



## The Daily Bulletin: 2019-04-22

### PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 848 (2019-2020) **RV DEALER REGULATION**. Filed Apr 16 2019, *AN ACT TO REMOVE RECREATIONAL VEHICLES FROM ARTICLE 12 OF CHAPTER 20 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, WHICH PROVIDES FOR LICENSING AND REGULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS AND MANUFACTURERS; TO ENACT A NEW ARTICLE 19 IN CHAPTER 20 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES TO REGULATE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE DEALERS AND MANUFACTURERS; AND TO UPDATE DEFINITIONS AND CROSS REFERENCES.*

Makes changes to Article 12, Motor Vehicle Dealers and Manufacturer Licensing Law, of GS Chapter 20 to remove all references to and provisions regarding recreational vehicles. Further, amends the definitions set out in GS 20-4.01 as follows. Now defines *motor home* (was motor home or house car) to mean a motorized vehicle designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use which contains at least four of the six enumerated independent life support systems. Now defines *recreational vehicle* (RV) to mean a vehicle that is either self-propelled or towed by a consumer-owned tow vehicle and designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use that complies with all applicable federal vehicle regulations and does not require a special-movement permit to legally use the highways; excludes manufactured homes. Sets forth definitions for the basic types (was entities) of RVs, including a folding camping trailer (was camping trailer), fifth-wheel trailer, motor home, travel trailer, truck camper, and now includes a park model RV, defined as a vehicle that is designed and marketed for temporary living quarters for recreational camping, travel, or seasonal use; not permanently affixed to real property for use as a permanent dwelling; and built on a single chassis mounted on wheels with a gross trailer areas not exceeding 400 square feet in the set up mode.

Enacts Article 19, Regulation of Recreational Vehicle Dealers and Manufacturers, to GS Chapter 20. Sets forth defined terms applicable to the Article. Establishes licensing requirements for any new RV dealer, used RV dealer, RV sales representative, manufacturer, factory branch, factory representative, distributor, distributor branch, distributor representative, or wholesaler to engage in business in the State. Requires RV dealers acting as RV sales representatives to additionally obtain an RV sales representative's license. Allows the following license holders to operate as an RV dealer without obtaining an RV dealer's license or paying an additional fee, but limits sales to retail only at an established salesroom: a manufacturer, factory branch, a distributor, and distributor branch. Provides for a civil penalties of no more than \$1,000 for licensees, and no more than \$5,000 for persons required to be but not licensed, for each violation relating to the sale of RVs, vehicle titling, or vehicle registration, as specified. Details licensure application requirements, including an annual licensing course. Provides exceptions to the licensing course requirements. Requires the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to provide grounds for refusal and other disciplinary action as specified in the Article, all to be considered in the licensing application. Requires certification of familiarity with the Article and other relevant state laws and regulations. Establishes license validity for a period of one year, staggered as specified. Requires an established office, established showroom, or place of business in the State for a wholesaler, RV dealer, or certain trailer dealer, respectively, as specified. Requires separate licenses for each established office, established salesroom, or other place of business in the State for manufacturers, factory branches, distributors, distributor branches, wholesalers, and RV dealers. Establishes requirements for corporate surety bonds or cash bonds in specified amounts. Provides for licensing fees set at \$90 for RV dealers, distributors, distributor branches, and wholesalers for each place of business; \$195 for manufacturers; \$130 for each factory branch; \$20 for RV sales representatives; and \$20 for factory representatives or distributor representatives. Details requirements of licensees regarding license specifications, its display, advertising, and carrying the license while engaged in business for display on request. Provides special rules regarding license display by new or used RV dealers.

Establishes requirements for licensed RV dealers to obtain a supplemental temporary license to sell antique or specialty RVs, as defined, off-premises. Limits the supplemental license to a period of no more than 10 calendar days. Excludes nonselling RV shows and public displays of new RVs from the supplemental temporary license requirements.

Sets forth 13 grounds for disciplinary action, including making a material misstatement in a license application, using unfair methods of competition or unfair deceptive acts or practices, conviction of any felony involving moral turpitude. Requires the

DMV to grant or deny an application within 30 days of receipt. Provides for a public hearing upon request for denied applications. Establishes parameters for 10 days' written notice and public hearing prior to denial, suspension, revocation, placing on probation, or refusal to renew a license.

Establishes record retention and inspection requirements for dealers.

Details requirements, restrictions and limitations for all franchise-related form agreements, as defined, offered to an RV dealer in the State. Provides for a franchised dealer to file a protest and have a protest hearing on any proposed initial offering, modification, or replacement of certain franchise-related form agreements, as specified. Authorizes the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles (Commissioner) to investigate and prevent violations of these provisions.

Makes it unlawful for any dealer or salesman, or their employee, to coerce or offer anything of value to any RV purchaser to provide any type of insurance coverage on the RV. Also prohibits any dealer, salesman, or representative to accept any policy as collateral on any vehicle sold by the dealer or salesman to secure an interest in a vehicle in any company not qualified under the state insurance laws.

Provides for acts of officers, directors, partners, salesmen and other representatives to be the responsibility of the licensed copartnership or corporation, and grounds for disciplinary action against the licenses if an individual. Provides that licensed manufacturers and factory branches are responsible for their agents or representatives acting within the conduct of the licensee's business.

Establishes that appeals of the Commissioner's actions are governed by GS Chapter 150B, the APA. Details powers and duties of the Commissioner under the Article, including preventing unfair method of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices, conducting and governing hearings under the Article, bringing actions against persons in violation of the Article, issuing rules and regulations to implement and establish procedures of the Article, and making determinations in certain dispute resolutions. Requires internal grievance procedures, if elected, to reach completion before filing notice, protest or petition with the Commissioner, as specified.

Establishes notice requirements of additional charges against a franchised dealer or a franchised dealer's account for merchandise, tools, or equipment, or other charges or amounts totaling more than \$5,000, other than specified published costs. Provides for a franchised dealer to dispute actual or proposed additional charges by filing a petition with the Commissioner or filing a civil action, as specified. Establishes parameters for an informal mediated settlement conference for proposed or actual additional charges totaling \$10,000 or less against a franchised new RV dealer if the charge is in violation of the Article or contrary to the terms of the franchise. Prohibits filing a petition or civil action prior to electing to participate in the informal appeal, and allows the franchised new RV dealer to proceed with filing a petition or civil action if mediation fails to result in a resolution of the dispute.

Grants rule making authority to the Commissioner and requires publishing rules on the DMV or Department of Transportation (DOT) website 30 days' prior to their effective date.

Establishes requirements for retail installment sales contracts, including delivery of a written statement to the buyer which must be signed by the buyer.

Prohibits coercion of retail dealers by manufacturers and distributors in connection with installment sales contracts, as specified. Declares any such acts with the possible effect of lessening or eliminating competition, or tending to create a monopoly, to be an unfair trade practice and unfair method of competition.

Requires manufacturers and distributors to contract with dealers in order to sell through dealers. Details contractual requirements, including specifying the areas of sales responsibility exclusive to a dealer, criteria for altering the designated territory.

Establishes procedures for a manufacturer or distributor, or a dealer, to terminate, cancel, or file to renew a manufacturer and dealer agreement with or without good cause. Provides for mandatory repurchase of inventory, at the dealer's option, by the manufacturer in certain situations following the termination, cancellation, or nonrenewal of the manufacturer and dealer agreement. Establishes procedures and restrictions for the transfer or change of dealer ownership under an agreement.

Establishes warranty and indemnification obligations for manufacturers and distributors concerning warranty and recall work performed by dealers and judgments or settlements against manufacturers (incorporating much of the language from GS 20-305.5, as repealed). Concerning indemnification, allows denial of indemnification if the new RV dealer fails to remedy a

known and announced defect in accordance with the written instructions of a warrantor for whom the new RV dealer is obligated to perform warranty service, and requires the new RV dealer to indemnify the warrantor to the extent that any losses or damages are caused by the dealer's negligence or willful misconduct. Requires new RV dealers to provide a warrantor a copy of any pending law suit in which allegations are made under the indemnification provisions of the Article within 10 days after receiving the suit.

Establishes requirements for inspection and rejection of new RVs by dealers. Prohibits manufacturers and distributors from coercing a dealer to purchase a product the dealer did not order, enter into an agreement, or enter into an agreement that requires the dealer to submit disputes to binding arbitration or otherwise waives rights and responsibilities provided under the Article.

Provides for civil actions for actual damages to be brought by a dealer, manufacturer or warrantor injured by violations of the Article. Allows for the court to award the prevailing party attorneys' fees and costs. Sets venue parameters. Alternatively provides for mediation prior to bringing a civil suit. Also additionally allows for application to the court for a temporary or permanent injunction.

Provides that the Article is applicable to all franchises and contracts existing between RV dealers and manufacturers, factory branches, and distributors at the time of the Article's ratification, and all future franchises and contracts.

Establishes jurisdiction in courts with proper venue in the State for any franchisee who is substantially and primarily engaged in the sale of RVs or parts, material or components of RVs, including tune-ups, to bring suit against any franchisor engaged in commerce.

Establishes that any person violating the Article is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Authorizes civil actions for damages and equitable relief for violations of the Article, as specified. Allows for the award of punitive damages for violations shown to be willful, malicious, wanton, or continued multiple violations. Allows for certain RV dealer associations to petition the Commissioner or file for declaratory or injunctive relief on behalf of the association or a member, as provided.

Subjects to the Article's provisions and State jurisdiction any person who engaged directly or indirectly in purposeful contacts within the State in connection with the offering or advertising for sale, or has business dealings, with respect to a new RV sale within the State. Deems the Article's provisions to be unaffected by choice of law provisions in any written instrument. Deems void and unenforceable any provision of any agreement inconsistent with the Article. Makes it unlawful to use subsidiaries to accomplish what would otherwise be illegal conduct under the Article by manufacturers and distributors. Subjects to the Article's provisions all written agreements between a manufacturer, wholesaler, or distributor with RV dealers, including but not limited to those specified.

Adds references to new Article 19 to GS 20-52.1, GS 20-72, GS 20-72.1, GS 20-75, GS 20-79, GS 20-79.01, GS 20-79.02, and GS 20-79.1A, concerning title transfer, dealer license plates, and limited registration plates.

Applies to all agreements entered into honor after the date 12 months after the date the act becomes law.

**Intro. by Torbett.**

[GS 20](#)

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

H 879 (2019-2020) [END OF LIFE OPTION ACT](#). Filed Apr 16 2019, *AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN END OF LIFE OPTION ACT TO ALLOW QUALIFIED PATIENTS DIAGNOSED WITH A TERMINAL DISEASE TO END LIFE IN A HUMANE AND DIGNIFIED MANNER.*

Enacts new Article 23B, End of Life Option Act (Act), in GS Chapter 90, providing as follows.

Sets out terms and definitions used in the Act.

Gives an individual suffering from an incurable, terminal disease a right to be informed of all available end-of-life options and to receive answers on questions about the foreseeable risks and benefits of medication without the physician withholding any requested information, regardless of the purpose of the inquiry or the nature of the information. Specifies that a physician who engages in such discussions is not construed as assisting in or contributing to a patient's independent decision to self-administer a lethal dose of medication, and prohibits the discussions from being used to establish civil or criminal liability or professional disciplinary action. The act defines terminal disease as an incurable and irreversible disease that has been medically confirmed by the attending physician and will, within reasonable medical judgment, result in death within six months.

Allows an adult with the capacity to make medical decisions who is suffering from an incurable, terminal disease to request a prescription for a terminal comfort care drug (defined as a controlled substance determined and prescribed by a physician licensed in this state for a qualified individual with the purpose of hastening the qualified individual's death due to a terminal disease) if: (1) the individual has undergone a hospice evaluation; (2) the individual's attending physician has diagnosed the individual to be suffering from an incurable, terminal disease; (3) the individual has voluntarily expressed verbally and in writing the wish to receive a prescription for a terminal comfort care drug; (4) the individual is a state resident; (5) the individual documents his or her request pursuant to the requirements of new GS 90-326.3 and on the form specified in new GS 90-326.3A; and (6) the individual has the physical and mental ability to self-administer drug. Specifies that a person must not be considered a qualified individual under the provisions of this Act solely because of age or disability. Requires that a request for a prescription for a terminal comfort care drug be made solely and directly by the individual diagnosed with the terminal disease and not on behalf of the patient. The act defines a qualified individual as an adult who has the capacity to make medical decisions, is a resident of North Carolina, has undergone a hospice evaluation, and has satisfied the requirements of this Act in order to obtain a prescription for a terminal comfort care drug to hasten death.

Requires an individual seeking to obtain a prescription for a terminal comfort care drug to submit a verbal request, followed by a written request no later than 10 days after the verbal request, that meets the specified requirements directly to his or her attending physician and not to a designee of the physician. Requires the attending physician to directly, and not through a designee, receive all required requests, and keep records of the requests in the individual's medical file that document the date and time of the request as well as a summary of the request. Specifies items that must be included in order for a written request to be considered valid, including that the request be in the form specified in GS 90-326.3A.

Requires that an Attending Witness Completion Form, as specified in the act, be given by the attending physician to the qualified individual at the time the attending physician writes the prescription for a terminal comfort care drug. An attending witness is an individual named by the qualified individual to be present if and when the qualified individual self-administers the terminal comfort care drug and who undertakes to: (1) complete the Attending Witness Completion Form confirming ingestion of the drug and the death of the qualified individual and (2) return the Attending Witness Completion Form to the attending physician within 48 hours after the death of the qualified individual. The attending witness may, but need not be (1) related to the qualified individual by blood, adoption, or marriage or (2) a health care provider. Allows, at the discretion of the qualified individual, the attending witness to be the attending physician.

Allows a qualified individual to discontinue, withdraw, or rescind his or her request for a terminal comfort care drug or decide not to ingest a terminal comfort care drug once obtained, at any time.

Prohibits any person other than the attending physician from writing a prescription for a terminal comfort care drug. Sets out 11 things the attending physician must be before prescribing a terminal comfort care drug, including: determining that the requesting adult has the capacity to make medical decisions, has a terminal disease, has undergone a hospice evaluation, has voluntarily made the request for the drug on the specified form, and is a qualified individual, and verify, immediately prior to writing the prescription for a terminal comfort care drug, that the qualified individual is making an informed decision and is in no way acting under undue pressure or coercion. Once the 11 specified tasks have been completed, allows the attending physician to deliver the terminal comfort care drug in any of the specified ways.

Sets out requirements of a mental health specialist, upon referral from the attending or consulting physician.

Specifies eight items that must be documented in the qualified individual's medical record.

Requires the attending physician to submit a copy of the prescription to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) within 48 hours after writing a prescription for a terminal comfort care drug. Requires the pharmacist to submit a copy of the Pharmacist Compliance Form to DHHS within 48 hours after dispensing a terminal comfort care drug. Requires the

attending physician to submit to DHHS a copy of the qualifying patient's written request, the Attending Physician Checklist and Compliance Form, and the Consulting Physician Compliance Form within 30 days after writing a prescription for a terminal comfort care drug. Requires the attending physician, within 30 calendar days after the later of (1) the qualified individual's death from ingesting the terminal comfort care drug or from any other cause or (2) the date on which the attending physician receives actual notice of the qualified individual's death from the Attending Witness Completion Form to submit to DHHS an Attending Physician Follow-Up Form.

Allows the attending physician to sign the qualified individual's death certificate and requires the cause of death to be recorded as the underlying terminal disease.

Prohibits the sale, procurement, or issuance of any life, health, or annuity policy, health care service plan contract, or health benefit plan or the rate charged for any policy, plan contract, or benefit plan from being conditioned upon or affected by the making or rescinding of a person's request for a terminal comfort care drug. Specifies that a qualified individual's act of self-administering a terminal comfort care drug does not have any effect upon a life, health, or annuity policy other than that of a natural death from the underlying disease. Prohibits an insurance carrier from providing any information in communications to a qualified individual about the availability of terminal comfort care drugs absent a request by the qualified individual or the qualified individual's attending physician at the behest of the qualified individual.

Protects a person from civil or criminal liability or professional disciplinary action for participating in good faith compliance with the activities authorized under this Act or for being present when a qualified individual self-administers a terminal comfort care drug. Prohibits from considering an individual with a terminal disease who self-administers a lethal dose of medication as a person exposed to grave physical harm under any Good Samaritan law, and specifies that no person is subject to civil or criminal liability solely for being present when an individual with a terminal disease self-administers a lethal dose of medication or for failing to act to prevent the patient from self-administering a lethal dose of medication. Allows a person who is present when an individual with a terminal disease self-administers a terminal comfort care drug, without civil or criminal liability, to assist the qualified individual at his or her request by preparing the drug as long as the person does not directly assist the qualified person in ingesting or self-administering the drug. Protects a health care provider, pharmacist, licensing board, or professional organization or association from censure, discipline, suspension, adverse action on a license, loss of privileges, loss of membership, or other penalty for participating in good faith compliance with the activities authorized under this Act or for refusing to participate in activities authorized under this Act. Also protects a health care provider or pharmacist from civil, criminal, administrative, disciplinary, employment, credentialing, professional discipline, contractual liability, or medical staff action, sanction, penalty, or other liability for participating in the activities authorized under this Act, including determining the diagnosis or prognosis of an individual, determining the capacity of an individual for the purpose of determining if he or she is a qualified individual under this Act, providing information about this Act to an individual, and providing a referral to a physician licensed in this state who participates in the activities authorized under this Act.

Provides that a request by a qualified individual to an attending physician to provide a terminal comfort care drug in good faith compliance with the provisions of this Act does not provide the basis for the appointment of a guardian or conservator. Specifies that no actions taken in compliance with the provisions of this Act constitute or provide the basis for any claim of neglect or elder abuse.

Specifies that participation in activities authorized by the Act is strictly voluntary and sets out permissible activities that run contrary to the Act.

Prohibits sanctioning a health care provider for: (1) making an initial determination pursuant to the standard of care that an individual has a terminal disease and informing him or her of the medical prognosis; (2) providing information about the End of Life Options Act to an individual upon inquiry; or (3) providing an individual, upon request, with a referral to another physician.

Specifies that the following are punishable as felonies: (1) knowingly altering or forging a request for a terminal comfort care drug to hasten an individual's death without that individual's authorization, concealing or destroying a withdrawal or rescission of a request for a terminal comfort care drug, destroying or concealing an individual's written request for a terminal comfort care drug, or concealing or destroying an individual's prescribed terminal comfort care drug, if the act is done with the intent or effect of causing, interfering with, or preventing the individual's death against his or her wishes; (2) knowingly coercing or exerting undue influence on an individual to request or ingest a terminal comfort care drug for the purpose of ending his or her life, knowingly destroying a withdrawal or rescission of a request, or administering a terminal comfort care drug to an

individual without his or her knowledge or consent; (3) knowingly coercing or exerting undue influence to interfere with an individual's expressed desire to hasten his or her death by ingestion of a prescribed terminal comfort care drug.

Requires DHHS to collect and review the information required to be submitted to DHHS, which is considered confidential and not a public record. Requires DHHS to annually, by April 15, make available to the public on the DHHS website a report based on the collected information. Specifies information that the report must contain, including the number of known individuals who died each year for whom a terminal comfort care drug was prescribed and the cause of death for each of these individuals, the number of physicians licensed in this state who wrote prescriptions for terminal comfort care drugs, and the names and dosages of prescribed terminal comfort care drug.

Requires DHHS to develop, update, and publish the forms required under the Act.

Specifies the manner of disposing of terminal comfort care drugs after a qualified individual's death.

Includes a severability clause.

The above provisions are effective December 1, 2019.

Requires DHHS, by December 31, 2019, to develop and publish on its website downloadable versions of the required forms.

Requires DHHS to publish the first required report on its website by March 15, 2021. Effective when the act becomes law.

**Intro. by Harrison, Hardister, McGrady, Fisher.**

GS 90

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**Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers**

H 904 (2019-2020) **IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION ACT/CHANGES**. Filed Apr 16 2019, *AN ACT AMENDING THE IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION ACT*.

Modifies and adds to Article 2A, Identity Theft Protection Act, of GS Chapter 75.

Amends the definition of *security breach* set forth in GS 75-61 to define the term to include any incident of unauthorized access to or acquisition of (was, access to and acquisition of) unencrypted and unreacted records or data containing personal information where illegal use of the personal information has occurred or is likely to occur or that creates a material risk of harm to the customer, or of encrypted records or data containing personal information along with the confidential process or key. Adds a new requirements that any determination that illegal use has not occurred or is not reasonably likely to occur or that no material risk of harm is created must be documented and maintained for at least three years.

Amends GS 75-63 regarding the option for a consumer to elect to place a security freeze on the consumer's credit report by request to a consumer reporting agency. Now provides for request by secure internet website (previously did not specify internet) or secure email connection. Requires a nationwide consumer reporting agency which receives a security freeze request to provide the consumer with the option of having the freeze implemented by all consumer reporting agencies that assemble or evaluate information about consumers in the State (previously required the agency to provide a notice that the freeze is limited to that agency). Changes a federal statutory reference. Now requires consumer reporting agencies which assemble or evaluate information about consumers in the State to create and maintain a shared website and toll-free number for consumers to request a security freeze, which request is considered to have been made to all consumer reporting agencies. Makes it the duty of a requested agency to notify all other consumer reporting agencies of that request within three days of receipt. Notification by any method triggers compliance with the statute. Makes conforming changes.

Amends GS 75-63.1 to now prohibit any consumer reporting agency from charging a fee for the placement or removal of a protected consumer security fee (previously allowed a fee of up to \$5 for certain requests). Makes conforming changes to GS 65-63 (previously provided for a fee of up to \$3 for telephone or mail requests).

Amends GS 75-65 concerning protection from security breaches. Now requires any business that owns or licenses personal information of residents or any business that conducts business in the State that owe or licenses personal information in any form to implement and maintain reasonable security measures and practices, and provide notice to affected persons and the

Consumer Protection Division (Division) of the Attorney General's Office within 30 days of any security breach or reasonable belief that a security breach has occurred (previously only required notification of a security breach to the consumer). Allows the Division to request certain documentation. Makes organizational changes. Excludes from *personal information* electronic identification number or email names or addresses unless it includes any required security code, access code, or password that would allow access to an individual's financial account, and passwords unless the business is aware that the information would permit access to a person's financial account or resources or other personal information (previously did not require business knowledge in the qualification). Establishes a time frame for the required notice to within five days (was, without unreasonable delay) once law enforcement has communicated to the business its determination that notice will no longer impede the investigation or jeopardize national or homeland security, Makes further technical and clarifying changes, if applicable. Adds to the criteria for notify to be provided to affected persons electronically, that the business must regularly conduct business with the affected person electronically. Establishes that any person or agency subject to and in compliance with HIPAA (federal law, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) if deemed to be in compliance with the statute. Provide that notice under HIPAA is sufficient notice under the statute. Requires a consumer reporting agency to offer identity theft prevention and mitigation services at no cost for at least 48 hours following notice to the affected person or if the person is subject of a security breach, so long as the person's personal information was held by a consumer reporting agency. In cases where social security numbers are included in the security breach, requires the business to offer credit monitoring services at no cost to specified persons for a period of no less than 24 months through a third party contract. Prohibits a consumer reporting agency from knowingly offering a paid product to prevent unauthorized access or restricting access to a consumer's credit, unless the agency notifies the consumer and provides information on how to request a security freeze.

Amends GS 75-66 regarding the publication of personal information. Deletes the definition of *personal information* from the statute. Instead, provides information that is excluded from the term, mirroring the exclusions set out in GS 75-65, as amended.

Enacts GS 75-67 to prohibit any person from obtaining, using, or seeking the consumer report or credit score of a consumer in connection with an application for credit without written, verbal, or electronic consent of the consumer, as appropriate depending on the method of the application for credit.

Enacts GS 75-68 to establish a right for consumer to request from credit reporting agencies all information maintained on the consumer, the source of the information maintained, and a list of any person or entity that information was disclosed to. Makes violations punishable under existing state law, GS 75-1.1 (unfair methods of competition and deceptive trade practice; civil penalties set forth in GS 75-15.2).

Enacts GS 75-69 to provide that federal law governs in cases of conflict with the Article.

Amends GS 14-113.20, which establishes the offense of identity theft (punishable as a Class F or G felony), to modify the definition of *identifying information* to include health insurance policy numbers, subscriber identification numbers or any other unique identifiers used by health insurers or payers to identify a person, and any information regarding the individual's medical history or condition, medical treatment or diagnosis, or genetic information by a health care professional; removes internet account numbers from the definition.

**Intro. by Saine, Jones, Reives.**

[GS 14, GS 75](#)

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**[Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection, Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure](#)**

H 914 (2019-2020) **[MODIFICATION OF DVPO PROVISIONS](#)**. Filed Apr 16 2019, *AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME OF EXPIRATION FOR VARIOUS EX PARTE ORDERS AND TO EXPAND VARIOUS NOTICE AND PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS WHEN A JUDGE ORDERS A DEFENDANT TO ATTEND AN ABUSER TREATMENT PROGRAM.*

Amends GS 50B-2 by removing the requirement that emergency ex parte orders issued by a magistrate to expire and the magistrate must schedule an ex parte hearing before a district court judge by the end of the next day on which the district court is in session in the county in which the action was filed. Makes conforming changes by making those orders subject to the same hearing requirements as other ex parte orders under the statute.

Amends GS 50B-3 regarding domestic violence protective orders. Requires a defendant ordered to attend an abuser treatment program pursuant to subdivision (a)(12) to begin regular attendance of the program within 60 days of the entry of the order. Requires the court to specify the date and time for a review hearing with the court to assess whether the defendant has complied as soon as practicable after 60 days from the entry of the original order. Requires that date and time to be set when entering the original order, and requires the clerk to issue a Notice of Hearing for the compliance review to be given to or served, as appropriate, upon the defendant and filed with the court on the same day as entry of the original order. Permits the plaintiff to attend the review hearing. Provides for the defendant to give the clerk a written statement showing compliance with the order prior to the review hearing at which time the clerk must remove the hearing from the court docket and notify the plaintiff of the defendant's compliance and that no review hearing will occur.

Amends GS 50B-3.1 to require a defendant to surrender all firearms, machine guns, ammunition, permits to purchase firearms, and permits to carry concealed firearms upon issuance of an order issued following notice and due process to the defendant pursuant to GS Chapter 50B (was only upon issuance of an emergency order or ex parte order pursuant to the Chapter). Adds to the factors that must be found before the court orders the defendant to surrender all firearms, to include any other factor (beyond those four already listed) in which the continued possession of a firearm by the defendant poses a substantial risk of serious injury or death to an aggrieved party or minor child.

Applies to court orders issued on or after October 1, 2019.

**Intro. by R. Turner.**

GS 50B

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

H 917 (2019-2020) [EMERGENCY DECLARATION/CLARIFY RD CLOSURE](#). Filed Apr 16 2019, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT A LOCAL DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY INCLUDES THE AUTHORITY TO CLOSE ROADS AND PUBLIC VEHICULAR AREAS TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE EMERGENCY.*

Amends GS 116A-19.31 as the title indicates. Requires of notification of such closures to be given to the Department of Transportation as soon as practicable. Makes additional clarifying and technical changes.

**Intro. by Horn.**

GS 166A

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**Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management,  
Transportation**

H 918 (2019-2020) [AMEND ABUSE LAWS/EXPEDITE PERMANENCY](#). Filed Apr 16 2019, *AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY LAWS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS, EXPEDITE THE GOAL OF PERMANENCY FOR CHILDREN UNDER THREE YEARS OF AGE WHO HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE HOME, CREATE A PRESUMPTION THAT FOSTER PARENTS WITH WHOM A CHILD UNDER THREE YEARS OF AGE HAS LIVED CONTINUOUSLY FOR NINE MONTHS ARE DEEMED NONRELATIVE KIN, AND CREATE AN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCE FOR THE EXPOSURE TO NONMEDICAL, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES IN UTERO.*

Amends GS 7B-100 include in the purpose of Subchapter I (Abuse, Neglect, Dependency) proving juveniles under age 3 who are removed from custody of their homes with prospective permanent placement withing one year form the date of the order removing custody.

Amends the definition of terms as they are used in the Subchapter as follows: (1) expands upon the definition of nonrelative kin to include a presumption that a foster parent with whom a juvenile under 3 years of age has resided for a continuous period of at least nine months is deemed nonrelative kin; and (2) defines relative as an individual directly related to the juvenile, including, but not limited to, a parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt, or uncle. Makes technical changes.

Amends GS 7B-503 to add to the six conditions, one of which must apply before an order for nonsecure custody is to be made, to also include that the juvenile is an infant who: (1) was born drug-exposed and the drug exposure was not medically based; (2) the parent is unable to discharge parental responsibilities due to a history of chronic drug abuse, and (3) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the parent's substance abuse will continue for a prolonged or indeterminate period based on the opinion of a licensed health care provider with substance abuse disorders experience.

Amends GS 7B-505 to require a department of social services to use due diligence to identify and notify adult relatives, next of kin, and others with legal custody of a sibling of a juvenile who is in nonsecure custody within 60 days after the initial order removing custody. Requires filing with the court information regarding attempts to make such identification and notification. Adds to the items that the court must consider when placing a juvenile with a relative to include the developmental and attachment needs of the juvenile and allows the court to not place the juvenile with the relative if doing so is contrary to those interests.

Amends GS 7B-901(c)(1)e by providing that if a disposition order places a juvenile in the custody of a county department of social services, the court must direct that reasonable efforts for reunification is not required if the court finds that a court has determined that aggravated circumstances exist because the parent has committed or allowed the continuation of chronic or toxic exposure to alcohol or controlled substances that causes impairment of or addiction in the juvenile, including exposure to nonmedical controlled substances in utero (previously this did not specially include exposure to nonmedical controlled substances in utero).

Amends GS 7B-903(a1) to require consideration of the juvenile's developmental and attachment needs when deciding whether to order placement of the juvenile with a relative when placing a juvenile in out-of-home care. Adds that once a child under age 3 has resided in a foster parent's home for a continuous period of at least nine months, the foster parent is deemed to be a relative for these purposes. Adds that if the court does not place the juvenile with a relative the court may consider whether nonrelative kin or another person with legal custody of a sibling of he juvenile are willing and able to provide proper care and supervision of the juvenile in a safe home. Allow ordering the department to notify the juvenile's State-recognized tribe of the need for nonsecure custody for locating relatives or nonrelative kin for placement. Allows ordering placement of the juvenile with nonrelative kin if the court finds the placement is in the juvenile's best interest.

Amends GS 7B-906.1 by adding the goal of placing infants under age 3 in a prospective permanent placement within 12 months of the date of the initial order removing custody. Adds to the items that the court must consider when making written findings about at each permanency planning hearing, to include whether the parent has engaged in any of the factors under GS 7B-901(c)(setting out written findings of fact that are to be made when the court directs that reasonable efforts for reunification are not required) when making a finding as to whether efforts to reunite the juvenile with their parent would be unsuccessful or inconsistent with the juvenile's health or safety and need for a safe, permanent home. Provides that the court may not waive or refuse to conduct a permanency planning hearing (was, a review hearing) if a party files a motion seeking the hearing.

Amends GS 7B-905 to require an initial dispositional order to direct that the review hearing required under GS 7B-106.1 be held within 90 days from the date of the initial dispositional hearing (was, applicable to a dispositional order under which a juvenile is removed from the custody of a parent, guardian, custodian, or caretaker).

Amends GS 7B-906.2 to require the court to make or have made specified written findings in order for reunification to not be a primary or secondary plan.

Amends GS 7B-1103 to allow a petition or motion to terminate parental rights to be filed by any foster parent with whom a juvenile under age 3 has resided for a continuous period of at least nine months preceding the filing of the petition or motion.

Applies to actions filed or pending on or after October 1, 2019.

**Intro. by Jarvis, Stevens, Murphy.**

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[Courts/Judiciary, Juvenile Law, Abuse, Neglect and Dependency](#)

H 920 (2019-2020) **CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION CHANGES**. Filed Apr 16 2019, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE STATUTES GOVERNING CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS*.

Amends GS 47C-2-109 to no longer require each condominium plat or plan to contain a certification by a licensed architect or a registered engineer that contains the required information; now that information is to be shown in each plat or plan. Amends the items that each plat or plan must show to instead include a certified statement of a licensed architect or registered engineer certifying that the plat or plans depict (1) locations and dimension of the vertical boundaries of each unit, to the extent those boundaries lie within or coincide with the boundaries of the building in which the unit is located, (2) the location of any horizontal unit boundaries, with reference to established datum, and (3) an identifying number for each unit. Makes additional clarifying and technical changes.

Amends GS 47C-2-105 which sets out the items that must be included in the declaration for a condominium. One items is a description of any development rights and other special declarant rights reserved by the declarant with a description of the real estate to which each of those rights applies, and a time limit within or date by which (was, a time limit by which) each of those rights must be exercised. Adds that if no time limit or date is specified, the time limit for the exercise of any development right or other special declarant right is seven years from the date the declaration was recorded. Provides that if the declaration so provides, the unit owners of units to which at last 67% of the votes in the association are allocated may consent to an extension, not exceeding 10 years; requires the extension to occur within one year before the date upon which the time limit would otherwise have expired. Makes additional technical changes.

Amends GS 47C-2-117, concerning amending a declaration, by adding that the provisions of the Article and recorded condominium instruments are to be liberally construed in favor of the valid establishment of a condominium with respect to the submitted property. Provides that if any amendment to the declaration is necessary in the executive board's judgement, then the board may seek approval to amend the declaration for any of four specified purposes, including to make a reasonable accommodation or permit a reasonable modification in favor of a person with disabilities. Specifies that any such amendment recorded in the office of the register of deeds in the county where the condominium is located operate as a correction of the declaration and is effective as of the date the declaration being corrected was originally recorded with the same effect as if the declaration were correct when it was first recorded.

Enacts new GS 47C-2-117.1 allowing a unit owners' association to petition the clerk of superior court to resolve ambiguities, errors, or inconsistencies in the condominium instruments that are the source of legal and other disputes pertaining to the legal rights and responsibilities of the unit owners' association or individual unit owner. Also allows the instruments to be reformed to correct scrivener's errors. Sets out the superior court's jurisdiction over these matters.

Sets out five requirements that must be met when filing a petition with the court setting forth any inconsistency or error made in the condominium instruments, including sending a copy of the petition at least 30 days before it is filed to all unit owners and all beneficiaries of a deed of trust or mortgagees of record for a unit in the condominium.

Sets out the procedure under which a person served with the petition may object to or dispute the petition. Gives any unit owner or beneficiary of a deed of trust or mortgagee of a condominium unit in the condominium objecting or disputing the petition standing to participate in the reformation proceedings.

**Intro. by D. Hall, K. Hall, Hardister.**

GS 47C

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

H 924 (2019-2020) **TEACHER CONTRACT CHANGES**. Filed Apr 16 2019, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTENDED TEACHER CONTRACTS*.

Under GS 115C-325.3 which requires a contract or renewal of a contract between a local school board of education and teacher employed by the local board of education for three years or more to be for a term of one, two, or four school years. Now sets out the following conditions that must be met for contracts or renewal of contracts for those terms: (1) the teacher must have been employed by the local board of education as a teacher for three or more consecutive years immediately preceding the effective date of the contract; (2) the teacher has worked for at least 120 days as a teacher in a full-time, permanent position in

each consecutive year; and (3) days the teacher did not actually work due to leave must not count toward the 120 days (if the teacher did not work 120 days in a year only because of sick leave, disability leave, or leave under the Family and Medical Leave act of 1993, the year is not considered a break in service and any previous consecutive years worked are consecutive to the following year).

**Intro. by D. Hall, Horn.**

GS 115C

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H 929 (2019-2020) [GAMING COMMISSION](#). Filed Apr 16 2019, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA GAMING COMMISSION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE REGULATION OF FANTASY SPORTS LEAGUES*.

Requires the Revisor of Statutes to recodify Part 2 of Article 37 of GS Chapter 14, Bingo and Raffles, and Article 68 of GS Chapter 143, Regulation of Boxing, and GS Chapter 18C, North Carolina State Lottery, into a new GS Chapter 18E entitled "Gaming." Sets out the structure of the new Chapter, consisting of 5 Subchapters and 26 Articles. Authorizes the Revisor of Statutes to change all references to the North Carolina State Lottery Commission, State Bureau of Investigation, and Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch of the Department of Public Safety, as appropriate, to the North Carolina Gaming Commission; allows for additional organizational, clarifying, and technical changes.

Enacts new GS Chapter 18E, Gaming, providing as follows. Creates the 9-member Gaming Commission (Commission), located within the Department of Commerce, but operating independently, to establish and oversee the operation of gaming in the State. Commission members serve terms varying from one year to four years and are prohibited from serving for more than two successive terms. Requires the Commission to meet at least quarterly. Sets out member qualifications. Makes Commission records open and available to the public. Sets out the Commission's nine powers and duties including regulating and overseeing gaming, prescribing the nature of gaming advertising, which must meet the specified requirements, charging licensees and contractors fees for criminal record, and specify the number and value of prizes for winning tickets or share in lotter games. Requires the Commission to send quarterly and annual reports on Commission operations to the Governor, State Treasurer, and NCGA. Requires the State Auditor to conduct annual audits of all accounts and transactions of the Commission. Requires the Commission to biennially engage an independent firm experienced in security procedures to study and evaluate all aspects of security in the operation of the Commission. Requires the portion of the security audit report with the overall evaluation of the Commission and lottery games to be presented to the Commission, Governor, and NCGA. Also requires the Commission to biennially engage an independent auditing firm to perform an audit of the lottery and present the results to the Commission, Governor, and NCGA. Allows the Commission to engage an independent auditing firm to conduct an audit of various games. Allows the Commission to apply to the superior court for an injunction to restrain any person from violating the Chapter or its rules. Allows the Commission, when it has reasonable cause to believe that a violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter may have occurred, to investigate to determine whether a violation has occurred. Allows the Commission or the Department of Public Safety, Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch, may inspect an establishment of a licensee during normal business hours.

Requires the Commission to select a Director to operate and administer the functions of the Commission and to serve as the Secretary to the Commission. Sets out the Director's 10 powers and duties, under the Commission's supervision, including setting salaries of Commission employees, enter into contracts upon Commission approval, and providing monthly financial reports to the Commission. Sets out six requirements for the Director and Commission employees, including that they not have a financial interest in any licensee or contraction, and prohibiting them from representing any licensee or contractor before the Commission for one year following termination of employment with the Commission. Prohibits the Commissioners, Director, and Commission employees, or a member of their immediate family residing in the same household as the individual, from accepting any economic opportunities, gifts, loan, gratuity, special discount, favor, hospitality, or service with a value exceeding \$100 in any calendar year from any person being regulated by the Chapter.

Sets out and defines terms that are used in the Chapter.

Requires registering with the Commission to offer a fantasy contest in the State, defined as an online fantasy or simulated game or contest in which an entry fee is charged and (1) the value of all prizes and awards offered to winning participants is established and made known to the participants in advance of a contest that is open to the general public; (2) all winning

outcomes reflect the relative knowledge and skill of the participants and is to be determined by accumulated statistical results of the performance of individuals; and (3) no winning outcome is based on the score, point spread, or any performance of any single actual team or combination of teams or solely on any single performance of any individual athlete or player in any single actual event. Sets out application requirements and requires submission of an initial registration fee equal to 10% of the operator's gross fantasy contest revenues from the previous calendar year; to be no less than \$2,500 or more than \$10,000. Registration is valid for five years; sets out requirements for renewal including a renewal fee equal to the lesser of \$5,000, or 10% of the operator's net revenue from the previous calendar year. Allows an operator applying for registration who has been in continuous operation in this State for at least 180 days as of the effective date of this act to continue to offer fantasy contests until 60 days after applications for registration are published by the Commission; allows operators who have applied for registration during that 60-day period to continue operating the registration is pending. Operators who have not registered must stop operation by the expiration of the 60-day period. Allows operators applying for registration or renewal of a registration to operate during the application. Requires the Commission to issue a registration within 60 days of receiving the registration application.

Allows the Commission to deny, revoke, or suspend a registration upon five specified actions, including defaulting on the payment of any obligation or debt due to the State. Allows suspending or revoking an operator's registration after a hearing with 30 day's notice where a violation has been found by a preponderance of the evidence. Also allows assessing civil penalties. Allows suspending a registration for no more than seen business days if the Commission determines that a violation has occurred and emergency action is required to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. Sets out operator reporting and audit requirements.

Sets out provisions governing a change of ownership or acquisition of interest in operation.

Makes reports, data, or documents submitted to the Commission under the audit requirements and records submitted as part of an application for registration or renewal containing information about the character or financial responsibility of the operation or its principal stockholders confidential and not public records.

Specifies that fantasy contest conducted under the Article do not constitute gambling, lotteries, gaming, or an activity or enterprise prohibited by law. Specifies that nothing in the Article limits the ability of an operator to control or conduct its contest or to provide a uniform gameplay platform for players in multiple jurisdictions.

Repeals GS 18C-110; GS 18C-111; GS 18C-112, GS 18C-113(a),(b), and (c); GS 18C-115(a) and GS 18C-114, which established the North Carolina State Lottery Commission and sets out requirements related to the Commission. Repeals GS 18C-120 and GS 18C-122 concerning the selection of the State Lottery Director and setting out auditing requirements.

Amends GS 18C-500 to make alcohol law-enforcement agents responsible for enforcing gaming laws.

Requires the Commission to study the feasibility of allowing sports betting, steeplechases, and video lottery terminals to operate in the State, including studying six specified issues. Requires a report to the 2020 Regular Session of the NCGA by January 31, 2020.

Specifies that each commission, board, or other function of State government transferred to the Commission is a continuation of the former entity for purposes of succession to all the rights, powers, duties, and obligations of the former.

Provides that no action or proceeding pending on May 1, 2017, brought by or against the North Carolina Lottery Commission, the State Bureau of Investigation, the Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch of the Department of Public Safety, or the Boxing Advisory Commission is affected by any provision of this act, and they may be prosecuted or defended in the name of the North Carolina Gaming Commission. Allows any business or other matter undertaken or commanded by any State program or office or contract transferred to the Commission pertaining to or connected with the functions, powers, obligations, and duties set forth herein, which is pending on May 1, 2017, to be conducted and completed by the Commission in the same manner and under the same terms and conditions and with the same effect as if conducted and completed by the original program, office, or commissioners or directors thereof.

Specifies that the consolidation does not affect any ongoing investigation or audit and that prosecutions for offenses or violations committed before May 1, 2017, are not abated or affected by this act, and the statutes that would be applicable but for this act remain applicable to those prosecutions.

Specifies that rules, forms, policies, procedures, and guidance adopted by the North Carolina Lottery Commission, the State Bureau of Investigation, the Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch of the Department of Public Safety, or the Boxing Advisory Commission remain in effect until amended or repealed by the Commission.

Transfers the authority, powers, duties and functions, records, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the North Carolina Lottery Commission and the North Carolina Gaming Commission to the Commission. Transfers specified powers and duties and other related functions and appropriations of the bingo and raffle functions of the State Bureau of Investigation and the boxing regulatory functions of the Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch to the Commission. Transfers the appropriations and resources of the North Carolina Lottery Commission, and the appropriations and resources of the bingo and raffle functions of the State Bureau of Investigation and the boxing regulatory functions of the Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch and the Boxing Advisory Commission to the Commission, with the elements of a Type I transfer.

Requires the Commission to report to the specified NCGA commission and committee by April 1, 2020 and March 1, 2021, on recommendations for statutory changes need to implement the consolidation.

Effective January 1, 2020.

**Intro. by Warren, Hardister, Saine, Hunter:**

[STUDY, GS 14, GS 18C, GS 18E, GS 143](#)

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**[Alcoholic Beverage Control, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, Lottery and Gaming](#)**

H 934 (2019-2020) [RIGHT TO TRY ADULT STEM CELL TREATMENTS](#). Filed Apr 16 2019, *AN ACT EXPANDING THE RIGHT TO TRY ACT TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO INVESTIGATIONAL ADULT STEM CELL TREATMENTS FOR PATIENTS DIAGNOSED WITH A TERMINAL OR CHRONIC ILLNESS*.

Places the existing statutes of Article 23A, Right to Try Act, of GS Chapter 90, into new Part 1, titled Experimental Treatments. Makes conforming changes to existing statutes to refer to Part 1 rather than the entire Article. Enacts the following statutes into new Part 2, Investigational Adult Stem Cell Treatments.

Enacts GS 90-325.10 and GS 90-325.11 to establish the Part's purpose and set forth applicable defined terms.

Enacts GS 90-325.12, authorizing an eligible patient, meeting five specified criteria, to access and use an investigational adult stem cell treatment if the treatment meets the following criteria: (1) is administered directly by a physician ferried by an institutional review board which meets the requirements of GS 90-325.13, as enacted; (2) is overseen by an institution review board that meets the requirements of GS 90-325.13; and (3) is provided at a licensed hospital, licensed ambulatory surgical center, or an accredited medical school located in the State. Defines *investigational adult stem cell treatment* (treatment) to mean such treatment that is under investigation in a clinical trial and being administered to human participants in the trial, and that has not yet been approved for general use by the US Food and Drug Administration. Requires compliance with all other state law and rules adopted by the Medical Board.

Requires an institutional review board that oversees treatments administered under Part 2 to be affiliated with an accredited medical school in the State or a licensed hospital with at least 150 beds. Allows these boards to certify physicians to provide treatments under the Part. Establishes record requirements for treatments administered and their effects. Requires each board overseeing treatment to submit an annual report to the Medical Board, excluding any patient-identifying information, which must be made available to the public in both written and electronic form. Authorizes the Medical Board to adopt rules concerning the role and function of boards under the Part.

Enacts GS 90-325.14, making it a misdemeanor to knowingly offer to buy or sell, sell, acquire, receive, or otherwise transfer any adult stem cells for valuation consideration for use in a treatment. Permits fess for services rendered by a health care provider in the usual course of medical practice or for hospital or other clinical services, reimbursement of legal or medical expenses incurred for the benefit of the ultimate receiver of the treatment, and reimbursement of expenses for travel, housing and lost wages incurred by the adult stem cell donor.

Enacts GS 90-325.15 to prohibit licensing boards and entities responsible for Medicare certification from disciplining physicians who recommendation or administration of treatment to an eligible patient, so long as the recommendation and/or care is consistent with the applicable standard of care and the Part's requirements.

Enacts GS 90-325.16 to prohibit any government official, employee or agent from interfering with or attempt to interfere with an eligible patient's access to an authorized treatment. Specifies that counseling, advice, or a recommendation consistent with medical standards of care from a licensed health care provider does not constitute a violation of the statute.

Enacts GS 90-325.17 to specify that Part 2 does not affect a health benefit plan's obligation to provide coverage for an insured's participation in a clinical trial under GS 58-3-255.

Applies to acts committed on or after December 1, 2019.

**Intro. by Blackwell, Lambeth, Murphy, Reives.**

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

H 935 (2019-2020) **SOCIAL SERVICES REFORM/DHHS RECOMMENDATIONS**. Filed Apr 16 2019, *AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT VARIOUS PROVISIONS RELATED TO SOCIAL SERVICES REFORM TO INCLUDE: REPURPOSING AND REDEPLOYING POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO SUPPORT REGIONALIZATION AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH SEVEN REGIONS FOR REGIONAL SUPERVISION OF CHILD WELFARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR STAFF POSITIONS IN SUPPORT OF REGIONALIZATION; REQUIRING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR EMPLOYEES OF LICENSED CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS; ALLOWING YOUTH EXITING FOSTER CARE TO A PERMANENT HOME THROUGH THE GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO ACCESS FUNDS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD WELFARE POSTSECONDARY SUPPORT PROGRAM (NC REACH); REQUIRING TRAINING FOR NEW AND EXPERIENCED COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD MEMBERS; REQUIRING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY AND COST STUDY OF A CHILD SUPPORT TRIBUNAL; AND PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CASES.*

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to establish seven regions for regional supervision of child welfare and social services in accordance with the plan submitted by the Social Service Regional Supervision and Collaboration Working Group (SSWG) as required by SL 2017-41. Requires establishment of the regions and the provision of oversight and support to the regions through home-based staff and the central office team of DHHS on March 1, 2022. Directs DHHS to move forward with the repurposing and redeployment of staff. Directs DHHS to begin procurement of physical office spaces for the regions beginning in March 2021. Requires prioritization of staff to improve the child welfare system. Requires that DHHS move toward full implementation of a regional model with offices by March 1, 2022.

Appropriates \$914,790 recurring from the General Fund to DHHS for the 2019-201 fiscal biennium to support 11 new staff positions pursuant to the SSWG's plan. Effective July 1, 2019.

Amends GS 122-80 to require licensed child care institutions to condition employment on consent to a State and national criminal history check of the applicant. Further, requires licensed child care institutions to condition offers of employment for positions which do not require an occupational license on a check of the NC Sex Offender Registry (Registry) and consent to check the NC Responsible Individuals List (List), and if applicable, consent to also check the abuse and neglect registry of any other state where the applicant has resided in the preceding five years. Makes clarifying changes.

Amends GS 131D-10.3A to require child care institutions to request a criminal history and conduct a check of the Registry and List on any individual prior to employment. Requires child care institutions to share criminal history check results with DHHS, and otherwise deems criminal history check results confidential. Prohibits employment by a child care institution of an individual who has a criminal history, as defined in specified existing state law. Authorizes DHHS to take action against a child care institution's license for employing an individual with a criminal history. Amends GS 131D-10.6 to expand DHHS's powers and duties concerning disciplinary action against licensees. Makes conforming changes to GS 143B-932 to authorize and provide for criminal history checks of prospective employees of licensed child care institutions. Specifies that information received by DHHS is confidential and not public record.

Amends SL 2017-57 to allow youth exiting foster care to a permanent home through the Guardianship Assistance Program to use funds appropriated to DHHS for child welfare postsecondary support program for educational needs (was, limited to foster youth aging out of the foster care system or special needs children adopted from foster care after age 12).

Adds to the responsibilities of county boards of social service set forth in GS 108A-9 to require county boards to attend education training sessions provided for new or experienced board members at least biannually.

Directs the Division of Social Services (Division) to collaborate with key stakeholders to create a formal education and training programs for new and experienced county boards.

Directs the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to conduct a feasibility and cost study, as specified, of a proposed child support tribunal using quasi-judicial procedures to hear child support matters. Requires AOC to submit its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by April 1, 2020.

Enacts GS 108A-15.16 to require county department of social service to resolve conflicts of interest cases consistent with applicable law and DHHS policies. Requires policies to address county financial and practice responsibilities. Requires counties to notify DHHS upon identifying a conflict of interest. Grants DHHS the authority to making final determinations regarding conflict of interest assignments when disputes arise, with regional staff having initial authority when a dispute arises between county departments and central staff having initial authority when disputes arise between regions. Directs the Social Services Commission (Commission) to adopt rules regarding conflicts of interest management. Defines *conflict of interest* as occurring when the provision of social services and duty owed by a county department of social services conflicts with services and the duty owed by another county department of social services.

Directs the Commission report to the specified NCGA committee upon the adoption of rules under GS 108A-15.16.

**Intro. by Blackwell, Stevens, White, Dobson.**

[APPROP, GS 108A, GS 122C, GS 131D, GS 143B](#)

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

H 938 (2019-2020) [RAISE MEDICAID PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE \\$20](#). Filed Apr 16 2019, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS WHO ARE INSTITUTIONALIZED*.

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to increase the personal needs allowance for institutionalized individual Medicaid recipients from \$30 to \$50, and for married couples who are both Medicaid recipients and institutionalized from \$60 to \$80. Requires DHHS to deduct the applicable increased amount from the total monthly income taken into consideration when applying appropriate income to the cost of institutionalized care. Directs DHHS to submit any amendments to the Medicaid State Plan to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Appropriates \$1.4 million in recurring funds for the 2019-20 fiscal year, and \$2.8 million in recurring funds for the 2020-21 fiscal year, from the General Fund to the Division of Health Benefits (Division) to implement the rate increase. Restricts use of the funds to matching specified federal fund estimates for the 2019-21 biennium. Appropriated the specified federal fund amounts to the Division to pay for costs associated with the rate increase.

Effective January 1, 2020.

**Intro. by Cunningham, Insko.**

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Health Insurance**

H 939 (2019-2020) [EXPAND SCHOLARSHIP FOR WSSU STUDENTS](#). Filed Apr 16 2019, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE CHEATHAM-WHITE SCHOLARSHIPS FUND AND TO ALLOW STUDENTS FROM WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY TO RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE FUND.*

Appropriates \$1.6 million in recurring funds for the 2019-20 fiscal year from the General Fund to the Cheatham-White Scholarships Fund. Restricts use of the funds to the administration of scholarships under Article 35 of GS Chapter 116.

Amends Article 35, Cheatham-White Scholarships, of GS Chapter 116 to expand the program to include Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) (currently limited to NC A&T University and NC Central University). Allows for up to 50 scholarships to be awarded each academic year to students admitted to WCCU, with 40 resident and 10 nonresident recipients. Makes conforming changes to GS 116-292 and GS 116-294.

Effective July 1, 2019, and applies beginning with the nomination of candidates during the 2019-20 school year to be awarded scholarships for the 2020 fall academic term.

**Intro. by Montgomery, Terry, Conrad.**

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

H 940 (2019-2020) [HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AUTHORIZATION TO REPORT](#). Filed Apr 16 2019, *AN ACT TO ALLOW AUTHORIZATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO REPORT THREATS OF VIOLENCE UPON ALLEGATIONS FROM A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS DURING THE COURSE OF TREATMENT.*

Enacts GS 90-21.10A to authorize licensed health care providers to notify appropriate law enforcement and a school principal or superintendent, as appropriate, when, as a result of providing health services to a minor, the care provider has cause to suspect an individual has communicated a threat of violence against the public or against an individual. Establishes civil and criminal immunity for health care providers making such a notification in good faith. Applies to any information received by a health care provider on or after October 1, 2019.

**Intro. by Hardister, Dobson, Corbin, Adcock.**

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers](#)

H 941 (2019-2020) [PILOT PROGRAM/PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS & ADMINSTRATORS](#). Filed Apr 18 2019, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS ACCOUNTABILITY PILOT PROGRAM.*

Section 1

Directs the State Board of Education (State Board) to establish the Professional Teachers and School Administrators Accountability Pilot Program (Program) to evaluate the impact of education reform initiatives provided in the act to support and enhance the education profession by investing additional State funds in the nine specified local school administrative units. Specifies the eight local units to be: Alleghany County Schools, Catawba County Schools, Craven County Schools, Cumberland County Schools, Henderson County Schools, Hertford County Schools, Union County Schools, Wake County Schools, and Watauga County Schools. Requires the local units to implement the Program set forth in this act beginning with the 2019-20 school year and ending with the 2033-34 school year. Directs the State Board to adopt any rules necessary to implement the act.

## Section 2

Directs each local school administrative unit to use the provided monthly teacher salary schedules for the 2019-2020 through 2021-22 fiscal years for licensed personnel of the public schools who are classified as teachers. Directs the State Board to adjust the salary schedule for subsequent fiscal years to be consistent with any increases in the State salary schedule adopted by the General Assembly. The salary schedules are based on years of teaching experience and range from: \$3,588 for 0 years of experience to \$5,330 for 25 or more years of experience for the 2019-20 Salary Schedule; \$3,677 for 0 years of experience to \$5,463 for 25 or more years of experience for the 2020-21 Salary Schedule; and \$3,769 for 0 years of experience to \$5,600 for 25 or more years of experience for the 2021-22 Salary Schedule. Also details salary supplements for certain teachers paid on these salary schedules as specified.

Makes the first step of the salary schedule for school psychologists, school speech pathologists licensed as such at the master's degree level or higher, and school audiologists who are licensed as audio pathologists at the master's degree level or higher equivalent to Step 6 of the "A" Teacher salary schedule. Provides these employees a salary supplement each month of 10% of their monthly salary. Provides that these employees are eligible to receive salary supplements equivalent to those of teachers for academic preparation at the six-year or doctoral degree level. Makes the 26th step of the salary schedule for school psychologists, school speech pathologists, and school audiologists meeting the academic preparation levels and licensing requirements as described in this act 7.5% higher than the salary received by these same employees on the 25th step of the salary schedule.

Requires longevity be provided in the same manner as teachers paid on the State salary schedule in local school administrative units not participating in the Program.

Repeals Section 9.1(d) of SL 2014-100 which removed teacher longevity.

Gives a teacher compensated under this section for 2019-2022 an amount equal to the greater of: (1) the applicable amount determined under this section; (2) for teachers who were eligible for longevity for the 2013-14 school year, the sum of the following: the salary the teacher received in the 2013-14 school year under Section 35.11 of SL 2013-360, the longevity that the teacher would have received under the longevity system in effect for the 2013-14 school year provided in Section 35.11 of SL 2013-360 based on the teacher's current years of service, and the annual bonus provided in Section 9.1(e) of SL 2014-100; or (3) for teachers who were not eligible for longevity for the 2013-14 school year, the sum of the salary and annual bonus the teacher received in the 2014-15 school year pursuant to Section 9.1 of SL 2014-100.

Defines teacher to include instructional support personnel for purposes of the Section.

Appropriates the following funds from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to be allocated to participating local school administrative units to implement the Section: \$28.4 million in recurring funds for the 2019-20 fiscal year; \$57.8 million in recurring funds for the 2020-21 fiscal year; and \$87.7 million in recurring funds for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

## Section 3

Directs each participating local school administrative unit to provide a salary supplement in accordance with Section 2(b) for teachers and instructional support who spend at least 70% of their work time as described. Requires that teachers and instructional support who are paid salary supplements to have their eligibility verified annually. Provides that salary supplements can be discontinued for failing to meet the requirements for that year. Prohibits teachers and instructional support who earn an advanced degree in school administration from receiving a salary supplement for academic preparation.

Appropriates \$1.6 million in recurring funds for 2019-20, \$1.8 million in recurring funds for 2020-21, and \$2 million in recurring funds for 2021-22 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction, to implement this section.

## Section 4

Sets out an annual salary schedule for principals for the 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22 fiscal years, beginning July 1, 2019. Placement on the salary schedule is determined according to the average daily membership of the school supervised by the principal and the school growth scores for each school the principal supervised in at least two of the prior three school years provided the principal supervised each school as a principal for at least a majority of the school year, with specified conditions. Sets out provisions governing the calculation of the average daily membership and the school growth scores.

Gives principals with certification based on academic preparation at the six-year degree level a salary supplement of \$126 per month and at the doctoral degree level a salary supplement of \$253. Requires that longevity be provided in the same manner as principals paid on the State salary schedule in local school administrative units not participating in the program.

Requires that a principal compensated in accordance with this section for the 2019-22 fiscal years receive an amount equal to the greater of: (1) the applicable amount determined pursuant to this section; and (2) the salary the principal received in the 2016-17 fiscal year pursuant to Section 9.1 or Section 9.2 of SL 2016-94.

Appropriates \$7.1 million in recurring funds for 2019-20, \$14.7 million in recurring funds for 2020-21, and \$22.2 million in recurring funds for 2021-22 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to be allocated to participating local school administrative units to implement the provisions of this section.

#### Section 5

Requires that for the 2019-20 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2019, assistant principals must receive a monthly salary based on the salary schedule for teachers who are classified as "A" teachers plus 19%. For the 2020-21 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2019, assistant principals must receive a monthly salary based on the salary schedule for teachers who are classified as "A" teachers plus 19%. For the 2021-22 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2019, assistant principals must receive a monthly salary based on the salary schedule for teachers who are classified as "A" teachers plus 19%.

Requires assistant principals with certification based on academic preparation at the six-year degree level to be paid a supplement of \$126 per month and at the doctoral degree level of \$253 per month. Requires longevity for assistant principals to be paid in the same manner as those paid on the State salary schedule in local school administrative units no participating in the program.

Requires that an assistant principal compensated in accordance with this section for the 2019-22 fiscal years to receive an amount equal to the greater of: (1) the applicable amount determined under this section; or (2) the salary the assistant principal received in the 2016-17 fiscal year under Section 9.1 or Section 9.2 of SL 2016-94.

Appropriates \$1 million in recurring funds for 2019-20, \$2 million in recurring funds for 2020-21; and \$3 million in recurring funds for 2021-22 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to be allocated to participating local school administrative units to implement this section.

#### Section 6

Directs each participating local school administrative unit to establish a program that utilizes advanced teaching roles and organizational models linking teacher performance and professional growth to salary increases for classroom teachers. Defines classroom teacher to mean a teacher who works in the classroom providing instruction at least 70% of the instructional day and who is not instructional support personnel. Details four purposes of the program, including enabling local school administrative units to create innovative compensation models that focus on classroom teacher professional growth and student outcomes, and establishing organizational changes related to compensation by utilizing local plans to sustain evidence-based teaching practices that have the capacity to be replicated throughout the State. Delineates eight elements the local boards of a participating local school administrative unity must include in the program, including: (1) descriptions of the advanced teaching roles; (2) salary supplement information as specified; and (3) the implementation plan, as described. Describes five purposes for which funds awarded to participating local school administrative units can be used, including salary supplements for advanced teaching roles and development of professional development courses. Provides that local school administrative units receiving funding under the program can exceed the maximum class size requirements for kindergarten through third grade notwithstanding GS 115C-301.

Appropriates from the General Fund to DPI the following funds to be allocated to participating local school administrative units to implement the Section: \$23 million for the 2019-20 fiscal year; \$26 million for the 2020-21 fiscal year; and \$29 million for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

#### Section 7

Directs each participating local school administrative unit to establish a policy to grant interval educational sabbatical leave to classroom teachers according to a teacher's years of service to NC public schools. Details eligibility requirements for a teacher

to request up to a six-month or one-year educational sabbatical leave, and requirements during and after grant of educational sabbatical leave. Prohibits a classroom teacher from being granted educational sabbatical leave more frequently than every five years. Defines a classroom teacher as a teacher who works in the classroom providing instruction and who is not instructional support personnel.

Appropriates from the General Fund to DPI the following funds to be allocated to participating local school administrative units to implement the Section: \$10 million for the 2019-20 fiscal year; \$11,170,000 for the 2020-21 fiscal year; and \$12.4 million for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

#### Section 8

Directs each participating local school administrative unit to develop a mentor program to provide ongoing support for teachers entering the profession. Requires the local board to develop certain guidelines for the program, consistent with State Board policy, and to develop criteria for selecting mentor participants. Requires each new teacher to have one mentor and each mentor to have one teacher mentee. Requires the mentor to prepare all of the mentee's lesson plans while the mentee has fewer than two years of experience, and requires the mentor to observe and counsel the mentee during that time. Directs the mentor to refer the mentee to the Teacher Support Program established in Section 12 of the act if the mentor believes that the mentee is suffering from severe stress, exhaustion, or disillusionment related to the profession.

Appropriates from the General Fund to DPI \$11,750,000 in recurring funds for the 2019-20 fiscal year to be allocated to participating local units to provide a \$1,500 monthly stipend to each teacher serving as a mentor. Adds that these funds are in addition to a supplement received pursuant to Section 3 of the act.

#### Section 9

Directs each participating local school administrative unit to establish a professional development program for principals and assistant principals to prepare school leaders in the described ways. Appropriates \$350,000 in recurring funds from the General Fund to DPI for the 2019-20 fiscal year to be allocated to participating local units to provide this professional development.

#### Section 10

Directs each participating local school administrative unit to establish a Teaching Fellow Program to provide a four-year scholarship loan of \$6,500 per year to NC high school seniors interested in preparing to teach in NC public schools. Directs the local units to adopt stringent standards for awarding the scholarship loans to ensure that only the best high school seniors receive them. Directs the local boards to administer the program in cooperation with educator preparation programs selected by the local board. Directs the local board to form a review committee to assist in identifying the best high school seniors for the program as specified.

Sets out the details of the scholarship loans and permits the loans to be terminated by the recipient withdrawing from school or by the recipient not meeting the standards set by the local board. Directs the local board to forgive the loan if (1) the recipient teaches for four years in the local school administrative unit within seven years after graduation; (2) the recipient teaches for three consecutive years (unless the recipient takes an approved leave of absence) at a public school located in the local school administrative unit within seven years after graduation that at the time the recipient accepts employment with the unit, the unit is a low-performing school system; or (3) the local board finds it impossible for the recipient to teach for four years within seven years after graduation at a public school in the unit because of the death or permanent disability of the recipient. Establishes that the local board is responsible for the collection of a loan awarded under the statute if the loan repayment is outstanding for more than 30 days.

Appropriates \$85,000 from the General Fund to DPI for the 2019-20 fiscal year to be allocated to participating local school administrative units for expenses related to recruitment and selection of Teaching Fellows. Appropriates \$232,000 from the General Fund to DPI in recurring funds for the 2020-21 fiscal year to be allocated to participating local units to award forgivable loans in the amount of \$6,500 per recipient beginning with the 2020-21 academic year.

#### Section 11

Directs each participating local school administrative unit to establish and administer a Loan Repayment Assistance Program for Teachers to attract qualified teachers to the education field and address the educational needs of the unit. Directs the local board to adopt any necessary rules concerning the application process and eligibility, including the provided provisions as follows.

Allows any eligible teacher to apply for a repayment assistance loan under the program to repay all or a portion of the teacher's eligible debt by receiving repayment assistance loans for up to six years for eligible debt accrued toward an undergraduate degree and for up to six years for eligible debt accrued toward a graduate degree. Defines eligible teacher as a classroom teacher currently licensed in North Carolina who is rated as "highly effective" on the most recent North Carolina Teacher Evaluation instrument through the North Carolina Educator Evaluation System or the equivalent on an out-of-state teacher's state or district instrument. Adds that for the purposes of this act, a highly effective classroom teacher is a teacher who receives a rating of at least "accomplished" on each of the teacher evaluation standards on the North Carolina Teacher Evaluation instrument and who exceeds expected student growth based on teacher evaluation data as calculated by the State Board of Education or equivalent on an out-of-state teacher's state or district evaluation system. Defines eligible debt as the outstanding principal, interest, and related fees from loans obtained for undergraduate or graduate educational expenses made by government or commercial lending institutions or educational institutions but does not include loans made by a private individual or family member.

Requires that the eligible teacher must have been employed for at least one year in the local school administrative unit before applying for the initial year of repayment assistance. Requires the eligible teacher to include in the teacher's application for repayment assistance a signed statement of intent to remain employed in the unit for a period of at least four years following each year the eligible teacher receives a repayment assistance loan and agree to repay in full any repayment assistance loans disbursed to the eligible teacher if the teacher fails to complete the repayment assistance period due to voluntarily leaving employment. Bars eligibility for a repayment assistance loan if the applicant is in default on any obligation to a government or commercial lending institution or educational institution until those financial obligations are satisfied. Provides that the local board may waive ineligibility for this reason at its sole discretion.

Requires the local board to award repayment assistance loans of up to \$6,500 per calendar year for an eligible teacher that meets the criteria set forth in subsection (b) in the order in which applications are received. Requires all repayment assistance loans to be evidenced by promissory notes made payable to the Authority. Directs the local board to forgive the repayment assistance loan in the amount of each annual disbursement once the eligible teacher remains employed in the unit for four years following the receipt of funds. Requires an eligible teacher who received a repayment assistance loan in a previous year to provide documentation to the local board that the funds in the amount of the loan were submitted to the government or commercial lending institutions or educational institutions for repayment of the teacher's eligible debt.

Provides that an eligible teacher who voluntarily leaves the qualifying employment will be required to repay in full any funds that were paid to the teacher, with interest accruing at the annualized rate applicable to the eligible debt being repaid, if not yet forgiven under this subsection at the time of termination. Establishes that an eligible teacher who cannot fulfill the employment requirements due to death or disability, taking a leave of absence, or being involuntarily terminated can no longer be eligible for a repayment assistance loan under the Program but is not responsible for repaying the outstanding amount of loans previously disbursed to the eligible teacher during the repayment assistance period.

Appropriates the following funds to DPI to be allocated to participating local school administrative units to implement the provisions of the Section: \$282,500 in recurring funds for the 201-20 fiscal year and \$508,500 in recurring funds for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

#### Section 12

Directs each participating local school administrative unit to include in the unit's technology plan a plan to equip all students in grades seven through 12 with personal learning technology statewide. Details the required components of the plan, including a component promoting equal opportunity for and providing meaningful access to personal learning technology and resources for students who are economically disadvantaged or have special needs.

Appropriates \$3.5 million from the General Fund to DPI in recurring funds for the 2019-20 fiscal year for the participating local units to implement the described plan in this Section. Allows the local board to phase in deployment of personal learning technology beginning with seventh and eighth grade students and then use available funds to deploy the equipment to high school students.

#### Section 13

Directs each participating local school administrative unit to establish a Teacher Support Program to help teachers cope with stress, exhaustion, and disillusionment related to the profession by providing counseling services. Authorizes the local board to contract with a private, for-profit, or nonprofit employee assistance program corporation. Details related rules the local board

must adopt for the implementation of the Program, including the development of a referral system, professional and licensure requirements for staff, and the development of a toll-free, 24-hour hotline for teachers. Makes any records related to teacher participation confidential and prohibits local boards from considering teacher participation for purposes of teacher performance evaluation or making any employment decision.

Appropriates \$100,000 in recurring funds for the 2019-20 fiscal year from the General Fund to DPI to be allocated to participating local units to provide a Program pursuant to the above provisions.

#### Section 14

Directs each local school administrative unit to report to DPI and the Program Evaluation Division (PED), by November 15 of each year for the duration of the pilot, on the progress of the Professional Teachers and School Administrators Accountability Pilot Program as specified. Provides that the initial report is to be submitted by November 15, 2021, and the final report by November 15, 2033.

#### Section 15

Directs the PED to conduct a measurability assessment of the components of the Program established by the act and whether the Program should be continued, modified, or expanded statewide based on the Program's impact on student performance and outcomes, improving the retention and availability of employing high-quality teachers in NC public schools, and providing a return on investment of State funds. Directs PED to begin the assessment beginning in 2029 and compare data from the 2019-20 fiscal year and data collected up until the 2032-33. Directs PED to report to the 2034 General Assembly on the results of the assessment.

#### Section 16

Makes the act effective July 1, 2019.

**Intro. by Richardson.**

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H 944 (2019-2020) [PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF NC ELECTIONS ACT](#). Filed Apr 22 2019, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THREE ADDITIONAL COMPLIANCE INVESTIGATOR POSITIONS AND TWO DATA ANALYST POSITIONS WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, REQUIRE COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS TO MAINTAIN A RECORD OF WHO IS REQUESTING OR DELIVERING A REQUEST FORM FOR ABSENTEE APPLICATION AND BALLOTS, AND MAKE IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR A PERSON TO SELL OR ATTEMPT TO SELL A COMPLETED WRITTEN REQUEST FORM FOR AN ABSENTEE APPLICATION AND BALLOT OR CONDITION ITS DELIVERY UPON PAYMENT.*

Appropriates \$345,654 recurring funds for each year of the 2019-21 fiscal biennium from the General Fund to the State Board of Elections (State Board). Restricts use of the funds to providing for the salaries and benefits of three additional elections and compliance investigator positions and two elections specialist/data analyst positions. Effective July 1, 2019.

Amends GS 163A-1306 to require county boards' official registers of absentee requests to include the name of the person and entity, if applicable, delivering a written request form for an absentee application and ballot. Specifies that failure to collect this information does not prevent the issuance of an absentee ballot.

Enacts GS 163A-1317(d1), making it a Class 2 misdemeanor for any person to sell or attempt to sell a completed written request form for an absentee application and ballot or conditioning delivery of the request form upon payment. Adds to GS 163A-1388 to make it a Class 2 misdemeanor for any person to be compensated based on the number of written requests for absentee ballots under GS 163A-1309.

**Intro. by Ball, Lewis, Warren, Dahle.**

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## PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 673 (2019-2020) [N.C. CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION](#). Filed Apr 18 2019, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION*.

Subject to approval by voters at the primary election in March 2020, amend Article II of the North Carolina Constitution as follows.

Adds new Section 25 establishing the 15-member North Carolina Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) to adopt plans for the US House of Representatives and NC Senate and House of Representatives. The Commission member are divided by party affiliation, or lack thereof, into groups of five. Each group must consist of members appointed from a pool of applications submitted to the NCGA, with two selected by the President Pro Tem that share his political affiliation; two by the minority leader in the Senate that share his political affiliation; two by the Speaker of the House who share his political affiliation; two by the House Minority leader that share his affiliation; and seven randomly selected by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). Sets out six eligibility requirements for members of the Commission, including have not contributed more than \$2,000 to any candidates for public office, and is not a legislative staffer, lobbyist, or legislative liaison. Sets out the procedure for apply to the State Auditor to be a member of the Commission. Requires the AOC to review the eligible applications and submit a diverse group to the NCGA subject the the specified requirements. Requires the Commission to prepare and adopt plans for revising the districts and apportioning the members of districts for the US House of Representatives and the NC Senate and House. Requires that plans be adopted by a vote of at least nine members. Requires appointing a special master if a plan cannot be adopted by the Commission, with the appointment made by a vote of at least nine members. Requires the special master to draw a final plan and submit the plan and underlying rationale to the Commission, which must adopt that plan.

Amends Section 3 concerning the election of Senators to require the Commission to, after the return of every decennial census of population to revise the senate districts and apportion the Senators among those districts, so that those district meet goals related to one person/one vote, compliance with the US Constitution, compliance with federal law, minimizing the number of split counties, continuous districts, minimizing the number of split municipalities, compactness, electoral impartiality, and minimizing the number of split communities of interest.

Amends Section 5 concerning the election of Representatives to require the Commission to, after the return of every decennial census of population to revise the representative districts and apportion the Representatives among those districts, so that those district meet goals related to one person/one vote, compliance with the US Constitution, compliance with federal law, minimizing the number of split counties, continuous districts, minimizing the number of split municipalities, compactness, electoral impartiality, and minimizing the number of split communities of interest.

The following provisions are effective January 1, 2020, if the constitutional amendments are approved.

Enacts new Article 1B, Redistricting, in GS Chapter 120, providing as follows.

Sets terms of Commission membership at 10 years. Provides for a Commission Chair, which will rotate ever three months, for staffing, and conditions under which a member can be removed from office. Subjects the Commission to the Public Records Act and the Open Meetings law, except (1) members of the Commission and staff must not discuss the business of the Commission outside public meetings; (2) if a member violations that prohibition he must place in the Commission's public records any violating written communication and a written description of any violating oral communication; and (3) the Commission must provide at least 14 days notice before any meeting in which votes will be taken. Provides Commission members with a stipend of \$1,200 each month that the Commission meets as well as travel and subsistence.

Requires the Commission to prepare and adopt plans for revising the NC Senate and House districts and the US House districts according to the following: (1) legislative districts must comply with Sections 3 and 5 of Article II of the North Carolina Constitution; (2) Congressional districts must minimize the number of split counties, municipalities, and other communities of interest (precincts must not be split except as necessary to comply with federal law and districts must be contiguous); (3) the

ideal population for a district is the number of members in a plan divided by the population of the State as reported by the decennial census (the population for a legislative district must be within 5% of the ideal population for that district, which congressional districts must each have a population that is as nearly equal as practicable to the ideal population, but in all cases within 0.1% of the ideal population for that district; (4) legislative and congressional districts must comply with the following: State and federal law, districts must be composed of convenient contiguous territory, areas which meet only at the points of adjoining corners are not contiguous, to the extent practicable, districts must be compact and districts should not bypass nearby communities for more distant communities, and the Commission must not consider electoral results, political considerations, or incumbency in the preparation of districts. Requires plans to be adopted no later than October 1 of the year following each decennial census; sets out a time line for actions taken before the adoption of a plan. Requires the Commission to hold at least 20 public hearing across the state, with 10 before a preliminary plan is released and 10 after the preliminary plan is released. Requires the Commission to provide the public with specified resources to facilitate the public's ability to provide substantive comments on any proposed plan. If a plan is held invalid, a new plan is to be adopted using the same process, modified as necessary to reflect the timing and nature of the holding. Allows the NCGA to assign to the Commission the duty to prepare districting and redistricting goals for any county, city, town special district, or other governmental subdivision if the governing board of the unit or a court so requests.

Repeals GS 120-133 concerning the confidentiality of Redistricting communications.

**Intro. by Smith, Foushee, Van Duyn.**

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## ACTIONS ON BILLS

### PUBLIC BILLS

#### **H 130: ALLOW GAME NIGHTS.**

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub*

#### **H 253: CONFIRM JAMES GILLEN/INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.**

*House: Ratified*

*House: Ch. Res 2019-7*

#### **H 254: CONFIRM KEN GOODMAN/INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.**

*House: Ratified*

*House: Ch. Res 2019-8*

#### **H 506: CONFIRM STEVE WARREN/SPECIAL SUP. CT JUDGE.**

*House: Ratified*

*House: Ch. Res 2019-9*

#### **H 758: MSD EXPANSION AND GOVERNANCE.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref to the Com on State and Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

#### **H 861: NET NEUTRALITY IN PROCUREMENT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

#### **H 862: PURCHASE OPTION/ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT CERT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Pensions and Retirement, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 863: QUALIFICATIONS FOR SHERIFF/EXPUNCTIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Elections and Ethics Law, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 864: REQUIRE DRIVER RETRAINING COURSE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 865: REMOVE WAIT FOR COR & REVISE MUG SHOT LAW.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 866: CLARIFY PRIORITY STATUS OF CERTAIN LIENS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 867: KNIGHT-LECOUNT ADVOCACY FOR MARROW ED. & REG.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 868: STUDY/HUB STATE CONTRACTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Appropriations, General Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 869: DESIGN-BUILD CLARIFICATIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 870: CIVIL PROCEDURE/LIMITATIONS/LAND SURVEYORS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 871: FAIR CONTRACTING.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 872: UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY ACT/CHANGES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Energy and Public Utilities, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 873: SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEE/CLARIFY TIME OF CHARGE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on State and Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 874: THE SECOND CHANCE ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 875: STUDENT BORROWERS' BILL OF RIGHTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 876: 1% COLA/BONUS/TSERS/FUNDS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 877: HOA AND CONDO DECLARATION AMENDMENTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 878: AMEND DANGEROUS DOG LAWS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 879: END OF LIFE OPTION ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 880: LANDLORD/TENANT CHANGES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 881: PRIVATE PROCESS SERVERS-EVICTIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 882: EARLY CHILDHOOD RECOMMENDATIONS/DHHS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 883: DENTAL SERVICES/MEDICAID TRANSFORMATION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 884: FQHC MEDICAID REIMB./TELEMED./CCPS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 885: STUDY CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA COLLECTION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 886: STUDY PARTICIPATION OF OPERATORS IN NC PRE-K.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 887: AMEND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROF. PRACTICE ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 888: EDUCATION ACCOMMODATIONS/SICKLE CELL DISEASE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 889: SOLAR REBATES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Energy and Public Utilities, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 890: RESTORE MASTER'S PAY FOR CERTAIN TEACHERS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Appropriations, Education, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 891: TUITION GRANTS FOR NCSSM GRADUATES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Appropriations, Education, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 892: NC GREEN SCHOOLS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Appropriations, Education, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 893: ALLOW EARLY VOTING/LAST SATURDAY/FLEXIBILITY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Elections and Ethics Law, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 894: UNIVERSAL CHARITABLE DONATION CREDIT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 895: OPPORTUNITY GAP TASK FORCE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 896: IN-STATE TUITION/MILITARY SPOUSES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Appropriations, Education, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 897: ANNUAL REVIEW/BROADBAND SERVICE COMPETITIVE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Energy and Public Utilities, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 898: STUDY CRIMINAL RECIDIVISM IN NORTH CAROLINA.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 899: ENACT KINCARE ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 900: FUNDS/K-8 MILITARY CONNECTED SCHOOLS PILOT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Appropriations, Education, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 901: STUDY VOC. REHAB RULES/PATIENT TREATMENT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 902: MILITARY-TRAINED/SPOUSE LICENSURE PRACTICES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 903: STUDY NC PORTS/MANUFACTURING SUPPLY CHAIN.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Appropriations, Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 904: IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION ACT/CHANGES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 905: DEATH CERTIFICATES/ADD BURIAL PLACE/CREMATION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 906: STUDY OF CASH BAIL SYSTEM.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 907: FAIR HOUSING PROTECTIONS-SOURCE OF INCOME.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 908: STUDY OF STATE PRISON HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 909: REVOCATION OF LICENSE/PENALTY/COSTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 910: OLB REFORM.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 911: IT PROCUREMENT SOURCING RESTRICTIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on State and Local Government, if favorable, Education - Universities, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 912: SCHOOL SAFETY CHANGES FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 913: EQUAL FUNDING FOR ALL STUDENTS/HACKNEY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 914: MODIFICATION OF DVPO PROVISIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 915: ESTABLISH TASK FORCE ON AGING.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 916: CITIZENS REVIEW BOARD/LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 917: EMERGENCY DECLARATION/CLARIFY RD CLOSURE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 918: AMEND ABUSE LAWS/EXPEDITE PERMANENCY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 919: NC RECEIVERSHIP ACT REVISIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 920: CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION CHANGES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 921: PROVIDE MINOR ALCOHOL/FELONY IF DEATH RESULTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 922: VACATION RENTAL ACT CHANGES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 923: REINSTATE INMATE LITTER CREWS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 924: TEACHER CONTRACT CHANGES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 925: MED MAL/JURY INSTRUCTION/JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 926: CHANGES TO ESTATES & TRUSTS STATUTES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 927: BAN CERTAIN POLYSTYRENE PRODUCTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 928: FUNDS/ADAPTED SPORTS PROGRAM.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Appropriations, Education, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 929: GAMING COMMISSION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 930: IMPROVE SUCCESS OF REENTRY BY INMATES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 931: EXTENDED-YEAR TEACHER CONTRACTS/STUDY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 932: RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Appropriations, Education, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 933: STUDY CAREER/COLL. READ. IN PERF. GRADES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 934: RIGHT TO TRY ADULT STEM CELL TREATMENTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 935: SOCIAL SERVICES REFORM/DHHS RECOMMENDATIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 936: SETTING MAXIMUM SHP SUPERVISORY POSITIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Appropriations, Justice and Public Safety, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 937: REAL PROP. CHGS./NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 938: RAISE MEDICAID PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE \$20.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 939: EXPAND SCHOLARSHIP FOR WSSU STUDENTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Appropriations, Education, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 940: HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AUTHORIZATION TO REPORT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 941: PILOT PROGRAM/PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS & AMP ADMINS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Appropriations, Education, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 942: FUNDS FOR HEALING TRANSITIONS INTERNATIONAL.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 943: EXPAND PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE/FUNDS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 944: PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF NC ELECTIONS ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**S 55: CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR GENERAL CONTRACTORS.**

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received From Senate*

**S 148: PUBLIC RECORDS/RELEASE OF LEO RECORDINGS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 255: STATE BOARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT CLAIM.**

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received From Senate*

**S 356: SURPLUS PROPERTY PROCEEDS TO PARKS AND WATER.**

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received From Senate*

**S 359: BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT.**

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

**S 381: RECONSTITUTE & CLARIFY ENVIRONMENTAL BOARDS.**

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received From Senate*

**S 390: DUPONT STATE FOREST-FINANCIAL STUDY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 391: EXPAND YOUTH INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 392: SUPERINT. MAY APPROVE CHARTER FACILITY BONDS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 409: STUDY NC VETERANS REGISTRY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 432: MINI-TRUCK CLASSIFICATION.**

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received From Senate*

**S 476: REAFFIRM LOCAL CONTROL OF DISCIPLINE POLICIES.**

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received From Senate*

**S 606: PRIORITIZE NATIVE NC PLANTS ON HIGHWAY ROW.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 610: AUTHORIZE NORTHERN PEAKS TRAIL.**

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received From Senate*

**LOCAL BILLS****S 194: WEST JEFFERSON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS.**

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received From Senate*

**S 270: DURHAM DEANNEXATION.**

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received From Senate*

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