



## The Daily Bulletin: 2021-03-17

### PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 123 (2021-2022) [MISDEMEANORS/MANDATE FIRST APPEARANCES](#). Filed Feb 19 2021, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE A FIRST APPEARANCE BEFORE A DISTRICT COURT JUDGE FOR A DEFENDANT CHARGED WITH A MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE AND HELD IN CUSTODY AND TO REQUIRE THAT A FIRST APPEARANCE FOR ANY CRIMINAL CHARGE BE HELD WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS OF WHEN A DEFENDANT IS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.*

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

Further amends GS 15A-601 to require a defendant's first appearance before a district court judge to be held at the earlier of the first regular session of the district court in the county or within 72 hours after the defendant is taken into custody (previously, alternatively within 96 hours after taken into custody). Makes conforming changes regarding the clerk's authority to conduct the first appearance if the district court judge is unavailable within this period, and specifies such appearances before the clerk must be during regular business hours. Makes a technical change.

Makes conforming changes to the act's long title.

**Intro. by John, Rogers, Richardson, A. Jones.**

[GS 15A](#)

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

H 148 (2021-2022) [SBI EMERGENCY PEN REGISTER/TRAP AND TRACE](#). Filed Feb 24 2021, *AN ACT TO ALLOW THE SBI TO USE A PEN REGISTER OR TRAP AND TRACE DEVICE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.*

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

Amends the proposed definition of *law enforcement officer* in GS 15A-260 to include Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) agents.

Modifies and adds to the proposed changes to GS 15A-263(a) regarding what a judge must find before entering an ex parte order authorizing the installation and use of a pen register or trap and trace device. Deletes the change in the standard for situations involving the commission of a felony, Class A1 or Class 1 misdemeanor offense from reasonable suspicion to probable cause, reinstating the reasonable suspicion standard. Distinguishes situations that include location data requests to raise the standard to the probable cause standard. Makes conforming changes. Makes clarifying and technical changes.

Amends new GS 15A-265, which authorizes an SBI agent, with permission from the agent's supervisor, to install without a warrant on an emergency basis a pen register or trap and trace device, but requiring the agent to seek an order approving the installation or use within 48 hours; without the order, the installation or use must immediately terminate when the information is sought, the request for an order is denied, or 48 hours has passed, whichever occurs first. Clarifies that the agent must seek an order approving the installation within 48 hours after the installation begins regardless of whether the use of the pen register or trap and trace device is terminated prior to seeking the order. Adds that nonissuance of such an order makes any information obtained inadmissible evidence in a criminal prosecution unless otherwise admissible under another law or exception to the rules of evidence. Makes conforming changes to reflect the modifications made to the required findings for ex parte orders authorizing the installation and use of a pen register or trap and trace device under GS 15A-263(a) as amended.

**Intro. by McNeill, Hurley, C. Smith, Greene.**

[GS 15A](#)

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H 168 (2021-2022) **RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES ACT OF 2021.-AB** Filed Feb 25 2021, *AN ACT MAKING ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES RELATED TO CONTRIBUTION-BASED BENEFIT CAP LIABILITIES UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (LGERS) AND THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (TSERS); CLARIFYING WITHDRAWAL LIABILITIES UNDER LGERS AND TSERS; CLARIFYING AND STANDARDIZING THE DEFINITION OF "ACTUARIAL EQUIVALENT" UNDER LGERS AND TSERS; REQUIRING EMPLOYING UNITS TO ADOPT WRITTEN POLICIES FOR SPECIAL SEPARATION BUYOUTS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; GIVING THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES LIMITED AUTHORITY TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE FEES UNDER CERTAIN PLANS; CLAWING BACK DISABILITY INCOME PLAN OVERPAYMENTS UNDER THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM; AND ADDRESSING SPECIAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE PAYMENTS UPON THE DEATH OF THE DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY.*

House committee substitute amends the 1st edition as follows.

Adds the following provisions.

Makes the following identical changes to GS 128-27(m2)(1), concerning the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System and GS 135-5(m2)(1), concerning the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System. Expands upon the provisions applicable to the payment of a member's special retirement allowance guaranteed by the respective Board of Trustees for a number of months to the member's designated beneficiary. Now provides that if the member's designated beneficiary (must be designated under Option 2, 3, or 6 set forth in subsection (g) of each statute, as required by existing law) begins receiving monthly payments and dies before the specified number of monthly payments have been made in combination to the member and the beneficiary, a one-time payment will be paid to the member's estate equal to the initial monthly special retirement allowance, multiplied by the specified number of months, less the total of the monthly payments made to the member and the beneficiary (current law more generally directs for remaining payments to be made to the member's estate if the designated beneficiary dies before receiving payments for the specified number of months). Additionally provides that if the member dies before the expiration of the specified number of months and the member has not selected Option 2, 3, or 6 set forth in subsection (g) of each statute, the member's designated beneficiary will receive a one-time payment equal to the initial monthly special retirement allowance, multiplied by the specified number of months, less the total of the monthly payments made to the member (current law directs payment to the designated beneficiary for the remainder of the specified number of months).

Includes a severability clause.

Make conforming organizational changes and makes conforming changes to the act's long title.

**Intro. by C. Smith, Kidwell, McNeill.**

**GS 128, GS 135, GS 159**

**Education, Employment and Retirement, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of State Treasurer, State Government, State Personnel, Local Government**

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H 228 (2021-2022) **ATTRACTIVE NUISANCES.** Filed Mar 4 2021, *AN ACT TO DEFINE A POSSESSOR'S LIABILITY FOR BODIES OF WATER ON THE POSSESSOR'S LAND REGARDING CHILD TRESPASSERS.*

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Amends GS 38B-3 by removing reservoir from the definition of *body of water*. Makes organizational changes by moving the proposed language into new subsection 2a; makes conforming changes.

**Intro. by Zachary, Dixon, Watford, Yarborough.**

**GS 38B**

[View summary](#)**Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Government**

H 323 (2021-2022) **MILITARY READINESS AND RURAL RESILIENCE ACT**. Filed Mar 17 2021, *AN ACT TO INCENTIVIZE BUFFERING OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS FROM INCOMPATIBLE DEVELOPMENT AND PROTECTION OF FLOODPLAINS IN HURRICANE-DISASTER COUNTIES THROUGH THE USE OF TIME-LIMITED TAX CREDITS.*

Reenacts GS 105-130.34 as it existed immediately before its expiration; reenacts GS 105-151.12 as it existed immediately before its expiration and recodifies it as GS 105-153.11. Amends the tax credit allowed for real property donations by C corporations or individuals and pass-through entities set forth in GS 105-130.34 and GS 105-153.11 as follows. Current law allows for a tax credit in the amount of 25% of the donated property interest that is useful for public beach access or use, public access to public waters or trails, fish and wildlife conservation, forestland or farmland conservation, watershed protection, conservation of natural areas, conservation of natural or scenic river areas, conservation of predominantly natural parkland, or historic landscape conservation. Amends both statutes to enact identical provisions to instead allow for a tax credit in the amount of 25% of the donated property interest that is useful for (1) farmland preservation, (2) fish and wildlife conservation, (3) as a buffer to limit land use activities that would restrict, impede, or interfere with military training, testing, or operations on a military installation or training area or otherwise be incompatible with the mission of the installation, or (4) floodplain protection in a county that was the subject of a Type II or Type III gubernatorial disaster declaration as a result of a natural disaster in the five years preceding the donation. No longer requires certification by the Department of Environmental Quality and instead requires certification by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources that the property is suitable for one or more of the valid public benefits specified to support a credit claimed. Makes clarifying changes.

Further amends GS 105-153.11, concerning the credit for real property donations by an individual or pass-through entity, to bar eligibility for any portion of a qualifying donation that is a basis for the credit allowed under the statute from deduction as a charitable donation under GS 105-130.9. Eliminates an outdated provision for the donation of marshland.

Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021.

**Intro. by Szoka, Bell, Dixon, Adams.**

GS 105

**Agriculture, Business and Commerce, Corporation and Partnerships, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Environment, Aquaculture and Fisheries, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, State Agencies, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (formerly Dept. of Cultural Resources), Tax, Military and Veteran's Affairs**

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H 324 (2021-2022) **PLAN A FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS**. Filed Mar 17 2021, *AN ACT TO ALLOW CHARTER SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE PLAN A INSTRUCTION TO THE SAME EXTENT AS LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS.*

Allows a charter school, for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year, to provide in-person instruction to any grade level under Plan A (Minimal Social Distancing) in accordance with the StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit 8 (K-12) (Toolkit), as that guidance existed on March 4, 2021. Requires a charter school that decides to provide in-person instruction under Plan A to grades 6-12 to: (1) notify the Department of Health and Human Services and describe the school's plan for moving to Plan A for grades 6-12 before it begins Plan A instruction; (2) partner with the ABC Science Collaborative of the School of Medicine at Duke University (ABC Collaborative) to allow the ABC Collaborative to collect and analyze data from those units for students in Plan A in grades 6-12; and (3) engage in robust contact tracing and report on requested information in the form specified by the ABC Collaborative.

**Intro. by Saine, Boles, Yarborough, Torbett.**

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education,**

## Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management

H 325 (2021-2022) [2021 OMNIBUS CORONAVIRUS RELIEF ACT](#). Filed Mar 17 2021, *AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS AND ENACTING RELATED LAW CHANGES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RELIEF FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.*

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**Intro. by Saine, Arp, Lambeth.**

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and  
Emergency Management**

H 326 (2021-2022) [ENOUGH/GAMING MACHINES](#). Filed Mar 17 2021, *AN ACT TO END NUISANCES OF UNLAWFUL GAMING HOUSES BY REQUIRING PAYMENT OF STORAGE AND DISPOSAL FEES FOR SEIZED GAMING MACHINES, AUTHORIZING SEIZURE OF VEHICLES USED TO TRANSPORT ILLEGAL GAMING MACHINES, MODIFYING THE DEFINITIONS OF VIDEO GAMING MACHINE AND ELECTRONIC SWEEPSTAKES MACHINES, AND MODIFYING THE PENALTY FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF CERTAIN GAMING MACHINES.*

Amends GS 14-298 (Seizure of illegal gaming items) to require the owner of a gaming item that a court has determined to be unlawful to possess and has released to law enforcement for destruction or for training purposes, to pay the reasonable costs of storage and disposal incurred by the seizing law enforcement agency. Also requires the owner of the item to pay the reasonable costs of storage and disposal incurred by the seizing law enforcement agency in instances where the item was seized for use as evidence in a criminal action or proceeding against the owner.

Amends GS 14-299 (Property exhibited by gamblers to be seized; disposition of the same) to subject to seizure by any court with jurisdiction or by a person pursuant to a warrant any motor vehicle used to transport any video game machine prohibited by GS 14-306 (concerning slot machines) or GS 14-306.1A (concerning video gaming machines), or any electronic machine or device prohibited by GS 14-306.4 (electronic sweepstakes machines).

Amends GS 14-306 to deem each game console, play station, or other access point allowing a person to operate a slot machine a separate machine or device.

Amends GS 14-306.1A to include in the examples provided of *video gaming machines* (1) a video game based on or involving the random or chance matching of different pictures, numbers, words, or symbols, not dependent on skill or dexterity that is played in conjunction with revealing a prize as the result of an entry into a sweepstakes, or with any other offering of an opportunity to obtain anything of value; (2) any other video game whether dependent on chance or dependent on skill or dexterity that is played in conjunction with revealing a prize as the result of entry in a sweepstakes or with any other offering of an opportunity to obtain anything of value; and (3) a video slot game. Defines *device dependent on skill or dexterity and sweepstakes* under their definitions given in GS 14-306.4. Makes technical and clarifying changes to incorporate the language of GS 14-306(b)(1) and (b)(2) rather than referencing the subdivisions.

Amends GS 13-306.4 to include the examples added under video gaming machines in GS 14-306.1A in the examples of *entertaining display*. Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor to possess for the purpose of operation an electronic machine or device to promote or conduct sweepstakes through the use of an entertaining display (was, only to operate or place into operation an electronic machine or device for such purpose(s)).

Amends GS 14-309 to modify the penalties for violations of GS 14-306.1A (regarding video gaming machines) involving the operation or the possession for the purpose of operation of five or more prohibited machines, making a violation a Class H felony for a first or second offense and a Class G felony for a third or subsequent offense (was, limited to violations involving the operation of five or more prohibited machines and a Class G felony for all violations). Modifies the penalties for violations of GS 14-306.3(b), regarding server-based electronic game promotion, or GS 14-306.4(b), regarding electronic machines to promote or conduct sweepstakes, as amended, involving the possession of five or more prohibited machines, making a

violation a Class H felony for the first or second offense and a Class G felony for a third or subsequent offense (was, limited to violations of GS 14-306.3(b) involving the possession of five or more prohibited machines and a Class G felony for all violations). Establishes a \$1,000 fine for violations of the Article involving a device prohibited by GS 14-306 (regarding slot machines or devices) or GS 14-306.1A (regarding video gaming machines), applicable to each machine or device, in addition to any other legal penalty.

Applies to offenses committed and seizures occurring on or after December 1, 2021.

**Intro. by Hurley, McNeill, Brisson, Carter.**

GS 14

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**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Lottery and Gaming**

H 327 (2021-2022) [UPDATE LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF RULES PROCESS](#). Filed Mar 17 2021, *AN ACT TO UPDATE THE PROCESS FOR LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF RULES*.

Amends GS 150B-21.3 regarding the effective dates of permanent rules as follows. Amends subsection (b) to reference new GS 150B-21.3B(b) which establishes procedures for legislative review of rules; deletes subsection (b1) which provided for delayed effective dates of rules; deletes subsection (b2) which established the process by which a person may object to a rule; deletes subsection (c) which authorized the Governor to make a rule effective by executive order; deletes subsection (d) which defined a legislative day and legislative day of adjournment; and amends subsection (f) to include approval of a rule for which no notice or hearing is required by the Codifier of Rules, if applicable, for certain permanent rules.

Enacts GS 150B-21.3B establishing procedures for legislative review of rules as follows. Defines legislative day. Establishes procedures for filing objections to the adoption of permanent rules. Permits any person to object to adoption of a permanent rule by filing written comments with the agency and, if the objection is not resolved, by filing written objections to the RRC clearly requesting review by the NCGA in accordance with instructions posted on the Commission's website. Provides for the rule to become effective under the delayed effective date requirements of subsection (e) if the Commission receives written objections from 10 or more persons no later than 5:00 P.M. on the day following the day the Commission approves a rule. Requires the Commission to notify the agency that the rule is subject to legislative rule.

Authorizes an agency to adopt as a temporary rule a permanent rule that is subject to legislative review if the rule would have met the criteria of GS 150B-21.1(a) at the time the notice of the rule was published in the North Carolina Register. Allows the agency to make other rules effective under the delayed effective date requirements of subsection (e) by giving written notice to the Commission if a rule under legislative review is among a group of related rules adopted at the same time.

Authorizes any NCGA member to introduce a bill during the first 30 legislative days of the regular session specifically disapproving a rule approved by the Commission or that has not yet become effective or has been made effective by executive order pursuant to subsection (f). Requires the bill to refer to the rule by its Administrative Code citation and state that the rule is disapproved.

Provides for a delayed effective date of rules subject to legislative review as follows. Rules approved by the Commission on or before December 31 become effective on the 31st legislative day of the Regular Session in the following calendar year unless a bill disapproving the rule is introduced before that legislative day. If a bill disapproving the rule is timely introduced, the rule becomes effective on the earlier of the day an unfavorable final action is taken on the bill or August 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year the Commission approved the rule. Provides that a permanent rule not approved by the Commission or that is disapproved by a bill that becomes law does not become effective.

Authorizes the Governor to make a permanent rule approved by the Commission effective by Executive Order subject to the delayed effective date requirements of subsection (e) when the Governor finds that the rule is necessary to protect public health, safety, or welfare. Requires the Codifier of Rules to reflect this action when entering the rule in the Administrative Code. Provides for continued effect of a rule made effective by executive order unless disapproved by the NCGA in a bill that becomes law before August 1 of the year following the year in which the executive order is issued, and requires the Codifier of Rules to note in the Administrative Code that the rule was not disapproved by the NCGA.

Effective January 1, 2022, and applies to rules adopted on or after that date.

**Intro. by Moffitt, Riddell, Stevens, Yarborough.**

GS 150B

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**Government, APA/Rule Making, General Assembly, State Agencies, State Government, Executive**

H 328 (2021-2022) [ALLOW TRADE OR EXCHANGE OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR](#). Filed Mar 17 2021, *AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN TRADES OR EXCHANGES OF LAWFULLY PURCHASED SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR WITHOUT OBTAINING A PERMIT.*

Amends GS 18B-103 to allow the trade or exchange of lawfully purchased spirituous liquor if: (1) the transaction only involves the trade or exchange of lawfully purchased spirituous liquor for other lawfully purchased spirituous liquor; (2) the trade or exchange is only between individuals, for personal use only, and not for resale; and (3) the spirituous liquor to be traded or exchanged is or has been approved by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (ABC Commission) for sale in this state and is not unfit for human consumption.

Requires the ABC Commission to adopt temporary rules to implement the act's provisions. Specifies that such temporary rules remain in effect until permanent rules that replace the temporary rules become effective.

Effective October 1, 2021, and applies to trades or exchanges made on or after that date.

**Intro. by Moffitt, Bradford, Dahle, Hardister.**

GS 18B

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**Alcoholic Beverage Control**

H 329 (2021-2022) [CHIROPRACTIC CARE COPAYMENT PARITY](#). Filed Mar 17 2021, *AN ACT TO REESTABLISH COPAYMENT EQUITY FOR CHIROPRACTIC CARE.*

Recodifies GS 58-50-30(a3) as GS 58-50-27(b). Enacts GS 58-50-27 to govern insurance coverage of chiropractic services as follows. Defines *health benefit plan* and *insurer* by statutory cross-reference, and defines *licensed chiropractor*. Updates and adds to the recodified language, now prohibiting an insurer from offering a health benefit plan that imposes any limitation on treatment or level of coverage performed by a licensed chiropractor acting within the scope of the chiropractor's practice unless a comparable limitation is also imposed on the medically necessary treatment if performed or authorized by any licensed physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner (previously only referenced licensed physicians). Enacts the following new provision. Specifically prohibits insurers from offering a health benefit plan that imposes, as a limitation on treatment or level of coverage, a copayment amount charged to the insured for chiropractic services that is higher than the copayment amount for services of a licensed primary care physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner for a comparable medically necessary treatment or condition. Applies to insurance contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after October 1, 2021.

**Intro. by Setzer, Lambeth, Everitt, Moffitt.**

GS 58

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

H 330 (2021-2022) [OPPOSING FEDERAL AUTHORITY REGARDING ELECTION](#). Filed Mar 17 2021, *A JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING NORTH CAROLINA'S OPPOSITION TO ANY FEDERAL ACTION INFRINGING UPON THE STATE'S CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY TO MANAGE, CONTROL, AND ADMINISTER ELECTIONS.*

Includes whereas clauses. States legislative opposition to any attempt by the federal government to usurp or interfere with the State's legislative authority over the management, control, and administration of elections. States legislative opposition to federal H.R. 1 (*For the People Act of 2021*; introduced in Congress on January 4, 2021) and any subsequent enactment of the

terms of this proposal and implore members of Congress to oppose the same. Directs the Secretary of State to transmit a copy of the resolution to specified federal and State legislative leaders.

**Intro. by Iler, Hardister, D. Hall, Stevens.**

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**Government, Elections, General Assembly**

H 331 (2021-2022) **2021 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REFORM**. Filed Mar 17 2021, *AN ACT REFORMING THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAWS BY INCREASING BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY TO A TWENTY-SIX WEEK PERIOD AND THE MAXIMUM WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT TO THE SUM EQUAL TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ADJUSTED ANNUALLY FOR INFLATION, BASING THE CALCULATION OF THE BENEFIT AMOUNT ON THE HIGHEST PAID QUARTER, INCREASING BENEFITS ALLOWED FOR PARTIAL UNEMPLOYMENT, PROVIDING BENEFITS IN CASES WHERE AN INDIVIDUAL LEAVES EMPLOYMENT FOR SPOUSAL RELOCATION OR HEALTH REASONS OR DUE TO AN UNDUE HARDSHIP, AUTHORIZING THE FORGIVENESS OF NONFRAUDULENT OVERPAYMENTS CAUSED BY AGENCY ERROR, AND ESTABLISHING A SHORT-TERM COMPENSATION PROGRAM TO BENEFIT EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.*

Identical to [S 320](#), filed 3/17/21.

#### Section 1.1

Amends GS 96-14.2, changing the weekly benefit amount for total and partial unemployment. Now, provides for the weekly benefit amount for total unemployment to equal the wages paid to the individual in the highest paid quarter of the individual's base period divided by 26 and rounded to the next lower whole dollar (previously, was equal to the wages paid in the last two completed quarters of the individual's base period, divided and rounded as described). Also increases the cap for the weekly benefit amount from \$350 to \$500, and requires annual adjustment for increases in the consumer price index on January 1. Defines consumer price index and provides for adjustment procedures. Replaces the calculation of partial weekly benefit amounts as follows. Provides that if the total wages payable to an individual for less than full-time work performed in a week claimed exceed one-half of the individual's weekly benefit amount, the amount of wages that exceed one-half of the weekly benefit amount must be deducted from the benefits payable to the claimant (previously, reduced by the amount of any wages the individual receives in the benefit week in excess of 20% of the benefit amount applicable to total unemployment).

#### Section 2.1

Amends GS 96-14.3, eliminating the current duration parameters for unemployment benefits. Instead, establishes a standard maximum period of 26 weeks for any eligible individual entitled to receive unemployment benefits, unless expressly extended by state or federal law. Makes conforming changes to the total allowable benefits amount.

#### Section 3.1

Amends GS 96-14.8 to expand the reasons for leaving work provided which do not disqualify an individual for benefits, and which are not chargeable to the employer's account. Adds instances where an individual leaves work due solely to a disability incurred or other health condition, whether or not related to work, so long as the individual shows an adequate disability of the employee, a minor in the legal custody of the individual, an aged or disabled parent of the individual, or a disabled member of the individual's immediate family, at the time of leaving, that prevented the employee from doing the greater of other alternative work at minimum wage or 85 percent of the individual's regular wage, and that the individual gave the employer reasonable notice of the disability or health condition. Adds instances where an individual is unable to accept a particular shift due to inability to obtain child care for a minor under 14 years of age in the legal custody of the individual, elder care for an aged or disabled parent of the individual, or care for any disabled member of that individual's immediate family. Finally, adds instances where an individual leaves work to accompany a spouse to a new place of residence where the spouse has secured work in a location that is too far removed for the claimant reasonably to continue to work.

#### Section 4.1

Revises the repayments liabilities for overpayments stated in GS 96-18(g) to no longer include overpayment of unemployment benefits by the Division of Employment Security due to errors of Division representatives as a liability of the individual receiving the benefits.

Amends GS 96-18.1, adding a new subsection to prohibit charging any employer where unemployment benefits are paid as a result of a decision by the Division if the decision is ultimately reversed. Prohibits deeming such benefits paid to constitute overpayment under GS 96-18(g).

#### Section 5.1

Enacts Article 6, Work-Sharing and Short-Time Compensation, of GS Chapter 96. Establishes a short-time compensation program that allows employers to submit a short-time compensation plan for approval by the Division of Employment Security (Division) for an affected unit of the employer to avert layoffs and offer short-time compensation to workers in the affected unit under an approved plan.

Requires an employer to submit a signed, written short-time compensation plan (plan) to the Division for approval. Requires the Division to develop an application form that includes nine specified components, including (1) the affected units and employees covered; (2) the employees' usual weekly hours of work, as defined, and the employer's proposed reduction percentage during weeks covered by the plan, which must be between 10 and 60 percent; (3) certification of continued health and retirement benefits, as defined, during weeks covered by the plan; (4) certification that the aggregate reduction of work hours is in lieu of layoffs; and (5) the effective date and duration of the plan, which cannot exceed 12 months. Provides for flexibility in the application process for demonstrated good cause, such as modes of operation that preclude setting specific dates and hours in the application. Excludes overtime work from the term usual weekly hours of work, and prohibits the hours from exceeding 40.

Requires the Division to approve or disapprove the plan in writing within 30 days of receipt and to promptly notify the employer. Requires notice of disapproval to include specific reasoning. Allows submission of another plan after 90 days of disapproval.

Details parameters regarding the effective date and duration of the plan, allowing plans to expire earlier than the end of the twelfth calendar month after its effective date. Allows an employer to terminate the plan at any time upon written notice to the Division. Allows an employer to submit a new application at any time after the expiration or termination date of a plan.

Allows for the Division to revoke plan approval for good cause at any time. Requires revocation to be in writing and include specific reasoning. Provides that revocation terminates the plan on the date specified in the order. Authorizes the Division to periodically review plans to assure no good cause exists for revocation, such as failure to comply with the assurances given in the plan, unreasonable revision of productivity standards for the affected unit, conduct or occurrence tending to defeat the intent and effective operation of the plan, and violation of any criteria on which approval of the plan was based.

Details requirements and limitations regarding plan modification. Prohibits any modification from extending the original plan's expiration date. Requires reporting of any modification that is not substantial which does not require Division approval.

Details eligibility for short-time compensation and benefits included under an approved plan. Eligibility criteria are that the individual be monetarily eligible and not disqualified for unemployment compensation who: (1) during the week, is employed as a member of an affected unit under a prior approved plan and the plan is in effect with respect to the week for which compensation is claimed; (2) is available for his or her usual hours of work with the employer, including training; and (3) is deemed unemployed in any week during the duration of the plan when remuneration as an employee in an affected unit is reduced based on a reduction of the individual's usual weekly hours of work under an approved plan. Defines unemployment compensation to mean the unemployment benefits payable under new Article 6 other than short-time compensation including any amounts payable pursuant to an agreement under any federal law providing for compensation, assistance, or allowances with respect to unemployment. Sets the weekly compensation amount to be the product of the regular weekly unemployment compensation amount for a week of total unemployment multiplied by the percentage of reduction in the individual's usual weekly hours of work. Bars eligibility for combined benefits in any benefit year in an amount more than the maximum entitlement for regular unemployment compensation and payment for more than 52 weeks under the plan. Details further parameters and limitations for compensation, including relation to regular unemployment compensation and the impact of working or not working for a short-time employer and/or another employer during weeks covered by the plan.

Provides that short-time compensation benefits must be charged to an employers' experience rating accounts in the same manner as unemployment compensation charged under GS Chapter 96. Adds that employers liable for payments in lieu of contributions must have short-time compensation attributed to service in their employ in the same manner as unemployment compensation is attributed.



Deems an individual who has received all of the short-time compensation or combined unemployment compensation and short-time compensation available in a benefit year to be an exhaustee of extended benefits unless otherwise eligible for extended benefits.

Provides for the provisions of Section 5.1 to become effective 60 days from the date the act becomes law and applying retroactively to claims arising, and to plans submitted, on or after February 15, 2021.

**Intro. by Alston, Gailliard, Harris.**

[GS 96](#)

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**[Business and Commerce, Employment and Retirement, Government, State Agencies, Department of Commerce, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Public Assistance](#)**

H 332 (2021-2022) [HISTORIC SITES-PROPERTY SALE REVENUE](#). Filed Mar 17 2021, *AN ACT TO ALLOW NET PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF CERTAIN LANDS OWNED BY OR UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES TO BE DEPOSITED INTO SPECIAL FUNDS TO BE USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF CERTAIN STATE HISTORIC SITES AND MUSEUMS.*

Adds to the exceptions to the directives for the disposition net proceeds of the sale of State owned lands under GS 146-30.

Directs that the net proceeds from the sale of land owned by or under the control of the Division of State Historic Sites and the Division of State History Museums in the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) to be deposited in the State Historic Sites and Museums Fund and used in accordance with GS 121-7.7, which governs that Fund; excludes the Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site or the NC Transportation Museum. Directs that the net proceeds from the sale of land owned by or under the control of the Division of Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens in DNCR to be deposited in the Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens Fund and used in accordance with GS 121-21.1, which governs that Fund.

**Intro. by Tyson.**

[GS 146](#)

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**[Government, Cultural Resources and Museums, State Agencies, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources \(formerly Dept. of Cultural Resources\), State Government, State Property](#)**

H 333 (2021-2022) [UNC/DISCIPLINARY MEASURES/DAMAGE CAMPUS PROP](#). Filed Mar 17 2021, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE MANDATORY DISCIPLINE POLICIES FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE DURING PROTESTS OR DEMONSTRATIONS ON UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CAMPUSES AND TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REPORTED ON SAFETY CONCERNS.*

Makes the following modifications to the content of the policies on free expression which the UNC Board of Governors must adopt under GS 116-300. Establishes mandatory disciplinary sanctions for students enrolled at a constituent institution who engage in a violation of GS 14-127 (*Willful or wanton injury to real property*) or GS 14-132(a)(2) (defacing or injuring public buildings, statues, or monuments) while present on the property of the constituent institution during a protest or demonstration: (1) expulsion or suspension for at least one academic period; (2) revocation of State-funded student financial assistance for that academic period; and (3) eligibility for readmission and enrollment contingent upon agreed restitution for property damage committed by the student, which may include work study and is not required to represent the full cost of restoring the property damaged. Requires the standard of proof of responsibility in such disciplinary cases to be no less than clear and convincing evidence.

Adds to the required content of the Committee on Free Expression's annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly pursuant to GS 116-301 to include a description of the administrative handling and discipline related to the enforcement of the new mandatory discipline policies under GS 116-300, as amended, and the readmittance of any students who were subject to expulsion or suspension for at least one academic period as a result of the policy. Additionally adds to the required content the

increase in security costs and recommendations regarding security issues at constituent institutions related to disruptions at constituent institutions.

Amends GS 116-174.2 to expand the grounds for the revocation of State-funded scholarships. Requires revocation and withdrawal of all State-supported scholarships and any State funds granted for educational assistance when any student enrolled in a UNC constituent institution is found to have engaged in a violation of GS 14-127 or GS 14-132(a)(2) while present on the property of the constituent institution during a protest or demonstration. Makes technical changes. Makes language gender neutral.

Applies beginning with the 2021-22 academic year.

**Intro. by Torbett.**

GS 116

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**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies, UNC System**

H 334 (2021-2022) [TEMP ALIGN PPP TREATMENT TO FEDERAL TREATMENT](#). Filed Mar 17 2021, *AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE ADDBACK FOR BUSINESS EXPENSES DEDUCTED TO THE EXTENT THE PAYMENT RESULTS IN FORGIVENESS OF A COVERED LOAN UNDER THE FEDERAL CARES ACT FOR THE 2020 TAXABLE YEAR ONLY.*

Identical to [S 112](#), filed 2/17/21.

Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, repeals GS 105-130.5(a)(32) and GS 105-153.5(c2)(20), which require corporate and individual taxpayers to add to the taxpayer's adjusted gross income the amount of any expense deducted under the Internal Revenue Code to the extent that payment of the expense results in forgiveness of a covered loan pursuant to section 1106(b) of the federal CARES Act (governing the Payment Protection Program/PPP) and the income associated with the forgiveness is excluded from gross income pursuant to section 1106(i) of the CARES Act. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, these provisions are reenacted as they existed immediately before the repeal.

**Intro. by Pickett, Saine.**

GS 105

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**Business and Commerce, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, Tax**

H 335 (2021-2022) [TIMELY LOCAL PAYMENTS TO CHARTER SCHOOLS](#). Filed Mar 17 2021, *AN ACT TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM A LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT TO A CHARTER SCHOOL TO INCENTIVIZE THE TIMELY TRANSFER OF FUNDS.*

Revises the requirements of GS 115C-218.105 to require the local school administrative unit in which a child is enrolled in a charter school to transfer the per pupil share amount of the local current expense fund to the charter school following the receipt of monies into the fund and within 30 days of receipt of a written request from the charter school identifying the student(s) enrolled (was within 30 days of receipt of monies). Increases the sum to be transferred by 8% if the unit fails to transfer the share to the charter school within 30 days, with interest accrued at the legal rate until the total amount, including the applicable increases, is transferred to the charter school. Requires transfer of the per pupil share of any additional monies received in the local current expense fund after the initial transfer within 30 days of receipt. Prohibits delaying payment of undisputed amounts in the event of a dispute the unit and charter school disagree on the amount owed to the charter school. Applies beginning with the 2021-22 school year.

**Intro. by Bradford, Riddell, Hardister, Saine.**

GS 115C

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S 90 (2021-2022) [SOCIAL SERVICES REFORM/CWBTC RECS](#). Filed Feb 11 2021, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO MAKE REFORMS TO IMPROVE SOCIAL SERVICES, THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES; TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS TO TRANSITION TO REGIONAL SUPERVISION; TO IMPROVE INTERCOUNTY COLLABORATION BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES; AND TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD WELL-BEING TRANSFORMATION COUNCIL.*

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

**Part I.**

Deletes the previous content of Section 4, which directed the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to study the statutory requirements of the social services system, juvenile justice system, and the Medicaid and NC Health Choice program applicable to children of foster care.

Adds the following directives and appropriations to Section 4, effective upon legislative appropriation of funds for the transition to regional supervision and support of child welfare services. 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 State regional staff and the central office team of DHHS on March 1, 2021. 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 2023. 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, 2024. Appropriates \$914,790 in recurring funds from the General Fund to DHHS, Division of Social Services (DSS) for 2021-22 to support 11 new staff positions pursuant to the SSWG's plan.

Adds a new section as follows.

Adds to the responsibilities of county boards of social services charged in GS 108A-9 to include attending education and training for new board members during the first year of service. Makes the requirements effective April 1, 2022, and requires that all current county board members participate in the education and training sessions by April 1, 2024. Directs DSS to collaborate with key stakeholders and the UNC School of Government to create formal education and training programs for new county board members, specifically including a segment on county board liabilities, with training available statewide by September 1, 2021.

**Part VIII.**

Makes conforming changes.

Makes conforming changes to the act's long title.

**Intro. by Krawiec, Burgin, Perry.**

[APPROP, GS 108A, GS 115C, GS 131D](#)

[Courts/Judiciary, Juvenile Law, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, General Assembly, State Agencies, UNC System, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Public Instruction, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Insurance, Social Services, Child Welfare, Public Assistance](#)

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S 146 (2021-2022) [TELEDENTISTRY/RDH ADMIN. LOCAL ANESTHETIC](#). Filed Feb 24 2021, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR THE PRACTICE OF TELEDENTISTRY, TO AUTHORIZE PROPERLY TRAINED DENTAL HYGIENISTS TO ADMINISTER LOCAL DENTAL ANESTHETICS UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED DENTIST, AND TO PERMIT CERTAIN DENTAL HYGIENISTS TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE AT SCHOOLS WITHOUT A LICENSED DENTIST BEING PHYSICALLY PRESENT.*

Senate committee substitute amends the 1st edition as follows.

Makes technical changes to a statutory cross-reference in proposed GS 90-30.2.

Adds a new section amending GS 90-233, which governs the practice of dental hygiene. Expands the conditions in which certain described dental hygienists meeting specified experience requirements can perform dental hygiene functions without a licensed dentist physically present, to include performing dental hygiene services in schools. Makes conforming changes to the act's long title.

**Intro. by Perry.**

GS 90

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

S 313 (2021-2022) [PROPERTY FINDER DEFINITION AND GOVERNANCE](#). Filed Mar 17 2021, *AN ACT DEFINING AND ESTABLISHING GOVERNING STANDARDS FOR PROPERTY FINDERS.*

Identical to [H 157](#), filed 2/24/21.

Amends GS 28A-4-2 to specify that a person who is employed by, acts as an agent for, serves as legal counsel for, or conducts business with a property finder (as defined in GS 116B-52), cannot serve as a personal representative.

Amends GS 116B-52 to define property finder to mean an individual or business entity, incorporated or otherwise, who, for fee or any other consideration, seeks to locate, deliver, recover, or assist in the recovery of property that is distributable to the owner or presumed abandoned.

Amends GS 28A-22-11 to a make an agreement by an heir to locate or recover a share of a decedent's estate, subject to Article 4 (North Carolina Unclaimed Property Act) of GS Chapter 116B (was, subject only to GS 116B-78).

Amends GS 116B-78 (agreement to locate property) to also make the statute applicable to an agreement by an apparent owner and requires that in order to be covered under the statute, that the agreement be entered into between a property finder and an owner or apparent owner with the stated purpose. Specifies that an agreement that does not meet the statute's requirements is void as well as unenforceable. Requires property finders (was, persons entering into an agreement with an owner) to register each calendar year with the Treasurer.

Enacts new GS 116B-78.1 regulating property finders as follows. Requires property finders to be licensed as a private investigator by the Private Protective Services Board. Prohibits property finders from initiating a claim with the Treasurer before being registered as a property finder or before being licensed as a private investigator. Allows denying registration for up to a year for failing to comply. Prohibits initiating a claim with the Treasurer before obtaining a valid agreement with an owner or apparent owner and allows suspending registration for up to one year for noncompliance. Allows suspending registration for up to one year when a property finder enters into an agreement to locate property that does not comply with GS 116B-78. Prohibits a property finder with a suspended registration from conducting business with the Unclaimed Property Division and requires any pending or potential claims to be denied during any period of suspension.

**Intro. by McInnis, Johnson, Davis.**

GS 28A, GS 116B

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**Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Development, Land Use**

**and Housing, Property and Housing**

S 314 (2021-2022) **UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DIVISION AMENDMENTS.-AB** Filed Mar 17 2021, *AN ACT AMENDING STATUTES RELATING TO THE STATE TREASURER'S UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DIVISION.*

Amends GS 116B-65 to allow the State Treasurer (Treasurer) to sell abandoned property five years (was, three years) after receiving it.

Amends GS 116B-67, to allow a person to file a claim for property paid or delivered to the Treasurer if the amount claimed exceeds \$500 (was, \$250).

Effective March 31, 2021.

**Intro. by McInnis, Johnson, Davis.**

GS 116B

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

S 315 (2021-2022) **ALLOW SELF-INSURANCE AS PROOF OF FIN. RESP.** Filed Mar 17 2021, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING LICENSED SELF-INSURERS TO OPERATE NONFLEET MOTOR VEHICLES, ALLOWING SELF-INSURANCE TO SERVE AS PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND REMOVING THE FLEET RESTRICTION FROM SELF-INSURED RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.*

Amends GS 20-279.33 to deem a certificate of self-insurance issued by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles as evidence of insurance to satisfy the financial responsibility requirements for the issuance or restoration of a drivers license or the allowance of limited driving privileges under GS 20-7, GS 20-13.2, GS 20-16.1, GS 20-19, and GS 20-179.3.

Amends GS 20-279.33A, which qualifies certain religious organizations as self-insurers if seven specified conditions are met, to no longer require that the organization's members operate five or more registered vehicles owned or leased by them, but rather generally require that the members operate registered vehicles owned or leased by them.

Amends GS 20-7 to prohibit the Division of Motor Vehicles from restricting a person from operating a nonfleet motor vehicle solely because the person furnished proof of liability in the form of a certificate of self-insurance issued under GS 20-279.33 or GS 20-279.33A.

**Intro. by Johnson.**

GS 20

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**Business and Commerce, Insurance, Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation, Nonprofits**

S 316 (2021-2022) **GEN. CONTRACTORS/PLUMBING/ELECTR. EXEMPT.** Filed Mar 17 2021, *AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FOR PLUMBING, HEATING, FIRE SPRINKLER, AND ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS.*

Modifies and adds to the criteria of GS 87-1.1 that must be satisfied for plumbing and heating contractors licensed under Article 2 (Article 2 licensees) and electrical contractors licensed under Article 4 (Article 4 licensees) of GS Chapter 87 to be exempt from the general contractor licensure requirements of GS 87-1, for Article 2 licensees to be exempt from the electrical contractor licensure requirements of GS 87-43, and Article 4 licensees to be exempt from the plumbing and heating licensure requirements of GS 87-21(a)(5). No longer limits the exemptions to when the licensee is bidding or contracting directly with the owner of a public building project; instead expands the exemption to apply when the licensee is bidding or contracting directly with the owner of any building project when the three existing criteria are satisfied, along with the following new

condition. Requires that the total amount of work that falls under either Article 2 (Plumbing and Heating Contractors) or Article 4 (Electrical Contractors) not exceed the percentage of the total bid price pursuant to rules established by the State Board of Plumbing, Heating, and Fire Sprinkler Contractors and the State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors.

Enacts new GS 87-21(m) to exempt Article 4 licensees from the plumbing and heating licensure requirements of Article 2 when the licensee is bidding and contracting directly with the owner of a building project and (1) an Article 2 licensee performs all work that falls within the classification of work that requires Article 2 licensure under the statute and rules established by the State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating, and Fire Sprinkler Contractors, (2) the total amount of the work performed does not exceed a percentage of the total bid price pursuant to rules established by the State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating, and Fire Sprinkler Contractors, and (3) an appropriate Article 4 licensee performs all work that fall within the classifications of Article 4.

Enacts new GS 87-43.1(11) to exempt Article 2 licensees from the electrical contractor licensure requirements of Article 4 when the licensee is bidding and contracting directly with the owner of a building project and (1) an Article 4 licensee performs all work that falls within the classifications of work that requires Article 4 licensure under the Article and rules established by the State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors, (2) an appropriate Article 2 licensee performs all work that falls within the classifications of Article 2, and (3) the total amount of the work performed does not exceed a percentage of the total bid price pursuant to rules established by the State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors.

Authorizes the State Licensing Board for General Contractors, the State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating, and Fire Sprinkler Contractors, and the State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors to adopt to adopt temporary implementing rules.

Effective October 1, 2021.

**Intro. by Jarvis, Johnson, Britt.**

[GS 87](#)

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**[Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction](#)**

S 317 (2021-2022) [MARINE FISHERIES REFORM](#). Filed Mar 17 2021, *AN ACT TO REFORM THE MANAGEMENT OF MARINE FISHERIES IN NORTH CAROLINA*.

Repeals GS 113-182.1, which governed Fishery Management Plans, and replaces it with new GS 113-182.2, which provides as follows.

Requires the Division of Marine Fisheries (Division) to prepare Fishery Management Plans (Plans) and Fishery Management Plan Amendments (Amendments) for adoption by the Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission) in order to ensure a sustainable harvest for all significant species and for state marine and estuarine fisheries identified by the Division that are not included under a federal or interstate management plan. Requires the Plans and Amendments to be based on fishery management standards and best available scientific, technical, and economic data and requires that they are developed under a schedule adopted by the Division. Allows the Division to develop guidance criteria as to the content and development process.

Requires each Plan and Amendment to be designed to reflect that fishery's unique fishing practices. Requires each Plan or Amendment to address six specified topics, including recommending management actions to ensure a sustainable harvest, and include a rebuilding schedule to achieve and maintain a sustainable harvest. Provides that once a Plan is adopted, management recommendations, strategies, and measures can be modified only through an Amendment.

Requires the Fisheries Director to provide the Chair of the Commission with a list of qualified candidates to assist in the development of each Plan and Amendment, and requires the Chair to appoint members from the list to each Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee). Sets out qualification requirements for members of the Advisory Committee.

Requires the Division to consult with the regional advisory committees on the preparation of each Plan or Amendment and requires the Division to seek advice from those committees and review their comments and recommendations within the

established time limits before submitting a Plan or Amendment for review by the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources. Also requires the Commission to consider comments or recommendations regarding the management measure that a regional advisory committee submits to the Division.

Requires each Plan or Amendment to be reviewed every five years to ensure that the management measures meet the rebuilding schedule to achieve a sustainable harvest. Requires presentation of an annual update to the Commission. Sets out conditions under which a Plan or amendment may be retired. Allows the Division to revise the schedule for developing Plans and Amendments.

Requires the Secretary of Environmental Quality (Secretary) to monitor progress in the development and adoption of the Plans and Amendments and to report to the specified NCGA committee and division within 30 days of completion. Sets out timeline for the committee to provide comments.

Requires the Commission to adopt rules to implement the Plans.

Allows the Commission to include in a Plan a recommendation that the General Assembly limit the number of fishermen authorized to participate in the fishery; allows such recommendation only if the Commission determines that a sustainable harvest cannot otherwise be achieved. Sets out 8 factors to be considered in deciding whether to make such a recommendation.

Allows the Secretary, in consultation with the Director, to authorize development of a Fishery Management Plan Supplement to an existing Plan or Amendment if it is in the interest of maintaining a sustainable harvest. Provides that the Supplements are temporary and intended to address emergency conditions that cannot be practicably addressed through the Plan or Amendment process. Exempts the Supplement from specified procedural requirements and sets out additional provisions governing the adoption of a Supplement.

The above provisions become effective July 1, 2021. Allows Plans and Amendments that were under development before that date to continue under the process set out in repealed GS 113-182.1.

Amends GS 113-221.1 to require proclamations that suspend or implement particular rules of the Commission whose application may be affected by variable conditions to be consistent with management measures adopted under GS 113-182.2 or as otherwise provided by Commission rules. Amends the provision allowing the calling of an emergency Commission meeting to consider the issuance of a proclamation to exclude issuing a proclamation for management measures already adopted under GS 113-182.2.

Amends provisions related to the Commission as follows. Amends GS 143B-289.52 to require that rules adopted by the Commission and management measures in the rules be based on recognized fishery management standards and the best available scientific, technical, and economic data. Amends the Commission's duties to allow delegating to the Director the authority by proclamation to suspend or implement a particular rule of the Commission that may be affected by variable circumstances to a fishery resource or habitat. Makes conforming changes to the duty to adopt a Fishery Management Plan. Specifies that the Commission's power to establish standards and adopt rules to regulate the importation and exportation of fish and equipment that may be used in taking or processing fish includes non-native species. Allows the Commission to regulate participation in a fishery subject to a federal fishery management plan if it imposes a quota or allocation (was, quota only) on the State for the harvest or landing of fish in the fishery. Allows the Commission to use any additional criteria aside from holding coastal recreational fishing licenses.

Amends GS 143B-289.54 by amending the requirements for Commission membership by (1) removing provisions allowing the spouse of a commercial fisherman meeting the specified requirements to be appointed as a member; (2) requiring one person to be a recognized habitat, water quality, or ecosystems scientist with specified special training and expertise, and another person to be a recognized fisheries scientist with specified special training and expertise (these replace two individuals who were required to more broadly have general knowledge of and experience related to subjects and persons regulated by the Commission), and requires that the person not receive more than the specified amount of income from commercial or sports fishing industries; and (3) requiring that the already described appointee who is a fisheries scientist be recognized as such. Requires that the membership include at least one person who is a resident of the three named regions (was, more generally, a resident of each of the three coastal regions). Allows a person serving on the Commission at the time that the act becomes law to continue to serve for the person's remaining term even if the person no longer meets the qualifications of amended GS 143B-289.54.

Specifies that other than routine communications sent from Division staff to all Commission members, any electronic, oral, or other communications (was, only electronic communications) among a majority of the Commission is considered an official meeting.

Adds the requirement that the Commission establish and publish a written agenda for the its quarterly meetings. Prohibits a member from moving to deliberate or vote on any business or issue not previously noticed on the meeting agenda once a meeting is convened. Allows members to move at the meeting to deliberate or vote on new business or issues for future meetings.

Amends GS 143B-289.57 by amending requirements for the Marine Fisheries Commission Advisory Committees, as follows. Decreases the number of standing advisory committees from four to three and the number of regional advisory committees from four to two. Requires that the designation of chairs be based on recommendations by the Division. Makes provisions governing standing advisory committees also applicable to regional advisory committees and makes conforming changes. Adds that if the Commission rejects a conclusion or recommendation from an advisory committee, the Commission must provide its reasons for doing so, in writing.

Amends GS 113-136, concerning the enforcement authority of inspectors and protectors, as follows. Gives inspectors, in addition to protectors, authority to enforce criminal laws when there is probable cause to believe that a person committed a criminal offense in his presence and at the time of the violation the inspector or protector is engaged in the enforcement of laws otherwise within his jurisdiction, or when the inspector or protector is asked to provide temporary assistance by the head of a State or local law enforcement agency or his designee and the request is within the scope of the agency's subject matter jurisdiction. Makes it unlawful to refuse to allow inspectors, protectors, or other law enforcement officers to inspect weapons or equipment, fish, or wildlife that the officer reasonably believes to be possessed incident to an activity regulated by any law or rule as to which inspectors and protectors have enforcement jurisdiction; no longer requires the inspector, prospector, or other law enforcement officer to have a reasonable suspicion that a violation has been committed (previously not required for the inspection of shotguns only). No longer limits inspection of fish or wildlife for the purpose of ensuring compliance with bag limits or size limits. Eliminates the specification that stated the provisions do not authorize inspection in the absence of a person in apparent control of the item, except for equipment left unattended in the normal operation of the equipment such as traps and crab pots.

Amends GS 113-132 by providing that the Commission's jurisdiction includes the regulation of aquaculture facilities that cultivate or rear marine and estuarine resources, marine aquatic species, or non-native species (was, estuarine resources only). Specifies that the Commission does not have jurisdiction over matters clearly within the jurisdiction of the Department of Environmental Quality, including policy matters.

Amends GS 113-170 to allow Commission rules to include regulating, licensing, prohibiting, or restricting holding or maintaining in marine aquaculture operations in the state, as well as exportation of non-native species.

Amends GS 113-170.3 to include within those records that are not public records and that are to be treated as confidential (1) specified records received by the Department and (2) confidential federal fishery data and records concerning species significant to the State that are maintained by and received from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Repeals GS 113-181, which made it the Department's duty to administer and enforce the provisions of this Subchapter pertaining to the conservation of marine and estuarine resources, replacing it with GS 113-181.1, which expands upon that duty to also include the management of those resources and the development and implementation of Fishery Management Plans and Amendments and Coastal Habitat Protection Plans.

Amends GS 113-228 to provide that to the extent the Department is granted authority over subject matter as to which there is concurrent federal or interstate jurisdiction, the Commission may by reference in its rules adopt relevant provisions of federal or interstate laws, regulations, and management measures as State rules.

Includes a severability clause.

**Intro. by Sanderson.**

GS 113, GS 143B

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**Environment, Aquaculture and Fisheries, Government, State Agencies, Department of Environmental Quality (formerly DENR)**



S 318 (2021-2022) [DESIGNATE OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY](#). Filed Mar 17 2021, *AN ACT DESIGNATING THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF AUGUST OF EACH YEAR AS OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY.*

Identical to [H 180](#), filed 2/25/21.

Includes whereas clauses. Enacts GS 103-16 as title indicates.

**Intro. by Foushee.**

GS 103

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**Government, Cultural Resources and Museums, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health, Mental Health**

S 319 (2021-2022) [LOCAL GOV'T UNITS/SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES](#). Filed Mar 17 2021, *AN ACT GRANTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS THE AUTHORITY TO EXEMPT PROPERTY BEING DEVELOPED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FROM SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES.*

Amends GS 162A-203 to allow a local government unit or a joint agency to exempt affordable housing parcels from a system development fee. Requires the unit or joint agency to adopt criteria for determining whether a parcel qualifies for the exemption.

**Intro. by Lowe.**

GS 162A

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**Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction, Property and Housing, Government, Local Government**

S 320 (2021-2022) [2021 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REFORM](#). Filed Mar 17 2021, *AN ACT REFORMING THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAWS BY INCREASING BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY TO A TWENTY-SIX WEEK PERIOD AND THE MAXIMUM WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT TO THE SUM EQUAL TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ADJUSTED ANNUALLY FOR INFLATION, BASING THE CALCULATION OF THE BENEFIT AMOUNT ON THE HIGHEST PAID QUARTER, INCREASING BENEFITS ALLOWED FOR PARTIAL UNEMPLOYMENT, PROVIDING BENEFITS IN CASES WHERE AN INDIVIDUAL LEAVES EMPLOYMENT FOR SPOUSAL RELOCATION OR HEALTH REASONS OR DUE TO AN UNDUE HARDSHIP, AUTHORIZING THE FORGIVENESS OF NONFRAUDULENT OVERPAYMENTS CAUSED BY AGENCY ERROR, AND ESTABLISHING A SHORT-TERM COMPENSATION PROGRAM TO BENEFIT EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.*

#### Section 1.1

Amends GS 96-14.2, changing the weekly benefit amount for total and partial unemployment. Now, provides for the weekly benefit amount for total unemployment to equal the wages paid to the individual in the highest paid quarter of the individual's base period divided by 26 and rounded to the next lower whole dollar (previously, was equal to the wages paid in the last two completed quarters of the individual's base period, divided and rounded as described). Also increases the cap for the weekly benefit amount from \$350 to \$500, and requires annual adjustment for increases in the consumer price index on January 1. Defines consumer price index and provides for adjustment procedures. Replaces the calculation of partial weekly benefit amounts as follows. Provides that if the total wages payable to an individual for less than full-time work performed in a week claimed exceed one-half of the individual's weekly benefit amount, the amount of wages that exceed one-half of the weekly benefit amount must be deducted from the benefits payable to the claimant (previously, reduced by the amount of any wages the individual receives in the benefit week in excess of 20% of the benefit amount applicable to total unemployment).

#### Section 2.1

Amends GS 96-14.3, eliminating the current duration parameters for unemployment benefits. Instead, establishes a standard maximum period of 26 weeks for any eligible individual entitled to receive unemployment benefits, unless expressly extended by state or federal law. Makes conforming changes to the total allowable benefits amount.

#### Section 3.1

Amends GS 96-14.8 to expand the reasons for leaving work provided which do not disqualify an individual for benefits, and which are not chargeable to the employer's account. Adds instances where an individual leaves work due solely to a disability incurred or other health condition, whether or not related to work, so long as the individual shows an adequate disability of the employee, a minor in the legal custody of the individual, an aged or disabled parent of the individual, or a disabled member of the individual's immediate family, at the time of leaving, that prevented the employee from doing the greater of other alternative work at minimum wage or 85 percent of the individual's regular wage, and that the individual gave the employer reasonable notice of the disability or health condition. Adds instances where an individual is unable to accept a particular shift due to inability to obtain child care for a minor under 14 years of age in the legal custody of the individual, elder care for an aged or disabled parent of the individual, or care for any disabled member of that individual's immediate family. Finally, adds instances where an individual leaves work to accompany a spouse to a new place of residence where the spouse has secured work in a location that is too far removed for the claimant reasonably to continue to work.

#### Section 4.1

Revises the repayments liabilities for overpayments stated in GS 96-18(g) to no longer include overpayment of unemployment benefits by the Division of Employment Security due to errors of Division representatives as a liability of the individual receiving the benefits.

Amends GS 96-18.1, adding a new subsection to prohibit charging any employer where unemployment benefits are paid as a result of a decision by the Division if the decision is ultimately reversed. Prohibits deeming such benefits paid to constitute overpayment under GS 96-18(g).

#### Section 5.1

Enacts Article 6, Work-Sharing and Short-Time Compensation, of GS Chapter 96. Establishes a short-time compensation program that allows employers to submit a short-time compensation plan for approval by the Division of Employment Security (Division) for an affected unit of the employer to avert layoffs and offer short-time compensation to workers in the affected unit under an approved plan.

Requires an employer to submit a signed, written short-time compensation plan (plan) to the Division for approval. Requires the Division to develop an application form that includes nine specified components, including (1) the affected units and employees covered; (2) the employees' usual weekly hours of work, as defined, and the employer's proposed reduction percentage during weeks covered by the plan, which must be between 10 and 60 percent; (3) certification of continued health and retirement benefits, as defined, during weeks covered by the plan; (4) certification that the aggregate reduction of work hours is in lieu of layoffs; and (5) the effective date and duration of the plan, which cannot exceed 12 months. Provides for flexibility in the application process for demonstrated good cause, such as modes of operation that preclude setting specific dates and hours in the application. Excludes overtime work from the term usual weekly hours of work, and prohibits the hours from exceeding 40.

Requires the Division to approve or disapprove the plan in writing within 30 days of receipt and to promptly notify the employer. Requires notice of disapproval to include specific reasoning. Allows submission of another plan after 90 days of disapproval.

Details parameters regarding the effective date and duration of the plan, allowing plans to expire earlier than the end of the twelfth calendar month after its effective date. Allows an employer to terminate the plan at any time upon written notice to the Division. Allows an employer to submit a new application at any time after the expiration or termination date of a plan.

Allows for the Division to revoke plan approval for good cause at any time. Requires revocation to be in writing and include specific reasoning. Provides that revocation terminates the plan on the date specified in the order. Authorizes the Division to periodically review plans to assure no good cause exists for revocation, such as failure to comply with the assurances given in the plan, unreasonable revision of productivity standards for the affected unit, conduct or occurrence tending to defeat the intent and effective operation of the plan, and violation of any criteria on which approval of the plan was based.

Details requirements and limitations regarding plan modification. Prohibits any modification from extending the original plan's expiration date. Requires reporting of any modification that is not substantial which does not require Division approval.

Details eligibility for short-time compensation and benefits included under an approved plan. Eligibility criteria are that the individual be monetarily eligible and not disqualified for unemployment compensation who: (1) during the week, is employed as a member of an affected unit under a prior approved plan and the plan is in effect with respect to the week for which compensation is claimed; (2) is available for his or her usual hours of work with the employer, including training; and (3) is deemed unemployed in any week during the duration of the plan when remuneration as an employee in an affected unit is reduced based on a reduction of the individual's usual weekly hours of work under an approved plan. Defines unemployment compensation to mean the unemployment benefits payable under new Article 6 other than short-time compensation including any amounts payable pursuant to an agreement under any federal law providing for compensation, assistance, or allowances with respect to unemployment. Sets the weekly compensation amount to be the product of the regular weekly unemployment compensation amount for a week of total unemployment multiplied by the percentage of reduction in the individual's usual weekly hours of work. Bars eligibility for combined benefits in any benefit year in an amount more than the maximum entitlement for regular unemployment compensation and payment for more than 52 weeks under the plan. Details further parameters and limitations for compensation, including relation to regular unemployment compensation and the impact of working or not working for a short-time employer and/or another employer during weeks covered by the plan.

Provides that short-time compensation benefits must be charged to an employers' experience rating accounts in the same manner as unemployment compensation charged under GS Chapter 96. Adds that employers liable for payments in lieu of contributions must have short-time compensation attributed to service in their employ in the same manner as unemployment compensation is attributed.

Deems an individual who has received all of the short-time compensation or combined unemployment compensation and short-time compensation available in a benefit year to be an exhaustee of extended benefits unless otherwise eligible for extended benefits.

Provides for the provisions of Section 5.1 to become effective 60 days from the date the act becomes law and applying retroactively to claims arising, and to plans submitted, on or after February 15, 2021.

**Intro. by Nickel, Lowe, Woodard.**

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## LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 322 (2021-2022) [LIMIT ABC LICENSE REQUIREMENTS](#). Filed Mar 17 2021, *AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT ON THE TOWN OF CARY TO ISSUE LOCAL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES*.

Amends GS 105-113.71 to authorize the Town of Cary to decline to require a person who receives an ABC permit to obtain the corresponding local license to engage in the authorized activity. Makes conforming and technical changes. Makes additional conforming changes to local licensure requirements of GS 105-113.70 and annual local licensure taxes stated in GS 105-113.77. Effective July 1, 2021.

**Intro. by Adcock, Dahle, von Haefen, Ball.**

[Wake](#)

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[Alcoholic Beverage Control, Government, Tax](#)

## LOCAL/SENATE BILLS

S 232 (2021-2022) [STUDENTS, PARENTS, COMMUNITY RIGHTS ACT](#). Filed Mar 10 2021, *AN ACT TO PERMIT INCREASED ACCESS TO OUTDOOR SPORTING FACILITIES IN PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES*.

Senate committee substitute amends the 1st edition as follows.

Limits the act's applicability to any time when the occupancy capacity of outdoor sporting events is limited to less than 50% by an emergency executive order, secretarial order, or directive related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Intro. by Hise, Daniel, Ballard.**

UNCODIFIED, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Watauga, Wilkes, Yancey

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management**

S 256 (2021-2022) [STUDENTS, PARENTS, COMMUNITY RIGHTS ACT](#). Filed Mar 11 2021, *AN ACT TO PERMIT INCREASED ACCESS TO OUTDOOR SPORTING FACILITIES IN PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES*.

Senate committee substitute amends the 1st edition as follows.

Adds Cabarrus County to the scope of the act. Limits the act's applicability to any time when the occupancy capacity of outdoor sporting events is limited to less than 50% by an emergency executive order, secretarial order, or directive related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Intro. by Jarvis, Lazzara, Ford.**

UNCODIFIED, Cabarrus, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Johnston, Jones, Montgomery, Nash, Rowan, Stanly

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management**

S 260 (2021-2022) [MOORESVILLE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTH. CHANGE](#). Filed Mar 11 2021, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MOORESVILLE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS FOR REMOTE MEETINGS OF PUBLIC BODIES DURING CERTAIN DECLARATIONS OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF MONROE*.

Senate committee substitute adds the following content to the 1st edition.

Applicable only to the City of Monroe, amends GS 166A-19.24 to authorize public bodies within an emergency area to conduct remote meetings upon issuance of a local declaration of emergency under GS 166A-19.22, in addition to the existing authority upon issuance of a gubernatorial or legislative declaration of emergency under GS 166A-19.20. Establishes a presumption that a remote meeting is open to the public so long as the public body has complied with the notice requirements of the statute. Adds to the remote meeting requirements to require that after notice is provided to the public for an in-person meeting, if one or more members will participate in the meeting remotely, the public body must amend the notice to include the means whereby members of the public can access the meeting remotely; limits amending the notice to six hours prior to the start of the meeting. Changes the requirements for a remote public hearing to require allowance for written comments on the subject of the hearing to be submitted between publication of any required notice and 24 hours before the scheduled start of the public meeting when the public hearing is scheduled to be heard (was between publication of any required notice and 24 hours after the public hearing). Makes conforming changes to the act's titles.

**Intro. by Sawyer.**

Iredell, Union

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**Business and Commerce, Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development**

**ACTIONS ON BILLS****PUBLIC BILLS****H 46: SHRA/STRONGER WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On Judiciary 2*

**H 53: EDUC. CHANGES FOR MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**H 84: SEX OFFENDER PREMISES RESTRICTIONS.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 91: REDUCE REG. TO HELP CHILDREN WITH AUTISM.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Added to Calendar*

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 110: INCREASE BUILDING PERMIT EXEMPTION THRESHOLD.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Withdrawn From Cal*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/23/2021*

**H 123: MISDEMEANORS/MANDATE FIRST APPEARANCES.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

**H 136: ENCOURAGE HEALTHY NC FOOD IN SCHOOLS.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

**H 138: ADOPT WOUNDED HEROES DAY.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

*House: Special Message Sent To Senate*

*Senate: Special Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 148: SBI EMERGENCY PEN REGISTER/TRAP AND TRACE.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

**H 168: RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES ACT OF 2021.-AB**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Pensions and Retirement*

**H 172: TERM LIMITS FOR CONGRESS.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

*House: Special Message Sent To Senate*

*Senate: Special Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 219: AMEND WATER/SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISMS.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

**H 228: ATTRACTIVE NUISANCES.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Judiciary 3*

**H 238: PROHIBIT POSSESSION OF SKIMMING DEVICE.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

**H 270: PROHIBIT RENAMING OF FAYETTEVILLE STATE.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref to the Com on Education - Universities, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 311: SAFER ROADS AND COMMUNITIES ACT OF 2021.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 312: QUALIFICATIONS FOR SHERIFF/EXPUNCTION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 313: 2021 PANDEMIC RECOVERY APPROPRIATIONS ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 314: 2021 OMNIBUS CORONAVIRUS RELIEF ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 315: ARSON LAW REVISIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 316: SUPPORT MATERNAL HEALTH/EXTEND MEDICAID COV.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 317: FFA BEEKEEPING GRANT PROGRAM.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 318: EXTEND COOLING OFF PERIOD FOR LEGISLATORS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 323: MILITARY READINESS AND RURAL RESILIENCE ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 324: PLAN A FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 325: 2021 OMNIBUS CORONAVIRUS RELIEF ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 326: ENOUGH/GAMING MACHINES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 327: UPDATE LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF RULES PROCESS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 328: ALLOW TRADE OR EXCHANGE OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR.**

*House: Filed*

**H 329: CHIROPRACTIC CARE COPAYMENT PARITY.**

*House: Filed*

**H 330: OPPOSING FEDERAL AUTHORITY REGARDING ELECTION.**

*House: Filed*

**H 331: 2021 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REFORM.**

*House: Filed*

**H 332: HISTORIC SITES-PROPERTY SALE REVENUE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 333: UNC/DISCIPLINARY MEASURES/DAMAGE CAMPUS PROP.**

*House: Filed*

**H 334: TEMP ALIGN PPP TREATMENT TO FEDERAL TREATMENT.**

*House: Filed*

**S 89: REGIONAL SUPERVISION/REFORMS/CWBTC RECS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 90: SOCIAL SERVICES REFORM/CWBTC RECS.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 101: REQUIRE COOPERATION WITH ICE 2.0.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 103: REDUCE REG. TO HELP CHILDREN WITH AUTISM.**

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received From Senate*

**S 126: CLEAN UP OBSOLETE BOARDS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 138: ALLOW REMOTE SHAREHOLDER MEETINGS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 146: TELEDENTISTRY/RDH ADMIN. LOCAL ANESTHETIC.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Commerce and Insurance*

**S 173: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY INTERSTATE COMPACT.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Commerce and Insurance*

**S 255: 2021 AOC LEGISLATIVE CHANGES.-AB**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 258: SENATE BOG VACANCY ELECTION.**

*Senate: Adopted*

**S 295: 250TH ANNIV. AM.REV/PRESERVE HIST. PROPERTIES.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 296: COLLABORATORY/FISHERIES STUDY.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 300: CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 301: EXPAND EXPUNCTION ELIGIBILITY.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 304: ALAMANCE CC FUNDS/BIOTECH CTR BLDG.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 305: SMART SCH. BUS SAFETY PILOT/CERTAIN COUNTIES.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 306: QUALIFICATIONS FOR SHERIFF/EXPUNCTION.**



*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 307: EVIDENCE/DIST. CT SPEEDY TRIALS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 308: BUILDING CODE INSPECTION REFORM.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 309: REPEAL CERTIFICATE OF NEED LAWS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 310: TREASURY ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES.-AB**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 311: NO WAITING PERIOD UNDER LGERS FOR LEOS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 312: CLARIFY EMERGENCY POWERS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 313: PROPERTY FINDER DEFINITION AND GOVERNANCE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 314: UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DIVISION AMENDMENTS.-AB**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 315: ALLOW SELF-INSURANCE AS PROOF OF FIN. RESP.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 316: GEN. CONTRACTORS/PLUMBING/ELECTR. EXEMPT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 317: MARINE FISHERIES REFORM.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 318: DESIGNATE OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 319: LOCAL GOV'T UNITS/SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 320: 2021 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REFORM.**

*Senate: Filed*

**LOCAL BILLS**

**H 23: UTV REGULATION/CERTAIN TOWNS. (NEW)**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 30: TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES/EMINENT DOMAIN.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 265: REINSTATE MTN ISLAND LAKE MARINE COMMISSION.**

*House: Serial Referral To Local Government Stricken*

*House: Serial Referral To Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House Stricken*

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref to the Com on Wildlife Resources, if favorable, Marine Resources and Aqua Culture, if favorable, Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 322: LIMIT ABC LICENSE REQUIREMENTS.**

*House: Filed*

**S 122: TOWN OF SPRUCE PINE/DEANNEXATION.**

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

**S 150: CITY OF MORGANTON/CHARTER AMENDMENTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 169: MODIFY KINSTON-LENOIR COUNTY TDA MEMBERSHIP.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 170: STUDENTS, PARENTS, COMMUNITY RIGHTS ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 171: BELVILLE/WINGATE SAT. ANNEX./OTHER DEANNEX. (NEW)**

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received From Senate*

**S 192: CITY OF HICKORY/PLANNING COMMISSION.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

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

**S 232: STUDENTS, PARENTS, COMMUNITY RIGHTS ACT.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

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

**S 256: STUDENTS, PARENTS, COMMUNITY RIGHTS ACT.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

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

**S 260: MOORESVILLE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTH. CHANGE.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

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

**S 294: FAYETTEVILLE PWC/SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

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