

The Daily Bulletin: 2018-05-22

PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 977 (2017-2018) **ADMIN. CHANGES RET. SYSTEM/TREASURER - 2018.-AB** Filed May 22 2018, *AN ACT TO MAKE CLARIFYING AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO LAWS RELATING TO THE STATE TREASURER, TO THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM LAWS, TO THE STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES, AND TO RELATED STATUTES.*

Section 1

Amends GS 135-5.4 (optional retirement program for state-funded community colleges) to make the Optional Retirement Program available for employees only if they enroll on or before June 30, 2018. Previously the statute did not have a deadline for enrollment.

Section 2

Amends provisions for forfeiture of retirement benefits for certain felonies committed while serving as an elected government official in GS 135-18.10 (retirement system for teachers and state employees) and GS 128-38.4 (retirement system for counties, cities, and towns). Adds the following felony violations to list of violations which would cause an elected official to forfeit their retirement benefits: GS 14-90, embezzlement of property received by virtue of office or employment; GS 14-91, embezzlement of State property by public officers or employees; GS 14-92, embezzlement of funds by public officers and trustees; GS 14-99, embezzlement of taxes by officers; GS 14-454.1(a), accessing government computers; GS 14-455(a1), damaging computer resources; GS 14-456.1, denial of government computer services to an authorized user. Makes additional clarifying and organizational changes.

Amends GS 161-50.4, adding new subsection (c), and GS 161-50.5, adding new subsection (d1), to deny a county register of deeds their monthly pension if they forfeit their retirement benefits by committing a felony under GS 128-38.4 or 128.38.4A.

Section 3

Amends GS 135-5.3(f) (optional participation in retirement system for teachers and state employees for charter schools operated by private nonprofit corporations), adding certain conditions for a charter school which elects to cease participation in the retirement system. If the withdrawal liability of a charter school is greater than \$2 million, the Board of Trustees may allow a charter school to pay the required withdrawal liability on an installment plan. 50% of the withdrawal liability must be paid within 90 days of the complete withdrawal date, and the remaining 50% must be paid in 36 or less equal monthly payments. If a charter school pays the withdrawal liability using a payment plan, the Retirement System will have a lien against the real property of the charter school at the time that the installment agreement is entered into, in the amount of the total withdrawal liability owed. The lien will attach to the real property upon the approval of the installment payment plan by the Board of Trustees and will be perfected upon filing in the office of the clerk of superior court in each county in which the real property is located. The lien will have superior priority to all nongovernmental liens and rights. The Retirement System may enforce the lien by judicial foreclosure as provided in GS Chapter 1, Article 29A.

Section 4

Amends GS 147-86.57(3) and GS 147.86.42(5a) (definitions in the Iran Divestment Act) to make a clarifying change, removing the term *indirect* from the definition of beneficial ownerships which are not considered investments as defined by this section.

Section 5

Amends GS 143B-426.24, adding new subsection (h2), allowing the administrative costs of the North Carolina Public Employee Deferred Compensation Plan to be charged to members or deducted from members' accounts.

Amends GS 115C-341.2, adding new subsection (c), allowing the administrative costs of the North Carolina Public School Teacher's and Professional Educators' Investment Plan to be charged to members or deducted from members' accounts.

Section 6

Amends GS 159-3, adding new subsection (g), and GS 159D-38, adding new subsection (f), granting individual immunity from civil liability for monetary damages, except to the extent covered by insurance, for individuals serving on the Local Government Commission and for individuals serving on the board of directors for the capital facilities finance agency, for any act or failure to act arising out of that service. Five exceptions apply to this immunity: (1) the individual was not acting within the scope of that individual's official duties; (2) the individual was not acting in good faith; (3) the individual committed gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct that resulted in the damages or injury; (4) the individual derived an improper personal financial benefit from the transaction; (5) the individual incurred the liability from the operation of a motor vehicle.

Section 7

Amends GS Chapter 135, Article 3B (State health plan for teachers and state employees) by adding new section GS 135-48.4, requiring that federal law will control in the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Article and applicable federal law.

Section 8

Amends GS 135-48.23 (executive administrator for the state health plan for teachers and state employees), removing requirement for a deputy executive administrator. Previously the law required the State Treasurer to appoint a deputy executive administrator.

Amends GS 126-5(c1)(23) with conforming changes.

Section 9

Amends GS 135-48.20 (board of trustees for the state health plan for teachers and state employees), adding a fifth category to the list of individuals who must be appointed, namely a physician who is licensed to practice medicine in North Carolina. Also requires appointment of an individual with experience in actuarial science or health economics instead of requiring experts in each area. Makes other clarifying changes.

Section 10

Amends GS 90-414.8 (North Carolina health information exchange advisory board) to add a twelfth member to the advisory board. The twelfth member will be the Executive Administrator of the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees, or a designee. This member is an ex officio, voting member. Makes other clarifying changes.

Intro. by Ross, McNeill, Dulin.

GS 90, GS 115C, GS 128, GS 135, GS 143B, GS 147, GS 159, GS 159D, GS 161

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Education, Employment and Retirement, Government, State Agencies, Department of State Treasurer, State Government, State Personnel, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Insurance

H 979 (2017-2018) [2017 APPROPRIATIONS ACT](#). Filed May 22 2018, *AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

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Intro. by Dollar.

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Government, Budget/Appropriations

H 980 (2017-2018) [GOVERNOR'S BUDGET](#). Filed May 22 2018, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2017 AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE.*

Due to the fact that Governor Cooper's proposed budget was released on May 10, 2018, and has been available to the public in advance of the filing of H 980, we will not be including a summary of the bill version of his budget. For the content of the bill, please follow the link to the bill on the General Assembly's site above. Further information on the Governor's proposed budget can also be found on the Office of State Budget and Management's website at: https://www.osbm.nc.gov/budgetbook_2018-19(link is external).

Intro. by Dollar, Johnson, Lambeth, McGrady.

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Government, Executive](#)

H 981 (2017-2018) [STATE AS A MODEL EMPLOYER/IDD](#). Filed May 22 2018, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF STATE HUMAN RESOURCES, TO STUDY THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE THE EMPLOYMENT BY STATE AGENCIES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, INCLUDING TARGETING EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.*

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to study the development and implementation of a statewide program that establishes the State as a model employer in the employment of individuals with disabilities. Sets three goals of the program: (1) increase disability inclusion and access to State agency employment, (2) specifically target an increase in employment of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities by state agencies, and (3) demonstrate to local government and private sector employers the viability and effectiveness of employing individuals with disabilities. Requires DHHS to consult with the Office of State Human Resources (OSHR) and solicit the input of key stakeholders in developing and implementing the program.

Requires DHHS, in consultation with the OSHR, to examine existing programs in other states and consider the feasibility of implementing a comprehensive program in North Carolina that contains one or more of seven specified components, including developing explicit reasonable workplace accommodation guidelines that include managing costs and providing a request process that encourages individuals with disabilities to apply for State employment and enabling data collection for evaluation and oversight of the State's employment practices for hiring individuals with disabilities.

Requires DHHS, in consultation with the OSHR, to report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on the results of the study and any legislative recommendations by December 1, 2018.

Intro. by Bradford, Dollar, Lambeth, Sauls.

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[Employment and Retirement, Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of State Human Resources \(formerly Office of State Personnel\), State Government, State Personnel](#)

H 982 (2017-2018) [IDD DATA SHARING/LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM](#). Filed May 22 2018, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE GOVERNMENT DATA ANALYTICS CENTER TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE COLLECTION AND USE OF DATA ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES THROUGH THE NORTH CAROLINA LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.*

Requires Government Data Analytics (GDAC) to establish a task force to study the collection and use of data among State agencies and stakeholders to evaluate education and employment programs and services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities as part of the North Carolina Longitudinal Data System (System). Requires that the task force include representatives from at least the 11 listed agencies and stakeholders.

Requires the task force to study issues related to collecting and sharing individual-level data through the System in order to evaluate and report on whether federal and State-supported education and employment programs and services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are effective in providing education and employment opportunities resulting in positive outcomes for those individuals. Sets out seven issues that the task force must consider.

Requires GDAC, by October 1, 2018, to report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on the results of the study and on any legislative recommendations from the task force.

Intro. by Bradford, Dollar, Lambeth, Sauls.

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Education, Employment and Retirement, Health and Human Services, Health

H 983 (2017-2018) **ABLE ACT CHANGES/STUDY**. Filed May 22 2018, *AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR FUNDS FROM THE PARENTAL SAVINGS TRUST FUND TO ROLLOVER TO AN ABLE ACCOUNT WITHOUT THE FUNDS BEING CONSIDERED AS INCOME AND TO DIRECT THE ABLE PROGRAM BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO REPORT ON ANY LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATE ABLE ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.*

Amends GS 105-153.5(c)(7) to exclude from the calculation of an individual taxpayer's adjusted gross income funds withdrawn from the Parental Savings Trust Fund of the State Education Assistance Authority that were rolled over to an Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) account. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

Requires the ABLE Program Board of Trustees to report by December 1, 2018, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government on recommendations for changes to the ABLE Program Trust and its related statutes.

Intro. by Bradford, Dollar, Lambeth, Sauls.

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Government, Tax, Health and Human Services, Health

H 984 (2017-2018) **OVERSIGHT IDD EMPLOYMENT/EDUC. PROGRAMS**. Filed May 22 2018, *AN ACT TO CREATE A POSITION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO OVERSEE ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION OF EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.*

Enacts GS 143B-179.1, establishing the position of Director of Education and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (Director) within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) with the responsibility of overseeing the interagency coordination of education and employment programs and services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Establishes that the DHHS Secretary must appoint the Director and establish the Director's salary, and has the authority to remove the Director. Provides for the Director to appoint and supervise staff pursuant to GS Chapter 126 (the NC Human Resources Act).

Provides that the Director is to be the coordinator and point of contact for access to education and employment programs and services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, with 14 delineated duties and responsibilities specified, including: (1) developing strategies to increase employer awareness and incentives to support competitive integrated

employment; (2) working with universities and colleges to coordinate higher education disability services with State agencies and community organizations to increase access to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities to personal assistance and residential services and supports in an academic setting; and (3) serving as an ex officio member on the Council on Developmental Disabilities of DHHS and the Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children. Requires an annual report from the Director by March 1.

Amends the composition of the Council on Developmental Disabilities of DHHS set forth in GS 143B-179, decreasing the number of appointed members from 32 to 31, making the DHHS Secretary or the Secretary's designee an ex officio member (currently, the DHHS Secretary or the Secretary's designee is included in the required DHHS representative members of the Council). Makes conforming changes to add the Director as an ex officio member. Modifies the language requiring one third of the 16 members designated as consumers of service for the developmentally disabled that must be the immediate relatives or guardians "of persons with mentally impairing developmental disabilities," to instead refer to these members as immediate relatives or guardians "of persons with developmental disabilities that impair their intellectual functioning." Establishes that the Governor has the power to remove any appointed member of the Council, excluding the DHHS Secretary or the Secretary's designee and the Director (previously, the Governor's removal power extended to any member, as they were previously all appointed members).

Amends GS 126-5, adding the Director to those exempt from the provisions of Articles 6 (Equal Employment and Compensation Opportunity; Assisting in Obtaining State Employment) and 7 (The Privacy of State Employee Personnel Records) of GS Chapter 126.

Amends the composition of the Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children set forth in GS 115C-112.1, increasing the number of minimum appointed members from 24 to 25. Makes conforming changes to add the Director as an ex officio member, increasing the number of ex officio members from four to five. Adds the Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice or the Deputy Commissioner's designee as an ex officio member, replacing the Secretary of Public Safety as an ex officio member. Specifies that no person appointed by the State Board of Education can serve more than two consecutive four-year terms (previously, prohibited all persons from serving more than two consecutive four-year terms).

Requires the DHHS Secretary to appoint a Director by October 1, 2018.

Directs the Director, after consultation with other DHHS divisions and the Department of Public Instruction, to submit an initial report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services by March 1, 2019. Specifies information the report must contain, including strategies to improve the coordination of funding, data collection, evaluation and reporting, and operational efficiencies with the goal of allowing the fair assessment of outcomes, use of funds, gaps and overlaps in services and supports related to the preparation for and support of postsecondary education and employment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Appropriates \$150,000 in recurring funds from the General Fund to DHHS for the 2018-19 fiscal year for the salary and benefits of the Director and any necessary staff and for the Director's operating costs. Additionally appropriates \$18,000 in nonrecurring funds for furniture and equipment costs in establishing the Director's position.

Effective July 1, 2018.

Intro. by Bradford, Dollar, Lambeth, Sauls.

APPROP, GS 115C, GS 126, GS 143B

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Education, Employment and Retirement, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health

H 985 (2017-2018) **RETIREMENT TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT OF 2018.-AB** Filed May 22 2018, *AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND OTHER CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES AND TO OTHER RELATED STATUTES.*

Amends GS 135-105, concerning the Disability Income Plan for teachers and state employees, providing that the allowable extended period of short-term disability benefits under the Plan is to be treated in the same manner as the long-term disability payments for purposes of calculating post disability benefit adjustments pursuant to GS 135-108.

Amends GS 128-27(e)(4), increasing the time by which a qualified member of the Retirement System for Counties, Cities, and Towns who is entitled to disability retirement benefits under subsections (d), (d1), (d2), (d3) (qualifications based on date of and age at retirement) must provide the Board of Trustees with an annual compensation statement from within 60 days to within 120 days of the request (the statement must be submitted annually on or before April 15) before the member's disability retirement benefit may be suspended. Decreases the time by which the beneficiary's right to the benefit may be terminated due to continued failure or refusal to provide the annual compensation information from 240 days to 180 days after the information is requested.

Amends GS 135-5 (concerning the Retirement System for Teachers and State Employees) and GS 128-27 (concerning the Retirement System for Counties, Cities, and Towns) directing the Board of Trustees of each System to exclude service earned through armed service credit under GS 135-4(f) or GS 135-4(g) and GS 128-26(a1) or GS 128-26(j1), respectively, in determining the member's accumulated contributions for all years during which the member earned service used in the calculation of the retirement allowance, as that allowance is used in determining the contribution-based benefit cap factor. Further amends both statutes, requiring the minimum average final compensation necessary for a retirement allowance to be subject to the contribution-based benefit cap to be increased on January 1 of each year by the percent change (if positive) between the June Consumer Price Index (CPI) in the year prior to retirement and the June CPI in the fiscal year most recently ended (previously, increased based on the percent change between the December CPI in the year prior to retirement and the December CPI in the year most recently ended).

Amends GS 135-53, prohibiting a member of the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System's retirement from becoming effective in any month in which the member performs work in a position covered by an Optional Retirement Program established under GS 135-5.1 (Program for UNC) or GS 135-5.4 (Program for State-funded community colleges).

Repeals GS 120-4.14, which sets forth rates for the purchase of prior service rendered before becoming a member of the Legislative Retirement System.

Repeals GS 135-48.23(d), which requires the Executive Administrator of the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees to make quarterly reports and recommendations on the Plan to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House.

Repeals GS 135-4(c), which requires the Board of Trustees of the Retirement System for Teachers and State Employees to verify member statements of creditable service filed pursuant to the statute for the preceding five years before the System became operative, and in lieu of verification of compensation rates for prior service received from members, use the average salary of members in the preceding five years as the records show before the System became operative.

Amends GS 135-6.1 (concerning the Retirement System for Teachers and State Employees) and GS 128-33.1 (concerning the Retirement System for Counties, Cities, and Towns), adding the names and mailing addresses of former local government employees to those that the Retirement Systems Division of the Department of State Treasurer can disclose to domiciled, nonprofit organizations representing 10,000 or more retired State government, local government, or public school employees. Effective July 22, 2016.

Amends GS 58-96-55(d1), concerning the payment of benefits when a member of the NC Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Fund is killed in the line of duty and the requirements of Article 12A of GS Chapter 143 (Law-Enforcement Officers', Firemen's, Rescue Squad Workers' and Civil Air Patrol Members' Death Benefits Act) have been met. Specifies that if the member had been receiving a monthly pension fund benefit prior to being killed in the line of duty, \$175 must be paid monthly to the member's principal beneficiary if only one principal beneficiary is eligible and has not accepted a return of contributions (previously, did not specify the sole eligible principal beneficiary must not have accepted a return of contributions to receive the benefit), payable from the month following the member's death until the beneficiary's death. Similarly, specifies that if the member had not yet begun receiving a monthly benefit prior to being killed in the line of duty, \$170 must be paid monthly to the member's principal beneficiary if only one principal beneficiary is eligible and has not accepted a return of contributions (previously, did not specify the sole eligible principal beneficiary must not have accepted a return of contributions to receive the benefit), payable the month following the month the member would have attained age 55, or if the member was already 55, the month following the member's death, until the beneficiary's death. Effective July 1, 2018.

Makes organizational changes to GS 135-1(20) concerning volunteer services not considered service or work as applicable to *retirement* as the term is defined and used in GS Chapter 135 (Retirement System For Teachers And State Employees).

Expands and provides further clarification on the existing exclusions from service or work for purposes of the term *retirement*, to include in the exclusion serving on an authority, board, commission, committee, council, or other body of the State or one or more counties, cities, local school administrative units, community colleges, constituent institutions of the UNC System, or other political subdivisions of public corporations of the state authorized to function as a legislative, policy-making, quasi-judicial, administrative, or advisory body in a position that does not require membership in the Retirement System for Teachers and State Employees (previously, exclusions in this category applied to working as a member of a school board, board of trustees of a community college, board of trustees of any UNC constituent institution). Also modifies the exclusion for volunteer positions normally designated as an unpaid bona fide volunteer position, eliminating the qualifying language limiting these excluded positions to those held six months immediately following the effective date of retirement.

Amends GS 135-5(m2) (concerning the Retirement System for Teachers and State Employees) and GS 128-27(m2) (concerning the Retirement System for Counties, Cities, and Towns), eliminating the annual reporting requirement of each System's Board of Trustees to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on the number of persons who made an election in the preceding year along with any recommendations based on identified problems.

Amends GS 128-28(g), which authorizes the Board of Trustees to establish rules and regulations for the administration of funds created by the Retirement System for Counties, Cities, and Towns, to more specifically reference Article 3, which creates the Retirement System, instead of GS Chapter 128, which more broadly concerns offices and public offices.

Makes a technical correction to GS 128-30(j) to correctly reference the employer report required to be submitted to the Board of Trustees of the Retirement System for Counties, Cities, and Towns by GS 128-30(g)(2)b. instead of GS 135-8(f)(2)f (identical requirement but for the Retirement System for Teachers and State Employees).

Makes technical correction to GS 135-4(jj) to correctly reference the contribution-based benefit cap for the Retirement System for Teachers and State Employees established in GS 135-5(a3) instead of GS 128-27(a3) (identical cap but for the Retirement System for Counties, Cities, and Towns).

Intro. by Dulin, Ross, McNeill.

[GS 58](#), [GS 120](#), [GS 128](#), [GS 135](#)

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[Education, Employment and Retirement, Government, State Government, State Personnel, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Insurance](#)

H 986 (2017-2018) [REVISE CURSIVE AND MULTIPLICATION REPORT](#). Filed May 22 2018, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY AND MAKE PERMANENT THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT ON CURSIVE WRITING AND MULTIPLICATION TABLES*.

Identical to [S 732](#), filed 5/21/18.

Enacts GS 115C-81.81, directing the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction to annually report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by March 30 on the compliance of local school administrative units with (1) the requirements regarding cursive writing pursuant to GS 115C-81.75 and (2) the requirements regarding the memorization of multiplication tables pursuant to GS 115C-81.80. Sets out five components that must be included in the annual reports, including percentages of compliant and noncompliant administrative units and lists of each. Applies to reports submitted on or after the date the act becomes law.

Intro. by Hurley, Elmore, Horn, Johnson.

[GS 115C](#)

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

H 987 (2017-2018) [HONOR HIGHWAY PATROL'S ANNIVERSARY](#). Filed May 22 2018, *A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL AND PAYING TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.*

As title indicates.

Intro. by Setzer, Howard, Henson, G. Martin.

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Government, Cultural Resources and Museums, Public Safety

H 988 (2017-2018) [EXTEND PILOT/VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOLS](#). Filed May 22 2018, *AN ACT TO EXTEND THE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM FOR FOUR MORE SCHOOL YEARS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.*

Identical to [S 731](#), filed 5/21/18.

Amends Section 8.35 of SL 2014-100, as amended by Section 8.13 of SL 2016-94, concerning the Virtual Charter School Charter Program (pilot program).

Extends the pilot program to a period of eight years, to end with the 2022-23 school year (currently, for a period of four years, to end with the 2018-19 school year).

Modifies and adds to the existing reporting requirements concerning the pilot program. Now requires the State Board of Education (State Board) to report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on its findings from five years of operation of the pilot program by November 15, 2020 (was, from three years of operation by November 15, 2018).

Additionally, requires the State Board to report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on its finding from seven years of operation of the pilot program by November 15, 2022. Makes conforming changes.

Makes technical changes to reflect the recodification of referenced statutes concerning charter schools, now found in Article 14A of GS Chapter 115C.

Intro. by Horn, Elmore, Blackwell, Johnson.

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

H 992 (2017-2018) [AZALEA FESTIVAL/OFFICIAL SPRING CELEBRATION](#). Filed May 22 2018, *AN ACT ADOPTING THE NORTH CAROLINA AZALEA FESTIVAL AS THE OFFICIAL CELEBRATION OF SPRING IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PROMOTE THE FESTIVAL.*

Includes whereas clauses.

Enacts new GS 145-49 adopting the North Carolina Azalea Festival as the official celebration of spring in the state.

Appropriates \$10,000 for 2018-19 from the General Fund to the Department of Commerce to promote the celebration. Effective July 1, 2018.

Intro. by Davis.

APPROP, GS 145

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, Cultural Resources and Museums, State Agencies, Department of Commerce

H 978 (2017-2018) [HEMBY BRIDGE/STALLINGS CORPORATE LIMITS](#). Filed May 22 2018, *AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF HEMBY BRIDGE AND ADDING THAT PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF STALLINGS*.

Effective June 30, 2018, removes the described property from the corporate limits of the Town of Hemby Bridge. Clarifies that the act has no effect upon the validity of any liens of the Town of Hemby Bridge for ad valorem taxes or special assessments outstanding before the effective date of the act, and that those liens can be collected or foreclosed upon after the effective date of the act as though the property were still within the corporate limits of the town. Provides that property in the described territory as of January 1, 2018, is no longer subject to municipal taxes for taxes imposed by the Town of Hemby Bridge for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2018.

Effective June 30, 2018, adds the described property removed from the corporate limits of the Town of Hemby Bridge to the corporate limits of the Town of Stallings. Provides that property in the described territory as of January 1, 2018, is subject to municipal taxes for taxes imposed by the Town of Stallings for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2018.

Intro. by Arp.

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H 989 (2017-2018) [MADISON CHARTER/TOWN MANAGER](#). Filed May 22 2018, *AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF MADISON TO PROVIDE THAT THE TOWN MANAGER MAY LIVE OUTSIDE TOWN LIMITS*.

Amends the Madison Town Charter, Section 5.1 of SL 1973-289, to allow the Town Manager to reside within a 15-mile radius of the town limits. Previously the charter required the Town Manager to reside within the town.

Intro. by K. Hall.

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H 990 (2017-2018) [ROCKINGHAM CTY/PUBLISH NOTICES ELECTRONICALLY](#). Filed May 22 2018, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING ROCKINGHAM COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN A PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN 2017 THAT ALLOWS CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PUBLISH NOTICES ELECTRONICALLY AND TO PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES VIA THE COUNTY-MAINTAINED WEB SITE FOR A FEE*.

Amends Section 1 of SL 2017-210, establishing a pilot program authorizing certain local governments to publish required notices electronically, to also include Rockingham County and any municipality located wholly or partly in Rockingham County in the pilot program (currently, only applicable to Guilford County and any municipality located wholly or partly in Rockingham County). Additionally amends Section 2 of SL 2017-210 to also include Rockingham County in those authorized to publish legal notices on a county-maintained website as specified (currently, only Guilford County is authorized). Effective December 1, 2018, and applies to notices published on or after that date.

Intro. by K. Hall, Bert Jones.

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[Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Procedure](#)

H 991 (2017-2018) [FOX TRAPPING LOCAL OMNIBUS](#). Filed May 22 2018, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS PERTAINING TO FOX TRAPPING*.

Declares an open season for taking foxes with weapons and for taking foxes and coyotes by trapping during the trapping season set by the Wildlife Resources Commission each year, with no tagging requirements prior to or after sale. No bag limit

applies to foxes and coyotes taken under this act. Applies only to Cabarrus, Gaston, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Montgomery, Rowan, Rutherford, and Stokes counties.

Repeals session laws which made the hunting and trapping of foxes illegal in Madison, Rutherford, Montgomery, Jones, and Stokes counties.

Amends GS 113-133.1(e) (limitations on local regulation of wildlife resources) to remove specified prohibition of fox hunting in Greene, Madison, Montgomery, and Rutherford counties.

Effective October 1, 2018.

Intro. by K. Hall, Goodman, Torbett.

Cabarrus, Gaston, Greene, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Montgomery, Rowan, Rutherford, Stokes

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ACTIONS ON BILLS

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H 944: ABC REGULATION AND REFORM.

House: Serial Referral To Finance Added

H 974: REFORM FINANCIAL REPORTING OF OLBS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Regulatory Reform

H 975: VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Finance

H 976: EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDERS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 977: ADMIN. CHANGES RET. SYSTEM/TREASURER - 2018.-AB

House: Filed

H 979: 2017 APPROPRIATIONS ACT.

House: Filed

H 980: GOVERNOR'S BUDGET.

House: Filed

H 981: STATE AS A MODEL EMPLOYER/IDD.

House: Filed

H 982: IDD DATA SHARING/LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM.

House: Filed

H 983: ABLE ACT CHANGES/STUDY.

House: Filed

H 984: OVERSIGHT IDD EMPLOYMENT/EDUC. PROGRAMS.

House: Filed

H 985: RETIREMENT TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT OF 2018.-AB

House: Filed

H 986: REVISE CURSIVE AND MULTIPLICATION REPORT.

House: Filed

H 987: HONOR HIGHWAY PATROL'S ANNIVERSARY.

House: Filed

H 988: EXTEND PILOT/VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOLS.

House: Filed

H 992: AZALEA FESTIVAL/OFFICIAL SPRING CELEBRATION.

House: Filed

S 99: REPORT CERTAIN CTR DATA/AUTO INS. ACCURACY. (NEW)

House: Conf Com Dismissed

House: Conferees Reappointed

S 470: PERSONAL INJURY BANKRUPTCY TRUST CLAIMS.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 05/23/2018

LOCAL BILLS

H 978: HEMBY BRIDGE/STALLINGS CORPORATE LIMITS.

House: Filed

H 989: MADISON CHARTER/TOWN MANAGER.

House: Filed

H 990: ROCKINGHAM CTY/PUBLISH NOTICES ELECTRONICALLY.

House: Filed

H 991: FOX TRAPPING LOCAL OMNIBUS.

House: Filed