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PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 43 (2021-2022) [PROTECT NORTH CAROLINA WORKERS ACT](#). Filed Feb 2 2021, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL E-VERIFY PROGRAM; TO REPEAL THE E-VERIFY EXEMPTION FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES; AND TO EXCLUDE FARM WORKERS FROM THE DEFINITION OF "EMPLOYEE" UNDER ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 64 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.*

Amends the definitions in GS 64-25 for terms used in Article 2 of GS Chapter 64, Verification of Work Authorization, as follows. Amends the definition of *employee* to remove the exclusion from the term for individuals whose term of employment is less than nine months in a calendar year; adds that the term does not include a farm worker, an independent contractor, or an individual who provides domestic service in a private home that is sporadic irregular, or intermittent. Adds and defines the terms *farm worker* and *independent contractor*.

Effective October 1, 2021.

Intro. by Cleveland, Clampitt.

[GS 64](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Employment and Retirement, Immigration](#)

H 44 (2021-2022) [CLARIFY TERMINAL GROIN DEFINITION](#). Filed Feb 2 2021, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT A TERMINAL GROIN IS NOT AN EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURE AND THEREFORE IS NOT SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS ON THOSE STRUCTURES.*

Identical to [S 26](#), filed 1/28/21.

Amends GS 113A-115.1, which regulates erosion control structures, to specify that erosion control structure does not include a jetty that is a terminal groin or a portion of a terminal groin, as those terms are defined. Makes technical changes.

Intro. by Hanig, Goodwin.

[GS 113A](#)

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction, Environment, Environment/Natural Resources](#)

H 45 (2021-2022) [FUNDS/TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM](#). Filed Feb 2 2021, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM.*

Includes whereas clauses. Appropriates from the General Fund \$2.5 million for 2021-22 and \$2 million for 2022-23 to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Office of Archives and History, Division of State Historic sites. Earmarks the funds for the renovation and expansion of the Power House facility at the NC Transportation Museum. Effective July 1, 2021.

Intro. by Warren.

[APPROP](#)

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, Cultural Resources and Museums, State Agencies, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources \(formerly Dept. of Cultural Resources\), Transportation](#)

H 46 (2021-2022) [SHRA/STRONGER WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION](#). Filed Feb 2 2021, *AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS*.

Amends GS 126-84 to establish State policy for State employees to report to their department head or the State Auditor evidence of activity by a State department, agency, or institution or State employee that the employee reasonably believes to be a violation of state or federal law, fraud, misappropriation of State resources, substantial and specific danger to the public health and safety, or gross mismanagement, waste of monies, or an abuse of authority (previously provided for reporting to employee supervisor, department head or other appropriate authority, limited actors reported on to a State agency or employee, and required the activity reported to constitute the specified actions rather than for the employee to reasonably believe the actions to be those specified; also more specifically referred to conduct of gross waste of monies and gross abuse of authority).

Grants civil immunity to any State employee who makes a report under the statute in good faith, defined to mean honesty in fact with the goal of complying with the duties imposed by the statute. Deems the identify of a State employee who makes a report under the statute in good faith not public record and the identity to be confidential until the matter is resolved or the employee consents to public disclosure.

Amends GS 126-85, regarding retaliation, to make conforming changes to refer to State employee reports made in good faith throughout. Authorizes the State Auditor to assist State employees in making reports regarding retaliation directly to the State Auditor as an alternative to making reports to the employing State department, agency, or institution.

Amends GS 126-88 to require all State departments, agencies, and institutions to post notice in accordance with GS 95-9 and use other appropriate means to keep State employees informed of their duties and protections and the availability of assistance from the State Auditor.

Enacts GS 126-89 to require immediate referral to and review by the Office of the State Budget and Management (OSBM) of each substantiated allegation of improper governmental activities made under Article 14 that involved fraud, mismanagement or waste of State resources. Requires OSBM to determine the amount of any savings to the State generated by substantiated allegations within 90 days of referral, and provides that the State employee who made the unsubstantiated allegation resulting in a savings to the State is entitled to a 20% monetary reward of the savings amount, as determined by OSBM.

Intro. by Cleveland, Stevens, Warren, Riddell.

GS 126

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[Employment and Retirement, Government, State Agencies, Office of State Auditor, Office of State Budget and Management, State Government, State Personnel](#)

H 47 (2021-2022) [CONCEALED CARRY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY](#). Filed Feb 2 2021, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CARRY A CONCEALED FIREARM AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OTHER DESIGNATED PLACES IF THE MEMBER HAS A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT AND MEETS OTHER CONDITIONS AND TO PROHIBIT THE ADOPTION OF RULES PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF A CONCEALED FIREARM IN OR ON THE STATE LEGISLATIVE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS BY CERTAIN PERSONS EXCEPTED FROM THE PROHIBITION SET FORTH IN G.S. 14-269*.

Amends GS 120-32.1 to explicitly authorize NCGA members to carry a concealed firearm while in or on the State legislative buildings and grounds, defined to include any place at which the NCGA or committee is conducting official business, so long as the member is (1) permitted, (2) acting in the discharge of member duties, and (3) not consuming or have in the member's body alcohol or controlled substances. Adds a new provision to bar the Legislative Services Commission from adopting any rules that prohibit carrying a concealed firearm by persons excepted from the prohibition set out in GS 14-269, including US Armed Forces officers and enlisted personnel, US civil and law enforcement officers, National Guard officers and soldiers, State and local officers, qualified retired law enforcement officers, and off-duty sworn law enforcement officers (GS 14-269 lists more specific qualifications for each excepted person that still apply). Applies to offenses committed on or after the date the act becomes law.

Intro. by Kidwell, Hanig, C. Smith, Goodwin.

GS 120

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Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, General Assembly, Public Safety and Emergency Management, Military and Veteran's Affairs

H 48 (2021-2022) **CONCEALED CARRY/EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL**. Filed Feb 2 2021, *AN ACT TO EXEMPT FROM THE CONCEALED CARRY PROHIBITION CERTAIN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL WHILE ON DUTY PROVIDING TACTICAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.*

Amends GS 14-269 to add to the persons exempted from the prohibition against carrying concealed weapons. Exempts emergency medical services personnel while on duty who are deployed as part of their official duties providing tactical medical assistance to law enforcement operations in an emergency situation. Qualifies the exemption of medical services personnel upon the completion of an approved tactical medical assistance course for supporting law enforcement operations. Details course requirements and also requires the course to be certified or sponsored by at least one of the following: the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission (Commission); the National Rifle Association (NRA); or a law enforcement agency, college, institution or organization, or firearms training school taught by instructors certified by the Commission or the NRA. Requires every instructor of an approved course to file course information, including proof of certification, annually with the Commission, or following any course modification.

Requires state and local law enforcement agencies to provide paramedics rendering tactical medical assistance during SWAT operations with the same protective equipment provided to other members of a SWAT operation.

Applies to offenses committed on or after the date the act becomes law.

Intro. by Warren, McNeill, C. Smith.

GS 14

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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

PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 43 (2021-2022) **PROTECT RELIGIOUS MEETING PLACES**. Filed Feb 2 2021, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLY SECURITY AND PROTECTION ACT OF 2021.*

Amends GS 14-269.2, which prohibits weapons on campus or other educational property, with listed exceptions. Adds a new subsection providing that the statute does not apply to a person with valid concealed handgun permit, or a person who is exempt from obtaining a permit, if: (1) the person possesses and carries a handgun on educational property other than an institution of higher education or a nonpublic, postsecondary educational institution; (2) the educational property is the location of both a school and a building that is a place of religious worship; (3) the weapon is a handgun; and (4) the handgun is only possessed and carried on educational property outside of the school operating hours. Specifies for these purposes, property owned by a local board of education or county commission must not be construed as a building that is a place of religious worship. Makes conforming changes to GS 14-415.11. Amends GS 14-269.2 by defining school operating hours. Effective December 1, 2021.

Intro. by Britt, Daniel, Johnson.

GS 14

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Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

LOCAL/SENATE BILLS

S 41 (2021-2022) [STANLEY/REMOVE SATELLITE ANNEXATION CAP](#). Filed Feb 2 2021, *AN ACT REMOVING THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF STANLEY*.

Identical to [H 24](#), filed 1/27/21.

Amends GS 160A-58.1 as the title indicates.

Intro. by Alexander.

[Gaston, GS 160A](#)

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S 42 (2021-2022) [13TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Feb 2 2021, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 13TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT*.

Blank bill.

Intro. by Britt.

[Columbus, Robeson](#)

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S 44 (2021-2022) [8TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Feb 2 2021, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 8TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT*.

Blank bill.

Intro. by Rabon.

[Bladen, Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender](#)

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ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 32: EQUITY IN OPPORTUNITY ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 33: BROADEN APPLICABILITY OF DV STATUTES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Judiciary 3, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 34: REMOVE JUDICIAL AGE LIMIT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 36: PROTECT THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 39: ESTABLISH BIRTH CENTER LICENSURE ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 40: KIMBERLY'S LAW/DEATH BY VEHICLE/DWLR.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 43: PROTECT NORTH CAROLINA WORKERS ACT.

House: Filed

H 44: CLARIFY TERMINAL GROIN DEFINITION.

House: Filed

H 45: FUNDS/TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM.

House: Filed

H 46: SHRA/STRONGER WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION.

House: Filed

H 47: CONCEALED CARRY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

House: Filed

H 48: CONCEALED CARRY/EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL.

House: Filed

S 18: ECU BRODY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FUNDS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 26: CLARIFY TERMINAL GROIN DEFINITION.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 29: RICKY'S LAW/POLITICAL SIGN PLACEMENT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 30: FEE REDN./LIFETIME HUNTING & AMP FISHING LICENSES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 31: POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS/LOCAL BIDDERS NOTICE.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 35: AMEND LAWFUL AGE TO MARRY/18 YEARS OF AGE.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 36: 2020 COVID RELIEF BILL MODIFICATIONS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Appropriations/Base Budget

Senate: Reptd Fav

S 37: IN-PERSON LEARNING CHOICE FOR FAMILIES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

Senate: Reptd Fav

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

S 38: SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS/S CORP FAIRNESS ACT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 39: NC TIME ZONE/OBSERVE DST ALL YEAR.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 40: NC CONSUMER FIREWORKS SAFETY ACT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 43: PROTECT RELIGIOUS MEETING PLACES.

Senate: Filed

LOCAL BILLS

H 35: VARIOUS COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Judiciary 4, if favorable, Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 37: ESTABLISH TWO AT-LARGE SEATS/W-S CITY COUNCIL.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, if favorable, Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 38: BD. OF TRUSTEES/ISOTHERMAL CC.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 32: 36TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 33: 45TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 34: 49TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 41: STANLEY/REMOVE SATELLITE ANNEXATION CAP.

Senate: Filed

S 42: 13TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.

Senate: Filed

S 44: 8TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.

Senate: Filed

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