

Also makes conforming changes to statutes in GS Chapters 1, 7A, 7B, 14, 15, 15A, 15B, 17C, 20, 50, 65, 66, 97, 105, 108A, 114, 115C, 115D, 120, 122C, 126, 127A, 130A, 131E, 143, 143B, 146, 147, 148, 153A, 162, 163, and 164.

Directs the Revisor of Statutes to change any additional references in the General Statutes to the "Division of Adult Correction" to the "Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice" and to change any additional references in the General Statutes to the "Division of Juvenile Justice" to the "Juvenile Justice Section of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice."

Effective retroactively to July 1, 2013, and deems any acts committed by an employee of the Division of Adult Correction of the Department of Public Safety or the Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety after that date as having been committed by an employee of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety.

Intro. by Randleman.

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S 345 (2017-2018) **INTERSTATE COMPACT BILL**. Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO ALLOW THE COURT TO IMPOSE CUSTODIAL SANCTIONS AND OTHER CONDITIONS IN RESPONSE TO VIOLATION ON AN OUT-OF-STATE PROBATION OFFENDER; TO CLARIFY THE LANGUAGE CONCERNING HEARING PROCEDURES FOR OFFENDERS BEING SUPERVISED UNDER THE INTERSTATE COMPACT; AND TO ALLOW THE SECTION OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF PROBATION SUPERVISION FOR OFFENDERS BEING SUPERVISED UNDER THE INTERSTATE COMPACT.*

Identical to [H 370](#), filed 3/15/17.

Enacts new GS 15A-1344(d3). Provides that an offender on probation supervision under the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (Compact), who has violated probation terms, may be sanctioned with confinement of a length determined in the statute by the offender's underlying conviction, or any other condition listed in GS 15A-1343.

Amends GS 148-65.8. Amends the caption to read "Interstate parole and probation hearing procedures for retaking by the sending state." Deletes references to reincarceration.

Enacts new GS 15A-1343.2(g1) (Supervision Under Compact). Provides that offenders supervised under the Compact may be required by the Section of Community Corrections of the Division of Adult Correction of the Department of Public Safety (Section) to do any of nine things, including community service and house arrest with electronic monitoring. Authorizes the Section to reduce any of the requirements it imposes. Requires the offender to have failed to comply with one or more of the supervision conditions, or to be high risk, except that being high risk does not authorize the Section to require the offender to submit to a period of confinement in a local confinement facility as described in Subdivision (5).

Enacts new GS 14-208.40B(d) to direct a court to consider whether an offender, transferred to North Carolina under the Compact, whose crime is a reportable conviction under GS 14-208.6(4), but whose sentencing court in a different state did not consider or order satellite-based monitoring, to consider whether the offender's conviction requires satellite-based monitoring. Specifies the procedure for that determination.

Effective December 1, 2017, and applies to offenders placed on probation on or after that date.

Intro. by Randleman.

GS 14, GS 15A, GS 148

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Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Corrections (Sentencing/Probation), Criminal Law and Procedure

S 346 (2017-2018) [SALVAGE YARDS/WAITING PERIOD](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE SECONDARY METALS RECYCLERS AND SALVAGE YARDS TO WAIT AT LEAST SEVENTY-TWO HOURS FROM THE TIME OF PURCHASING A MOTOR VEHICLE BEFORE DISMANTLING OR WRECKING THE MOTOR VEHICLE.*

Amends GS 20-62.1 (purchase of vehicles for purposes of scrap or parts only) to require a secondary metals recycler or salvage yard purchasing a motor vehicle under the statute to wait at least 72 hours from the time it purchases the motor vehicle before dismantling or wrecking the motor vehicle. Makes conforming changes to add an additional requirement for the secondary metals recycler or salvage yard to maintain a record of the date and time of the transaction of a motor vehicle (currently, record of the date) in accordance with the provisions of the statute.

Effective October 1, 2017, and applies to motor vehicles purchased by a secondary metals recycler or salvage yard on or after that date.

Intro. by Britt, Ballard, J. Jackson.

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[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle](#)

S 347 (2017-2018) [REVISE SCHEDULE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT REVISING THE SCHEDULE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES TO ADD SYNTHETIC FENTANYLS, DESIGNER HALLUCINOGENICS, SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS, SYSTEM DEPRESSANTS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES.*

Amends GS 90-89 to add a specified opiate, 10 Fentanyl derivatives, six hallucinogenic substances, two systemic depressants, and Synthetic Cannabinoids, including 16 examples, to the list of Schedule I controlled substances, and to make technical changes.

Amends GS 90-90 to add any material, compound, mixture, or preparation containing any quantity of hydrocodone on the list of Schedule II controlled substances.

Amends GS 90-91 to add one narcotic and four anabolic steroids on the list of Schedule III controlled substances. Removes specified amounts of dihydrocodeinone.

Amends GS 90-92 to add four depressants to the list of Schedule IV controlled substances, and to make a conforming change.

Amends GS 90-93 to add to Schedule V controlled substances any material, compound, mixture, or preparation containing any quantity of two listed substances, having a stimulant effect on the central nervous system, unless specifically exempted or excluded or listed in another schedule.

Amends GS 90-94 to make a conforming change.

Effective December 1, 2017.

Intro. by J. Davis, McInnis.

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[Health and Human Services, Health](#)

S 348 (2017-2018) [ADOPT BOBWHITE QUAIL AS STATE GAME BIRD](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO ADOPT THE BOBWHITE QUAIL AS THE OFFICIAL GAME BIRD OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.*

Enacts new GS 145-49, as title indicates.

Intro. by McInnis, Lowe.

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LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 415 (2017-2018) [HATTERAS VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTER DISTRICT](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ELECTION IN THE VILLAGE OF HATTERAS ON THE QUESTION OF ALLOWING THE HATTERAS VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTER DISTRICT TO EXPAND THE USES OF AD VALOREM TAX FUNDS COLLECTED BY THE COUNTY ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF MULTIUSE PATHWAYS AROUND THE VILLAGE.*

Identical to [S 282](#), filed 3/15/17.

Authorizes the Dare County Board of County Commissioners (Board of Commissioners) to call an election in the specified voting precinct, decided by majority vote, on whether the Hatteras Village Community Center District (as described) can use the ad valorem tax in SL 1981-212 to construct and maintain multiuse pathways around Hatteras Village. Directs the Dare County Board of Elections to determine and declare the results of the election, and certify the results to the Board of Commissioners. Specifies the text of the ballot. Directs the Board of Commissioners to adopt a resolution in the event of an affirmative vote.

Amends SL 1981-212 to authorize the use of the ad valorem tax as described above, effective upon an affirmative vote as described above.

Intro. by Boswell.

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction, Government, Tax

H 416 (2017-2018) [ROBESON COUNTY/LOCAL BUSINESS PREFERENCE](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT PROVIDING THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES SHALL, WHEN CONTRACTING FOR CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR WORK OR FOR THE PURCHASE OF APPARATUS, SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, OR EQUIPMENT INVOLVING THE EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS, GIVE PREFERENCE TO LOCAL BIDDERS AND LOCAL RESIDENTS WHEN CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.*

Identical to [S 277](#), filed 3/15/17.

Enacts new GS 143-131.2 (Local contract preference), which applies only to Robeson County and the cities within the County.

Authorizes Robeson County and its municipalities, when contracting for construction or repair work or for the purchase of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment involving the expenditure of public funds, to award public contracts to local contractors when the local contractor's bid is within 5% or \$10,000, whichever is lower, of the lowest responsible, responsive nonlocal bid, and the local bid matches the lowest responsible, responsive nonlocal bid. Requires contractors who win public contracts to give preference to local businesses and residents in purchasing, subcontracting, and employment on the contract, and directs contractors to submit Community Preference Plans, which define the steps the contractor is taking to give preference to local businesses and residents.

Intro. by C. Graham.

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H 419 (2017-2018) [SCHOOL CAL. FLEX./CERTAIN SYSTEMS](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO CERTAIN SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.*

Under current law, GS 115C-84.2(d) provides authority to local boards of education to determine the opening and closing dates for public schools under subdivision (a)(1) within the specified parameters provided in subsection (d). This act amends the specified parameters to provide that the local boards of education for the Onslow County Schools and the Pender County Schools can set the opening date for students to be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 14 (currently, August 26). Deletes

provisions that allow the State Board of Education to waive the opening and closing date requirements upon a showing of good cause by a local board of education.

Amends GS 115C-174.12(a)(4) (concerning the administration of annual assessments of student achievement) to authorize a local board that has implemented a school calendar that concludes the fall semester prior to December 31 to administer assessments prior to the conclusion of that semester.

This act applies only to the Onslow County Schools and Pender County Schools, beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

Intro. by Millis, Cleveland.

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

H 420 (2017-2018) [ROCKINGHAM CTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT CHANGING THE MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM*.

Amends SL 1991-322, Section 2, to revise membership on the Richmond County Tourism Development Authority (Authority). Deletes the provision requiring at least a third of members to be affiliated with businesses that collect tax in the county and half to be active in the promotion of travel and tourism in the county. Designates a seat for the Executive Director of Rockingham County Economic Development and Tourism (currently the Executive Director of the Rockingham County Economic Development Commission). Adds an ex officio, nonvoting seat for the County Finance Officer. Deletes the provision requiring two individuals involved in tourist businesses to be on the Authority. Increases the number of individuals involved in businesses or professions whose expertise would benefit the Authority from five to seven, and eliminates the requirement that these seats be affiliated with businesses that collect the occupancy tax and instead makes it optional. Removes the seat designation for the President of the Chinqua Penn Foundation, Inc. Provides that all vacancies shall be filled by the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners (was, by the appointing authority of the member creating the vacancy). Provides that voting members may serve no more than two consecutive terms (currently, all members). Requires that the chair must be a voting member, whose term shall last one year.

Does not affect the terms of the current members.

Intro. by Bert Jones, K. Hall.

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H 426 (2017-2018) [SANFORD-LEE COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY CHANGES](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE SANFORD-LEE COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN CONTRACTS FOR A PERIOD GREATER THAN TWENTY YEARS*.

Amends SL 1991-903, as amended, to change the composition of the Sanford-Lee County Airport Authority (Authority) to remove the Lee County Development Director member and replace that member with an appointee of the Sanford Area Growth Alliance Executive Committee. Additionally, increases the maximum term the Authority may enter into for a lease, contract, or operating license, as specified, from a term of 20 years to a term of 40 years. Makes technical changes.

Intro. by Sauls, Reives.

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H 429 (2017-2018) [CITY OF SALUDA OCCUPANCY TAX](#). Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO CREATE A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT MADE UP OF THE PORTION OF THE CITY OF SALUDA THAT LIES IN POLK COUNTY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SPECIAL*

TAXING DISTRICT TO LEVY A THREE PERCENT ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX.

Creates a new tax district for the part of the city of Saluda that is in Polk County, to be called Saluda District D. Saluda District D is a body politic and corporate. Provides for the governance of that district by the Saluda Board of Commissioners and the officers of Polk County.

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

Intro. by Henson.

Henderson, Polk

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Government, Tax

H 430 (2017-2018) **SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEX./CERTAIN SYSTEMS.** Filed Mar 21 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO CERTAIN SCHOOL SYSTEMS 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 Camden County Schools, Currituck County Schools, Edenton-Chowan Schools, Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools, Perquimans County Schools, and Tyrrell County Schools with additional flexibility in adopting their school calendars.

Applies beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

Intro. by Steinburg.

Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 84: DL/DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING DESCRIPTION (New)

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Re-ref Com On Judiciary III

H 90: ELIMINATE NC FINAL EXAM.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 03/22/2017

H 128: PROHIBIT DRONE USE OVER PRISON/JAIL.

House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 03/22/2017

H 138: REVISE GANG LAWS.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 03/22/2017

H 155: MODIFY EDUCATOR LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 03/22/2017

H 214: AUTOCYCLES/NO HELMET REQUIRED.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On Insurance

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

H 242: LICENSE PLATE READER SYSTEMS IN STATE ROWS.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On Energy and Public Utilities

H 247: LIMIT SOLDIERS' COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On Appropriations

H 300: PARTIALLY DISABLED VETERAN/FREE PLATE.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On Finance

H 302: DODEA/CLINICAL EDUCATORS FOR STUDENT TEACHING.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Re-ref Com On Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs

H 316: CATAWBA VALLEY CC/MANUFACTURING CENTER.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On Appropriations

H 404: DEBTS TO JUDGMENT DEBTORS/PAY TO SHERIFF.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Judiciary I

H 405: IMPACT FEES/REFUND TO HOMEOWNERS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 406: REPEAL ORANGE COUNTY IMPACT FEES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 409: STATE AGENCIES/ADJUST HIRING PRACTICES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 410: ROOT OUT POVERTY/TASK FORCE FUNDS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Appropriations

H 411: HYPERTENSION AWARENESS DAY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 412: UNC PUBLIC RECORDS/ATHLETIC CONFERENCES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 413: LIMIT LEGISLATIVE SERVICE TO 16 YEARS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 414: SWAIN COUNTY/OFFICIAL TROUT FISHING LOCATION.

House: Filed

H 417: ACTUALLY GET RID OF COMMON CORE ACT.

House: Filed

H 418: SOS/SAVE OUR STREET SIGNS.

House: Filed

H 421: CLARIFY HUT & IMPROVE VEHICLE TITLING PROCESS.

House: Filed

H 422: RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIAS.

House: Filed

H 423: CHECK-OFF DONATION: LAND TRUSTS.

House: Filed

H 424: SUPERSEDING DOMESTIC ORDERS.

House: Filed

H 425: IMPROVE UTILIZATION OF MH PROFESSIONALS.

House: Filed

H 427: EFFICIENT AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY RATES.

House: Filed

H 428: PROBATION/PAROLE OFFICERS RETIREMENT.

House: Filed

H 431: REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL CLARIFICATIONS.

House: Filed

H 432: INCREASE TEACHER SUPPLEMENT/ELECTRONIC NOTICE.

House: Filed

H 433: AGRICULTURE/SCIENCE EARLY COLLEGE FUNDS.

House: Filed

S 8: EASE OCC. LIC. BURDENS ON MILITARY FAMILIES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Finance

S 42: REDUCE COST & REG. BURDEN/HOSP. CONSTRUCTION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 55: SCHOOL BUS CAMERAS/CIVIL PENALTIES.

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

S 64: VETERANS' HISTORY AWARENESS MONTH.

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

S 68: STUDENT ATTENDANCE/PAGE PROGRAM RECOGNITION.

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

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

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 100: AERIAL ADVENTURE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 125: CHILDREN OF WARTIME VETERANS MODIFICATIONS.

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

S 131: REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 2016.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Regulatory Reform

S 148: JUROR EXCUSED BY CLERK OF SUP. CT.

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

S 161: CONFORMING CHANGES LME/MCO GRIEVANCES/APPEALS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Health Care. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 169: TEACHING EXCELLENCE BONUS EXPANSION.

Senate: Reptd Fav

S 189: TOLLING OF MISD. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 196: VETERINARY PRACTICE OMNIBUS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 216: LOCAL FIREFIGHTER RELIEF FUND REPORTING.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Appropriations on Pensions, Compensation, and Benefits. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 296: ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ADJACENT TO SCHOOLS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Transportation. If fav, re-ref to State and Local Government. If fav, re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 299: HABITUAL IMPAIRED DRIVING/10-YEAR PERIOD.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 304: REQUIRED FINANCIAL AUDITS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to State and Local Government. If fav, re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 305: RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIAS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 307: OCCUP. THERAPY/CHOICE OF PROVIDER.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 315: IMPLEMENT UNC UNDERGRAD COMPLETION PLAN.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Education/Higher Education. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 318: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEXIBILITY/PED REPORT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 319: NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES/CONFIRMATION.

Senate: Filed

S 320: SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION CONFIRMATION.

Senate: Filed

S 321: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEXIBILITY/PED REPORT.

Senate: Filed

S 322: CAREGIVER ADVISE, RECORD & ENABLE (CARE) ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 323: UNC PUBLIC RECORDS/ATHLETIC CONFERENCES.

Senate: Filed

S 324: REPEAL CERTIFICATE OF NEED LAWS.

Senate: Filed

S 325: BILLION DOLLAR MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUT.

Senate: Filed

S 326: CLARIFY HUT & IMPROVE VEHICLE TITLING PROCESS.

Senate: Filed

S 327: DRIVERS WITH DISABILITIES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Senate: Filed

S 328: LOWER COST OF CATARACTS FOR SENIORS ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 329: DIVESTMENT FROM COMPANIES THAT BOYCOTT ISRAEL.

Senate: Filed

S 330: EXEMPT HOSPICE INPATIENT FACILITIES FROM CON.

Senate: Filed

S 331: MILITARY OPERATIONS PROTECTION ACT OF 2017.

Senate: Filed

S 332: REPEAL HB 2.

Senate: Filed

S 333: REQUIRE USE OF DIRECTIONAL SIGNALS.

Senate: Filed

S 334: MH/SA CENTRAL ASSESSMENT & NAVIGATION PILOT.

Senate: Filed

S 335: STUDY/FAIR TREATMENT OF COLLEGE ATHLETES.

Senate: Filed

S 336: CATAWBA VALLEY CC/MANUFACTURING CENTER.

Senate: Filed

S 337: REGULATION OF FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES.

Senate: Filed

S 338: VIOLATION OF TAX LAW/VENUE.

Senate: Filed

S 339: UTILITIES/RATE BASE/FAIR VALUE DETERMINATION.

Senate: Filed

S 340: RATE MAKING/WATER/WASTEWATER PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Senate: Filed

S 341: OPERATING FUNDS FOR LINVILLE NURSERY.

Senate: Filed

S 342: ENACT ENHANCED ACCESS TO EYE CARE ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 343: INCREASE TEACHER SUPPLEMENT/ELECTRONIC NOTICE.

Senate: Filed

S 344: COMBINE ADULT CORRECTION & JUVENILE JUSTICE.

Senate: Filed

S 345: INTERSTATE COMPACT BILL.

Senate: Filed

S 346: SALVAGE YARDS/WAITING PERIOD.

Senate: Filed

S 347: REVISE SCHEDULE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

Senate: Filed

S 348: ADOPT BOBWHITE QUAIL AS STATE GAME BIRD.

Senate: Filed

LOCAL BILLS

H 42: ROWAN-SALISBURY BD. OF ED. ELECTION METHOD.

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 407: CABARRUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REDISTRICTING.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Elections and Ethics Law, if favorable, State and Local Government I

H 408: FILLING VACANCY/CABARRUS COUNTY BD. OF COMM.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On State and Local Government I

H 415: HATTERAS VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTER DISTRICT.

House: Filed

H 416: ROBESON COUNTY/LOCAL BUSINESS PREFERENCE.

House: Filed

H 419: SCHOOL CAL. FLEX./CERTAIN SYSTEMS.

House: Filed

H 420: ROCKINGHAM CTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

House: Filed

H 426: SANFORD-LEE COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY CHANGES.

House: Filed

H 429: CITY OF SALUDA OCCUPANCY TAX.

House: Filed

H 430: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEX./CERTAIN SYSTEMS.

House: Filed