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PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 29 (2017-2018) [RECORD OF EXCUSALS FROM JURY DUTY](#). Filed Jan 31 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED FROM JURY DUTY BASED ON DISQUALIFICATION SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE BIENNIUM.*

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

Amends proposed GS 9-6.2 to require that the clerk of superior court keep the records of the name, address, and reason for request for each person requesting to be excused from jury duty on the basis that the person is not qualified for jury service under GS 9-3, for the remainder of the biennium (was, for no less than two years form the date of excusal). Also expands the list of recipients of the clerk's record for any person excused from jury duty for any reason related to qualifications under GS 163-55, to require that the record be provided to the local board of elections in addition to the already required State Board of Elections. Adds that the record is to be provided by the clerk quarterly, and requires that it be provided electronically. Adds the the State Board of Elections must retain the record for two years and allows the clerk of superior court to destroy the records at the end of each biennium.

Makes conforming changes to the act's long title.

Intro. by Cleveland.

GS 9

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[Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Government, Public Records and Open Meetings, State Agencies, Department of Justice](#)

H 74 (2017-2018) [ADOPT BOBCAT AS STATE CAT](#). Filed Feb 8 2017, *AN ACT ADOPTING THE BOBCAT AS THE OFFICIAL STATE CAT OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.*

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

Amends GS 145-49 by adding that the bobcat is also known as the wildcat.

Intro. by B. Richardson, Horn, Ager, Gill.

GS 145

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[Government, Cultural Resources and Museums](#)

H 94 (2017-2018) [EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/DRONE USE](#). Filed Feb 14 2017, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO USE UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES.*

House committee substitute makes the following changes to the 2nd edition:

Amends the long title.

Amends the caption for GS 15A-300.1(c1). Replaces a reference to GS 166A-19.3(9) in the definition of *emergency management agency* with GS 166A-19.3. Authorizes emergency management agencies to use unmanned aircraft systems for all functions and activities related to emergency management, including several listed activities.

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Government, Public Safety

H 149 (2017-2018) **STUDENTS W/DYSLEXIA AND DYSCALCULIA**. Filed Feb 21 2017, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT A SCREENING PROGRAM TO IDENTIFY STUDENTS WITH DYSLLEXIA AND DYSCALCULIA*.

House committee substitute deletes the provisions of the 1st edition, and now provides the following.

States that it is the intent of the General Assembly that all students with specific learning disabilities, including dyslexia and dyscalculia, receive the necessary and appropriate screenings, assessments, and special education services to provide interventions for learning difficulties with language, reading, writing, and mathematics.

Directs the State Board of Education, in order to provide a definition to enable the identification of and intervention for students with dyslexia and students with dyscalculia, as part of its policies for specific learning disabilities, define dyslexia. Describes what the definition of dyslexia the State Board is to encompass. Requires the State Board of Education to include the definition of dyslexia, as described, in the policies for specific learning disabilities no later than June 30, 2017.

Requires the State Board of Education, prior to the start of the 2017-18 school year, to ensure that ongoing professional development opportunities are made available to teachers and other school personnel on the identification of and intervention strategies for students with dyslexia, dyscalculia, or other specific learning disabilities. Directs the State Board of Education, prior to the start of the 2017-18 school year, to develop and make available information electronically to parents, educators, and other concerned groups that provides further data concerning characteristics of children with dyslexia, educational methodologies, screenings, and what is available to support the work with children with dyslexia in NC.

Directs local boards of education, prior to the start of the 2017-18 school year, to review the diagnostic tools and screening instruments used for dyslexia, dyscalculia, or other specific learning disabilities to ensure that they are age-appropriate and effective, and must determine if additional diagnostic and screening tools are needed.

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

H 228 (2017-2018) **POSTPONE ASSUMED NAME REVISIONS**. Filed Mar 1 2017, *AN ACT TO POSTPONE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW ARTICLE 14A OF CHAPTER 66 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, WHICH REVISED THE LAW ON ASSUMED BUSINESS NAMES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION*.

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

Postpones the implementation of GS Chapter 66, Article 14A, the Assumed Business Name Act, to December 1, 2017 (currently, postpones until July 1, 2018)

Certificates of assumed names under former GS Chapter 66, Article 14 expire December 1, 2022 (current law, July 1, 2022. Second edition, July 1, 2023).

Changes the date after which persons may not file a new certificate of assumed name under former GS Chapter 66, Article 14, to December 1, 2017 (current law, July 1, 2017. Second edition, July 1, 2018).

Changes the date after which the register of deeds may not transmit scanned images of withdrawal or transfers of assumed names to December 1, 2017 (current law, July 1, 2017. Second edition, July 1, 2018).

Amendment to GS 1-69.1(a)(3) in SL 2016-100, Section 3(b), is effective December 1, 2022 (current law, July 1, 2021. Second edition, July 1, 2022).

Intro. by Davis.

GS 66

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Business and Commerce

H 308 (2017-2018) **NO INSURANCE WHILE DRIVING/TOW VEHICLE**. Filed Mar 9 2017, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE TOWING AND STORAGE OF A VEHICLE BEING OPERATED BY A DRIVER WHO IS CHARGED WITH FAILING TO MAINTAIN FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY*.

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

Amends proposed subsection (c) of GS 20-313, clarifying that at the time the owner of a motor vehicle is charged (previously, at the time the person is charged) with a violation of subsection (a), the charging law enforcement officer must have the motor vehicle (previously, the vehicle driven by the person) towed and stored. Modifies the conditions under which a person in custody of a motor vehicle must release the vehicle to its owner, to now provide for release when: (1) the owner presents proof of the required financial responsibility covering the motor vehicle for a period of at least six months to the charging law enforcement agency or the prosecuting district attorney (previously, did not include the prosecuting district attorney in the alternative), with the charging law enforcement agency or prosecuting district attorney presenting the owner with documentation acknowledging that the owner has complied with the requirement; and (2) the owner submits to the person in custody of the motor vehicle (a) the documentation provided by the charging law enforcement agency or prosecuting district attorney and (b) payment of any towing and storage fees (previously, payment in full of any towing and storage costs).

Adds two new subsections to GS 20-213.

New subsection (d) requires the charging law enforcement officer to contact the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) within one regular business day after the motor vehicle is towed and stored to obtain the name and address of any lienholder who has perfected a security interest in the motor vehicle. Requires the DMV to provide the requested information to the charging law enforcement agency within one regular business day. Directs the charging law enforcement officer to then notify any lienholders by first-class mail of the name and address of where the motor vehicle is being stored. Requires the notification to the lienholder to be sent as soon as practical but not later than 24 hours after receipt of the information from the DMV. Upon presentation of the title, requires a person in custody of a vehicle to allow a lienholder access to the vehicle without delay during business hours. Allows a lienholder to take possession of the vehicle after paying towing and storage fees.

New subsection (f) authorizes an owner of a motor vehicle to file a petition with the clerk of court of superior court seeking a pretrial release of the motor vehicle. Directs the clerk to consider the petition and make a determination as soon as feasible.

Makes conforming organizational changes. Makes clarifying changes to proposed subsection (d) (now subsection (e)) to refer to the motor vehicle instead of the vehicle. Additionally, provides that the person in custody of the motor vehicle has a lien (previously, specified the lien to be a mechanics' lien) if the owner of the motor vehicle towed and stored pursuant to subsection (c) does not obtain release of the motor vehicle within 90 days from the date the motor vehicle was towed and stored, or a lienholder has not recovered possession of the motor vehicle within the same period of time (previously, did not provide for a lienholder recovering possession before the custodian obtains a lien on the motor vehicle). Makes clarifying change to proposed subsection (e) (now subsection (g)) to refer to the motor vehicle.

Intro. by Cleveland, Clampitt, Collins, Millis.

GS 20

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Business and Commerce, Insurance, Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle

H 369 (2017-2018) **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS AND PROBATIONS**. Filed Mar 15 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE PROBATION OFFICERS WITH ADDITIONAL POWERS WHEN ON PRISON PROPERTY AND WHEN RENDERING ASSISTANCE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AT THE OFFICERS' REQUEST; TO PROVIDE THAT PROBATIONERS MUST SUBMIT TO A CURFEW SET BY THE PROBATION OFFICER AND TO SUBMIT TO WARRANTLESS SEARCHES OF A PROBATIONER'S PERSON,*

PROPERTY, RESIDENCE, VEHICLE, AND CELL PHONE; TO PROVIDE THAT OFFENDERS MUST OBTAIN A SEX OFFENDER ASSESSMENT AND A MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND FOLLOW ALL RECOMMENDATIONS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT PROBATION OFFICERS HAVE DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE OFFENDERS ON SUPERVISED PROBATION FOR CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE OR DEFERRED PROSECUTION, OR SENTENCED PURSUANT TO G.S. 20-179, TO COMPLY WITH ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF PROBATION.

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

Changes the act's long title.

Modifies proposed subsection (e1) in GS 15A-1343.2, concerning the delegation to a probation officer for supervision for conditional discharge and deferred prosecution. Clarifies that, if the Section of Community Corrections imposes any of the conditions in subsection (e) of the statute (previously referred to as any of the above requirements), then it can subsequently reduce or remove those same conditions (previously, those same requirements).

Amends proposed subsection (k5) in GS 20-179 to remove the specific subsections of the statute referenced to instead allow the Section of Community Correction to require an offender sentenced pursuant to the statute and placed on supervised probation to do any of the nine specified requirements, unless the presiding judge finds that delegation is not appropriate.

Provides that Sections 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 of the act (respectively amending GS 15A-1343; GS 15A-1368.4; GS 15A-1374; GS 15A-1343.2; and GS 20-179) are effective December 1, 2017, and apply to offenses committed on or after that date (previously, the entire act had the same effective date and application provision).

Intro. by McNeill.

[GS 15, GS 15A, GS 20](#)

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

H 382 (2017-2018) [INSURANCE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.-AB](#) Filed Mar 15 2017, *AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL AND OTHER CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.*

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

Changes the effective date of the proposed changes to GS 58-7-179(c), making the changes effective when the act becomes law (previously, effective January 1, 2018).

Deletes the proposed changes to GS 58-57-90(a) and GS 58-57-110(a), concerning the regulation of credit insurance.

Amends GS 58-33-56(d) requiring the insurer to notify the insurance producer of his or her termination using a form prescribed by the Commissioner of Insurance (currently, must notify the Commissioner by mail with a copy of the notification to the producer at the producer's last known address) within 15 days after making the notifications required by subsections (a), (b), and (c) of the statute.

Amends GS 58-71-71(b) to require every bail bondsmen and runner to complete the specified continuing education annually by June 30, with a person receiving his or her first license on or after January 1 of any year not being required to comply until June 30 of the following year (currently, based around license renewal with no specified date).

Amends GS 58-44A-10 (Requirements for sale of portable electronics insurance). Adds new subsection to allow notices and correspondence to be sent either by mail or by electronic means. Permits the consumer to provide an email address to the insurer or vendor of portable electronics which constitutes the consumer's consent to receive notices and correspondence by electronic means so long as a disclosure to the effect is provided to the consumer within 30 days following the purchase of the portable electronics insurance. Effective September 1, 2017.

Makes technical changes.

Intro. by Setzer, Bumgardner, Henson, Destin Hall.

[GS 58, GS 143](#)

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**Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing,
Government, State Agencies, Department of Insurance**

H 409 (2017-2018) **STATE AGENCIES/ADJUST HIRING PRACTICES**. Filed Mar 20 2017, *AN ACT DIRECTING STATE AGENCIES TO ADJUST EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH A CRIMINAL HISTORY*.

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

Makes a technical change.

Intro. by R. Turner, Hardister, Grange, Pierce.

GS 126

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

H 443 (2017-2018) **AUTO DEALERS/CONTINUING EDUCATION**. Filed Mar 22 2017, *AN ACT TO EXEMPT CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LICENSEES FROM CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS*.

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

Amends GS 20-288(a1)(2) by no longer exempting the following from the continuing education requirements for motor vehicle dealer licensees: (1) a used motor vehicle dealer whose primary business is the sale of salvage vehicles on behalf of insurers; (2) a licensed manufactured home dealer who complies with specified continuing education requirements; and (3) an applicant who holds a license as a new motor vehicle dealer and operates from an established showroom 20 miles or less from the established showroom for which the applicant seeks a used motor vehicle dealer license.

Intro. by Brenden Jones.

GS 20

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**Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing,
Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle**

H 454 (2017-2018) **SURVEYING AND PLAT RECORDING CHANGES**. Filed Mar 22 2017, *AN ACT TO MODERNIZE AND MAKE CHANGES TO THE RECORDING REQUIREMENTS FOR PLATS AND SUBDIVISIONS AND TO ELIMINATE THE USE OF CONTROL CORNERS IN FAVOR OF GRID CONTROL IN THE PREPARATION OF PLATS AND SUBDIVISIONS*.

House committee substitute makes the following changes to the 1st edition. Amends the information that must be contained in a plat under GS 47-30(f) by deleting the provision that specified that nonverified tax map information was no sufficient to meet the requirement that the plat include the names of adjacent landowners, or lot, block, parcel, subdivision designations or other legal reference where they could be determined by the surveyor. Changes the effective date of the act from when it becomes law to July 1, 2017.

Intro. by Arp.

GS 39, GS 47

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

H 485 (2017-2018) [UNC & CC CREDIT/NATIONAL GD ON SAD](#). Filed Mar 27 2017, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM AND THE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A UNIFORM POLICY TO REQUIRE THAT A STUDENT WHO IS A NATIONAL GUARD SERVICE MEMBER PLACED ON ACTIVE DUTY STATUS BE GIVEN AN EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME THE STUDENT IS ON ACTIVE DUTY AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OPTIONS TO THE STUDENT FOR COMPLETION OR WITHDRAWAL FROM CLASSES THAT WILL NOT PENALIZE THE STUDENT ACADEMICALLY.*

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

Amends GS 115D-5 to clarify that the time period for a student to complete course requirements left incomplete as a result of being placed on State active duty status is set by the community college (currently, by the constituent institution).

Intro. by G. Martin, Szoka, Grange.

[GS 115D, GS 116](#)

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[Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, Military and Veteran's Affairs](#)

H 528 (2017-2018) [TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS TIME FRAME](#). Filed Mar 29 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE A TIME FRAME IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUST MAKE A DECISION ON A TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS.*

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

Amends the title of proposed GS 136-93.1A, Time frame for reviewing and making a decision on traffic impact analyses (previously, on certain driveway permit applications). Makes conforming changes throughout the proposed statute to remove driveway permits from the scope of the act.

Amends subsection (a), setting out the time frames that apply to the Department of Transportation's process for reviewing and making a decision on a traffic impact analysis. Modifies subdivision (3) to require the Department of Transportation (Department) to review and make a decision as to the issuance of a traffic impact analysis no later than 20 business days from the day the traffic impact analysis is determined or deemed to be complete in accordance with subdivision (2) of of subsection (a) or subsection (e) (previously, did not include subsection (e)).

Amends subsection (b), setting out the rules that apply when calculating the time frames provided in subsection (a), making subdivision (1) (requiring the period of time in which a local government or local transportation planing organization reviews and provides feedback be included) applicable to all of subsection (a), not just subdivisions (1) and (2) as previously provided.

Adds to subsection (c), providing that when the Department rejects a traffic impact analysis, the Department must provide the applicant written notice specifically setting forth the reason for rejection.

Adds new subsection (d), establishing that the time frames set forth in subsection (a) reset upon rejection of a traffic impact analyses. Permits the Department to authorize an applicant to reuse the scope approved for a rejected traffic impact analysis if the applicant is submitting a revised traffic impact analysis. Directs the Department to notify the applicant as to whether the original scope can be used no later than five business days from the day the Department receives notice from the applicant that the applicant plans to submit a revised traffic impact analysis.

Adds new subsection (e) providing for an appeal of a rejections of a traffic impact analysis by an applicant providing written notice of appeal to the Chief Engineer no later than five business days from the day the applicant receives the written notice required under subsection (c). Requires the Chief Engineer to, within five business days from the written notice of appeal, to either affirm or overturn the rejection being appealed. Provides that if the rejection being appealed is overturned, the traffic impact analysis that was the subject of the appeal is deemed complete. Requires the Chief Engineer to provide the appealing party with written notice of the Chief Engineer's decision, specifically setting forth the reason if the rejection being appealed is affirmed. Provides that the decision by the Chief Engineer is subject to further appeal.

Makes conforming organizational changes.

Provides that the above provisions are effective October 1, 2017 (was, July 1), and applies to proposed scopes and traffic impact analyses (previously, driveway permit applications) submitted on or after that date.

Directs the Department to commence development of the appeals process required by GS 136-93.1A(e) when the act becomes law.

Changes the act's long title.

Intro. by Millis, Torbett.

GS 136

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Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation, Transportation

H 584 (2017-2018) **REAL PROP./ERROR CORRECTION & TITLE CURATIVE**. Filed Apr 5 2017, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR CORRECTING NONMATERIAL ERRORS IN RECORDED INSTRUMENTS OF TITLE, TO CREATE A CURATIVE PROCEDURE FOR OBVIOUS DESCRIPTION ERRORS IN DOCUMENTS OF TITLE, AND TO CREATE A TEN-YEAR CURATIVE PROVISION FOR CERTAIN DEFECTS IN RECORDED INSTRUMENTS OF TITLE.*

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

Amends proposed GS 47-36.2. Amends the definition of *recorded plat* to provide that the plat has been prepared by a professional land surveyor (currently, licensed land surveyor), licensed under GS Chapter 89C. Amends the requirements for a sufficient curative affidavit to require that an appropriate jurat be completed by a notary public (currently, affixed by a notary public).

Amends GS 161-14.1(a) to make the definition of *subsequent instrument* include corrective notice affidavits (was, corrective affidavits).

Intro. by Jordan, Stevens, Dulin.

GS 47, GS 161

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

H 721 (2017-2018) **OMNIBUS ACT REGARDING COAL-BASED ENERGY**. Filed Apr 10 2017, *AN ACT TO (1) PRESERVE THE APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS BY PROHIBITING UNITS LOCATED IN NORTH CAROLINA FROM PURCHASING OR USING COAL THAT IS EXTRACTED USING MOUNTAINTOP REMOVAL COAL MINING; (2) PROVIDE ECONOMIC RELIEF TO ELECTRIC UTILITY RATEPAYERS DURING THIS PERIOD OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY BY PLACING A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY NEW COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT UNLESS IT IS CARBON NEUTRAL; AND (3) PROVIDE FOR DIVESTMENT OF STATE INVESTMENTS IN COAL-FIRED ENERGY.*

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

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

Requires each electric public utility that operates a coal-fired generating unit located in the state to secure the sworn statement of an authorized officer from the coal provider attesting that the coal the utility agrees to purchase or use was not, nor will be, extracted using mountaintop removal coal mining. Specifies information that must be included in the sworn statement. Directs each public utility to provide the Commission, on the fifteenth of each month, a report itemizing its costs for purchasing or using

coal extracted by a method other than mountaintop removal coal mining. Requires that as a part of its annual report, each electric public utility operating a coal-fired generator in North Carolina submit to the Commission copies of each required sworn statement and each purchase contract. Provides additional guidelines regarding information regarding rate determinations, determining compliance, and confidentiality of information.

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

The above provisions are effective January 1, 2018, and apply to contracts to purchase coal entered into on or after that date.

Creates The Electric Utility Ratepayers Relief Act (Relief Act). Enumerates findings by the General Assembly to support its finding that for a certificate issued before the current recession, construction of a new coal-fired generating unit is no longer in the public interest. Provides that the purpose of the Relief Act is to promote economic relief to public utility rate payers by temporarily prohibiting the issuance of any new certificate authorizing the construction of a coal-fired generating unit by the North Carolina Utilities Commission and requiring the suspension of any certificate issued before July 1, 2017, for any generating unit not in operation by July 1, 2017, unless the new or pre-July 1, 2017, certificate is for a coal-fired generating unit that is carbon neutral. Provides definitions as follows: (1) carbon neutral means emitting no carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and includes employing a technique to absorb carbon dioxide so that it is not emitted into the atmosphere, (2) certificate as defined in GS 62-3, (3) coal-fired generating unit as defined in GS 62-133.6, and (4) public utility as defined in GS 62-3.

Declares a moratorium on the issuance of a certificate to operate a coal-fired generating unit pursuant to any application filed with the NC Utilities Commission (Commission) on or after July 1, 2017, unless the unit is carbon neutral. Temporarily suspends any certificate issued prior to July 1, 2017, for construction of any coal-fired generating unit that has not begun operations as of July 1, 2017, unless the coal-fired unit is carbon neutral. Provides that the suspension is to be in place until July 1, 2022. Does not prohibit cost recovery for an electric public utility. Provides for penalties for construction of a coal-fired generating unit in violation of this act.

Enacts new Article 6A in GS Chapter 143C to be known as the Coal Divestment Act. Directs the State Treasurer, no more than 30 days after the effective date of the Article, to adopt a policy prohibiting the NC Retirement Systems or the Department of the State Treasurer from investing funds with a person engaging in investment activities in coal. Defines a person to be (1) a person, corporation, company, limited liability company, business association, partnership, society, trust, or any other nongovernmental entity, organization, or group, or (2) any successor, parent entity owning more than twenty percent (20%), or majority-owned subunit or subsidiary of any entity described in the previous subdivision. Defines investment activities in coal to mean: (1) the person provides goods or services of \$20 million or more within any 12-month period in the coal sector; or (2) the person is a financial institution that extends \$20 million or more in credit to another person for 45 days or more if (a) the financial institution knows, or reasonably should know, that person will use the credit to provide goods or services in the coal sector, and (b) the person receiving credit is identified on a list created pursuant to GS 143C-6A-2 as a person engaging in investment activities in coal as described.

Details five components the State Treasurer is required to include in the policy, concerning: (1) the list of persons engaged in investment activities in coal, which the State Treasurer must develop and make publicly available within 120 days of adoption of the policy; (2) investments prohibited with a person that is identified on the list as a person engaging in investment activities in coal; (3) divestment of existing investments within 180 days of the adoption of the policy; (4) the requirement that actions be consistent with fiduciary duties of the Retirement Systems and State Treasurer; and (5) an exception for the State Treasurer's good faith determination that the investments are necessary to perform its functions.

Intro. by Harrison, Fisher, Autry, Ager.

STUDY, GS 62, GS 143C

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Business and Commerce, Environment, Energy, Government, State Agencies, Department of State Treasurer, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health, Public Enterprises and Utilities

H 723 (2017-2018) **GUN SAFETY ACT**. Filed Apr 10 2017, *AN ACT TO REPEAL THE "STAND YOUR GROUND LAWS" AND CODIFY THE COMMON LAW REGARDING THE USE OF FORCE AGAINST AN INTRUDER; TO AMEND THE LAW ALLOWING RECIPROCITY FOR CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMITS; TO STRENGTHEN THE LAW REGARDING SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS; TO REQUIRE THE REPORTING OF LOST AND STOLEN GUNS; TO REQUIRE THE SHERIFF, UPON DENIAL, REVOCATION, OR REFUSAL TO RENEW A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT OR PISTOL PERMIT TO TRANSMIT THE PROHIBITION RECORD TO THE NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM; TO REQUIRE ANY PERSON WHO OWNS A FIREARM TO CARRY FIREARM LIABILITY INSURANCE; TO LIMIT THE SIZE OF AMMUNITION MAGAZINES; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO DIVEST THE PENSION FUND OF GUN STOCKS; TO REQUIRE EACH STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO ADOPT A WRITTEN POLICY REGARDING THE INVESTIGATION OF OFFICER-INVOLVED DEATHS; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COURTS TO ISSUE A GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER AND ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR THE ISSUANCE OR DENIAL OF THE RESTRAINING ORDER.*

Repeals GS 14-51.2 (Home, workplace, and motor vehicle protection; presumption of fear of death or serious bodily harm), GS 14-51.3 (Use of force in defense of person; relief from criminal or civil liability), and GS 14-51.4 (Justification for defensive force not available).

Enacts new GS 14-51.5 (Use of deadly physical force against an intruder). Provides that lawful occupants of a residence are justified in using any degree of force, including deadly force, that the occupant reasonably believes is necessary against an intruder to prevent forcible entry or terminate unlawful entry, if the occupant reasonably believes or apprehends that the intruder (1) may kill or inflict serious bodily harm to the occupant or others in the residence, or (2) intends to commit a felony in the residence. Provides that the occupant does not have a duty to retreat from an intruder in these circumstances. Does not repeal, expand, or limit any other defense that exists under the common law.

Amends GS 14-315.1. Amends the caption to read "Safe storage of firearms." Creates a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person who resides in the same premises as an unauthorized person (person who is not authorized to purchase a firearm under State or federal law), owns or possesses a firearm, and stores or leaves the firearm without having securely locked the firearm in appropriate storage or rendered it incapable of being fired. The person is guilty of the misdemeanor if the unauthorized person gains access to the firearm and either (1) possesses it in violation of GS 14-269.2(b) (regarding firearms on school premises), (2) exhibits it publicly in a careless, angry, or threatening manner, (3) causes personal injury or death with it not in self-defense, or (4) uses it in the commission of a crime. Makes conforming changes.

Amends GS 14-315.2. Amends the caption to read "Warning upon sale or transfer of firearm to protect minor; warning regarding access to firearm by person not authorized to possess firearm." Requires any retail or wholesale store, shop, or sales outlet that sells firearms to conspicuously post at each purchase counter a warning in block letters about the unlawfulness of storing firearms in a manner inconsistent with amended GS 14-315.1. Provides for the text of the warning. Violation is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Enacts new GS 14-409.13 (Report of loss or theft of firearm). Requires the owner of a firearm to report the loss or theft of the firearm within 48 hours after discovery of the loss or theft, either to the local law enforcement agency, or the State Bureau of Investigation. Initial violations are a Class 3 misdemeanor. Subsequent violations are Class I felonies.

Amends GS 14-404 to require sheriffs to determine that a person has firearm liability insurance before issuing a firearm permit to that person. Directs sheriffs to transmit a prohibiting record under the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) that requires the sheriff to deny a person a firearm permit to NICS within 48 hours after notifying the applicant of the denial, revocation, or refusal. Enacts new GS 14-415.18A, setting out the same requirements when a sheriff denies, revokes, or refuses to renew a permit.

Enacts new GS 14-409.44 (Liability insurance required for gun owners). Requires any person in this State who intends to own a firearm to obtain a policy of liability insurance for at least \$100,000 prior to ownership, and to maintain the policy throughout ownership. Requires persons owning a firearm on December 1, 2017, to obtain the insurance by January 15, 2018. Does not apply to law enforcement officers authorized to carry firearms. Directs the Department of Insurance to adopt rules to implement this statute.

Amends GS 14-415.24 (Reciprocity; out-of-state handgun permits). Directs the Department of Justice to inquire what criteria other states use for the issuance of a concealed handgun permit, and to compile list of states whose criteria are at least as stringent

as the criteria required in this State. Provides that only out-of-state licenses issued by those states are valid in North Carolina.

Enacts new GS Chapter 14, Article 53D (Regulation of Large-Capacity Ammunition Magazines), as follows.

New GS 14-409.60 defines *large-capacity magazine* to include three specified classes of equipment, including a fixed or detachable magazine box, drum, feed strip, or similar device capable of accepting more than 15 rounds of ammunition, and to exclude three specified classes of equipment, including a feeding device that has been permanently altered so that it cannot accommodate more than 15 rounds of ammunition.

New GS 14-409.61 prohibits a person from selling, transferring, or possessing large-capacity magazines. Initial violations are a Class 2 misdemeanors, subsequent violations are Class 1 misdemeanors. Violation is a Class I felony if the person possessed the large-capacity magazine during the commission of a felony. Exempts persons who own large-capacity magazines on December 1, 2017, and maintain continuous possession of the large-capacity magazine, and requires a prosecutor to refute an assertion that a person being prosecuted under this statute is exempted. Does not apply to entities that manufacture large-capacity magazines within North Carolina exclusively for transfer, or any federally licensed gun dealer that sells large-capacity magazines exclusively to listed entities, or their employees acting within their employment duties, or employees of listed government agencies or the military who bear firearms in the course of the employee's official duties, or a person who possesses the magazine for the sole purpose of transporting the magazine to an out-of-state entity on behalf of a North Carolina manufacturer of large-capacity magazines.

New GS 14-409.62 requires large-capacity magazines manufactured in North Carolina on or after December 1, 2017 to include a permanent stamp or marking indicating that it was manufactured or assembled on or after that date. Authorizes the State Bureau of Investigation to adopt rules implementing this statute. Violation is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Enacts new GS Chapter 147, Article 9 (Firearms Manufacturer Divestment Act) as follows.

New GS 147-95 defines six terms as they are used in the Article, including *public fund* (funds held by the State Treasurer to the credit of listed retirement and pension funds).

New GS 147-96 requires the Public Fund to make its best efforts to identify all firearms manufacturers in which the Public Fund has direct or indirect holdings or could possibly have such holdings in the future, within 90 days of September 1, 2017, and to assemble a list of all such manufacturers.

New GS 147-97 requires the State Treasurer to promptly divest all direct and indirect holdings in firearms manufacturers held by the Public Fund, and prohibits the Public Fund from acquiring direct or indirect holdings in firearms manufacturers.

Enacts new Article 21, Review of Deaths Involving Law Enforcement Officers, in GS Chapter 15A. GS 15A-410 (Review of Deaths Involving Law Enforcement Officers) defines three terms as they are used in the statute. Requires law enforcement agencies to have a written policy regarding the investigation of officer-involved deaths that involve a law enforcement officers employed by the law enforcement agency, by December 1, 2017. Provides requirements for the policy, including a requirement for two independent investigators. Authorizes an internal investigation, so long as the internal investigation does not interfere with the independent investigation. Requires the investigators to report their findings to the district attorney, and if the district attorney determines that there is no basis to prosecute the law enforcement officers involved, to release the report. Effective when the bill becomes law.

Enacts new GS Chapter 50E (Gun Violence Restraining Orders), as follows.

New GS 50E-1 provides for the issuance of a court order prohibiting and enjoining a named person from having in their custody or control, owning, purchasing, possessing, or receiving, any firearms or ammunition, called a gun violence restraining order. Provides requirements for the contents of a petition for a gun violence restraining order, and requirements for the contents of a gun violence restraining order. Requires all North Carolina law enforcement agencies to enforce a gun violence restraining order without further order of the court.

New GS 50E-2 authorizes immediate family members of a person, or a law enforcement officer, to request a court to issue a one-year gun violence restraining order after notice and a hearing. Lists four factors that the court must consider in determining whether to issue the order, and six factors that the court may consider in determining whether to issue the order. Requires a petitioner to prove by clear and convincing evidence that the subject of the petition, or a person subject to an ex parte gun violence restraining order, as applicable, poses a significant danger of causing personal injury by having, owning, purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm, and that the order is necessary to prevent the personal injury because less restrictive alternatives have been

tried and found ineffective, or are inadequate or inappropriate for the circumstances. Requires the court to issue the order, upon a finding that there is clear and convincing evidence to issue the order. Requires the court to dissolve any temporary emergency or ex parte gun violence restraining order then in effect, upon a finding that there is not clear and convincing evidence to support the issuance of the order.

New GS 50E-3 provides for a 21-day temporary emergency gun violence restraining orders to issue, ex parte, upon a law enforcement officer's assertion, and a judicial officer finding, that the subject of the petition poses an immediate and present danger of causing personal injury by having, owning, purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm, and that the order is necessary to prevent the personal injury because less restrictive alternatives have been tried and found to be ineffective or have been determined to be inadequate or inappropriate for the circumstances. Requires the assertion to be submitted in a written petition, unless time and circumstances to permit the submission of a written petition, in which case the procedure for obtaining an oral search warrant applies.

New GS 50E-4 authorizes immediate family members of a person, or law enforcement officers, to file a petition requesting an ex parte gun violence restraining order, issuable upon a court finding a substantial likelihood that the subject of the petition poses a significant danger, in the near future, of causing personal injury by having, owning, purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm, as determined by the factors in new GS 50E-2, and that the order is necessary to prevent the personal injury because less restrictive alternatives either have been tried and found to be ineffective or are inadequate or inappropriate for the circumstances. Requires the affidavit supporting the petition to set forth the facts establishing the grounds of the petition. Requires the ex parte order to either issue or be denied on the same day that the petition is submitted to the court, unless the petition is filed too late in the day to permit effective review, in which case the order shall be issued or denied on the next day of judicial business in sufficient time for the order to be filed that day with the clerk of court.

New GS 50E-5 authorizes a person subject to a gun violence restraining order under this Chapter to submit a written request for a hearing to terminate the order. Directs the court to terminate the order upon finding that there is no longer clear and convincing evidence to believe that the circumstances in GS 50E-2 are true.

New GS 50E-6 provides for a one-year renewal of gun violence restraining orders upon a petition of an immediate family member or law enforcement officer, and clear and convincing evidence that the provisions of GS 50E-2 continue to be true, within three months prior to the expiration of a gun violence restraining order.

New GS 50E-7 requires copies of the order to be issued to each party, and to the police department or sheriff of the city or county of the restrained person's residence.

New GS 50E-8 requires the subject of a gun violence restraining order to immediately surrender all firearms and ammunition in that person's custody, control, or ownership, and any permits to purchase firearms, to local law enforcement agencies. If immediate surrender is not possible, then surrender must occur within 24 hours of being served with the order. Requires the subject to file a receipt of surrender, issued by the law enforcement officer taking possession of the firearms, within 48 hours of being served with the order. Failure is a violation of the order. Upon expiration of the order, any firearms or ammunition shall be returned to the restrained person. Authorizes the restrained person to sell or transfer title of any firearms or ammunition in the custody of a law enforcement agency under this statute. Directs law enforcement agencies to return any firearms surrendered under this statute to the lawful owner, if the lawful owner is not the restrained person.

New GS 50E-9 provides that officers and law enforcement agencies are not required to pursue a gun violence restraining order in any case.

Except as otherwise specified, effective December 1, 2017, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Intro. by Harrison, Insko, Fisher, Cunningham.

[GS 14, GS 15A, GS 50E, GS 147](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Insurance, Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Public Safety, State Agencies, Department of Insurance, Department of Justice, Local Government](#)

H 730 (2017-2018) [NINTH GRADE ACADEMY PILOT/FUNDS](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A NINTH GRADE ACADEMY PILOT PROGRAM.*

Directs the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to establish a Ninth Grade Academy Pilot Program for up to 10 local school administrative units to establish ninth grade academy programs for the purpose of providing comprehensive support for ninth grade students transitioning from middle school to high school. Establishes that the pilot program is to be for five years, beginning with the 2018-19 school year and ending with the 2022-23 school year.

Directs DPI to develop criteria and procedures for a local administrative unit to apply to participate in the program by September 15, 2017. Requires the local administrative unit to submit an application that includes (1) a model design for the ninth grade academy, including enhanced instructional and support strategies; and (2) the estimated cost of establishing the ninth grade academy, including additional staff, facilities, and support services.

Requires DPI to select up to 10 local school administrative units to participate in the pilot program by December 15, 2017. Provides that the local school administrative units selected must represent the geographic diversity of NC, including both urban and rural areas, to the extent possible from the pool of applicants.

Directs DPI to contract with an independent research organization for the duration of the pilot program to evaluate the implementation and success of the ninth grade academy programs. Details four components the evaluation is to include. Requires the independent research organization to report by August 15 of each year, beginning with the initial report by August 15, 2019, and ending with a final report by August 15, 2023, to the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction on all aspects of the evaluation of the pilot program. Additionally, requires DPI to report by October 15 of each year, beginning with the initial report by October 15, 2019, and ending with a final report by October 15, 2023, on the evaluation of the pilot program and legislative recommendations to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee.

Appropriates \$1,442,560 in recurring funds for the 2017-18 fiscal year to DPI to support the implementation of the pilot program. Authorizes DPI to use up to \$200,000 of the funds appropriated to contract with an independent organization for the pilot evaluations. Allows any remaining funds to be used to award funds to selected local administrative units for the implementation of the pilot programs in accordance with the act.

Effective July 1, 2017.

Intro. by Quick, Hardister.

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

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H 731 (2017-2018) [LAW ENFORCEMENT INVENTORY SAECKS](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT REQUIRING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO CONDUCT AN INVENTORY OF UNTESTED SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS IN THEIR CUSTODY OR CONTROL.*

Enacts GS 15A-270.10, requiring each local law enforcement agency to conduct an inventory of Sexual Assault Evidence Collect Kits (SAECKs) in its custody or control and report its findings to the Department of Justice, State Crime Laboratory, no later than January 1, 2018. Directs the State Crime Laboratory to compile the information and report its findings to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety no later than April 1, 2018.

Requires the inventory report from each local law enforcement agency to include: (1) the total number of SAECKs in its custody or control that have not previously undergone forensic testing; and (2) the total number of SAECKs in its custody or control that (a) are anonymous; (b) represent a case that has been resolved in court by conviction, dismissal, or any other manner; (c) were not submitted for forensic testing because the suspect admitted to the sexual act in question; and (d) were not submitted for forensic testing because the allegations were determined to be unfounded as a result of further investigation.

Directs the Law Enforcement Support Services Office (LESS) of the Department of Public Safety to conduct an inventory of all SAECKs in its custody without regard to the age of the kits. Requires LESS to report its findings to the State Crime Laboratory

by January 1, 2018. Directs the State Crime Laboratory to compile the information and report its findings to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety by April 1, 2018.

Appropriates \$699,484 in recurring funds for each year of the 2017-19 biennium from the General Fund to the State Crime Laboratory. Directs that in each year of the biennium, (1) \$217,776 must be used to purchase equipment to be used for forensic testing of SAECKs, and inventory tracking software; and (2) \$484,708 must be used to purchase DNA specific supplies needed for forensic testing of SAECKs. Effective July 1, 2017.

Intro. by W. Richardson, Jordan.

[APPROP, GS 15A](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety, State Agencies, Department of Justice](#)

H 732 (2017-2018) [HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIER REVISIONS](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT AN INTRASTATE HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIER SHALL NOT ATTEMPT TO OPERATE UPON A ROAD WITHIN THIS STATE WITHOUT MEETING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS AND TO EXPAND THE TYPES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT MAY ENFORCE THE LAWS GOVERNING AN INTRASTATE HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIER.*

Amends GS 20-398 (concerning household goods carrier marking or identification of vehicles). Specifies that an intrastate household goods carrier cannot attempt to operate on a highway, public street, or public vehicular area within the State in the transportation of household goods for compensation without meeting the requirements set out in subsection (a) pertaining to the marking or identification of the vehicle/carrier (currently, only specifies household goods carriers operating, and does not include carriers attempting to operate on roads within the State). Adds new subsection (e) establishing that any law enforcement officer with territorial jurisdiction can enforce the provisions of GS 20-398.

Amends GS 62-280.1, making the false representation of a household goods carrier certificate unlawful, providing that any person who violates subsection (a) of the statute, or who aids and abets another person in violating subsection (a) of the statute, is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and punished by a fine of no more than \$500 for the first offense and no more than \$2,000 for any subsequent offense (currently, does not include a person who aids and abets another person in violating the statute). Adds new subsection (d) establishing that any law enforcement officer with territorial jurisdiction can enforce the provisions of GS 62-280.1.

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

Intro. by McNeill.

[GS 20, GS 62](#)

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

H 733 (2017-2018) [REQUIRE PERMIT FOR GINSENG HARVESTING](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO FORBID THE HARVESTING OF WILD GINSENG WITHOUT A HARVESTING PERMIT ISSUED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES.*

Amends GS 106-202.19(a) to forbid the harvesting of wild ginseng outside of a harvesting season or without a harvesting permit issued by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Limits the permit fee to \$25. Allows the North Carolina Plant Conservation Board to enter into memoranda of understanding with law enforcement agencies, including special peace officers of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, the Wildlife Resources Commission, and the Department of Environmental Quality, to provide for enforcement of new subdivision (5a) on both public and private lands.

Requires the North Carolina Plant Conservation Board (Board) to issue rules to implement the act, including: (1) a requirement that the ginseng collection permit include physical identifying information on the permittee or equivalent information to enable law enforcement to determine if the permit is being used by persons other than the permittee; and (2) a program to allow ginseng

dealers permitted under GS 106-202.19(6) to sell ginseng harvest permits and receive a portion of the fee authorized by this act for each permit sold. Requires the Board to propose rules to implement the act no later than April 1, 2018.

Intro. by Ager, Fisher.

[GS 106](#)

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[Agriculture](#)

H 734 (2017-2018) [IN-STATE TUITION EQUITY](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN IMMIGRANT YOUTH TO RECEIVE IN-STATE TUITION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN THIS STATE.*

Amends GS 116-143.1 (provisions for determining resident status for tuition purposes in State supported institutions of higher learning). Adds new subsection (n) to establish that a person who meets four qualifications must be accorded resident tuition status: (1) the person received a high school diploma from a secondary or high school within NC or received a GED within NC; (2) the person attended NC schools for a minimum of two consecutive years immediately prior to high school graduation; (3) if the person does not have lawful immigration status, then the person must also file an affidavit with the constituent institution to which the person is enrolled stating that the person has filed an application to legalize his or her immigration status or will file an application as soon as he or she is eligible to do so; and (4) the person satisfies the admission standards for the constituent institution or community college to which the person applied and has secured admission and enrolled as a student at the constituent institution. Adds new subsection (o) to establish that any information obtained as part of the process for applying for in-State tuition pursuant to new subsection (n) is confidential and not public record. Effective July 1, 2017, and applies to the 2017-18 academic semester and to each subsequent semester.

Intro. by Meyer, Fisher, Harrison.

[GS 116](#)

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[Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, Immigration](#)

H 735 (2017-2018) [REDISTRICTING BY COMPUTER](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION TO REDISTRICT VIA COMPUTER SOFTWARE PROGRAMS UTILIZING POLITICALLY NEUTRAL CRITERIA TO DISTRICT.*

Contains whereas clauses.

Sections 1 & 2

Subject to voter approval, amends Article II, Sections 3 and 5 of the NC Constitution, directing the Independent Redistricting Commission, beginning as soon as practical, to revise the senate and representative districts and the apportionment of Senators and Representatives among those district after the return of every decennial census of population take by order of Congress. Requires the revision of districts and apportionment of Senators and Representatives so that the districts, to the extent possible, meet four goals: (1) the goal of politically neutral district plans to the extent possible; (2) the goal of compactness, to avoid elongated and irregularly shaped districts; (3) the goal of one person, one vote to ensure each voter's vote; and (4) the goal of minimizing the number of split counties, municipalities, and other communities of interest. Requires all districts to be contiguous, and prohibits precincts from being split. Deletes previous provisions that required the General Assembly to conduct the revisions of districts and the apportionment of Senators and Representatives subject to specified requirements. Effective beginning with the redistricting done upon the return of the 2020 decennial census.

Section 3

Subject to voter approval, adds new Section 25 to Article II of the NC Constitution, establishing the Independent Redistricting Commission (Commission). Sets out membership of the Commission, consisting of nine persons appointed by the Governor, the President Pro Tempore, and the Speaker of the House, as specified. Provides for the appointment process in the case when there are two or more parties other than the Speaker or the President Pro Tempore's party in the House or Senate with equal

membership. Provides other parameters for the appointment of initial and subsequent members of the Commission, including requiring the appointing officers to take into account the advisability of having the Commission reflect the State's geographic, gender, racial, and ethnic diversity. Provides that the term of initial members is until successors are appointed and qualified. Provides that subsequent members are to take office the first day of July each year ending in the number zero, and continue until successors are adopted. Sets parameters for filling vacancies and electing a chair. Requires that NC residency is required to be eligible for appointment to the Commission. Prohibits any person from serving on the Commission who has held elective public office or been a candidate for elective public office in the four years prior to commencement of service on the Commission. Further, prohibits any person who has served as a member of the Commission from being eligible to hold any elective State office for four years after termination of service on the Commission. Defines public office to mean any partisan or nonpartisan office filled by election by the people on a statewide, county, municipal, or district basis.

Directs the Commission to adopt computer programs to generate plans for revising the senate districts and representative districts, in accordance with Sections 3 and 5 of Article II as amended. Establishes that these plans have the same force and effect of acts of the General Assembly. Expressly prohibits the General Assembly from adopting any legislative district plan. Further provides that the Commission is responsible for adopting a computer program to generate a district plan for election of members of the House of Representatives of US Congress. Expressly prohibits the General Assembly from adopting any district plan for election of members of the US House of Representatives. Requires the Commission to adopt a computer program to generate district plans by October 1 of the year following each decennial census of population taken by order of Congress. Prohibits the Commission from considering the following in preparing or adopting its plans: (1) the political affiliation of voters; (2) voting data from previous elections; (3) the location of incumbents' residences; (4) any socioeconomic data regarding voters; and (5) demographic data from sources other than the US Bureau of the Census, with racial and ethnic data only being used for the purposes of compliance with the US Constitution and laws enacted pursuant thereto.

Provides that the Commission is to adopt a new district plan in the event that a plan it has adopted is held invalid. Directs the Commission to consider the relevant requirements of the US Constitution and acts of Congress, and comply with the NC Constitution as enunciated by the NC Supreme Court. Permits the General Assembly to by law assign the Commission the duty to adopt districting and redistricting plans for any county, city, town, special district, and other governmental subdivision if the governing board of the unit or a court of competent jurisdiction so requests.

Effective January 1, 2020.

Section 4

Makes conforming changes to Section 22(5) of Article II of the NC Constitution, effective January 1, 2021.

Sections 5 & 6

Sets out the question to be used on ballots for voter approval of the constitutional amendments provided in Sections 1-4 of this act at the general election in November 2018.

Sections 7 & 8

Effective only if the proposed constitutional amendments are approved by voters, enacts new Article 12B to GS Chapter 163, Redistricting. Directs the Commission to retain independent staff under contract to prepare the redistricting plans covered by Section 25 of Article II of the NC Constitution. Prohibits the staff from providing any instructions as to the content of plans that are being drafted for consideration by the General Assembly other than to follow the guidelines set out in Section 25 of Article II.

Intro. by Blust.

[CONST, GS 163](#)

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[Constitution, Government, Elections](#)

H 736 (2017-2018) [PROVIDE MINOR ALCOHOL/FELONY IF DEATH RESULTS](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE OFFENSES RELATED TO UNDERAGE PERSONS IF THE COMMISSION OF THE OFFENSE IS THE PROXIMATE CAUSE OF THE DEATH OF A PERSON.*

Amends GS 18B-302.1 (Penalties for certain offenses related to underage persons) by adding new subsection (b1) to establish that a violation of GS 18B-302 subsections (a) (unlawful to sell alcohol to anyone under 21), (a1) (unlawful to give alcohol to anyone under 21), or (c)(2) (unlawful for any person over lawful age to aid and abet any person under 21 to sell, give, purchase, possess or consume alcohol) is a Class I felony if the commission of the offense is the proximate cause of the death of a person. Makes conforming changes to GS 18B-302.1(a) and (b). Effective December 1, 2017, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Intro. by Destin Hall, Faircloth, Burr, Jackson.

GS 18B

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Alcoholic Beverage Control

H 737 (2017-2018) **OPEN PRIMARY ACT**. Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH OPEN PRIMARIES WHEREBY CERTAIN CANDIDATES ARE NOMINATED FOR OFFICE BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS IN THE STATE, WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CANDIDATE'S POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION, AND THE TWO CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES COMPETE FOR OFFICE AT THE GENERAL ELECTION AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES.*

Part I

Amends GS 163-1(b), as amended by SL 2017-3, to provide for a voter-nominated primary election to nominate candidates in the State for certain offices. Lists 19 offices that are to be voter-nominated offices, including the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General and state legislators.

Defines the following terms for purposes of Subchapters I through VIII of GS Chapter 163. Defines a *voter-nominated primary election* to mean a primary in which a qualified voter can vote at the primary for any candidate described in subsection (b) without regard to the political party affiliation disclosed by either the candidate or the voter, with the two candidates receiving the highest vote totals for each of those offices in the primary election competing for office at the general election. Defines a *voter-nominated office* as a congressional or State elective office for which a candidate can choose to have the candidate's political party affiliations or lack of political party affiliation indicated on the ballot.

Adds new subsection (b1) to GS 163-1 to clarify that the statute does not prohibit a political party or political party committee from endorsing, supporting, or opposing a candidate for an office listed in subsection (b).

Amends GS 163-11 (Filling vacancies in the General Assembly) to provide that if a vacancy occurs in the General Assembly by death, resignation, or otherwise than by expiration of term, the Governor must immediately make an appointment for the unexpired part of the term until an election is held to fill the office, pursuant to the Governor's powers and duties under GS 147-12. Deletes all other provisions in subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d), setting out further requirements and limitations regarding the Governor's appointment in filling a vacancy in the General Assembly, including eliminating the requirement that the Governor appoint the person recommended by the political party executive committee as specified.

Amends GS 163-12 (filling a vacancy in the US Senate) to eliminate the requirement that the person appointed by the Governor be a person affiliated with the same political party if the vacating Senator was elected as a nominee of a political party.

Amends GS 163-13 (filling a vacancy in the US House of Representatives) to eliminate the provision providing nominations to fill a vacancy in the US House to be made by the political party congressional district executive committees in the district in which the vacancy occurs if a congressional vacancy occurs beginning on the tenth day before the filing period ends under GS 163-106(c) preceding the next general election, whereby those certified name are certified and printed on the special election ballot. Now provides that the Governor must call a special primary for the purpose of nominating candidates to be voted on in a special election called by the Governor, as specified (currently, this is only the nominating procedure if the congressional vacancy occurs before the tenth day before the filing period ends under GS 163-106(c) prior to the next succeeding general election).

Amends GS 163-59 (Right to participate or vote in party primary), limiting the existing provisions of the statute to political party primary elections only.

Amends GS 163-82.4(c) to specify that an unaffiliated voter registrant can vote in a voter-nominated primary.

Amends GS 163-106 to provide the form for the notice and pledge of candidacy for a voter-nominated primary that must be filed with the board of elections. Provides that subsection (b), requiring a person to be affiliated with the person's political party for at least 90 days before filing as a candidate in a party primary, does not apply to individuals seeking office as voter-nominated candidates. Modifies subsection (c), setting out the time requirements for filing notice of candidacy with the State Board of Elections and the county board of elections, where applicable, to establish that the existing provisions apply to candidates seeking office for specified offices in a voter-nominated primary election. Modifies subsection (f) to provide that candidates required to file their notice of candidacy with the State Board of Elections under subsection (c) must include a certificate, as specified, stating among other information, the preference for designating the party with which the person is affiliated, and if the person has not changed his affiliation from another party or form unaffiliated within three months prior to the filing deadline, when applicable to that office.

Amends GS 163-107.1 (Petition in lieu of payment of filing fee) to make the statute's provisions concerning nomination in the party primary also applicable to any qualified voter who seeks office in a voter-nominated primary whereby a written petition can be filed with the appropriate board of elections requesting the person be a candidate for the specified office in lieu of payment of the filing fee. Amends subsection (b), which requires a candidate seeking the office of US Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, any State executive officer, Justice of the Supreme Court, or Judge of the Court of Appeals, to have a petition signed by 10,000 registered voters, to provide that the voter signatures count towards the required number regardless of the voter's political affiliation (currently, requires the voter signatures to be members of the political party in whose primary the candidate desires to run, and provides for different thresholds for political parties defined by GS 163-96(a)(2)).

Amends subsection (c) of GS 163-107.1, pertaining to filing a petition in lieu of paying a filing fee for candidacy in an office set forth in GS 163-106(c) but not listed in subsection (b) of GS 163-107.1 (leaving judges of superior court, judges of district court, US Senators, US Representatives, district attorneys, State Senators, State representatives, and all county offices), or a municipal or any other office requiring a partisan primary which is not set forth in GS 163-106(c) or (d). Provides that if the office the candidate is seeking is a voter-nominated office, the petition must be signed by 5% of the registered voters of the election area in which the office will be voted for.

Makes conforming changes to GS 163-108(c), concerning the State Board of Elections certification of the filed notices of candidacy under GS 163-106(c), reflecting the option of a candidate to provide the candidate's preference for party affiliation, where applicable.

Amends GS 163-110 (Candidates declared nominees without primary) to make the existing provisions applicable to voter-nominated primaries, party primaries, or nonpartisan primaries.

Renames GS 163-111, Determination of primary results (previously, included secondary primaries). Deletes all existing language, and now provides the following.

New subsection (a) requires, for voter-nominated offices described in GS 163-1(b), there must be a primary to narrow the field of candidates to two candidates for each position to be filled, if, when the filing period closes, there are more than two candidates for a single office or the number of candidates for a group of offices exceeds twice the number of positions to be filled. Adds that, if only one or two candidates file for a single office, no primary can be held for that office and the candidates must be declared nominated. Further, provides that if the number of candidates for a group of offices does not exceed twice the number of positions to be filled, no primary can be held for those offices and the candidates must be declared nominated.

New subsection (a1) provides that, in the primary, the two candidates for a single office receiving the highest number of votes, and those candidates for a group of offices receiving the highest number of votes, equal to twice the number of positions to be filled, are declared nominated. Where two or more candidates receiving the highest number of votes each receive the same number of votes, the State Board of Election must determine their relative ranking by lot and must declare the nominees accordingly. Directs that the canvass of the primary is to be held on the same date as the primary canvass fixed under GS 163-182.5. Requires the canvass to be conducted in accordance with Article 15A of GS Chapter 163.

New subsection (a2) sets forth that, in the general election, the names of those candidates declared nominated without a primary and those candidates nominated in the primary must be placed on the ballot. Directs that the candidate for a single office receiving the highest number of votes must be elected. Requires that those candidates in a group of offices receiving the highest number of votes, equal in number to the number of positions to be filled, must be elected. Sets out that if two candidates receive the highest number of votes each received the same number of votes, the State Board of Elections must determine the winner by lot.

New subsection (a3) establishes that the provisions of GS 163-111 as amended prevail over any local act.

Makes conforming changes to GS 163-112 (Death of a candidate before primary; vacancy in single office) to remove references to political party, making the statute applicable to all primaries, not just party primaries. Makes further conforming changes to GS 163-113 (Nominee's right to withdraw as candidate) to remove references to political party.

Amends GS 163-114 to add new language providing that, except as otherwise provided, if any voter-nominated candidate for one of the offices listed in GS 163-1(b), either in a primary or by virtue of having no opposition in a primary, dies, resigns, or for any reason becomes ineligible or disqualified before the date of the ensuing general election, the vacancy must be filled by the Governor pursuant to powers enumerated under GS 147-12(a)(3). Makes conforming changes to modify the offices listed and their respective vacancy appointment instructions provided in GS 163-114, concerning vacancies of nominated candidates of a political party, to reflect the changes to GS 163-1(b). Makes conforming changes to delete related provisions in GS 163-114. Further, provides that an individual whose name appeared on the ballot in a primary election preliminary to the general election is not eligible to be nominated to fill a vacancy for the same office in the same year (previously, specified that the individual is not eligible to be nominated to fill a vacancy in the nomination of another party for the same office in the same year).

Makes conforming changes to GS 163-115 (Special provisions for obtaining nominations when vacancies occur in certain offices), reflecting changes made to GS 163-1(b) and GS 163-114.

Repeals GS 163-119 (Voting by unaffiliated voter in party primary).

Renames GS 163-123, Declaration of intent and petitions for write-in candidates in elections (currently, in partisan elections).

Amends GS 163-165.6 (Arrangement of official ballots). Modifies subsection (b), setting out the requirements of the rules the State Board of Elections is required to promulgate prescribing the order of offices to be voted on the official ballot, to require the rules to adhere to the guideline that voter-nominated offices listed under GS 163-1(b) are to be listed before partisan offices, and partisan offices, regardless of the size of constituency, are to be listed before nonpartisan offices. Modifies subsection (c) to provide that the order in which candidates appear on a county's official ballots in any primary ballot item must be determined by the county board of elections using a process designed by the State Board of Elections for random selection. Modifies subsection (d), setting out the order of candidates in any ballot item on a general election official ballot. Removes the requirement that nominees of political parties that reflect at least 5% of statewide voter registration be in alphabetical order by party beginning with the party whose nominee for Governor received the most votes in the most recent gubernatorial election and in alphabetical order within the party, to now require the nominees to be listed in alphabetical order by party. Adds that voter-nominated candidates are to be listed in alphabetical order by order of precedence pursuant to existing subsection (b), and follow the nominees of political parties as set out previously. Makes conforming change to delete subsection (d1), pertaining to the order of candidates for Judge of the Court of Appeals on the general election official ballot.

Amends GS 163-226.1 (Absentee voting in primary) to provide that a qualified voter can vote by absentee ballot in a primary as permitted in GS Chapter 163. Deletes other qualifications concerning partisan primaries.

Makes conforming changes to GS 163-227.2(b), concerning early one-stop voting in a primary election. Makes technical changes.

Part II

Makes conforming changes to GS 18C-112(e); GS 160A-23.1(d); GS 163-55(c); GS 163-82.6(d); GS 163-82.17(a); GS 163-226(c); GS 163-258.9(a); GS 163-258.16(a); GS 163-258.29; GS 163-278.6(8); GS 163-278.13(d); and GS 163-278.40B(2).

Amends GS 160A-23.1(d), providing that for cities using the election and runoff method under GS 163-293, the election must be held on the primary election date for county officers in the second year following a federal decennial census, but the results must instead be determined by the nonpartisan plurality election method under GS 163-292 (previously, provided that necessary runoffs are to be held on the date for the second primary for county officers in that year).

Repeals GS 163-227.1; GS 163-227.3(b); and GS 163-278.13B(d), all pertaining to a second primary.

Part III provides that the act applies to primaries and elections held on or after January 1, 2018.

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Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Education, Government, Elections, General Assembly, State Agencies, State Government, Executive

H 738 (2017-2018) **OPIOID PRESCRIPTION & TREATMENT OPT OUT ACT**. Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE RIGHT OF PATIENTS TO ELECT NONOPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS AND TREATMENT; ESTABLISHING A PROCESS BY WHICH PATIENTS MAY OPT OUT OF OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS AND TREATMENT; AND REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, TO DEVELOP AN OPIOID PRESCRIPTION AND TREATMENT OPT OUT FORM AND MAKE THE FORM AVAILABLE TO PHYSICIANS AND PATIENTS ON THE DEPARTMENT'S INTERNET WEB SITE.*

Enacts new GS 90-21.17A (Portable opioid prescription and treatment opt out form). Authorizes physicians to issue portable opioid prescription treatment and treatment opt out forms for a patient with consent of the patient, patient's parent or guardian, or representative, as specified. Requires the physician to document the basis for the prescription and opt out form in the medical record. Provides documentation requirements. Directs the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, in consultation with the Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the North Carolina Medical Board, and the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy to develop an official opioid prescription and treatment opt out form that indicates to all prescribing practitioners and health care facilities that the named patient shall not be offered, prescribed, supplied with, or otherwise administered opioids. Provides requirements for the contents of the form. Protects physicians, emergency medical professionals, hospice providers, and health care providers from criminal prosecution, civil liability, or disciplinary action for withholding opioid prescription and treatment from a patient in good-faith reliance on an original opt out form, so long as there are no reasonable grounds for doubting the validity of the form or the identity of the patient, and the provider does not have actual knowledge of the revocation of the form. Further protects providers from criminal prosecution, civil liability, or disciplinary action for failure to follow an opt out form if the provider had no actual knowledge of the existence of the opt out form. Authorizes health care facilities to develop policies that authorize the facility's provider to accept a portable opt out form as if it were an order of the medical staff of that facility. Does not affect the validity of portable opioid prescription and treatment opt out forms in existence prior to the effective date of this statute. Effective January 1, 2018.

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, in consultation with the specified entities, to develop and publish on its website an official opioid prescription and treatment opt out form as described above, in a format that can be downloaded, by January 1, 2018. Effective when the bill becomes law.

Intro. by Belk, White, Dobson, Cunningham.

GS 90

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Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health, Mental Health

H 739 (2017-2018) **AMBULANCE WEAPON EXCEPTION/LEO & FIREFIGHTERS**. Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION SHALL NOT ESTABLISH RULES THAT PROHIBIT THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS ABOARD AMBULANCES OR EMS NONTRANSPORTING VEHICLES BY DULY APPOINTED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OR FIREFIGHTERS.*

Amends GS 143-508(d)(8), as the title indicates.

Intro. by Ford.

GS 143

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Government, Public Safety

H 740 (2017-2018) [SAR RENAME/DISPUTED COUNTY BOUNDARIES/MAPPING](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE NAME OF SEARCH AND RESCUE SERVICES, TO ALLOW THE NORTH CAROLINA GEODETIC SURVEY TO RATIFY RESULTS OF COUNTY BOUNDARY RESURVEYS, AND TO CLARIFY THAT PROTECTIVE RIDGELINE MAPS ARE HOUSED WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA GEODETIC SURVEY RATHER THAN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.*

Amends GS Chapter 166A, Article 6. Renames the Article "North Carolina Search and Rescue."

Amends GS 166A-65 to replace the term *urban search and rescue team* with *search and rescue team*, which has the same definition under the article with the word *urban* removed from it.

Amends GS 166A-66. Amends the caption to read "North Carolina Search and Rescue Program." Directs the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety to include memorandums of understanding and agreement in the program for search and rescue established under that statute's authority.

Makes conforming changes throughout the Article.

Amends GS 153A-18 (Uncertain or disputed boundary). Directs the North Carolina Geodetic Survey on a cooperative basis to assist counties in defining and monumenting the location of an uncertain or disputed boundary, upon receiving written request from all counties adjacent to the uncertain or disputed boundary. Provides that if the requesting counties have not ratified a survey plat submitted by NCGS within one year of receiving the map survey plat, the plat becomes conclusive as to the location of the boundary, and will be recorded in the Register of Deeds in each affected county, and the Secretary of State's office. Requires the Chief of the North Carolina Geodetic Survey to notify affected parties in writing of that action. Requires counties establishing a boundary between them to define the boundaries by natural monuments. The use of base maps prepared from orthophotography may be used if the natural monuments are visible, which base maps show the monuments of the National Geodetic Survey and North Carolina Coordinate System. Requires the orthophotography to be prepared in compliance with the State's adopted orthophotography standard. Makes conforming changes. Effective when the act becomes law.

Amends GS 113A-212 to require maps, drawings, or documents showing protected mountain ridges to be filed with the office of the North Carolina Geodetic Survey (currently, Secretary of Environmental Quality's office). Effective when the act becomes law.

Except as otherwise provided, effective July 1, 2017.

Intro. by McNeill, R. Turner.

[GS 113A, GS 153A, GS 166A](#)

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[Government, Public Safety, Local Government](#)

H 741 (2017-2018) [DHHS STUDY/MATERNAL AND NEONATAL CARE](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY ISSUES PERTAINING TO HIGH-QUALITY, RISK-APPROPRIATE MATERNAL AND NEONATAL CARE.*

Identical to [S 311](#), filed 3/16/17.

Includes whereas clauses.

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to study and analyze the state's ability to provide women with timely and equitable access to high-quality, risk-appropriate maternal and neonatal care. Sets out seven issues to be studied, including the complexity levels of care currently being provided by all delivering hospitals in caring for birth mothers and newborns, and disparities in access to risk-appropriate maternal and hospital care.

Requires DHHS to make an interim report on its findings and recommendations to the 2018 Regular Session of the General Assembly by May 1, 2018, and requires a final report to the 2019 General Assembly.

Intro. by Murphy, Boswell, Adcock, Cunningham.

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Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health

H 742 (2017-2018) **STUDY BILL FOR REENTRY HOUSING PROGRAM**. Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT REQUIRING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY TO STUDY REENTRY HOUSING FOR EX-OFFENDERS AND VETERAN EX-OFFENDERS*.

Directs the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety to study reentry housing programs for ex-offenders and veteran ex-offenders, as well as ways this issue may be addressed, with specific attention to five listed topics, and to submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the 2019 General Assembly, prior to the convening of the 2020 Regular Session.

Intro. by G. Graham.

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Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Corrections (Sentencing/Probation), Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, Public Safety

H 743 (2017-2018) **STUDY EFFICIENCY AND COST-SAVINGS/STATE GOVT**. Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON EFFICIENCY AND COST-SAVINGS IN STATE GOVERNMENT*.

Establishes a 10-member Joint Legislative Study Commission on Efficiency and Cost-Savings in State Government, with five members each appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Provides for the meeting time and location, administration, support staff, and powers, of the Commission. Directs the Commission to use a zero-based budgeting review process to study whether there are obsolete programs, cost-reduction opportunities in State government, and cases where existing funds can be redirected to meet new and changing demands for public services. Authorizes the Commission to require any agency to submit written information, and lists five types of information the Commission may require. Directs the Commission to make an interim report to the 2018 Regular Session of the 2017 General Assembly, and a final report to the 2019 General Assembly, including proposed legislation. The Commission terminates upon the filing of its final report, or upon the convening of the 2019 General Assembly, whichever is earlier.

Intro. by Blackwell, Blust, Riddell, Collins.

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Government, General Assembly, State Agencies, State Government

H 744 (2017-2018) **STATE EMPS./AMEND SALARY CONTINUATION**. Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT AMENDING THE SALARY CONTINUATION BENEFITS OF STATE EMPLOYEES*.

Amends GS 143-166.14 to provide that salary paid to a person qualifying under GS Chapter 143, Article 12B (Salary continuation plan for certain State law-enforcement officers) ends upon assignment of duties which comply with the treating physician's restrictions, in addition to the currently listed events. In any event, salary payments cease or may be equitably reduced when the employee returns to work for the same or a different employer.

Amends GS 143-166.19 to provide that a duty is properly assigned if the duty complies with the authorized treating physician's restrictions.

Intro. by McNeill, R. Turner.

GS 143

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Employment and Retirement, Government, State

Government, State Personnel

H 745 (2017-2018) **NC ENERGY RATEPAYERS PROTECTION ACT**. Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATED TO DISTRIBUTED GENERATION AND TO DIRECT THE UTILITIES COMMISSION TO PERFORM AN ASSESSMENT OF THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF DISTRIBUTED GENERATION.*

Amends GS 62-2(a), deleting language in (a)(10) that requires the state to promote the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency through the implementation of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS). Replaces it with language requiring the state to promote renewable energy and energy efficiency in a manner consistent with the development of the least cost mix of generation. Provides that State policy is to ensure that the development of renewable energy facilities does not result in stranded costs for existing generating units, including the relicensing of existing nuclear power facilities.

Amends the definition of small power producer in GS 62-3(27a) mean a person or corporation owning or operating an electrical power production facility that qualifies as a *small power production facility* under 16 USC s. 796. Requires that standard contracts with these producers not exceed 100 kilowatts of capacity and not exceed 2 years, and must allow the public utility to curtail power generated by the small power producer as needed to maintain economic dispatch and system reliability. Requires that the rates paid by a utility to the producer not exceed the incremental cost to the utility (was limited to the energy cost). Requires rates to be established with further consideration of the need for the power. Provides that the contract may not include payment for capacity. Effective July 1, 2017, and applies to rates approved on or after that date.

Amends GS 62-133.8 (Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS)) to revise the definition of *renewable energy resource*: limits included biomass resources to the listed types of resources, and deletes wood waste and energy crops from that list, and excludes wood waste and tire-derived fuel from the definition. Deletes the provision excluding nuclear energy resource from the definition. Deletes the provisions in the REPS system providing percentage limits for electric utilities implementing energy efficiency measures and verifiable energy efficiency certificates to meet energy consumption reduction requirements, and the percentage limits for purchasing new renewable energy certificates derived from renewable energy facilities to meet those requirements. Includes all reasonable and prudent costs complying with 16 USC s. 824a-3, in addition to other currently described federal mandates within the definition of *incremental costs*. Eliminates the authority of utilities to charge account holders a higher annual fee in 2015 and thereafter to recover incremental costs related to REPS implementation (capped at 2012 amounts). Effective July 1, 2017, and applies to cost recovery proceedings initiated on or after that date.

Eliminates the requirements for renewable energy and energy efficiency standards for electric public utilities and electric membership corporations and municipalities, for compliance through the use of solar energy, and for compliance through the use of swine waste after 2018 (maintains 2015 amounts thereafter). Amends poultry waste energy sale requirements as follows: 68,000 megawatt hours required in 2012, 280,000 megawatt hours required in 2013, and 360 megawatt hours required in 2014 and thereafter. (Currently, 170,000 for 2012, 700,000 for 2013, 900,000 for 2014, and separate requirements thereafter).

Repeals GS 105-275(45), which is the tax exclusion for a solar energy electric system. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2017.

The Utilities Commission may allow an electric power supplier to recover reasonable and prudent incremental costs it incurred before July 1, 2017, in order to comply with REPS requirements that are repealed. Directs the Commission to consider whether reasonable steps were taken to mitigate costs in response to the changes enacted in this act.

Directs the Utilities Commission, in consultation with the Public Staff and the Department of Environmental Quality, to conduct an assessment of costs and benefits of distributed generation, including distributed solar generation, to be provided to the Joint Legislative Commission on Energy Policy by May 1, 2018. Requires utilities and others to cooperate with the assessment. Appropriates \$300,000 for 2017-18 from the General Fund to the Utilities commission to contract with an independent research organization to conduct the assessment.

Enacts new GS 62-351 (Decommissioning and reclamation of utility-scale solar projects; financial assurance requirements). Requires the owner or operator of a utility-scale solar project, as defined, to decommission the project upon cessation of activities, and to reclaim the property to its condition prior to commencement of activities on the site, no later than two years following completion of the operations. Requires owners or operators to establish financial assurance that will ensure that sufficient funds

are available for decommissioning and reclamation, even if the owner or operator becomes insolvent or ceases to reside, be incorporated, do business, or maintain assets in the State. Authorizes various methods of financial assurance. Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to adopt rules establishing criteria to set the amount of required financial assurance, and provides requirements for the rules. Applies to utility-scale solar projects for which construction is initiated on or after the date the act becomes law.

Includes a severability clause.

Unless otherwise provided, effective when the act becomes law.

Intro. by Millis, Cleveland, Collins, McElraft.

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[Business and Commerce, Insurance, Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction, Environment, Energy, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Environmental Quality \(formerly DENR\), Tax, Public Enterprises and Utilities](#)

H 746 (2017-2018) [NC CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY ACT](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO PROTECT A PERSON'S RIGHT TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN WITHOUT A PERMIT, TO PURCHASE A HANDGUN WITHOUT A PISTOL PURCHASE PERMIT, AND TO CONTINUE ALLOWING PERSONS TO ACQUIRE A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECIPROCITY OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON DESIRED.*

To be summarized.

Intro. by Millis, Pittman, Burr, Speciale.

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H 747 (2017-2018) [LRC STUDY/REG. IMPACT IN COASTAL AREAS](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF REGULATORY BARRIERS IN COASTAL ECONOMIES.*

Directs the Legislative Research Commission (Commission) to study the regulatory, financial, and infrastructure burdens in coastal communities. Provides that coastal community refers to any NC county containing or to the east of Interstate 95. Details four components the Commission must study: (1) the administrative burdens and increased costs due to unnecessary or duplicative environmental burdens; (2) the impacts on private property rights and land development due to land use and other restrictions imposed by local governments; (3) the impacts of underinvestment in necessary infrastructure to encourage and sustain economic development; and (4) and other topic or issue relevant to the study. Directs the Commission to make its final report to the 2018 Regular Session of the 2017 General Assembly. Effective July 1, 2017.

Intro. by Millis, Bradford, Riddell.

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development, Property and Housing, Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, General Assembly, Local Government](#)

H 748 (2017-2018) [UNDERGROUND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT/CHANGES](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT AMENDING THE UNDERGROUND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT.*

Amends GS 87-117, setting out definitions for the Underground Utility Safety and Damage Prevention Act (Article 8A of GS Chapter 87). Adds the new term Board, meaning the Underground Damage Prevention Review Board.

Amends GS 87-120, providing the responsibilities of the Notification Center, to remove the provision requiring the Notification Center to receive, maintain, and provide general administration of reports of alleged violations of Article 8A and responses. Makes conforming changes to eliminate all provisions relating to the Notification Center receiving, maintaining, and providing administration of reports of alleged violations and responses.

Amends GS 87-122 (Excavator responsibilities) to modify the required notice to require that it contain, among other components, the location of the proposed excavation or demolition, not to exceed one-quarter mile in geographical length, or five adjoining addresses, whichever is less (was, the location of the proposed excavation or demolition, not to exceed one-quarter mile in geographical length, or five addresses, not to exceed one quarter mile in geographical length; did not specify whichever is less).

Amends GS 87-125 (Notice in case of emergency excavation or demolition), requiring the excavator to give notice (previously, specifies oral notice) to the Notification Center as soon as practicable and include a description of the circumstances justifying the emergency.

Amends GS 87-129 (Underground Damage Prevention Review Board; enforcement; civil penalties). Adds new subsection (a7), providing that the Board is to receive reports of alleged violations of Article 8A, and must maintain a record of those reports for at least four years, including responses to the reports. Adds that the Board is to contact persons against whom reports have been filed to inform them of the alleged violation within 10 days of the filing of the report. Details the information the Board is to minimally maintain regarding reports of alleged violations. Makes conforming change to delete subsection (b).

Amends subsection (c) to provide that a person determined by the Board to have violated Article 8A can appeal the determination by initiating an arbitration proceeding before the Utilities Commission within 30 days of the issuance of the Utilities Commission's order imposing a penalty pursuant to subsection (b) (was, within 30 days of the Board's determination).

Adds new subsection (c2) to establish that an action for the recovery of any penalty under the statute must be instituted in Wake County, and must be instituted in the name of the State on the relation of the Utilities Commission against the person incurring the penalty. Allows the action to be instituted and prosecuted by the Attorney General, the district attorney of the Wake County Superior Court, or the injured person. Directs that the procedure in actions under subsection (c2), the right of appeal, and the rules regulating appeals are the same as provided by law in other civil actions.

Adds new subsection (e) to require the Board to establish and implement a public awareness program to inform the public of the purpose and function of the Board.

Intro. by Millis.

[GS 87](#)

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction](#)

H 749 (2017-2018) [LIMITED IDENTIFICATION CARDS](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO REDUCE IDENTITY THEFT BY INCREASING PENALTIES FOR THE MANUFACTURE OR SALE OF COUNTERFEIT DOCUMENTS AND TO ALLOW UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS TO OBTAIN LIMITED IDENTIFICATION CARDS.*

To be summarized.

Intro. by Warren, Collins, Jordan, Adams.

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H 750 (2017-2018) [GAMING COMMISSION/VLTS](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA GAMING COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZE THE REGULATION OF VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS AND FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUES.*

Enacts new GS Chapter 18C, Article 9 (Video Lottery Entertainment).

New GS 18C-200 defines 11 terms as they are used in the Article.

New GS 18C-203 authorizes the North Carolina Gaming Commission (currently called the North Carolina Lottery Commission. As discussed below, the Revisor of Statutes is instructed to replace all specified references to the North Carolina Lottery Commission with references the North Carolina Gaming Commission), to initiate video lottery games played using a video lottery terminal. Directs the Commission to determine the allocation of net income from video lottery terminals, and the procedures for monitoring, collecting, and distributing income from video lottery terminals, provided that no less than 46% of the total annual revenues may be transferred to the North Carolina State Lottery Fund (Fund), and no more than 8% may be allocated for administrative expenses. If the Commission's administrative expenses are less than 8%, then any surplus funds must be allocated to the Fund.

New GS 18C-210 requires the Commission to annually issue video lottery permits, to be affixed to all approved video lottery terminals. No person may affix or remove a video lottery permit, except for authorized Commission personnel and a licensed operator. Requires manufacturers, distributors, licensed operators, and video lottery retailers to make video lottery terminals available for inspection. No permit may be issued unless a terminal's software is compatible with the Commission's central monitoring system, and the terminal's games are initiated and approved by the Commission. Terminals without a permit are illegal and subject to confiscation, and video lottery terminals may not be removed from the State until the video lottery permit has been removed.

New GS 18C-212 directs the Commission to issue Manufacturer's, Distributor's, and Operator's licenses associated with video lottery entertainment.

New GS 18C-214 directs the Commission to issue licenses to any individual, troupe, corporation, partnership, or association qualified to receive a license, unless any of six listed exceptions applies, including that an applicant or employee or officer of an applicant has been convicted of a felony or any gambling offense in any state or federal court within 10 years of issuance of the license or that the applicant is less than 21 years old. Requires applicants to furnish all materials required or requested by the Commission for determining qualification for a license, including ownership disclosure statements filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission if an applicant is a public company. Requires applicants to submit to and pay a fee for a background investigation. Prohibits applicants and licensees from paying, giving, or making economic opportunities, gifts, loans, gratuities, special discounts, favors, hospitalities, or services, to the Director, to any member or employee of the Commission, or to any member of the immediate family residing in the same household as one of these individuals.

New GS 18C-216 prohibits the Commission from approving an application for a distributor's or operator's license if the applicant has not been a North Carolina resident for at least three years immediately preceding an application. Prohibits licensed distributors or operators from making more than the maximum number of video lottery terminals, as established by the Commission, available at one time.

New GS 18C-218 prohibits the Commission from approving a video lottery retailer's license if the applicant meets any of three listed criteria, including that the applicant is a person who does not possess an on-premises malt beverage permit, on-premises unfortified or fortified wine permit, or mixed beverages permit by the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (ABC). Requires applicants with more than one permit as issued by the ABC to submit a separate applications, qualification, and fees for each premises for licensure by the Commission. Provides requirements for the contents of a video lottery retailer's license. Limits licensed establishments to one licensed establishment per roofline, and requires the establishment to meet all siting requirements in GS 18C-330.

New GS 18C-220 provides a schedule of fees to be charged to applicants by the Commission, including a one-time fee that the commission may charge (the rest are mandatory) for the cost of a criminal and financial record check. Failure to pay specified fees is cause for revocation of licensure. All licenses issued by the Commission are renewable annually unless sooner cancelled or terminated. No licenses are transferable or assignable.

New GS 18C-222 prohibits a licensed video lottery terminal manufacturer or distributor from being licensed as a video lottery terminal operator, or owning, managing, or controlling a licensed establishment, and vice versa. Does not restrict an owner or manager of a single licensed establishment from owning video lottery terminals licensed and placing such machines on the premises, provided they meet the same requirements of video lottery terminal operators, including the payment of all required

fees. Does not prohibit the Commission from authorizing the placement of video lottery terminals by a manufacturer in an establishment that satisfactorily demonstrates that it is otherwise unable to obtain appropriate machine placement of service.

New GS 18C-224 requires video lottery license holders from doing six listed things, including maintaining records required by the Commission. Requires all video lottery retailers to remit an unspecified percent of net income of each video lottery terminal to the Commission on a schedule established by the Commission.

New GS 18C-330 prohibits the placement of video lottery terminals without video lottery permits from being placed in licensed establishments, as well as an amount of video lottery terminals higher than the amount established by the Commission. Requires video lottery terminals to be placed only on premises of establishments issued an on-premises malt beverage permit, on-premises unfortified or fortified wine permit, or mixed beverages permit. Prohibits video lottery terminals from being played by persons under the age of 21. Requires video lottery terminals to be placed in the sight and control of the owner, manager, or an employee of the licensed establishment, from the location where alcoholic beverages are dispensed, in an area that ensures public access to the terminals is restricted to persons legally entitled by age to be on the premises, and in an area that is at all times monitored by the owner, manager, or employee of the licensed establishment. Requires licensed operators to file with the Commission the location of any establishment in which permitted video lottery terminals are located. Prohibits the Commission from issuing licenses for an establishment located within 50 feet of a church, public school, or nonpublic school (as defined).

New GS 18C-332 prohibits video lottery terminals from allowing more than the amount established by the Commission to be played on a single wager. Requires the odds of winning each video lottery game to be posted on or near each video lottery terminal, as calculated by a method established by Committee rule.

New GS 18C-334 directs the Commission to develop a model contract to be used between licensed operators and licensed video lottery retailers. Requires all contracts between licensed operators and licensed video lottery retailers to address the need to report to the IRS and the commission any credits paid out in cash to individuals playing the video lottery terminal. Prohibits any consideration other than a share of net income authorized by the Commission in exchange for allowing the licensed operator to place video lottery terminals in the licensed video lottery retailer's establishment.

New GS 18C-336 requires a person transporting a video lottery terminal from one licensed video lottery retailer's establishment to another in the State, other than for servicing or repair, to notify the Commission in writing prior to transportation. Provides requirements for the notification.

New GS 18C-400 provides that the Commission has the sole administrative enforcement authority of GS Chapter 18C.

New GS 18C-402 authorizes the Commission, or the Department of Public Safety, Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch, to inspect the establishment of a licensed video lottery, licensed operator, licensed distributor, or licensed manufacturer, during normal business hours, including the examination of records, equipment, and proceeds.

New GS 18C-404 creates several crimes. Tampering with a video lottery terminal with intent to interfere with its proper operation is a Class 1 misdemeanor. Manipulating, with intent to do so, the outcome, payoff, or operation of a video lottery terminal, by any means, is a Class 5 felony. Machine owners who falsely report or fail to report the amount due required by the Commission are guilty of a Class 6 felony and are subject to termination of their license. Video lottery retailers or operators who pay a prize to any person in the amount less than the specified prize one is guilty of a Class 6 felony and subject to termination of their license. Solely authorizes the Department of Public Safety, Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch to enforce this statute.

Instructs the Revisor of Statutes to recodify GS Chapter 14, Article 37, Part 2, and GS Chapter 143, Article 68, into new Articles under GS Chapter 18C, and to change all references to the North Carolina State Lottery Commission to the North Carolina Gaming Commission, and to make various listed technical and conforming changes, in consultation with the North Carolina State Lottery Commission, State Bureau of Investigation, and the Department of Public Safety, Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch.

Amends GS 18C-103(4) to delete the part of the definition of *game* or *lottery game* that currently excludes video gaming machines.

Amends GS 18C-114 to further authorize the Commission to prescribe the nature of video lottery entertainment advertising, and to adopt rules to implement GS Chapter 18C. Authorizes the commission to establish requirements for linking all video lottery terminals under a central monitoring system to provide auditing program information, as specified. Authorizes the commission to

establish criteria for information system, operating procedures, reporting, and accounting criteria for video lottery entertainment. Makes conforming changes.

Amends GS 18C-120 to authorize the Director of the Commission to engage an independent firm experienced in security procedures, including computer security and systems security, to conduct a comprehensive study and evaluation of all aspects of security in the operation of the video lottery terminals. Makes conforming changes.

Makes a conforming change to GS 18B-500(b).

Authorizes the North Carolina Gaming Commission to take the necessary actions to develop and implement any licensing and application process authorized by this Act. Beginning on an unspecified date, the North Carolina Gaming Commission may accept applications, charge and collect fees, and issue licenses, as authorized by this act. Effective when the act becomes law.

Except as otherwise stated, effective January 1, 2018.

Intro. by Warren.

[GS 18B, GS 18C, GS 143B](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Lottery and Gaming](#)

H 751 (2017-2018) [CAREER AND COLLEGE READY/HIGH SCHOOL GRADS](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA ENDORSEMENT TO DEMONSTRATE A CERTAIN LEVEL OF READING ACHIEVEMENT*.

Amends the requirements in GS 115C-12 regarding high school diploma endorsements to add that the purpose is to encourage students to obtain job skills necessary for a student to be successful in a wide range of high-quality careers, and requires that the endorsement reflect reading achievement. Makes the award of high school diploma endorsements contingent upon a student achieving specified performance levels on nationally norm-referenced college admissions test for reading. Amends the required information in the report under this statute to include information on students' performance on these tests.

Applies beginning with high school diploma endorsements awarded in the 2018-19 school year.

Intro. by Blackwell, Horn, Johnson.

[GS 115C](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

H 752 (2017-2018) [UTILITIES/WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE UTILITIES COMMISSION MAY ADOPT, IMPLEMENT, MODIFY, OR ELIMINATE A RATE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM FOR WATER OR WASTEWATER PUBLIC UTILITIES TO TRACK AND TRUE-UP VARIATIONS IN AVERAGE PER CUSTOMER USAGE FROM LEVELS APPROVED IN THE GENERAL RATE CASE PROCEEDING*.

Enacts new GS 62-133.12A. Authorizes the Utilities Commission to adopt, implement, modify, or eliminate a rate adjustment mechanism for one or more of a water or wastewater utility's rate schedules to track and true-up variations in average per customer usage from levels approved in a general rate proceeding. Adoption requires a finding by the Commission that the mechanism is appropriate for that purpose, and that the mechanism is in the public interest.

Intro. by Arp.

[GS 62](#)

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[Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health, Public Enterprises and Utilities](#)

H 753 (2017-2018) [LRC STUDY/PARENTAL DRUG ABUSE EFFECT ON CHILD](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON HOLDING A PARENT ACCOUNTABLE FOR HARM DONE TO THE PARENT'S CHILD BEFORE BIRTH DUE TO THE PARENT'S ABUSE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.*

Authorizes the Legislative Research Commission (Commission) to (1) study matters pertaining to holding a parent accountable for harm done to the parent's child before birth as a result of the parent's abuse of controlled substances, and (2) report its findings and recommendations to the 2018 Regular Session of the 2017 General Assembly by April 1, 2018. Directs the Legislative Services Officer to allocate funds appropriated to the General Assembly for the expenditures of the Legislative Services Commission in conducting this study.

Intro. by Pittman, Murphy.

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

H 754 (2017-2018) [OPTIONAL MEALS FOR BED & BREAKFAST GUESTS](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "BED AND BREAKFAST HOME" AND "BED AND BREAKFAST INN" TO ALLOW OPTIONAL MEALS FOR BED AND BREAKFAST GUESTS.*

Amends GS 130A-247(5a) to restrict the definition of *bed and breakfast home* to those establishments that include in the room rate the price of any breakfast meals served (currently, includes the price of any meals served in the room rate), in addition to the other current requirements.

Amends GS 130A-247(6) to restrict the definition of *bed and breakfast inn* to establishments with at least nine guest rooms, which serve the breakfast, lunch, or dinner meals, or a combination of all or some of those three meals (currently, just breakfast meals), and include in the room rate the price of any breakfast meals served (currently, includes the price of breakfast in the room rate), in addition to the other current requirements.

Effective October 1, 2017.

Intro. by Belk, Clampitt, Steinburg, Duane Hall.

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[Business and Commerce](#)

H 755 (2017-2018) [BANKRUPTCY AND RECEIVERSHIP AMENDMENTS](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO EXTEND AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK CHAPTER NINE BANKRUPTCY RELIEF TO ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS, TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO BANKRUPTCY LAWS APPEARING THROUGHOUT THE GENERAL STATUTES, AND TO ALLOW A RECEIVER TO SELL ASSETS OF THE RECEIVERSHIP FREE AND CLEAR OF INTERESTS IN THE ASSETS.*

Renames Article 7 of GS Chapter 23 as Municipalities and Other Governmental Units Authorized for Bankruptcy Relief.

Deletes the existing provisions of GS 23-48 and now provides the following. Details governmental entities that are authorized to seek any relief afforded under Chapter 9 of Title 11 (Bankruptcy) of the US Code as: (1) a taxing district, local improvement district, county, or municipality, with the approval of the Local Government Commission; (2) a correction enterprise as described in Article 14 of GS Chapter 148, with the approval of the Secretary of Public Safety; (3) a local school administrative unit, with the approval of the State Board of Education; and (4) a community college, with the approval of the State Board of Community Colleges, however, prohibits a community college from seeking relief under Chapter 9 of Title 11 (Bankruptcy) of the US Code if the filing of a bankruptcy petition would result in the community college's loss of eligibility for federally funded financial aid. Allows a governmental unit that is denied approval under the statute to appeal the decision to the superior court. Directs the superior court to review whether the decision is arbitrary or capricious.

Enacts new GS 23-49, authorizing a governmental unit that is permitted to seek bankruptcy under GS 23-48 to use or borrow additional working capital pursuant to a plan of adjustment confirmed by a US Bankruptcy Court or pursuant to an order issued

by a US Bankruptcy Court. Clarifies that the statute does not prescribe a method of composition of indebtedness, as described in 11 USC 903.

The above provisions are effective October 1, 2017.

Renames GS 1-245, as Notice of judgments discharged through bankruptcy proceedings. Makes organizational changes. Modifies and adds to existing language to now provide as follows. Establishes that when a debtor in bankruptcy or other party-in-interest furnishes the clerk of the superior court of any county in this State a written form, order, or certificate from a United States Bankruptcy Court to the effect that (1) a debtor has been discharged, (2) the plaintiff or judgment creditor in whose favor judgments against the defendant debtor are docketed in the office of the clerk of the superior court have received due notice as provided by law, and (3) the judgments have been discharged or avoided in whole or in part, the clerk of the superior court must file the form, order, or certificate and enter a notation thereof on the margin of said the judgments. Adds that the effect of any form, order, or certificate filed by the clerk pursuant to the statute is governed by Title 11 of the US Code and other applicable federal law. Provides that the statute applies to judgments already docketed as well as to future judgments.

Amends GS 44A-12(a), concerning the filing of a statutory lien on real property, to require a copy of the claim of lien on real property to be filed with any receiver, bankruptcy trustee, debtor in possession, or assignee (previously, with any receiver, referee in bankruptcy, or assignee) for benefit of creditors who obtains legal authority over the real property. Makes other technical and clarifying changes.

Amends GS 44A-13(a), concerning where and when an action to enforce a statutory claim of lien on real property. Makes organizational changes to the provision providing the specified filings that can satisfy the requirements for the commencement of the action if filed within the time required. Adds the filing of a proof of claim pursuant to 11 USC 501 to the specified filings that satisfy the requirement.

Modifies GS 47-29 (Recording of bankruptcy records) to now provide that a copy of the petition with the schedules omitted beginning a proceeding under Title 11 of the US Code or of any form, order, or certificate of a US Bankruptcy Court in the proceeding must be recorded in the office of any register of deeds in NC, and it is the duty of the register of deeds, on request, to record the form, order, or certificate. Provides that the register of deeds to is entitled to the same fees for this registration as the register of deeds is now entitled to for recording conveyances.

Amends GS 59-32(1), defining bankrupt to mean: (1) a debtor having filed a petition under any applicable chapter of Title 11 of the US Code; (2) a debtor against which an order for relief has been entered pursuant to 11 USC 303; or (3) insolvent under any State insolvent act (previously, defined to mean bankrupt under the Federal Bankruptcy Act or insolvent under any State insolvent act).

Amends GS 84-5(a)(2), requiring the performance of legal services in insolvency proceedings or before a US Bankruptcy Court (was, before a referee in bankruptcy or in court) to be performed for a corporation by a duly licensed attorney.

Amends GS 96-10(c) to eliminate the provision pertaining to the priority of employer contributions to the Employment Security Administration Fund then or thereafter due in the event of an employer's adjudication in bankruptcy, judicially confirmed extension proposal, or composition under the Federal Bankruptcy Act of 1898. Makes other technical and clarifying changes.

Enacts GS 1-505.1, authorizing a receiver, in the sale of property ordered under GS 1-505, to sell assets of the receivership free and clear of interests in the assets in the manner provided by 11 USC 363. Effective October 1, 2017, and applies to sales of property ordered on or after that date.

Intro. by Blust.

[GS 1, GS 23, GS 44A, GS 47, GS 59, GS 84, GS 96](#)

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[Banking and Finance, Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, Local Government](#)

Enacts new GS Chapter 106, Article 55A (Beehive Grants).

New GS 106-650 establishes the North Carolina Beehive Grant Fund as a special fund in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Department), to be used to encourage the establishment of new beehives in the State.

New GS 106-651 authorizes any certified beekeeper over the age of 18 to apply for a grant from the Fund for the purchasing of a new hive, or materials to be used for the construction of a new hive. Directs the Department to specify form, contents, and procedure for the application to be submitted electronically. Authorizes the North Carolina Board of Agriculture (Board) to establish a fee for grant applications. Grants are limited at \$200 per hive, with a maximum grant of \$2,400 per grant recipient in any year. Grants are issued in the order that completed eligible applications are received. Provides for eligible grants requested in excess of money available in the Fund in a given fiscal year to be paid in the next fiscal year in which funds are available. Authorizes the Board to issue rules to implement this Article.

Effective July 1, 2017.

Intro. by C. Graham.

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Agriculture, Animals

H 757 (2017-2018) **REGULATE RETAIL DISPLAY OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS**. Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT REGULATING THE DISPLAY OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, CIGARETTE WRAPPING PAPERS, AND PRODUCTS CONSIDERED DRUG PARAPHERNALIA BY RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS*.

Includes whereas clauses. Enacts new GS 14-313(a1) prohibiting retail distributors of tobacco products and cigarette wrapping papers from displaying: (1) tobacco products or cigarette wrapping papers in an area that can be accessed by persons under 18 years old; or (2) for public view any product considered drug paraphernalia. Effective October 1, 2017.

Intro. by C. Graham.

GS 14

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Business and Commerce, Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure

H 758 (2017-2018) **VOTER INTEGRITY**. Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO BETTER ENSURE VOTER INTEGRITY*.

Amends GS 163-166.11 (Provisional voting requirements). Adds a new provision to require the provisional ballot to be a retrievable ballot, whereby if the ballot is counted and it is later determined that it should not have been counted, that ballot can be removed from the total.

Amends GS 163-57 (Residence defined for registration and voting). Adds a new provision establishing that a vacant lot or business address cannot be considered a residence or used as a residential address for a person offering to register to vote unless a person uses that location as their usual sleeping area.

Amends GS 163-45(c), concerning actions of a designated election observer, to authorize the observer to be present and move about the voting place prior to, during, and following the closing of the polls until the chief judge and judges have completed all of their duties. Further provides that the observer must be permitted to observe precinct officials checking voter registration from a position that allows an observer to clearly hear and understand voter responses. Requires a chief judge or judges of a precinct that limit the movement of or expel an observer from a voting place to specify in writing and sign a statement of the reasons for the limitation or expulsion. Further, requires the writing to be witnessed by at least one of the other precinct judges. Allows an observer to challenge the limitation or expulsion using the procedure for an election protest as provided in GS 163-182.9. Provides that if the county board of elections finds that a chief judge or judge expelled or limited an observer without cause, the chief judge or judge must be fined the sum of the wage paid to the chief judge or judge for that election for a first offense, and requires the chief judge or judge to be permanently barred from serving as a chief judge or judge for a second offense.

Effective January 1, 2018.

Intro. by Blust.

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H 759 (2017-2018) [CEMETERIES/PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE UNIFORMITY IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF CEMETERIES*.

Amends GS 65-48 (definitions for the North Carolina Cemetery Act), to add and define the terms net income and perpetual care trust fund.

Enacts new GS 65-64.1, Management of perpetual care trust fund. Establishes that the statute applies to perpetual care trust fund agreements entered into, renewed, or modified, on or after the effective date of this act. Defines *perpetual care trust fund* as a trust fund that provides for the perpetual care and maintenance of a cemetery, including a care and maintenance trust fund, a perpetual care fund, and a perpetual trust fund. Adds that to the extent the statute conflicts with other provisions in Article 9, new GS 65-64.1 controls.

Authorizes a cemetery company to enter into a perpetual care trust fund agreement with a trustee that meets the requirements of GS 65-60.1 or the State Treasurer. Directs the State Treasurer to replace a trustee when: (1) if the trustee is licensed by the Commissioner of Banks or the Administrator of Credit Unions, the trustee's license is suspended, revoked, or expired; or (2) the Cemetery Commission disapproves the trustee.

Provides for the management of the fund as follows. Directs the trustee to invest and reinvest the perpetual care trust fund in accordance with GS 32-71. Requires the trustee, at least quarterly, to pay to the cemetery company the net income of the perpetual care trust fund, and furnish to the cemetery company an accounting statement that shows all investments, the investments' costs, the investments' current market value, all income earned on the investments, and the net income paid to the cemetery company during the period covered by the statement. Directs the trustee to add all appreciation, gains, stock dividends, and other benefits, other than cash income, to the corpus of the perpetual care trust fund. Requires the trustee to charge any loss on investment against the corpus. Provides that, if the net income is insufficient to pay all trust administration expenses, the cemetery company is not obligated to pay the unpaid amount. Establishes that no person can withdraw, transfer, or place a security interest in any portion of the corpus.

Requires a trustee of a perpetual care trust fund to file bond with the Cemetery Commission to secure the performance of the trustee's duties under Article 9. Provides parameters for the execution and amount of the trustee's bond. Establishes that a bank or trust company licensed to do trust business in NC is exempt from these requirements. Adds that the State Treasurer is also exempt from these requirements.

Prohibits the parties to a perpetual care trust fund agreement from varying the requirements of the statute without first obtaining written consent from either the Cemetery Commission or, if the State Treasurer is the trustee, the State Treasurer.

Applies to perpetual care trust fund agreements entered into, renewed, or modified on or after the date that the act becomes law.

Intro. by Michaux.

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

H 760 (2017-2018) [CHILD PROTECTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN ITS EFFORT TO TRANSFORM THE STATE'S CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM*.

Appropriates from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, \$100,000 for 2017-18, to support the Division in its effort to continue to transform the State's child welfare system. Effective July 1, 2017.

Intro. by Hanes.

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies,
Department of Health and Human Services, Health and
Human Services, Social Services, Child Welfare**

H 761 (2017-2018) [ATHLETIC TRAINER/CHOICE OF PROVIDER](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT PATIENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THEIR ATHLETIC TRAINER UNDER THEIR HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS.*

Amends GS 58-50-30 (Right to choose services of certain providers) to add licensed athletic trainers to the list of providers to which that statute applies. Effective October 1, 2017.

Intro. by Hanes.

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

H 762 (2017-2018) [CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION USES](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO RESTRICT EXPENDITURES OUT OF THE CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE THAT ARE A RESULT OF HOLDING PUBLIC OFFICE.*

Amends GS 163-278.16B by prohibiting, for any candidate holding elected office, that candidate or candidate campaign committee from using contributions for: (1) an amount paid or reimbursed by the State or unit of local government for expenditures related to that elected office whether as per diem or actual expenses; (2) costs of family or friends attending a conference, meeting, or similar event primarily related to the elected office held; or (3) costs of family or friends attending a meeting of a State, regional, national, or international organization of which the candidate is a member or participant by virtue of that candidate's elected office.

Applies to expenditures made on or after January 1, 2018.

Intro. by Blust.

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H 763 (2017-2018) [NOTICE TO INNOCENT PURCHASERS/HAZ. SITES](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO PROVIDE EACH COUNTY WITH ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON THE LOCATION OF INACTIVE HAZARDOUS SITES WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION AND TO REQUIRE INCLUSION OF SUCH INFORMATION ON SEARCHABLE MAPPING SYSTEMS OPERATED BY COUNTIES; TO PROVIDE NOTICE ON THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY DISCLOSURE FORM OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY'S WEB SITE CONCERNING CONTAMINATED PROPERTIES; AND TO MODIFY RECORDATION REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO INACTIVE HAZARDOUS SITES.*

Enacts new GS 130A-310.8A. Requires the Department of Environmental Quality to provide each county electronic access to Geographical Information System (GIS) data on the location and dimensions of each inactive hazardous substance or waste disposal site located within a county's jurisdiction. Requires each county to make the GIS data available in any searchable property mapping system the county maintains for use by the public. Requires the information to be accompanied by a specified disclaimer, made in a conspicuous manner.

Amends GS 47E-4 to require the North Carolina Real Estate Commission's disclosure statement to include a notice that information on contaminated properties may be obtained from the Department of Environmental Quality.

Amends GS 130A-310.8 to direct the Department to further determine the dimensions of inactive hazardous substance or waste disposal sites.

Effective July 1, 2017.

Intro. by B. Turner, Howard, McGrady.

[GS 47E, GS 130A](#)

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Environment, Government, State Agencies, Department of Environmental Quality \(formerly DENR\), Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health](#)

H 764 (2017-2018) [EXPANSION OF MSD/BD APPT.](#) Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS REGARDING EXPANSION OF A METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT AND TO MAKE ADDITIONAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS PARALLEL TO THE PROCESS TO EXPAND A METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE DISTRICT.*

Amends GS 162A-68 (Procedure for inclusion of additional political subdivision or unincorporated area; notice and hearing; elections; actions to set aside proceedings). Provides that if any county that is expanding the territory of a metropolitan sewerage district shall be represented on the district board by three additional members who are qualified voters residing within the new territory, appointed by the county board of commissioners governing the new territory. Makes clarifying and conforming changes.

Intro. by McGrady.

[GS 162A](#)

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

H 765 (2017-2018) [HONOR RUTH SAMUELSON, FORMER MEMBER.](#) Filed Apr 11 2017, *A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF RUTH CULBERTSON SAMUELSON, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.*

As title indicates.

Intro. by McGrady, Carney, Saine, S. Martin.

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[Government, Cultural Resources and Museums, General Assembly](#)

H 766 (2017-2018) [DWI FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.](#) Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO AMEND DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED AND DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED IN A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TO INCLUDE SPECIFIED AMOUNTS OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.*

Amends GS 20-138.1 (Impaired driving) and GS 20-138.2 (Impaired driving in a commercial vehicle) to expand the offenses to include driving any vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle, respective to the offense, upon any highway, any street, or any public vehicular area within the State: (1) with any amount of a specified substance in the person's urine or blood, including a Schedule I controlled substance as listed in GS 90-89 or its metabolites, cocaine or its metabolites, phencyclidine (PCP) or its metabolites, methamphetamine or its metabolites, or ketamine or its metabolites; or (2) with a concentration of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) or its metabolites in the person's blood or urine that reaches the specified levels. Makes clarifying and technical changes. Effective December 1, 2017, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Intro. by Jackson.

[GS 20](#)

H 767 (2017-2018) [NC TOXIC-FREE KIDS ACT](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM THE HEALTH IMPACTS OF TOXIC CHEMICALS IN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS BY PROHIBITING THE SALE OF CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS CONTAINING BISPHENOL A, TRIS, OR PHTHALATES.*

Enacts new Article 24, North Carolina Toxic-Free Kids Act, in GS Chapter 130A as the title indicates.

Defines children's product to mean a consumer product intended for use by children such as clothing, toys, personal care products, baby products, or car seats. The term also applies to food containers for foods intended for consumption by children under the age of three, such as baby food and infant formula. Defines a chemical of high concern as a chemical regulated by new Article 24 and provides definitions for the following chemicals defined as chemicals of high concern under this Article: (1) Bisphenol A, (2) Phthalates, and (3) TRIS. Defines a child as a person under the age of twelve years. Provides definitions for additional terms as used in new Article 24.

Prohibits, beginning July 1, 2019, any wholesaler or retailer from knowingly selling, offering for sale, or distributing for sale or use in North Carolina any children's product containing the following chemicals of high concern: (1) Bisphenol A, (2) Phthalates individually or in combination greater than 0.10 percent by weight (1,000 parts per million), or (3) TRIS in amounts greater than 50 parts per million in any component.

Lists ten exceptions when the requirements of Article 24 do not apply. Exceptions include but are not limited to (1) children's products manufactured using chemicals of high concern when those chemicals are not present in the final children's product; (2) pharmaceutical products or biologics; (3) consumer electronics products and electronic components; and (4) food and beverage packaging except for containers containing infant food or formula, and toddler food.

Beginning October 1, 2018, requires a retailer or distributor of a children's product, or a trade organization on behalf of its member retailers or distributors, to provide notice to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) (appears to intend the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)) of any children's products that contain a chemical regulated under this act. Requires an annual filing of this notice with DENR and specifies the information that the notice must contain.

Authorizes DENR to adopt rules as necessary to implement, administer, and enforce this Article.

Makes conforming changes to GS 130A-17(b), GS 130A-18(b), GS 130A-19(b), and GS 130A-20(b) to reflect the enacting of new Article 24.

Directs DEQ, in consultation with the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services, to submit a report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2019, summarizing and evaluating retailers' and distributors' notices on chemicals of high concern as identified in Article 24. Specifies requirements for the content of the report. Provides that the definitions in new GS 130A-511, as enacted in Article 24 of this act in Section 1, apply to these provisions of Section 2 of this act, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

Provides that Section 1, enacting new Article 24, becomes effective December 1, 2017, and the remainder of the act is effective when it becomes law.

Intro. by Harrison, McGrady.

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[Business and Commerce, Environment, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health](#)

H 768 (2017-2018) [BAN ENDANGERED SPECIES PRODUCT TRAFFICKING](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO BAN TRAFFICKING IN IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN.*

Recodifies GS 113-331 through GS 113-337 as GS Chapter 113, Article 25, Part 1, titled "General Provisions."

Enacts new GS Chapter 113, Article 25, Part 2 (Ivory and Rhinoceros Horn).

New GS 113-338 defines eight terms as they are used in the Part.

New GS 113-339 prohibits the import, sale, offer, purchase, barter, or possession with intent of sale of ivory or rhinoceros horn. Provides a presumption that possession of ivory or rhinoceros horn in a retail or wholesale outlet commonly used for buying or selling similar products is possession with intent to sell. Does not preclude finding of intent to sell based on any other evidence. Provides that appraisal, alone, does not constitute possession with intent to sell. Authorizes the conveyance of ivory or rhinoceros horn as part of an estate of other items being conveyed to lawful beneficiaries upon the death of the owner, or in anticipation of that death. Exempts six listed classes of actions, including law enforcement activities by employees or agents of the federal or State government. Provides that a person claiming an exception has the burden of proving that the exception was applicable, valid, and in force at the time of the alleged violation.

New GS 113-340 provides that a person who violates this statute will be fined a \$1,000 for a first offense and \$5,000 for a second or subsequent offense, or two times the total value of the covered animal product involved in the offense, whichever is greater, in addition to any federal penalty. Requires a court to order the seizure of ivory or rhinoceros horn involved in any violation that leads to a conviction under this statute, and subsequent destruction or donation to an educational or scientific institution of the ivory or rhinoceros horn.

New GS 113-341 authorizes the Wildlife Resources Commission to adopt rules to implement this statute.

New GS 113-342 directs the Wildlife Resources Commission to maintain on its website information regarding the prohibition of the sale and purchase of ivory and rhinoceros horn.

New GS 113-343 directs the Wildlife Resources Commission to submit a report on the prohibition of the sale of ivory and rhinoceros horn, as specified, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and natural and Economic Resources and the Fiscal Research Division, by January 15, 2022.

Effective January 1, 2018.

Intro. by Harrison, McGrady, Saine.

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

H 769 (2017-2018) **VOTER FREEDOM ACT OF 2017**. Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF A "POLITICAL PARTY" AND TO REDUCE THE SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT FOR UNAFFILIATED CANDIDATES.*

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

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

Amends GS 163-122(a), as amended by SL 2017-3, changing the date by which a petition by an unaffiliated candidate to be included on a ballot must be filed with the State Board of Elections from the second Wednesday prior to the primary election to the third Friday in July. Also reduces the required percentage of qualified voters who must sign the petition from 2% of the total number of voters who voted in the most recent general election to 0.25% if the office is statewide. Requires the petition be signed from voters in three (was, four) Congressional districts.

If the office is a district office under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Elections or if the office is a county office or single county legislative district, the percentage of qualified voters that must sign the petition is changed from 4% to 0.25%. Deletes various provisions concerning total number of registered voters needed in regards to county officer or single county legislative district elections, in lieu of setting the requirement at 0.25% of the total number of registered voters that voted in the most recent

general election for that office. Updates a statutory reference. If the office is a superior court judge or a district court judge, regardless of whether the district lies entirely in one county or in more than one county, the percentage of qualified voters that must sign the petition is changed from 2% to 0.25%.

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

Effective with respect to all primaries and elections held on or after the date the act becomes law.

Intro. by Shepard, Adcock, Jordan, R. Moore.

[GS 163](#)

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[Government, Elections](#)

H 770 (2017-2018) [NONCOMMERCIAL USTS/RULE-MAKING REPORT](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A REPORT ON RULES FOR REMEDIATION OF CERTAIN UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS REQUIRED BY THE 2015 APPROPRIATIONS ACT*.

Directs the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to adopt temporary rules implementing SL 2015-241, Section 14.16B (regarding risk levels, risk assessment, and corrective action for petroleum underground storage tanks) no later than October 1, 2017, to remain in effect until the effective date of the permanent rule adopted to replace the temporary rule.

Directs DEQ to report on the status of rule making under this Act and by SL 2015-241, Section 14.16B to the Fiscal Research Division and the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources no later than December 31, 2017.

Intro. by K. Hall, McElraft, B. Turner, Harrison.

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[Environment, Government, State Agencies, Department of Environmental Quality \(formerly DENR\)](#)

H 771 (2017-2018) [JUVENILE/PARENT COMM. SERVICE](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A COURT TO ORDER A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CUSTODIAN TO PERFORM COMMUNITY SERVICE WITH A JUVENILE ADJUDICATED AS DELINQUENT FOR ASSAULTING A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE OR SCHOOL VOLUNTEER*.

Enacts GS 7B-2701.5 (Parental community service performed with the juvenile under certain circumstances). Establishes that if a juvenile has been adjudicated a delinquent for a violation of GS 14-33(c)(6) (assault on a school employee or volunteer) and ordered to perform community service in a dispositional order pursuant to GS 7B-2506, or in an order of probation pursuant to GS 7B-2510, and the court finds that it is in the best interests of the juvenile, the court can order at least one parent, guardian, or custodian of the juvenile to perform community service with the juvenile. Effective December 1, 2017, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Intro. by Destin Hall, Elmore, Jordan, K. Hall.

[GS 7B](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Juvenile Law, Delinquency, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

H 772 (2017-2018) [AMEND NC INTL ARBITRATION/CONCILIATION ACT](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION AND CONCILIATION ACT*.

To be summarized.

Intro. by Destin Hall, Grange, Rogers, John.

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H 774 (2017-2018) [REQUIRE COUNTY DSS TO REVIEW PLACEMENTS](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO FOLLOW THE PLACEMENTS AND REVIEW THE CASES OF JUVENILES IN THEIR CUSTODY.*

Amends GS 7B-505 (Placement while in nonsecure custody) to add a new subsection providing that when a juvenile is in nonsecure custody with the department of social services pursuant to the statute, the department of social services is required to follow the placement and review the case of the juvenile in their custody throughout final disposition of the case or until permanency is achieved.

Intro. by Stevens, Clampitt.

[GS 7B](#)

[View summary](#)

[Courts/Judiciary, Juvenile Law, Abuse, Neglect and Dependency, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Child Welfare](#)

H 787 (2017-2018) [STRENGTHEN DO NOT CALL REGISTRY](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE DO NOT CALL REGISTRY.*

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

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

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

Intro. by Harrison, Fisher.

[GS 75](#)

[View summary](#)

[Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection](#)

H802 (2017-2018) [EXEMPT MOTORCOACH MANUFACTURER & DISTRIBUTOR](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO EXEMPT MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS OF MOTORCOACHES FROM THE PROHIBITION ON OWNING, OPERATING, OR CONTROLLING A MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERSHIP IN THIS STATE.*

As title indicates.

Intro. by Hardister, Faircloth, Blust, Brockman.

[GS 20](#)

H 808 (2017-2018) [ADVISORY COUNCIL REVIEW OF RARE DISEASE BILLS](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT EXPANDING THE DUTIES OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RARE DISEASES TO INCLUDE THE PREPARATION OF ADVISORY NOTES FOR PROPOSED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO RARE DISEASES AND REQUIRING THE ADVISORY NOTE TO BE ATTACHED TO THE BILL OR RESOLUTION AT THE TIME OF ITS CONSIDERATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.*

Identical to [S 310](#), filed 3/16/17.

Enacts new Article 6E, Review of Rare Disease Bills and Resolutions, in GS Chapter 120. Requires that every bill and resolution introduced in the General Assembly that proposes changes to the law pertaining to rare diseases, rare disease research, or rare disease care include an advisory note prepared by the Advisory Council on Rare Diseases (Advisory Council). Specifies that the advisory note must include the Advisory Council's opinion about the merits of the legislation and any recommended changes. Requires the Advisory Council to give the advisory note to the bill sponsor within two weeks after the sponsor has made the request for an advisory note, unless the sponsor agrees to more time. Requires that the advisory note be attached to the original of each proposed bill or resolution that is reported favorably by a committee, but specifies that the note is not a part of the legislation and is not an expression of legislative intent proposed by the legislation. Requires that if a committee reports favorably a proposed bill or resolution with an amendment that proposes a change in the law that pertains to rare diseases, rare disease research, or rare disease care, the chairperson of the committee must obtain an advisory note from the Advisory Council and attach it to the amended bill or resolution. Requires that copies the advisory notes be given to the sponsor of the bill or resolution and the chairpersons of the rules committees.

Makes conforming changes toGS 130A-33.66 by adding the review of each proposed bill and resolution pertaining to rare diseases, rare disease research, and rare disease care and the preparation of an advisory note within 14 days to the Advisory Council's duties.

Appropriates \$250,000 for 2017-18 and \$250,000 for 2018-19 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services to be allocated to the Advisory Council to prepare advisory notes.

Effective July 1, 2017.

Intro. by Carney, Dollar, Torbett, Adcock.

[APPROP, GS 120, GS 130A](#)

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

H 811 (2017-2018) [ENERGY SAVINGS INCENTIVES/STATE AGENCIES](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ENERGY SAVINGS REALIZED BY STATE AGENCIES MAY REMAIN AVAILABLE TO THE AGENCY FOR OTHER FACILITY UPGRADES RELATED TO REDUCING ENERGY AND WATER CONSUMPTION.*

Enacts new GS 143-64.17N. Provides that the General Fund current operations appropriations credit balance remaining at the end of each fiscal year for utilities of a state governmental unit that is due to energy savings realized from implementing an energy conservation measure is to be carried forward by the unit to the next fiscal year and is appropriated for energy conservation measures by that unit. Prohibits the Director of the Budget from decreasing the recommended continuation budget requirements for utilities for state governmental units carrying forward a credit balance by the amount of energy savings realized from implementing energy conservation measures. Requires state governmental units to submit annual reports on the use of funds authorized pursuant to this statute as required under GS 143-64.12. Makes conforming changes to GS 143-64.12.

Effective for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2013.

Intro. by Fisher, Harrison, Autry, Butler.

[GS 143](#)

H 819 (2017-2018) [PROTECT NC RIGHT TO WORK CONSTITUTIONAL AMEND.](#) Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO GUARANTEE A PERSON'S RIGHT TO WORK.*

Identical to [S 632](#), filed 4/4/17.

Enacts new Article I, Sec. 38 (Right to Work) of the North Carolina Constitution, subject to an affirmative vote of the majority of voters at an election on November 6, 2018, as follows:

Provides that the right to live includes the right to work, which must be protected and maintained free from undue restraints and coercion, and shall not be denied or abridged on account of membership status in a labor organization. Provides that no person shall be required by an employer to become or remain a member of, abstain or refrain from membership in, or pay dues, fees, or other charges of any kind to a labor organization as a condition of employment or continuation of employment. Defines labor organization to mean any trade union, labor union, or other labor association. Applies to contracts entered into after the effective date of this section, and any renewal or extension of contracts that exist on that date.

Provides for the text of the ballot question. Effective upon certification of the election by the State Board of Elections to the Secretary of State.

Intro. by Burr, Dixon, Presnell, Millis.

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Constitution, Employment and Retirement

H 820 (2017-2018) [PROTECT RIGHT TO WORK/CONFORMING CHANGES.](#) Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT CLARIFYING THE STATE'S LABOR LAWS PROTECTING A PERSON'S RIGHT TO WORK.*

Identical to [S 631](#), filed 4/4/17.

Effective only if voters approve a constitutional amendment in November 2018 protecting the right to work as set forth in legislation filed during the 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly (S 632 proposes such an amendment).

Amends GS 95-78 to define labor organization as any trade union, labor union, or other labor association.

Amends GS 95-79, GS 95-80, GS 95-81, GS 95-82, GS 95-83, and GS 95-84 to make technical and conforming changes.

Intro. by Burr, Dixon, K. Hall, Saine.

GS 95

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Employment and Retirement

H 821 (2017-2018) [NC GUARDIANSHIP BILL OF RIGHTS.](#) Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NORTH CAROLINA GUARDIANSHIP BILL OF RIGHTS.*

Enacts new GS Chapter 35A, Article 8A (Guardianship Bill of Rights).

New GS 35A-1247 states the legislative purpose to maintain the fundamental rights of persons adjudicated to be incompetent adults, or who are being considered for placement under guardianship, and to provide for these persons a fuller capacity for exercising rights and making decisions within their comprehension and judgment.

New GS 35A-1247.1 lists 20 rights of persons adjudged to be an incompetent adult, including the right to be treated with dignity and respect in all matters, and to have the persons preferences and desires considered, and to vote. Lists eight rights of persons being considered for guardianship, including the right to nominate the name of a specific person to serve as guardian if one is appointed.

Effective October 1, 2017.

Intro. by Farmer-Butterfield, Morey, Meyer, Howard.

[GS 35A](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Health and Human Services, Mental Health, Social Services, Adult Services](#)

H 827 (2017-2018) [USE OF PASSING LANE/INCREASED PENALTY](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO EXPAND THE PROHIBITION ON OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE IN THE LEFTMOST TRAVEL LANE OF A CONTROLLED-ACCESS OR PARTIALLY CONTROLLED-ACCESS HIGHWAY AT LESS THAN THE SPEED LIMIT OR WHEN IMPEDING THE STEADY FLOW OF TRAFFIC AND TO INCREASE THE MONETARY PENALTY FOR COMMITTING A VIOLATION OF THAT PROHIBITION.*

Identical to [S 303](#), filed 3/16/17.

Amends GS 20-146 to require any vehicle on a controlled-access or partially controlled access highway to drive in a lane other than the inside lane next to the centerline or median when traveling at less than the speed limit or when impeding the steady flow of traffic (defined as when the person knows or reasonably should know that he or she is being overtaken from the rear by a vehicle traveling at a higher rate of speed). Includes exceptions for overtaking and passing another vehicle or when making a left turn. Violations are an infraction punishable by a \$200 fine. Makes conforming changes. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2017.

Intro. by Duane Hall, Bradford, Hardister, Murphy.

[GS 20](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle](#)

H 829 (2017-2018) [CUSTOMARY AND REASONABLE FEES FOR APPRAISERS](#). Filed Apr 11 2017, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF REASONABLE AND CUSTOMARY COMPENSATION FOR REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS.*

Identical to [S 571](#), filed 3/30/17.

Amends GS 93E-2-4(i), pertaining to the requirement for appraisal management companies to provide appraisers customary and reasonable compensation. Amends and adds to the existing language and now requires an appraisal management company to provide customary and reasonable compensation and offers of compensation to appraisers for appraisal assignments of 1-4 family residential properties. Establishes that compensation and offers of compensation provided to an appraiser are deemed reasonable if the compensation or offer of compensation is in an amount reasonably related to recent rates paid by the consumer for comparable appraisal services performed in the geographic market of the property being appraised. Provides that recent rates do not include amounts paid by appraisal management companies. Directs that customary and reasonable rates be based on objective third-party information, such as academic studies, government fee surveys, and independent private sector surveys. Directs the North Carolina Appraisal Board to adopt necessary rules to enforce subsection (i) as amended within 180 days of the date the act becomes law.

Adds the term consumer to GS 93E-2-2, and defines the term as it applies to Article 2, Real Estate Appraisal Management Companies, of GS Chapter 93E to mean the borrower or owner of the property interest for which an appraiser's services are utilized.

Intro. by Saine, Lewis.

[GS 93E](#)

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

S 3 (2017-2018) [DOT/DMV CHANGES](#). Filed Jan 25 2017, *AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO STATE LAW RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE*.

Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to the 3rd edition.

Amends GS 20-79.1 to require a dealer to, within 20 days (was, 20 working days), mail or deliver the application and fees for a temporary registration plate or marker to the DMV or local license agency for processing.

Intro. by Rabon, Harrington.

[GS 136](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Development, Land Use and Housing, Land Use, Planning and Zoning, Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation, State Government, State Property](#)

S 114 (2017-2018) [ANNUAL REPORT MODERNIZATION](#). Filed Feb 21 2017, *AN ACT REVISING THE LAWS GOVERNING THE SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL REPORTS BY VARIOUS BUSINESS ENTITIES TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE*.

The Senate committee substitute to the 1st edition is to be summarized.

Intro. by Wells, Tarte.

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

Senate amendment makes the following changes to the 1st edition. Deletes the content of Section 1 concerning the Senate's consideration of confirmation of Susi H. Hamilton as Secretary of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, and instead provides that, having given due consideration, the Senate confirms Susi H. Hamilton as Secretary of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Makes conforming changes to the act's long title.

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 393 (2017-2018) [CONFIRMATION/SECRETARY DEQ](#). Filed Mar 27 2017, *A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MICHAEL REGAN AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT*

Senate amendment makes the following changes to the 1st edition. Deletes the content of Section 1 concerning the Senate's consideration of confirmation of Michael Regan as Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality, and instead provides that, having given due consideration, the Senate confirms Michael Regan as Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality. Makes conforming changes to the act's long title.

Intro. by Rabon.

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[Government, General Assembly, State Agencies, Department](#)

S 517 (2017-2018) [NORTH CAROLINA NEW TEACHER SUPPORT ACT](#). Filed Mar 29 2017, *AN ACT TO SUPPORT NEW TEACHERS IN NORTH CAROLINA AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS*.

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

Corrects the list of locations that are current sites for the North Carolina New Teacher Support Program by adding NC State University and the UNC Center for School Leadership Development, and removing East Carolina University, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, and UNC-Chapel Hill.

Intro. by Barefoot, Lee, Edwards.

[APPROP, GS 115C](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations](#)

S 598 (2017-2018) [FUTURE TEACHERS OF NORTH CAROLINA](#). Filed Apr 4 2017, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FUTURE TEACHERS OF NORTH CAROLINA*.

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

Instead of enacting the new statutes under Article 29A of GS Chapter 116, enacts new under new Part 4B of Article 1 of GS Chapter 116 and changes the numbers of the proposed statutes. Makes conforming changes.

Intro. by Barefoot, Meredith, Britt.

[APPROP, GS 116](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, APA/Rule Making, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, UNC System](#)

S 659 (2017-2018) [SECRETARY OF COMMERCE CONFIRMATION](#). Filed Apr 4 2017, *A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING TONY COPELAND AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT*

Senate amendment makes the following changes to the 1st edition. Deletes the content of Section 1 concerning the Senate's consideration of confirmation of Tony Copeland as Secretary of the Department of Commerce, and instead provides that, having given due consideration, the Senate confirms Tony Copeland as Secretary of the Department of Commerce. Makes conforming changes to the act's long title.

Intro. by Rabon.

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[Government, State Agencies, Department of Commerce](#)

LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

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

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

Expands the applicability of the act to Davie County (currently, only applies to Yadkin County). Makes conforming changes to the act's long title.

Reduces the proposed open season for taking foxes by trapping with no requirements prior to or after sale, to October 1 through February 28 of each year (previously, from October 1 through March 31 of each year).

Intro. by Zachary.

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ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 5: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TECHNICAL CHANGES.

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Ordered Enrolled

H 17: OFFICE OF STATE AUDITOR/CORRECTIVE ACTION/PED.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 29: RECORD OF EXCUSALS FROM JURY DUTY.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Placed On Cal For 04/19/2017

H 74: ADOPT BOBCAT AS STATE CAT.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 94: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/DRONE USE.

House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 149: STUDENTS W/DYSLEXIA AND DYSCALCULIA.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 206: NC CANCER TREATMENT FAIRNESS.

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 212: ZETA PHI BETA SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.

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 223: DISABLED VETERAN PLATE FOR MOTORCYCLES.

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 228: POSTPONE ASSUMED NAME REVISIONS.

House: Amend Adopted A1

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

House: Ordered Engrossed

H 239: REDUCE COURT OF APPEALS TO 12 JUDGES.

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Special Message Sent To House

House: Special Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Concurred In S/Com Sub

House: Ordered Enrolled

Ratified

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H 243: STRENGTHEN OPIOID MISUSE PREVENTION (STOP)ACT.

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 244: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/COMPOSTING FACILITIES.

House: Serial Referral To Agriculture Stricken

H 275: NO STORMWATER FEES ON TAXIWAYS OR RUNWAYS.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On Finance

H 283: DHHS RECOMMEND TELEMEDICINE POLICY (New)

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 295: HEALTH CARE SHARING EXPENSES DEDUCTION.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref Com On Finance

H 297: AMEND HABITUAL DWI.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 298: 0.00 ALCOHOL RESTRICTION - ALL DWI.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On Appropriations

H 299: STATE HEALTH PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES.-AB

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On State Personnel

H 300: PARTIALLY DISABLED VETERAN/FREE PLATE.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 308: NO INSURANCE WHILE DRIVING/TOW VEHICLE.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Re-ref Com On Judiciary I

H 311: STATE AUDITOR/VARIOUS AMENDMENTS.-AB

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Withdrawn From Cal

House: Placed On Cal For 04/20/2017

H 319: STUDY SOLAR FACILITY DECOMMISSIONING RQMTS.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 04/19/2017

H 320: STUDY ELECTRONICS RECYCLING.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 321: STUDY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL TAX.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 334: FAMILIES' STABILIZATION ACT.

House: Serial Referral To Judiciary I Stricken

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 369: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS AND PROBATIONS.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Re-ref Com On Judiciary III

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 04/19/2017

H 375: SCHOOL CAL. FLEX./CC.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 382: INSURANCE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.-AB

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 383: NAIC MODEL/OWN RISK AND SOLVENCY ASSESSMENT.-AB

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 384: INCREASE PENALTIES/ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 399: STOP IMAGES TAKEN W/O CONSENT FROM DISSEMIN.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 409: STATE AGENCIES/ADJUST HIRING PRACTICES.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 443: AUTO DEALERS/CONTINUING EDUCATION.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Re-ref Com On Finance

H 454: SURVEYING AND PLAT RECORDING CHANGES.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 462: BANKING LAW AMENDMENTS.

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 467: AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY NUISANCE REMEDIES.

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 471: FAIL TO OBTAIN DL/INCREASE PUNISHMENT.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On Finance

H 480: ABC PERMITS/TAX COMPLIANCE & REPORTS.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On Alcoholic Beverage Control

H 485: UNC & CC CREDIT/NATIONAL GD ON SAD.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Re-ref Com On Education - Community Colleges

H 486: NATIONAL GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On Education - Community Colleges

H 501: DOT/SURVEYING INFORMATION IN PLANS.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On Judiciary III

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 507: LAND-USE REGULATORY CHANGES.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On Judiciary III

H 528: TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS TIME FRAME.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Re-ref Com On State and Local Government II

H 532: MODIFY UNC LABORATORY SCHOOLS.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 557: MITIGATION SERVICES AMENDMENTS.

House: Serial Referral To Transportation Added

H 578: REVISIONS TO OUTDOOR ADVERTISING LAWS.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref Com On Finance

H 579: REVISIONS TO OUTDOOR ADVERTISING LAWS.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref Com On State and Local Government II

H 580: REVISIONS TO OUTDOOR ADVERTISING LAWS.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref Com On State and Local Government II

H 581: REVISIONS TO OUTDOOR ADVERTISING LAWS.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref Com On Finance

H 584: REAL PROP/ERROR CORRECTION & TITLE CURATIVE.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 636: SALE OF SALVAGE VEHICLE/NO INSPECTION.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref Com On Transportation

H 645: LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED FOR NONPROFITS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Judiciary I

H 646: APPRENTICESHIPNC.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 647: TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Homelessness, Foster Care, and Dependency

H 648: RESPONSIBLE DEER HUNTING.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 649: SWEEPSTAKES CONTROL ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 650: STATE BOARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT CLAIM.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 651: STATE PENSION/RET. HEALTH BEN. FUND SOLVENCY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 652: FREEZE NEW TOLL CONTRACTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 653: REPORT/CAR ACCIDENT CAUSED BY SEIZURE OR COMA.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 654: REDUCE MORTGAGE LENDER SURETY BONDS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Banking

H 655: ELECTION EQUIPMENT/GRANTS TO COUNTIES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 656: COLLEGE OF ALBEMARLE/CONSTRUCTION FUNDS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on State and Local Government I, if favorable, Education - Community Colleges

H 657: IMPROVE ADULT CARE HOME REGULATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 658: EARLY LITERACY INITIATIVE/FUNDS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Appropriations

H 659: FILLING VACANCIES/U.S. SENATE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Elections and Ethics Law

H 660: DRIVERS LICENSE/RECIPROCITY W/FOREIGN NATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Transportation

H 661: INNOCENT SPOUSE TAX RELIEF.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Finance

H 662: CAROLINA CARES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Health Care Reform

H 663: RIGHT TO REPAIR ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 664: RETROACTIVE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 665: SHERIFFS' SUPP. PENSION FUND CHANGES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 666: REVISE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REQ'TS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On State and Local Government II

H 667: DRINKING WATER WHOLESALERS TESTING AND EVAL.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Environment

H 668: CLARIFY POLITICAL SIGN ORDINANCE AUTHORITY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On State and Local Government I

H 669: FEES TO CERTIFY AS A COMPANY POLICE AGENCY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 670: PROTECT EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Judiciary II

H 671: EXPAND CERTIFICATE OF RELIEF.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 672: REAR OCCUPANT SEAT BELT USE/ENFORCEMENT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 673: DWLR/DEATH OR INJURY BY VEHICLE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Judiciary II

H 674: INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 675: CLERK OF COURT NOTIFY AOC JUDGE ENDS EARLY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Judiciary III

H 676: SPECIAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Judiciary III

H 677: AMEND WHO CAN SERVE ON THREE-JUDGE PANEL.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Judiciary I

H 678: OPP. SCHOLARSHIPS/ACCREDITED SCHOOLS ONLY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Education - K-12, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 679: RESTORE DIRECT ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO ADATCS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Appropriations

H 680: ALLOW OPAV/CONSERVATION ESMTS. ON FARMLAND.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 681: TEACHER LICENSURE/MILITARY SPOUSES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Education - K-12

H 682: LIMIT GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION LENGTH.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 683: INDIAN CHILD SERVICES CHANGES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Health

H 684: SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY FEE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 685: MFT'D HOME PURCHASE AGREEMENT CHANGES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Banking

H 686: ZERO-BASED BUDGETING.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Appropriations

H 687: AMEND VARIOUS COAL ASH PROVNS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 688: CERTAIN APPEALS ALLOWED/PREMARITAL AGREEMENTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Judiciary IV

H 689: OCC. LICENSING TURNAROUND TIME/PED STUDY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Regulatory Reform

H 690: SUDEP AWARENESS WEEK.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Health

H 691: DRIVING MOPED AT NIGHT/REFLECTIVE GEAR.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Transportation

H 692: ENACT NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS CERTIFICATION ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 693: STUDY/PUBLIC RECORDS & OPEN MEETINGS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Judiciary I

H 694: INCREASE THRESHOLD/CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Elections and Ethics Law

H 695: SAME ID REQUIREMENTS/CURBSIDE VOTERS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Elections and Ethics Law

H 696: ENHANCE CITIZEN VOTER LIST MAINTENANCE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Elections and Ethics Law

H 697: ELECTION OBSERVER BILL OF RIGHTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Elections and Ethics Law

H 698: INCREASE PENALTY FOR VOTER FRAUD.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Elections and Ethics Law

H 699: NO RACE/ETHNICITY REQ/VOTER REGISTRATION FORM.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 700: ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 701: OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Judiciary III

H 702: SENIORS CC TUITION WAIVER.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Education - Community Colleges

H 703: FELON W/GUN/B&E/INCREASED PENALTIES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Judiciary II

H 704: DIVIDE SCHOOL SYSTEMS/STUDY COMMITTEE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Education - K-12

H 705: EMC OVERSIGHT OF DEQ STUDIES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Regulatory Reform

H 706: LANDLORD/TENANT-ALIAS & PLURIES SUMMARY EJECT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Judiciary III

H 707: LIEN AGENT/NOTICE OF CANCELLATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Judiciary III

H 708: REQUIRE CRIMINAL BGC/PHARMACIST LICENSURE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 709: SOLICITATION FOR COPIES/REG. OF DEEDS FEES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 710: PRIVATE PARKING/IMMOBILIZATION DEVICE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 711: INCREASE HATE CRIME PUNISHMENT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 712: ECU BRODY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FUNDS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Appropriations

H 713: LRC/SPTD DECSN-MAKING IN LIEU OF GUARDIANSHIP.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 714: FAIR REDISTRICTING STUDY COMMITTEE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 715: RENEW COMMITMENT TO ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE PREV.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 716: CMVS/USE OF PLATOONS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Transportation

H 717: REVISE CERTAIN SUPERIOR COURT DISTRICTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Judiciary I

H 718: RATES AND TRANSFERS BY PUBLIC ENTERPRISES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Energy and Public Utilities

H 719: IMPROVE SECURITY/UPPER LEVEL/PKING LOT 65.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Finance

H 720: FUNDS FOR INDIAN AFFAIRS COMM. STAFF.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: RefTo Com On Appropriations

H 721: OMNIBUS ACT REGARDING COAL-BASED ENERGY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 722: HOG LAGOON SUNSET/LIVESTOCK TREATMENT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 723: GUN SAFETY ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 724: CITIZENS UNITED DISCLOSURES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 725: MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FUNDING/STUDY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 726: REPEAL SALES TAX ON RMI.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 727: TAXPAYERS' BILL OF RIGHTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 728: UNC INSTITUTIONS/CONFERENCE BOYCOTTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 729: EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ABLE ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 730: NINTH GRADE ACADEMY PILOT/FUNDS.

House: Filed

H 731: LAW ENFORCEMENT INVENTORY SAECKS.

House: Filed

H 732: HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIER REVISIONS.

House: Filed

H 733: REQUIRE PERMIT FOR GINSENG HARVESTING.

House: Filed

H 734: IN-STATE TUITION EQUITY.

House: Filed

H 735: REDISTRICTING BY COMPUTER.

House: Filed

H 736: PROVIDE MINOR ALCOHOL/FELONY IF DEATH RESULTS.

House: Filed

H 737: OPEN PRIMARY ACT.

House: Filed

H 738: OPIOID PRESCRIPTION & TREATMENT OPT OUT ACT.

House: Filed

H 739: AMBULANCE WEAPON EXCEPTION/LEO & FIREFIGHTERS.

House: Filed

H 740: SAR RENAME/DISPUTED COUNTY BOUNDARIES/MAPPING.

House: Filed

H 741: DHHS STUDY/MATERNAL AND NEONATAL CARE.

House: Filed

H 742: STUDY BILL FOR REENTRY HOUSING PROGRAM.

House: Filed

H 743: STUDY EFFICIENCY AND COST-SAVINGS/STATE GOVT.

House: Filed

H 744: STATE EMPS./AMEND SALARY CONTINUATION.

House: Filed

H 745: NC ENERGY RATEPAYERS PROTECTION ACT.

House: Filed

H 746: NC CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY ACT.

House: Filed

H 747: LRC STUDY/REG. IMPACT IN COASTAL AREAS.

House: Filed

H 748: UNDERGROUND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT/CHANGES.

House: Filed

H 749: LIMITED IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

House: Filed

H 750: GAMING COMMISSION/VLTS.

House: Filed

H 751: CAREER AND COLLEGE READY/HIGH SCHOOL GRADS.

House: Filed

H 752: UTILITIES/WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES.

House: Filed

H 753: LRC STUDY/PARENTAL DRUG ABUSE EFFECT ON CHILD.

House: Filed

H 754: OPTIONAL MEALS FOR BED & BREAKFAST GUESTS.

House: Filed

H 755: BANKRUPTCY AND RECEIVERSHIP AMENDMENTS.

House: Filed

H 756: BEEHIVE GRANT PROGRAM.

House: Filed

H 757: REGULATE RETAIL DISPLAY OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

House: Filed

H 758: VOTER INTEGRITY.

House: Filed

H 759: CEMETERIES/PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS.

House: Filed

H 760: CHILD PROTECTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.

House: Filed

H 761: ATHLETIC TRAINER/CHOICE OF PROVIDER.

House: Filed

H 762: CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION USES.

House: Filed

H 763: NOTICE TO INNOCENT PURCHASERS/HAZ. SITES.

House: Filed

H 764: EXPANSION OF MSD/BD APPT.

House: Filed

H 765: HONOR RUTH SAMUELSON, FORMER MEMBER.

House: Filed

H 766: DWI FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

House: Filed

H 767: NC TOXIC-FREE KIDS ACT.

House: Filed

H 768: BAN ENDANGERED SPECIES PRODUCT TRAFFICKING.

House: Filed

H 769: VOTER FREEDOM ACT OF 2017.

House: Filed

H 770: NONCOMMERCIAL USTS/RULE-MAKING REPORT.

House: Filed

H 771: JUVENILE/PARENT COMM. SERVICE.

House: Filed

H 772: AMEND NC INT'L ARBITRATION/CONCILIATION ACT.

House: Filed

H 773: ABC SALES/SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT VENUES.

House: Filed

H 774: REQUIRE COUNTY DSS TO REVIEW PLACEMENTS.

House: Filed

H 775: UNC CAPITAL EFFICIENCIES.

House: Filed

H 776: ADOPTION LAW CHANGES.

House: Filed

H 777: AMEND LAW REGARDING UNIVERSITY DISCIPLINE.

House: Filed

H 778: LRC/OPIOID MISUSE PREVENTION.

House: Filed

H 779: CHARTER SCHOOL CHANGES.

House: Filed

H 780: UPHOLD HISTORICAL MARRIAGE ACT.

House: Filed

H 781: JMAC MODIFICATIONS.

House: Filed

H 782: PAID HOLIDAY/PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS.

House: Filed

H 783: PROHIBIT RESALE OF LOTTERY TICKETS.

House: Filed

H 784: SUITABILITY IN ANNUITY.

House: Filed

H 785: DUTY TO CALL 911/VIOLATION MISDEMEANOR.

House: Filed

H 786: NC ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENT SCHOOLS ACT.

House: Filed

H 787: STRENGTHEN DO NOT CALL REGISTRY.

House: Filed

H 788: AMEND EXPUNCTION LAWS.

House: Filed

H 789: END OF LIFE OPTION ACT.

House: Filed

H 790: SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IN PRISONS.

House: Filed

H 791: ELECTORAL DISTRICTS/WAKE CO DISTRICT CT.

House: Filed

H 792: 2017 APPROPRIATIONS ACT.

House: Filed

H 793: IHE POLICIES SEXUAL ASSAULT/SEXUAL CONSENT.

House: Filed

H 794: NC PERMITTING EFFICIENCY ACT OF 2017.

House: Filed

H 795: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES MODIFICATIONS.

House: Filed

H 796: EXPUNCTIONS RELATED TO 50B ORDERS.

House: Filed

H 797: CHANGES TO CURRENT BWC LAW.

House: Filed

H 798: INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR TOLLS PAID.

House: Filed

H 799: UTILITY BILLING BY LESSORS.

House: Filed

H 800: VARIOUS CHANGES TO CHARTER SCHOOL LAWS.

House: Filed

H 801: REENTRY COLLABORATIVE.

House: Filed

H 802: EXEMPT MOTORCOACH MANUFACTURER & DISTRIBUTOR.

House: Filed

H 803: LANDLORD LIABILITY CHANGES.

House: Filed

H 804: ADD ADDITIONAL ADA TO DISTRICT 9.

House: Filed

H 805: DISCLOSURE OF COSMETICS INGREDIENTS.

House: Filed

H 806: STUDENT NOTICE/CHARTER SCHOOL CLOSURE/RESTR.

House: Filed

H 807: CREATE DIVISIONS - ALE AND CAP. POLICE IN DPS.

House: Filed

H 808: ADVISORY COUNCIL REVIEW OF RARE DISEASE BILLS.

House: Filed

H 809: HONOR THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ROBERT DALRYMPLE.

House: Filed

H 810: PET BOARDING FACILITIES.

House: Filed

H 811: ENERGY SAVINGS INCENTIVES/STATE AGENCIES.

House: Filed

H 812: MINIMUM WAGE/AGRICULTURE/DOMESTIC WORKERS.

House: Filed

H 813: VETERAN RETIREMENT INCOME TAX BENEFIT.

House: Filed

H 814: PLANNED COMMUNITY ACT CHANGES.

House: Filed

H 815: NONDISCRIM. & ACCOUNT./CERTAIN PRIVATE SCHS.

House: Filed

H 816: CONSUMER PROTECTION/ROOFING CONTRACTORS.

House: Filed

H 817: REPEAL PISTOL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.

House: Filed

H 818: CHIROPRACTORS PERFORM PHYSICALS FOR ATHLETICS.

House: Filed

H 819: PROTECT NC RIGHT TO WORK CONSTITUTIONAL AMEND.

House: Filed

H 820: PROTECT RIGHT TO WORK/CONFORMING CHANGES.

House: Filed

H 821: NC GUARDIANSHIP BILL OF RIGHTS.

House: Filed

H 822: REGULATE ARBITRATION AGRMTS/LTC FACILITIES.

House: Filed

H 823: ADULT ADOPTEE/ACCESS ORIGINAL BIRTH CERT.

House: Filed

H 824: CONTRACEPTIVE EDUCATION FOR WOMEN IN RECOVERY.

House: Filed

H 825: PROTECT NC CHILDREN FROM LEAD EXPOSURE.

House: Filed

H 826: MODIFY LOW-PERFORMING SCHOOL DEFINITION.

House: Filed

H 827: USE OF PASSING LANE/INCREASED PENALTY.

House: Filed

H 828: IT CHANGES/LIBRARIES & TELEMEDICINE.

House: Filed

H 829: CUSTOMARY AND REASONABLE FEES FOR APPRAISERS.

House: Filed

H 830: WC/INDEPENDENT TRUCKERS.

House: Filed

H 831: BRIAN GARLOCK ACT.

House: Filed

H 832: STUDY STUDENT LOAN ALTERNATIVES.

House: Filed

H 833: DRIVER EDUCATION OVERSIGHT.

House: Filed

H 834: FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY CAPITAL PROJECT.

House: Filed

H 835: CREATE CHAIN OF SURVIVAL TASK FORCE.

House: Filed

H 836: NO CONCEALED GUN ON PRIVATE PROP/POSTING REG.

House: Filed

H 837: OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER PILOT/FUNDS.

House: Filed

H 838: SUPT. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SUPPORT STAFF.

House: Filed

H 839: SCHOOL CAL. FLEX./LOW-PERFORMING DISTRICTS.

House: Filed

H 840: EARNED AP, IB, CTE, & 3RD GRADE BONUSES.

House: Filed

H 841: TESTING TRANSPARENCY.

House: Filed

H 842: SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IN PRISONS.

House: Filed

H 843: ADJUST MUNICIPAL ELECTION SCHEDULE.

House: Filed

H 844: DOT/TRAFFIC SIGNAL OVERSIGHT.

House: Filed

H 845: NC HEALTHY SCHOOLS.

House: Filed

H 846: COUNTY EUGENICS COMPENSATION.

House: Filed

H 847: EXEMPT MANUFACTURING EQUIP. FROM TAX & STUDY.

House: Filed

H 848: SCHOOL ENERGY SAVINGS ACT OF 2017.

House: Filed

H 849: RESTORE LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM BOARD.

House: Filed

H 850: FILM GRANTS FOR NC PRODUCTIONS AND FESTIVALS.

House: Filed

H 851: CONFORM APPRAISER FEES/TRUTH IN LENDING.

House: Filed

H 852: REAL PROPERTY TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

House: Filed

H 853: PROTECT STRIPED BASS/CENTRAL SOUTHERN AREA.

House: Filed

H 854: SUBSIDY MARKET RATE ADJUST./TIER 3 COUNTIES.

House: Filed

H 855: TEACHER APPRECIATION.

House: Filed

H 856: ROAD RAGE/INCREASE PENALTY.

House: Filed

H 857: STUDY DUAL ARREST IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES.

House: Filed

S 3: DOT/DMV CHANGES.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

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

S 68: BIPARTISAN BD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS ENFORCE (NEW).

House: Conf Report Adopted

Senate: Conf Report Adopted

Senate: Ordered Enrolled

Ratified

Pres. To Gov. 4/11/2017

S 74: UPDATE RABIES CONTROL LAWS.

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

S 78: COST TO COMPLY/FED ED FUNDS/PED STUDY.

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received From Senate

S 114: ANNUAL REPORT MODERNIZATION.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Commerce and Insurance

S 117: FORFEITURE OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS/JUDGES.

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

S 124: LEO MANAGED CBD OIL DROP BOX.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On Judiciary I

S 131: REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 2016.

Senate: Concurred On 2nd Reading

Senate: Placed On Cal For 04/19/2017

S 145: GOVERNMENT IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Finance

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

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received From Senate

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

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received From Senate

S 308: AMEND VARIOUS DWI STATUTES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 312: SURPLUS COMPUTERS FOR LOW-INCOME STUDENTS.

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received From Senate

S 315: IMPLEMENT UNC UNDERGRAD COMPLETION PLAN.

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received From Senate

S 319: NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES/CONFIRMATION.

Senate: Amend Adopted A1

Engrossed

Senate: Adopted

S 393: CONFIRMATION/SECRETARY DEQ.

Senate: Amend Adopted A1

Engrossed

Senate: Adopted

S 408: NC TRUTH IN EDUCATION.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 410: MARINE AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT ACT.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 414: USE OF FUNDING POOL GRANT FUNDS/MACON COUNTY.

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Withdrawn From Cal

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

S 415: CLARIFY DEF'N. OF COLLECTION AGENCY.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 416: USE OF TOURISM FUNDS/WATAUGA COUNTY.

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Withdrawn From Cal

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

S 421: USE OF CAREER & TECHNICAL FUNDS/ONslow COUNTY.

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Withdrawn From Cal

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

S 423: LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCES SCHOOL PILOT.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 424: INCREASE FUNDING FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SVCS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 426: BARBER APPRENTICE CHANGES.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 433: LIMIT WHO MAY ADVERTISE/ADOPTION LAWS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 434: AMEND ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS 2.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 436: UI & WC/NEWSPRINT EMPLOYEES.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 444: PERMANENCY INNOVATION INITIATIVE FUNDS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 447: TURNING TAS INTO TEACHERS.

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget

S 448: PROFESSORS IN THE CLASSROOM.

Senate: Reptd Fav

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

S 450: UNIFORM TRUST DECANTING ACT.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 451: JOINT SURVIVORSHIP CLARIFICATIONS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 461: MODIFY UNC LABORATORY SCHOOLS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 462: UNC/UTEACH PROGRAM.

Senate: Reptd Fav

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

S 466: CIHS FUNDS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 468: QZAB USE MODIFICATION.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 469: PRESERVE MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE CAPACITY.

Senate: Reptd Fav

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

S 484: PARTF FUNDING CONDITIONS AND MATCH.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 485: LIVESTOCK AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION ACT.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 486: UNIFORM VOTING HOURS ACT.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Select Committee on Elections. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 489: CLARIFY WORKERS' COMP. POLICY CANCELLATION.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 492: T & U VISA/FEES.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 496: BANKING LAW AMENDMENTS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 499: CAPITAL FUNDS FOR RESIDENTIAL TBI SERVICES.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 510: SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AUCTIONS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 517: NORTH CAROLINA NEW TEACHER SUPPORT ACT.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget

S 598: FUTURE TEACHERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget

S 659: SECRETARY OF COMMERCE CONFIRMATION.

Senate: Amend Adopted A1

Engrossed

Senate: Adopted

LOCAL BILLS

H 111: WINSTON-SALEM/SERVICE BY PUBLICATION COST.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 184: CERTAIN TOWNS/SEWER FEE COLLECTIONS.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 265: PARTISAN ELECTIONS/CERTAIN SCHOOL BOARDS.

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 272: FOX AND COYOTE TRAPPING/YADKIN COUNTY.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 293: ONSLOW/PENDER BD. ED. PARTISAN/SWAIN CLARIFY.

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 360: HARNETT CO. SCHOOLS/EXAM WINDOW.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 508: APPOINTMENTS/BD OF ELECTIONS/CERTAIN COUNTIES.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 520: UNION CO. BD. OF ED/PARTISAN ELECTION.

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

S 185: ABOLISH COLUMBUS COUNTY CORONER.

Senate: Reptd Fav

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

S 260: WAKE FOREST ANNEXATION.

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Re-ref Com On Finance