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PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 33 (2021-2022) [MODIFY DV STATUTES. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Jan 28 2021, *AN ACT TO MODIFY VARIOUS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATUTES.*

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

Amends GS 50B-1 to further modify the criteria given for the term *personal relationship*. No longer includes a relationship where the parties are current or former household members; now includes any persons in a romantic relationship who live together or have lived together within the year preceding the filing of the action (was any persons who live together or have lived together) or persons who are in a dating relationship or have been in a dating relationship within the year preceding the filing of the action (was persons who are in a dating relationship or have been in a dating relationship). Revises the definition given for a dating relationship to mean a relationship of a romantic or intimate nature characterized by the expectation of affectionate or sexual relations existing (previously just required the parties to be romantically involved) over time and on a continuing basis during the course of the relationship. Establishes six factors the court must consider in determining whether the persons are in a dating relationship or have been in a dating relationship within the year preceding the filing, including (1) the length of time during which the alleged dating activities continued prior to the alleged acts of domestic violence, (2) the nature and frequency of the parties' interactions with each other, and (3) whether the parties declared or demonstrated to each other by statement or conduct that their relationship was of a romantic nature.

Adds the following content. Amends GS 50B-3, now permitting a protective order to order a party found to be responsible for acts of domestic violence to attend and complete such counseling or treatment as the court finds is reasonably likely to resolve the issues causing the acts of domestic violence and that is reasonably available to and affordable by the party who is ordered to attend and complete the counseling or treatment (was, limited to attending and completing an abuser treatment program approved by the Domestic Violence Commission). Makes conforming changes. Revises language to refer to a "party" ordered to attend counseling or treatment rather than the "defendant" or "abuser." Amends GS 15A-1343(b)(12) to mirror the changes made to GS 50B-3 regarding protective orders, making them applicable to the regular condition of probation concerning attendance and completion of a counseling or treatment program.

Changes the act's titles.

Intro. by Warren, Moffitt, Zachary.

[GS 15A, GS 50B](#)

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

H 304 (2021-2022) [PROTECT PERSONAL INFO/LEOS, JUDGES, DAS.](#) Filed Mar 15 2021, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE CITIES AND COUNTIES TO REMOVE PERSONAL INFORMATION FROM WEBSITES MAINTAINED BY COUNTIES AND CITIES WHEN REQUESTED BY CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, PROSECUTORS, AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS AND TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PERSONNEL RECORDS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.*

House committee substitute makes the following changes to the 1st edition. Amends GS 153A-148.2 and GS 160A-208.2 by specifying that personal information includes the physical address and phone number of the individual, but not the individuals name. Makes conforming and clarifying changes.

Intro. by McNeill, Hardister, Faircloth, Miller.

[GS 153A, GS 160A](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Government, Public Records](#)

**and Open Meetings, Public Safety and Emergency
Management, State Government, State Personnel**

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*.

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

Modifies the proposed changes to GS 150B-21.3 regarding the effective dates of permanent rules, eliminating its proposed repeals and deleting proposed GS 150B-21.3B regarding legislative review of rules. Instead, amends subsection (b1) of GS 150B-21.3 to provide that when a bill that specifically disapproves of an adopted rule is introduced in either house of the NCGA before the thirty-first legislative day of that session, the rule's effective date is delayed until September 1 of the calendar year of that session (was the earlier of either the day an unfavorable final action is taken on the bill or the day that session of the NCGA adjourns without ratifying a bill that specifically disapproves the rule), unless the agency adopting the rule specifies a later effective date or the bill is enacted. Makes conforming changes.

Intro. by Moffitt, Riddell, Stevens, Yarborough.

GS 150B

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

H 349 (2021-2022) [TRAFFIC-CONTROL TRAINING PROGRAM](#). Filed Mar 22 2021, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ALLOWABLE VALIDITY PERIOD FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER APPOINTMENTS AND TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM TO OFFER A TRAFFIC-CONTROL TRAINING COURSE FOR THOSE THAT WOULD BE APPOINTED AS A TRAFFIC-CONTROL OFFICER*.

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Amends GS 20-114.1 by changing the age requirement for traffic-control officers back to 18 (was, 21). Amends the provision that requires a person who completed the required training course to take a refresher course in order to be reappointed, by removing the exception for a person whose appointment was revoked by the appointing law-enforcement agency. Changes the act's long title.

Intro. by Brody, McNeill.

GS 20

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Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Employment and Retirement, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, Department of Justice

H 359 (2021-2022) [DRIVER ELIGIBILITY CERT. WAIVER & RESTORE. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Mar 22 2021, *AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY WAIVE REQUIREMENTS THAT RELATE TO DRIVING ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATES AND TO RESTORE CERTAIN PERMITS AND PROVISIONAL LICENSES REVOKED DUE TO CERTIFICATE INELIGIBILITY*.

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

Revises and adds to the act as follows.

More specifically requires the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to waive the requirement that an applicant for a limited learner's permit or provisional license have a driving eligibility certificate or a high school diploma or its equivalent, so long as the applicant meets all other requirements for the limited learner's permit or provisional license, notwithstanding the provisions of GS 20-11(b), (d), (f), (h), and (n) (previously referenced the entire statute). Now provides for the expiration of the directed waiver on the last day of the 2021-22 school year (previously provided for the waiver for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school

years). Adds that a person holding a permit or license obtained with a waiver on the date of directed waiver provision's expiration is not required to have a driving eligibility certificate for continued validity until its expiration or the person's application for the next applicable level of provisional license.

More specifically waives the requirement that a proper school authority provide notifications to the DMV that a person no longer meets the eligibility or conditions for a driving eligibility certificate under GS 20-11(n) for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school year, notwithstanding the following requirements: GS 115C-12(28) (concerning the State Board of Education's duty to develop rules for the issuance of driving eligibility certificates), GS 115C-218.70 (concerning the duties of a designee of a charter school's board of directors for driving eligibility certificates), GS 115C-288(k) (requiring school principals to sign driving eligibility certificates and to notify the DMV), GS 115C-566 (concerning nonpublic school duties related to driving eligibility certificates), and GS 115D-5(a3) (concerning the State Board of Community Colleges' duties related to driving eligibility certificates) (previously, waived the requirements of the identified provisions for the same school years).

Adds that, notwithstanding the provisions of GS 20-13.2(c1), the DMV is prohibited from revoking a permit or provisional license of a person upon receipt of notification for the proper authority that the person no longer meets the requirements for a driving eligibility certificate under GS 20-11(n)(11); expires on the last day of the 2021-22 school year.

Directs the DMV to restore the permit or license if revoked under GS 20-13.1(c1) due to ineligibility for a driving eligibility certificate under GS 20-11(n) at no charge, and expunge any record of revocation from the person's driving record. Applies to revocations resulting from notifications of ineligibility received by the DMV dated on or after the first day of the 2021-22 school year through the date the act becomes law.

Changes the act's titles.

Intro. by Winslow, Moffitt, Torbett, Elmore.

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Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, Department of Transportation

H 404 (2021-2022) **IMMUNITY FOR 911 DISPATCHERS**. Filed Mar 24 2021, *AN ACT PROVIDING THAT PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS, REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS, AND THEIR EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS ARE NOT LIABLE FOR DAMAGES IN A CIVIL ACTION EXCEPT IN CASES OF WANTON OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT.*

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

Amends the proposed changes to GS 143B-1413 to no longer remove communications service providers from those granted civil immunity under the statute.

Intro. by Zachary, Warren.

GS 143B

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Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management

H 486 (2021-2022) **REPLACE EOC WITH NATIONAL ASSESSMENT**. Filed Apr 1 2021, *AN ACT TO USE A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ASSESSMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AND COLLEGE READINESS TO REPLACE THE END-OF-COURSE TESTS FOR GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE AND TO ESTABLISH A NEW CAREER READINESS INDICATOR.*

House amendment makes the following changes to the 2nd edition. Makes a clarifying change to GS 115C-83.16(a)(2).

Intro. by Elmore, Bell, K. Hall, Torbett.

UNCODIFIED, GS 115C, GS 116

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, Department of Public Instruction, State Board of Education, Local Government

H 585 (2021-2022) **FAIL TO REPORT CRIME/PRIVILEGE EXEMPTION**. Filed Apr 15 2021, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS AND PSYCHIATRISTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REPORT CERTAIN CRIMES AGAINST JUVENILES IF A PRIVILEGE AGAINST DISCLOSURE UNDER STATE LAW WOULD PREVENT THEM FROM DOING SO.*

House committee substitute amends the 1st edition as follows.

Further amends GS 14-318.6, which establishes a duty for anyone 18 or older who knows or should have reasonably known that a juvenile has been or is the victim of a violent offense, sexual offense, or misdemeanor child abuse to immediately report the case of that juvenile to the appropriate local law enforcement agency in the county where the juvenile resides or is found, with failure constituting a Class 1 misdemeanor. Expands subsection (h) to also provide that the statute does not require a person with psychiatrist-client or patient privilege to report pursuant to the statute if that privilege would prevent that person from doing so. Makes clarifying changes. Makes conforming changes to the act's long title.

Intro. by K. Baker, Stevens, Wheatley, Carter.

GS 14

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Courts/Judiciary, Evidence, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Child Welfare

H 602 (2021-2022) **UNC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES/HR/REPORTS**. Filed Apr 19 2021, *AN ACT TO EXEMPT FINANCE, BUSINESS OFFICE, AND AUDITOR PROFESSIONALS FROM MOST PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN RESOURCES ACT, TO CONSOLIDATE AND ELIMINATE CERTAIN REPORTS, TO MAKE CHANGES FOR IN-STATE TUITION FOR VETERANS TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAW, TO CODIFY CAPITAL PROJECT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE MORGANTON CAMPUS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS.*

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

Adds new Part IVA. as follows. Amends GS 122C-430 to allow the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to designate one or more special police officers to make up a joint security force to enforce state law, ordinances and regulations on the Morganton campus of the NC School of Science and Mathematics, with the same enforcement authority as those joint security forces established for the other territories identified in existing law. Makes conforming changes to the act's long title.

Intro. by Hardister, Pickett, Arp, K. Smith.

UNCODIFIED, GS 66, GS 116, GS 122C, GS 126, GS 143, GS 143C

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Employment and Retirement, Government, State Agencies, UNC System, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of State Budget and Management, State Government, State Personnel, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Military and Veteran's Affairs

H 605 (2021-2022) [VOTERS RIGHT TO KNOW ACT](#). Filed Apr 19 2021, *AN ACT TO EQUIP VOTERS WITH RESOURCES AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE VOTING PROCESS PRIOR TO ENTERING THE VOTING PLACE.*

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

Makes technical changes throughout GS 163-166.7A, proposed GS 163-307, and GS 163-307, to refer to the "State Board" rather than the State Board of Elections.

Revises the required information of placards mandated by new subsection (c) of GS 163-166.7A, to include a statement indicating that voters can bring electronic or paper voting guides, notes, and informational materials inside the voting booth (previously did not specify form), and a statement indicating the voter can access the State Board's website, rather than the State Board, for more information on voting.

Adds to proposed GS 163-307 to require the State Board to provide training to county boards of elections staff for local elections in accordance with the training required of county boards of elections staff for federal or State offices with regard to voter education information placard requirements of GS 163-166.7A(c) pursuant to GS 163-166.7A(d), which requires training at least 90 days before the beginning of each voting period and permits virtual training.

Amends the proposed changes to GS 163-22, revising the time the mandated toll-free telephone must be staffed and operated by a State Board staff member to (1) beginning with the first day voting places are open pursuant to GS 163-227.2(b) through the Monday prior to election day, from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. each calendar day, and (2) on election day, from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (was from the time that voting places must be open through 30 minutes after the polls are closed each day during the period from the first day ballots are available for voting pursuant to GS 163-227.10 through election day).

Deletes the proposed changes to GS 163-82.24, regarding training and certification of election officials, as well as the appropriation to the State Board for purposes of staffing the toll-free telephone number. Makes conforming changes.

Intro. by Winslow, Dahle, Hawkins, Mills.

GS 163

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Government, Elections, State Agencies, State Board of Elections, Local Government

H 607 (2021-2022) [LEO BACKGROUND CHECKS/FBI RAP BACK SERVICES](#). Filed Apr 20 2021, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION AND THE SHERIFFS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION AND TO IMPLEMENT THE USE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION'S RECORD OF ARREST AND PROSECUTION BACKGROUND (RAP BACK) SERVICE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT HIRING PURPOSES.*

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Amends proposed GS 143B-972.1 by making clarifying and organizational changes. Removes the provision from subsection (a) and adds it to an uncodified section 2 of the act that directed individuals already certified by the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission or the NC Sheriffs Education and Training Standards Commission (Commissions) to submit fingerprints to the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) by June 30, 2022. Specifies that the SBI must search the State's criminal history record files, forward a set of prints to the FBI for a national history record check, and maintain the prints under new GS 143B-972.1. Changes the act's effective date from December 1, 2021, to when the act becomes law.

Intro. by McNeill, C. Smith, Greene, Miller.

GS 143B

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Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management

H 615 (2021-2022) [JUVENILE COURT MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS](#). Filed Apr 20 2021, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN APPROPRIATE MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT TO BE PROVIDED FOR JUVENILES WHO HAVE BEEN ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT.*

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

Further amends GS 7B-2502 and the proposed changes to the statute by making organizational changes. Makes conforming changes.

Intro. by Davis.

GS 7B

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Courts/Judiciary, Juvenile Law, Delinquency, Health and Human Services, Mental Health

H 712 (2021-2022) **PRESERVATION OF WORKFORCE HOUSING**. Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF SUBJECTIVE STANDARDS IN CONDITIONAL USE PERMITTING BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENTS WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS FOR FAMILIES MEETING CERTAIN INCOME LEVEL REQUIREMENTS*.

Amends GS 160D-703 (Zoning districts) to prohibit local governments from imposing harmony requirements or other subjective standards in districts where multifamily housing is allowed if the development includes affordable housing.

Intro. by B. Jones, Wray.

GS 160D

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction, Land Use, Planning and Zoning, Property and Housing, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Public Assistance

H 713 (2021-2022) **RURAL TOURISM RECOVERY PILOT**. Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A RURAL TOURISM RECOVERY PILOT PROGRAM*.

Appropriates \$1 million of the federal funds the State received under the American Recovery Plan Act (2021 P.L. 117-2) to the Department of Commerce (Department) to create the North Carolina Rural Tourism Recovery Pilot Program, a program to invest in rural areas affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Directs the funds be allocated to a non-profit corporation the Department contracts with, and directs the non-profit to develop guidelines for administration of the program.

Intro. by Goodwin.

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of Commerce

H 714 (2021-2022) **VOLUNTEER EMS PROVIDERS/GRANT PROGRAM**. Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS THAT PROVIDE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND ASSISTANCE SERVICES*.

Appropriates \$500,000 in non-recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management (Division) to provide grants to governmental entities and nonprofits that provide emergency medical services (EMS). Directs the Division to develop policies and procedures for administration of the grant program, including a \$10,000 grant amount maximum, allocation of up to 1% of funds appropriated for administrative costs, and a requirement to prioritize EMS providers in development tier one and tier two areas (top 80 counties ranked based on development factors outlined in G.S. 143B-437.08). Directs the Division to report to the specified General Assembly committee and division on

distribution of the funds by November 1, 2021, and on recipients' use of the funds by June 30, 2022. Effective July 1, 2021, and applies to grants on or after that date.

Intro. by Cooper-Suggs, Hurtado, Roberson, A. Jones.

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and
Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of
Public Safety**

H 715 (2021-2022) **PENALTY/ELECTION LAW VIOLATION/BOARD MEETINGS**. Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR ANY MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OR A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS WHO CASTS CERTAIN VOTES DURING AN OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING IN VIOLATION OF ELECTIONS LAW*.

Amends GS 163-20 (meetings of the State Board of Elections) to make it a class H felony for a member of the State Board of Elections to knowingly cast a vote to sanction or set a rule in an election that is in violation of election law enacted by the General Assembly or certify any election that was conducted in violation of election law enacted by the General Assembly. Amends GS 163-31 (meetings of county boards of elections) making it a class H felony for a member of a county board of elections to knowingly cast a vote to sanction or set a rule in an election that is in violation of election law enacted by the General Assembly or certify any election that was conducted in violation of election law enacted by the General Assembly.

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

GS 163

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Government, Elections

H 716 (2021-2022) **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION/RISK REDUCTION PROGRAMS**. Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE UTILITIES COMMISSION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL REQUIRE ALL COMMON CARRIERS OF PASSENGERS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A RISK REDUCTION PROGRAM TO REDUCE INCIDENCES AND OCCURRENCES OF ACCIDENTS, INJURIES, ASSAULTS, AND DEATHS ON OPERATORS AND PASSENGERS*.

Amends Article 10 of GS Chapter 62 (public utilities – transportation) to add GS 62-213 directing the North Carolina Utilities Commission and Department of Public Safety to require common carriers to develop and implement risk reduction programs aimed at reducing incidents of accidents, injuries, assaults, and deaths on common carriers. Directs common carriers to: (1) implement safety measures, including technology and infrastructure; (2) train operators in de-escalation tactics; (3) update the risk reduction program annually; (4) collect data on accidents, deaths, injuries, and assaults and make data available to operators; and (5) repair and replace technology or infrastructure implemented pursuant to this section. Effective January 1, 2022.

Intro. by Dahle, Hunt, John, Hawkins.

GS 62

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

H 717 (2021-2022) **ABOLISH OFFICE OF COUNTY CORONER**. Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT ABOLISHING THE OFFICE OF COUNTY CORONER IN THIS STATE AND MAKING CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE RELEVANT STATUTES*.

Part I. Repeals GS Chapter 152, which provides for the election, power and duties of a county coroner.

Part II.

Amends GS 1-313 to deem the clerk of court the proper official to which an execution for the enforcement of a judgement must be directed when the sheriff is a party to or interested in the judgement (currently only if the county has abolished the

office of coroner). Makes conforming changes.

Repeals GS 130A-394 which requires coroners to make inquests and preliminary hearings when specified circumstances surrounding the deceased's death so require.

Amends GS 153A-149 to eliminate providing for the county medical examiner or coroner from the authorized purposes for a county to levy property taxes.

Amends GS 162-5 and GS 162-5.1 to charge the chief deputy sheriff or the senior deputy in years of service with service of process duties of the sheriff in the event of vacancy (currently only if the county has abolished the office of coroner).

Amends GS 162-16 to direct the clerk of court to serve or execute summonses, orders or judgements, or other acts required of the sheriff when the sheriff is a party.

Makes conforming changes to the following statutes to remove reference to a coroner: GS 1A-1, Rule 45; GS 7A-312; GS 14-230; GS 14-240; GS 17-18 (with conforming changes to the statute's title); GS 17-19; GS 17-22; GS 17-44; GS 39-5; GS 58-72-10; GS 58-76-5; GS 58-76-15; GS 58-76-30; GS 90-210.25; GS 90-210.124; GS 128-13; GS 130A-389.1; GS 130A-420; GS 153A-149; GS 153A-225; GS 162-13; and GS 163-1.

Part III.

Provides for elected coroners to serve until the expiration of his or her term, with applicable statutes and local acts remaining in full force and effect in counties which have not abolished the office of coroner. Provides for the abolition of each office as current coroners' terms expire, with applicable statutes and local acts repealed for that county at that time.

Intro. by Boles, Miller, Hunter, Wray.

[GS 1](#), [GS 1A](#), [GS 7A](#), [GS 14](#), [GS 17](#), [GS 39](#), [GS 58](#), [GS 90](#), [GS 128](#), [GS 130A](#), [GS 153A](#), [GS 162](#), [GS 163](#)

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H 718 (2021-2022) [LICENSURE REQS. COSMETIC ART](#). Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COSMETOLOGY, ESTHETICIAN, MANICURIST, AND NATURAL HAIR CARE TEACHERS LICENSED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF COSMETIC ART EXAMINERS.*

Amends GS 88B-11 (North Carolina Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners (Board) – qualifications for teaching license) to do the following:

- (1) Reduce the work experience required for licensure as a cosmetology teacher, esthetician teacher, manicurist teacher, or natural hair care teacher by the Board to one year (was, five years) of full-time work prior to application for licensure or completion of at least 800 hours of a teacher (was, cosmetology teacher) curriculum;
- (2) Add a teaching examination requirement for licensure as a hair care teacher; and
- (3) Change the teaching examinations required for licensure as a cosmetology teacher, esthetician teacher, or manicurist teacher to a general teaching exam.

Effective October 1, 2021.

Intro. by K. Smith, A. Baker.

[GS 88B](#)

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

H 719 (2021-2022) [REPEAL DEATH PENALTY](#). Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT TO REPEAL THE DEATH PENALTY AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL CURRENT PRISONERS SENTENCED TO DEATH SHALL BE RESENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE.*

Enacts new GS 15A-1340.13A, which provides that no crime shall be punishable by death. Makes conforming changes to criminal laws and procedures in GS Chapters 7A, 14, 15, and 15A by removing all reference to punishment by death. Repeals GS Chapter 15, Subchapter XV, related to capital punishment.

Amends GS Chapter 90 to remove language in the practice acts referencing the role of doctors, nurses, and pharmacists participating in an execution.

Directs the Attorney General to petition courts to vacate every death sentence and resentence the person to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

Effective when the act becomes law and applies to any person sentenced to death before, on, or after that date.

Intro. by K. Smith, Quick.

GS 14, GS 15, GS 15A, GS 90

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Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Criminal Justice, Corrections (Sentencing/Probation), Government, State Agencies, Department of Justice, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers

H 720 (2021-2022) **PLANNING & ZONING-DOT/PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES**. Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE ACCEPTANCE OF A TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BEFORE A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE REQUIRED BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS RELEASED.*

Amends GS 160D-804.1 (performance guarantees to assure compliance with subdivision development regulations) to do the following:

- (1) Change the period for completion of improvements subject to bonded performance guarantees to be no more than one year initially;
- (2) Require letters of credit or escrow funds securing a performance guarantee be timely released upon completion of the improvements to the local government's specifications or satisfaction and upon acceptance by both the local government and the Department of Transportation; and
- (3) Make clarifying changes.

Intro. by Majeed, K. Smith, Hawkins, Belk.

GS 160D

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Land Use, Planning and Zoning, Government, State Agencies, Transportation

H 721 (2021-2022) **COUNTIES/SEMIANNUAL ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS**. Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO PROVIDE THAT ASSESSMENTS MAY BE PAID IN EITHER SEMIANNUAL OR ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS.*

Amends GS 153A-199 (payment of county special assessments in full or by installments) to do the following:

- (1) Provide that special assessment installment payments, if offered by the county, may be either annual or semi-annual;
- (2) Cap the number of installment payments for special assessments to 40 for semi-annual installments and 20 for annual installments;
- (3) Provide that semi-annual installments either (i) begin with the first installment due on the day property taxes are due with future installments due on the same day in each successive six month period or (ii) begin with the first installment due 60 days after the assessment role is confirmed with future installments due on the same day in each successive six month period; and
- (4) Provide that annual installments either (i) begin with the first installment due on the day property taxes are due with future installments due on the same day in each successive year or (ii) begin with the first installment due 60 days after the assessment role is confirmed with future installments due on the same day in each successive year.

Effective when the bill becomes law and applies to assessments made on or after that date.

Intro. by Majeed, K. Smith, Hawkins, Belk.**GS 153A**[View summary](#)**Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing,
Government, Local Government**

H 722 (2021-2022) **EXPAND ALLOWABLE GROWLER SIZE**. Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION TO ALLOW GROWLERS UP TO FOUR LITERS*.

Directs the ABC Commission to implement the Growler Size Rule, 14B NCAC 15C .0307, by defining growler as a rigid glass, ceramic, plastic, aluminum, or stainless steel container with a closure or cap with a secure sealing that is no larger than 4 liters into which a malt beverage or unfortified wine is pre-filled, filled, or refilled for off-premises consumption. Directs the ABC Commission to amend the Growler Size Rule consistent with this directive.

Intro. by Moffitt, Tyson, Hanig, Hawkins.**UNCODIFIED**[View summary](#)**Alcoholic Beverage Control**

H 723 (2021-2022) **REENACT & REVISE RACIAL JUSTICE ACT**. Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT TO REENACT THE RACIAL JUSTICE ACT AND TO PROHIBIT THE STATE FROM SEEKING A CRIMINAL CONVICTION OR SENTENCE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, ETHNICITY, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN*.

Re-enacts Article 101 of GS Chapter 15A (The Racial Justice Act). Amends Article 101 of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes as re-enacted by adding GS 15A-2013 which does the following:

(1) Prohibits the State from seeking or obtaining a criminal conviction or sentence on the basis of race, ethnicity, or national origin. Violations of this prohibition include: (i) a judge, juror, attorney, officer, or expert witness exhibits bias towards the defendant or uses racially discriminatory language because of the defendant's race, ethnicity, or national origin; (ii) race, ethnicity, or national origin was a factor in using a preemptory challenge; (iii) the defendant was charged or convicted of a more serious offense than others similarly situated who committed the same offense, and the prosecution more often sought convictions for more serious offenses against people who share the defendant's race, ethnicity, or national origin; (iv) the defendant received a longer or more serious sentence than others similarly situated who were convicted of the same offense, and longer or more serious sentences are more often imposed on people who share the defendant's race, ethnicity, or national origin; (v) the defendant received a longer or more serious sentence than others similarly situated who were convicted of the same offense, and longer or more serious sentences are more often imposed on defendants in cases with victims of one race, ethnicity, or national origin.

(2) Provides for a motion alleging violation of this prohibition, and requires a hearing on the motion if the defendant makes a prima facie showing of a violation of this prohibition.

(3) Requires that evidence may be provided at the hearing by either party, the violation must be proven beyond a preponderance of the evidence, and the court must make findings on the record.

(4) Provides removal of a juror, mistrial, empaneling a new jury, and making adjustments to the charges are remedies for a violation of this prohibition found prior to judgement.

(5) Provides that vacating the judgement and holding new proceedings or vacating the sentence and resentencing are remedies for a violation of this prohibition found after judgement.

(6) Provides that a defendant is not eligible for the death penalty if a violation of this prohibition is found.

(7) Provides that the prohibitions and provisions of this section apply to juvenile court proceeding.

Effective when the bill becomes law and applies retroactively.

Intro. by Alston, Morey, Harrison, Autry.**GS 15A**[View summary](#)**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and
Procedure**

H 724 (2021-2022) [REPEAL DEATH PENALTY](#). Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT TO REPEAL THE DEATH PENALTY AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL CURRENT PRISONERS SENTENCED TO DEATH SHALL BE RESENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE.*

Includes whereas clauses.

Enacts new GS 15A-1340.13A, which provides that no crime shall be punishable by death. Makes conforming changes to criminal laws and procedures in GS Chapters 7A, 14, 15, and 15A by removing all reference to punishment by death. Repeals GS Chapter 15, Subchapter XV, related to capital punishment.

Amends GS Chapter 90 to remove language in the practice acts referencing the role of doctors, nurses, and pharmacists participating in an execution.

Directs the Attorney General to petition courts to vacate every death sentence and resentence the person to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

Effective when the act becomes law and applies to any person sentenced to death before, on, or after that date.

Intro. by Alston, Meyer, Hawkins, Morey.

GS 14, GS 15, GS 15A, GS 90

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Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Criminal Justice, Corrections (Sentencing/Probation), Government, State Agencies, Department of Justice, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers

H 725 (2021-2022) [EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES ACT](#). Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES ACT.*

Enacts new Article 26, *Earned Wage Access Services Act*, in GS Chapter 53, providing as follows. Requires registration as an earned wage access (EWA) service provider before providing earned wage access services. Sets the registration and renewal fee at \$1,000; registration must be renewed every three years, with the requirements and procedures for registration applicable to renewals. Sets out information that must be included in the application for registration, which must be submitted through the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry (NMLS) along with the payment of actual costs of obtaining a credit report and criminal background check and processing fees required by the NMLS. Provides for approval of an applicant's registration upon the Commissioner of Banks (Commissioner) making four specified findings. Deems registration not assignable.

Allows a registered EWA service provider to provide earned wage access services through a contract with an obligor or service provider to an obligor if: (1) the EWA service provider verifies the consumer's earned wages based on data relating directly to the consumer's earnings in that pay period; (2) the EWA service provider informs the consumer in writing that the consumer has a right to receive the full amount of the obligor's next payment of wages on the next date on which the obligor is scheduled to pay the consumer if the consumer chooses to not use earned wage access services; and (3) the consumer authorizes in writing that the amount of the payment of earned wages from the EWA service provider is to be deducted from the obligor's next payment of wages to the consumer. Prohibits an obligor from sharing information with an EWA service provider relating to the obligor's accrued and expected obligations to the consumer unless the obligor has entered into a contract for earned wage access services with the EWA service provider and the consumer has given advance consent to sharing the information. Allows an EWA service provider to charge a fee for earned wage access services if they are disclosed in writing to the consumer before the consumer chooses to use the services. Provides that if an EWA service provider complies with this Article, then the EWA service provider's earned wage access services are not lending activity and its payments pursuant to those services are not loans, and any fees for the EWA service provider's earned wage access services are not interest. Allows the Commissioner to examine an EWA service provider, with the costs borne by the EWA service provider, including upon receipt of a consumer complaint. Specifies when the reimbursement of these expenses can be waived. Provides for confidentiality of information received by the Commissioner pursuant to the Article and authorized sharing of information. Allows the Commissioner to

adopt rules to enforce the Article, with aggrieved parties permitted to appeal to the State Banking Commission for review as specified. Sets out actions that may be taken for violations of this Article or rules adopted thereunder by EWA service providers, after notice and opportunity for hearing, to include (1) revoking, suspending, or refusing to renew an EWA service provider's registration; (2) ordering an EWA service provider to cease and desist from providing earned wage access services; and (3) assessing a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 for each willful violation, remitted as specified. Provides for the effect of registration under the Article with regards to service of process. Failure to comply with the Article is an unfair or deceptive trade practice. Requires registration through NMLS and authorizes the Commissioner to participate in NMLS.

Effective May 1, 2022.

Intro. by Moffitt, Humphrey, K. Hall, Wray.

[GS 53](#)

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[Banking and Finance, Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing](#)

H 726 (2021-2022) [RESTORATION OF ACH LICENSURE AFTER VIOLATIONS](#). Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT CONCERNING RESTORATION OF FULL ADULT CARE HOME LICENSURE FOLLOWING A LICENSE DOWNGRADE OR A SUSPENSION OF ADMISSIONS DUE TO PRIOR LICENSE VIOLATIONS; AND ESTABLISHING FOR ALL ADULT CARE HOME LICENSURE APPLICANTS THE RIGHT TO CONTEST A DENIAL OF CERTIFICATION OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH A CORRECTION PLAN.*

Amends GS 131D-2.4(c) (licensure of adult care homes – prior violations) prohibiting the issuance of a license for an adult care home to an applicant who is affiliated with an adult care home that had a suspension of admission or had its license downgraded to a provisional license until the earlier of (1) six months after the provisional license is made a full license or the suspension of admissions is terminated (as under current law) or (2) the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) has certified the adult care home's substantial compliance with a correction plan. Provides a right to an administrative hearing to contest a denial of a certification of substantial compliance (was, the Secretary's decision is final). Amends GS 131D-2.7(d)(1) [suspension of new admissions imposed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (Secretary)] providing that a suspension of new admission to an adult care home imposed by the Secretary remains in effect until the department certifies the home's substantial compliance with a correction plan.

Effective October 1, 2021, and applies to licensure activities occurring on or after that date.

Intro. by Wray.

[GS 131D](#)

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[Health and Human Services, Social Services, Adult Services](#)

H 727 (2021-2022) [ADULT CARE HOMES/LICENSURE BY ACCREDITATION](#). Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LICENSURE BY ACCREDITATION PROCESS FOR ADULT CARE HOMES; EXEMPTING ADULT CARE HOMES THAT ARE LICENSED BY VIRTUE OF ACCREDITATION FROM ROUTINE INSPECTIONS AND THE STAR RATING PROGRAM FOR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR AN ASSISTED LIVING ACCREDITATION GRANT PROGRAM AND FOR A COMPARISON OF RESIDENT OUTCOMES IN ACCREDITED VERSUS NON-ACCREDITED ADULT CARE HOMES.*

Section 1

States legislative intent to authorize the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Health Service Regulation (DHSR) to issue an adult care home license to applicants that obtain assisted living program accreditation from a nationally recognized accrediting body approved by DHSR pursuant to Section 3 of this act, without need for further review or inspection.

Section 2

Enacts GS 131D-2.4(h) to deem an adult care home that has been licensed for at least 12 months to meet the licensure requirements of adult care homes, and requires DHHS to issue an adult care home license without further review or inspection,

if the facility obtains assisted living program accreditation from a nationally recognized accrediting body approved by DHHS. Requires such facilities to submit specified information to DHSR in order to obtain the license. Specifies that obtaining a license in this manner does not exempt an adult care home from licensure requirements established under Part 1 of Article 1. Allows DHHS and county departments of social services (dss) to conduct validation surveys on adult care homes licensed in this manner. Exempts adult care homes licensed by virtue of accreditation from routine inspections by DHHS or county dss, other than routine monitoring for compliance with State and federal laws. Requires DHHS or a county dss that receives a complaint of such a licensee to forward the complaint to the accrediting body for investigation, except allegations of abuse or neglect. Establishes procedures for forwarded complaints. Requires these adult care homes to be noted as accredited rather than receiving ratings pursuant to Medical Care Commission rules under GS 131D-10. Effective upon determination by the Program on Aging, Disability, and Long-Term Care of the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research at UNC-Chapel Hill (Program at Sheps Center) that accreditation is demonstrably related to or improved adult care home resident outcomes, based on the quality measures approved by DHHS under GS 131D-2.13, as enacted. Requires the DHHS Secretary to notify the Revisor of Statutes upon receipt of that determination.

Section 3

Adds the following to GS 131D-2.13. Establishes procedures for DHHS to approve accrediting bodies seeking to issue adult care home licenses under new GS 131D-2.4(h), including submitting an application to be reviewed for compliance with licensure requirements and residents' bill of rights set forth in state law, with DHHS denial or approval mandated within 12 months of receiving the application. Requires written notice of denial with reasoning and notice of the right to appeal under the Administrative Procedure Act. Directs DHHS to annually publish a list of criteria for measuring resident outcomes in adult care homes consistent with the criteria for assisted living program accreditation, beginning October 1, 2021. Provides for the basis of the criteria to be recommendations of the Program at Sheps Center and required consultation with approved accrediting bodies. Provides example criteria. Requires termination of approval upon noncompliance with the minimum requirements established by DHHS, with required written notice of the reasons for termination and the right of the accrediting body to appeal under the Administrative Procedure Act.

Section 4

Appropriates \$1.5 million from the General Fund to DHSR for 2021-22 to be allocated to the NC Senior Living Association (NCSLA), Inc. and the NC Assisted Living Association (NCALA), Inc. to jointly establish and operate an adult care home accreditation grant program, providing grant awards to up to 150 licensed adult care homes to cover the cost of obtaining and maintaining a three-year accreditation from one of the approved accrediting bodies. Requires the Adult Care Licensure Section of DHSR to establish criteria for selection of grantees, as specified, in consultation with the Associations. Restricts use of grants to contract with an approved accrediting body for a three-year accreditation. Effective July 1, 2021.

Section 5

Appropriates \$350,000 from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors for 2021-22 to be allocated to UNC-Chapel Hill for the Program on Aging, Disability, and Long-Term Care within the Sheps Center. Restricts use of the funds to (1) developing and providing DHHS a recommended list of criteria for measuring resident outcomes in adult care homes consistent with criteria for assisted living program accreditation; provides examples; (2) monitoring and comparing the quality of approved outcomes measures in adult care home that obtained three-year assisted living program accreditation under the grant program and non-accredited adult care homes licensed in the State; and (3) preparing required reports. Directs the Program at Sheps Center to compare resident outcomes between adult care homes that participated in the grant program and non-accredited adult care homes for three year from the expiration of the grant program, with required cooperation by the Adult Care Licensure Section and approved accrediting bodies. Requires interim reports by December 1, 2022, and December 1, 2023, and a final report by December 1, 2024, to the NCGA and the DHHS Secretary, as specified. Effective July 1, 2021.

Intro. by Wray, Brisson.

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, UNC System, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers](#)

H 728 (2021-2022) [ACH/MODEL INFECTION CONTROL POL. & AMP PROCEDURES](#). Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO ADULT CARE HOMES MODEL INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES; AND TO DEVELOP UPDATED INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR ADULT CARE HOME SUPERVISORS.*

Amends GS 131D-4.5C to require the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to develop, in consultation with associations representing adult care home providers, model infection prevention and control policies and procedures that are consistent with accepted national standards and address the factors identified in GS 131D-4.4A(b)(1). Requires that the model infection prevention and control policies and procedures be available to adult care homes on DHHS's website. Also requires DHHS to develop a mandatory, annual course for adult care home supervisors on implementation of the model infection prevention and control policies.

Requires DHHS, by December 1, 2021, to: (1) develop and post to its website the model infection prevention and control policies and procedures; and (2) develop the mandatory, annual course for adult care home supervisors.

Effective December 1, 2021.

Intro. by Wray, Brisson.

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

H 729 (2021-2022) [CHARTER SCHOOLS OMNIBUS](#). Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING CHARTER SCHOOLS.*

To be summarized.

Intro. by Yarborough, Hardister, Bradford, Brody.

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H 730 (2021-2022) [BOG/BD OF TRUSTEE APPT. CHANGES](#). Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF APPOINTMENT FOR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES FOR CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.*

To be summarized.

Intro. by Everitt.

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H 731 (2021-2022) [ADULT DAY CARE CONSISTENCY/FUNDING SOURCES](#). Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM RATE-SETTING PROCESS FOR ADULT DAY CARE SERVICES AND ADULT DAY HEALTH SERVICES FUNDED BY THE HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT AND THE STATE ADULT DAY CARE FUND.*

Repeals the maximum rates established by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for adult day care and adult day health services paid for by the Home and Community Care block grant or the State Adult Day Care Fund.

Amends Part 14 of Article 3 of GS Chapter 143B (DHHS, Division of Aging) to enacting GS 143B-181.1C directing the

county board of commissioners of each county to set the maximum rates for services funded by the county's allocations from the Home and Community Care block grant or the State Adult Day Care Fund, including adult day care and adult day health services.

Intro. by White.

GS 143B

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Government, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Adult Services

H 732 (2021-2022) [PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION ACT](#). Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION OVERSIGHT BOARD.*

To be summarized.

Intro. by Ball, Autry, Insko, Roberson.

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H 733 (2021-2022) [EXTEND TERMS/NC RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL](#). Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RARE DISEASES.*

Amends GS 130A-33.65 to allow the members of the Advisory Council on Rare Diseases to serve no more than three (was, two) consecutive terms. Applies to current members of the Council.

Intro. by Carney, Lambeth, Belk, White.

GS 130A

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Health and Human Services, Health

H 734 (2021-2022) [DEPT. OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES REVISIONS](#). Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL, CONFORMING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.*

To be summarized.

Intro. by Potts, Stevens.

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H 735 (2021-2022) [MINIMUM CONTRACTS/COASTAL DREDGING SERVICES](#). Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A MINIMUM OF THREE COMPETITIVE BIDS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED FOR CONTRACTS FOR DREDGING SERVICES IN THE STATE'S COASTAL WATERS TO ALLOW FOR THE COMPLETION OF DREDGING PROJECTS IN A MORE TIMELY AND COST-EFFICIENT MANNER.*

Amends GS 143-132, as the title indicates.

Intro. by C. Smith, McElraft, Iler, Miller.

GS 143

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Government, State Government, State Property

H 736 (2021-2022) [TIMELY UPDATES TO NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM](#). Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT REQUIRING THAT NEW CONDITIONS LISTED ON THE RECOMMENDED UNIFORM SCREENING PANEL (RUSP) BE ADDED TO NORTH CAROLINA'S NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER BEING ADDED TO THE RUSP.*

Amends GS 130A-125, as the title indicates. Effective January 1, 2022.

Intro. by Brisson, Wray, Carney.

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[Health and Human Services, Health](#)

H 737 (2021-2022) [LOCAL FOOD MARKET EXPANSION ACT](#). Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT TO SUPPORT INCREASED ACCESS TO LOCAL FOOD MARKETS FOR NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS.*

Adds new Article 70A, Local Market Access Assistance, to GS Chapter 106, providing as follows. Sets out the NCGA's findings and purpose. Establishes the GAP Expenses Cost Share Program (Program) in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Department) to provide cost-sharing for GAP expenses. Defines *GAP expenses* as expenses incurred by farms in obtaining food safety certification and changes and upgrades to practices and equipment to improve food safety; excludes third-party audit expenses eligible for funding under the GAP Certification Cost Share Program. Requires funding priority be given to disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and beginning farmers and ranchers. Requires the Program to provide no more than 75% of the average cost for each GAP expense, with the participating farmer providing 25%. Sets out limitations on the amount awarded per year to a participating farmer, on the amount awarded over the farmer's lifetime, on the number of applications allowed per farm per year, and requires that participating farmers have an average annual adjusted gross income for the previous two years that is at or below \$250,000 (with the listed exception). Establishes the GAP Expenses Cost Share Fund to support the Program, consisting of NCGA appropriations and other funding made available to the Department from federal government programs, the State, or other public and private sources. Requires the Department to report annually to the specified NCGA committee and division on Program activities and Fund disbursements, including specified information. Requires the Department to establish temporary and permanent rules to implement the program.

Appropriates \$1 million for 2021-22 and \$1 million for 2022-23 from the General Fund to the Department with: (1) \$600,000 in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 fiscal years to the GAP Expenses Cost Share Program and (2) \$400,000 in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 fiscal years to the GAP Certification Cost Share Program. Effective July 1, 2021.

Intro. by Gillespie, Penny, Dixon, Ager.

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[Agriculture, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services](#)

H 738 (2021-2022) [RECODIFICATION OF CRIMINAL LAWS](#). Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BIPARTISAN NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE WORKING GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE RECODIFICATION OF NORTH CAROLINA'S CRIMINAL LAWS.*

Creates the nine-member Bipartisan North Carolina Legislative Working Group on Criminal Law Recodification (Working Group) to make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding a streamlined, comprehensive, orderly, and principled criminal code that includes all common law, statutory, regulatory, and ordinance crimes. Requires the Working Group to solicit feedback from the public as well as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Attorney General, the Conference of District Attorneys, Indigent Defense Services, the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police, the North Carolina Police Benevolent Association, the North Carolina League of Municipalities, and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

Establishes Working Group membership requirements and requires that appointments be made no later than 30 days after the act becomes law. Requires the Working Group to meet at least monthly beginning no later than August 15, 2021. Sets out provisions on filling vacancies, establishing a quorum, and assigning staff. Terminates the Working Group on December 31, 2022.

Requires the Working Group to establish general principles that provide for at least the eight listed elements, including applying consistent terminology across statutes and defining all terminology, specifying the required mental state or that an offense is a strict liability crime, eliminating redundant crimes and multiple punishments for the same conduct, and eliminating outdated laws.

Sets out the following required deliverables: (1) for common law crimes and crimes included in the NC General Statutes, create a database of all statutory and common law crimes, including specified information, and draft legislation amending, recodifying, or proposing changes to the criminal statutes in a format consistent with the NCGA's drafting conventions; (2) for crimes created by local ordinances, create a database of ordinance offenses, including specified information; report on common ordinance crimes, including charging data and a range of policy options for addressing ordinance crimes consistent with the Working Group's goals; and draft legislation using a format consistent with the NCGA's drafting conventions; and (3) for crimes created by administrative boards and bodies, create a database of all crimes created by administrative boards and bodies that make it a crime to violate any regulation created by an administrative board or body, including specified information; report on policy options for addressing regulatory crimes consistent with the Working Group's goals; and draft legislation using a format consistent with the NCGA's drafting conventions.

Effective July 1, 2021.

Intro. by Riddell, Reives, Stevens, Morey.

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Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Local Government

H 739 (2021-2022) **MODIFY PROPERTY TAX APPEAL PROCESS**. Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL PROCESS*.

Amends GS 105-322(g)(2), which governs hearings by a board of equalization and review of listing or appraisals of property taxable by the county upon request by the taxpayer who owns or controls the taxable property. Expands on the provisions governing request for a hearing before the board, now allowing for a written request to be made by one or more of the persons allowed to appear on behalf of the taxpayer under the provisions of new sub-subdivision c1. Enacts new sub-subdivision c1. to explicitly require the appellant to appear at the hearing, with failure to appear grounds for dismissal of the appeal if no continuance is requested or granted. Enumerates seven methods for an appellant to appear, including natural persons appearing for themselves or by a relative appointed to appear on their behalf; trustees appearing on behalf of appellant trusts; general partners appearing on behalf of appellant partnerships; nonattorney representatives appearing on behalf of corporate entities, subject to advanced notice to the board; licensed attorneys appearing for any appellant; and attorneys not licensed in the State appearing for any appellant upon compliance with the limited practice provisions for out-of-state attorneys in GS 84-4.1.

Amends GS 105-290 to explicitly prohibit a property owner from excepting to and appealing an order of the county board of equalization and review or the board of county commissioners concerning the listing, appraisal, or assessment of property for a tax year for which the property owner has consented in writing to the terms of the order.

Intro. by Turner, Bradford, K. Hall.

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, Tax, Local Government

H 740 (2021-2022) [DEFINED MERGING AREAS/ZIPPER MERGE](#). Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE RULES OF THE ROAD WITH RESPECT TO MERGING AT DEFINED MERGING AREAS AND REQUIRING DRIVERS EDUCATION ON THE ZIPPER MERGE*.

Enacts GS 20-156.1 to mandate that a driver entering a defined merging area where two lanes of traffic of a highway merge into one operate the vehicle as to not block the flow of traffic in either lane, adjusting speed and position as required and with regard for the speed of others and highway conditions. Requires alternate yielding the right-of-way beginning with the right-most vehicle when vehicles in separate lanes approach a defined merging area at approximately the same time when reasonable distance prohibits safe merger. Applies to motor vehicle offenses charged on or after October 1, 2021.

Amends GS 20-88.1 to require the Division of Motor Vehicles to include a description of the zipper merge, as defined in GS 115C-215(b)(6), as enacted, in its driver license handbook which explains State traffic laws. Effective January 1, 2022.

Enacts GS 115C-215(b)(6) to require driver education curriculum to include instruction on the zipper merge, defined as drivers using both lanes of traffic until reaching the defined merge area, and alternate yielding the right-of-way into the single lane. Applies beginning with the 2022-23 school year.

Intro. by Turner, Greene, Pless, Farkas.

GS 20, GS 115C

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Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, State Agencies, Department of Public Instruction, Department of Transportation, Transportation

H 741 (2021-2022) [LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS FOR 911 OPERATORS](#). Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT PROVIDING LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS FOR TELECOMMUNICATORS*.

Amends GS 143-166.2, setting out the definitions for Article 12A, Public Safety Employees' Death Benefits Act, by adding and defining the term *telecommunicator* as a person qualified to provide 911 call taking employed by a public safety answering point (PSAP). Specifies that the term applies to 911 call takers, dispatchers, radio operators, data terminal operators, or any combination of such call taking functions in a PSAP. Adds telecommunicators to the list of covered persons under the Article. Adds that when a telecommunicator's death occurs as a direct and proximate result of a heart attack or stroke that occurs in the course of employment or during travel to or from work, that telecommunicator is presumed to have been killed in the line of duty. Effective July 1, 2021.

Intro. by Boles, Miller, Logan, Willingham.

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Employment and Retirement, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management

H 742 (2021-2022) [NEW BROUGHTON HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE](#). Filed Apr 28 2021, *AN ACT TO UTILIZE NET PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF STATE PROPERTY IN BURKE COUNTY TO RELOCATE MAINTENANCE FACILITIES AT THE NEW BROUGHTON HOSPITAL COMPLEX*.

Directs the Office of State Controller to cause the lesser of the net proceeds, or \$1.6 million from the net proceeds, from the sale of described land adjacent to the Broughton legacy campus in Burke County to be transferred to the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund (Fund). Appropriates \$1.6 million from the Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management for 2021-22 for costs associated with the construction and repairs and renovations of maintenance facilities to replace facilities previously situated on the Broughton legacy campus. Effective July 1, 2021.

Intro. by Blackwell.

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S 35 (2021-2022) [MAX 4-YR AGE DIFF TO MARRY UNDER 18 YRS. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Feb 1 2021, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE A MAXIMUM FOUR-YEAR AGE DIFFERENCE FOR A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO MARRY.*

Senate committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Deletes the content of the previous edition and replaces it with the following. Amends GS 51-2 to allow a (1) person over age 16 and under age 18; or (1) person over age 14 and under age 16, to marry (as allowed under GS 51-2.1) a person no more than four years older (previously, allowed those persons to marry with no restriction on the age of the person they married). Makes conforming changes to GS 51-2.1 (concerning marriage of certain underage parties). Amends the act's titles.

Intro. by Sawyer, Britt, Foushee.

GS 51

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Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Family Law

S 191 (2021-2022) [THE NO PATIENT LEFT ALONE ACT.](#) Filed Mar 8 2021, *AN ACT PROVIDING PATIENT VISITATION RIGHTS WILL NOT BE IMPACTED DURING DECLARED DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY FOR ANY VIOLATION OF THOSE RIGHTS.*

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

Revises and adds to the act's whereas clauses. Changes the act's long title.

Deletes the provisions of proposed GS 131E-79.3 and replaces them with the following provisions. Requires licensed hospitals to permit patients to receive visitors to the fullest extent permitted under any applicable rules, regulations, or guidelines adopted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) or any federal law. Authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to issue a warning to a hospital found by CMS or any other federal agency to have violated any rule, regulation, guidance, or federal law relating to a patient's visitation rights, giving the hospital 24 hours to allow visitation, after which DHHS is authorized to impose a penalty of no less than \$500 for each instance on each day of the violation in addition to federal fines and penalties. Directs hospitals to use their best efforts to develop alternate visitation protocols that would allow visitation to the greatest extent safely possibly in the event the hospital is completely closed to visitors, with identical authority granted to impose civil penalties for alternate protocols which violate rules, regulations, guidance or federal law relating to a patient's visitation rights.

Revises proposed GS 131E-112.5 (concerning nursing homes and combination homes), GS 131E-207.5 (concerning hospice care facilities), and GS 122C-32 (concerning residential treatment facilities), to also make the civil penalty provisions of new GS 131E-79.3 applicable to those facilities.

Revises proposed GS 131D-7.5 to now require any licensed adult care home or special care unit to allow residents to receive visitors of their choice unless, when established by clear and convincing evidence, infection control issues are present; visitation interferes with the care of other patients; or visitors engage or have engaged in disruptive, threatening, or violent behavior of any kind. Authorizes DHHS to impose civil penalty of at least \$500 for each instance on each day a facility is found to be in violation.

No longer requires DHHS to develop and disseminate to each described facility free informational materials explaining the enacted statutory rights. Instead, directs DHHS to adopt implementing rules by October 1, 2021, including a requirement that facilities provide notice of the patient visitation rights in the act to patients, residents, and when possible, family members of patients and residents, which must include the contact information for entities responsible for investigating violations.

Intro. by Daniel, Krawiec, Britt.

[GS 122C, GS 131D, GS 131E](#)

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Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Public Health

S 208 (2021-2022) [LABOR LAW CHANGES](#). Filed Mar 9 2021, *AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LABOR LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA*.

Senate committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Amends GS 95-111.3 to exclude from the term *amusement device*, as the term is used in Article 14B governing amusement devices, a train or device previously or currently approved for use on the public rail transit system (was, a locomotive, train, series of railroad cars, or other mechanical devices that operate on any US standard railroad gauge of four feet, eight and one-half inches). Amends the authority in GS 95-133 of the Director of Occupational Safety and Health to obtain medical records compiled and maintained by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) by hospital participating in the statewide trauma system, or by emergency management service providers in connection with the dispatch, response, treatment, or transport of individual patients to specify that this includes records that are relevant to investigations and enforcement proceeds and is allowed only to the extent necessary to conduct investigations and enforcement proceedings.

Intro. by Hise, Galey, Woodard.

[GS 74, GS 95](#)

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Business and Commerce, Employment and Retirement, Government, State Agencies, Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health, Transportation

S 219 (2021-2022) [SURVEYOR LICENSURE/EDUCATION REQS](#). Filed Mar 9 2021, *AN ACT TO REVISE THE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE OF A PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR AND MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL CHANGES*.

Senate committee substitute amends the 1st edition as follows.

Further amends the education, experience and testing requirements of GS 89C-13(b) concerning licensure requirements for professional land surveyors, to revise the certification qualifications for land surveyor interns. Makes a clarifying change to require satisfaction of one of the three existing education or (was and) experience requirements set forth in subdivision (b)(1). Changes the second qualification to include holding an associate degree in surveying technology approved by the Board of Engineers and Surveyors (Board), three rather than four years of progressive practical experience under a practicing professional, and having passed a written and oral exam. Changes the third qualification to include graduation from high school or completion of an equivalency certificate, seven rather than ten years of progressive practical experience under a practicing licensee, and having passed a written and oral exam. Adds to the license requirements for professional land surveyors, providing for passing of the Fundamental of Surveying exam, the Principals and Practices of Land Surveying exam, and and additional written or oral exams required by the Board, as an alternative to meeting the existing qualifying education or experience requirements.

Deletes the proposed changes to GS 89C-10 and instead amends the statute to more specifically deem the investigation of a nonlicensee to be confidential until the Board approves any action authorized under the Chapter against a nonlicensee.

Intro. by McInnis.

[GS 89C](#)

[View summary](#)

Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing

S 228 (2021-2022) [ALLOW EMPLOYERS TO OFFER EPO BENEFIT PLANS](#). Filed Mar 10 2021, *AN ACT TO LOWER HEALTH CARE COSTS AND EXPAND ACCESS BY ALLOWING SMALL BUSINESSES TO OFFER EXCLUSIVE PROVIDER BENEFIT PLANS*.

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

Changes the section number for previously proposed GS 58-50-56.1 to GS 58-50-56.2 and makes the following changes to the proposed statute. Removes the defined terms *exclusive provider benefit plan* and *insurer*. Adds to the required notice on the date of enrollment by an insurer offering an exclusive provider benefit plan required to provide transition coverage for a newly covered insured covered because of the individual's employer has changed benefit plans and who is undergoing treatment from a provider for an ongoing special condition, to include the method and time line by which the insured should contact the insurer regarding the right to elect continuation of coverage of treatment by a provider that is not contracted with the exclusive provider benefit plan. Regarding permitted conditions of coverage, allows the provider to agree to accept the preferred provider organization rate or other rate agreed to by the provider or insurer plus applicable copayments for reimbursement in full from the insurer and the insured for all covered services provided by a provider not contracted with the exclusive provider benefit plan but who the insured elects to continue coverage of ongoing treatment under subsection (c). Makes technical and clarifying changes.

Enacts new GS 58-50-56.1, authorizing insurers to contract for an exclusive provider organization, as defined, with licensed health care providers of all kinds, with contracts not disapproved by the Commissioner of Insurance within 90 days of filing deemed approved. Voids any contractual provision between an insurer offering an exclusive provider benefit plan, as defined, and a health care provider that restricts the provider's right to enter into provider contracts with other persons. Mandates applicable contracts to provide all participating providers information about the insurer and the insurer's exclusive provider benefit plans, as specified. Makes the Commissioner's rules applicable to preferred provider organizations related to provider accessibility for the insured group, adequacy of providers, availability of services at reasonable times, and financial solvency also applicable to exclusive provider organizations. Provides for summary data and annual disclosures to the Commissioner by insurers offering an exclusive provider benefit plan. Includes defined terms.

Deletes the proposed conforming changes to GS 58-50-56(i).

Changes the act's effective date, making the act now applicable to insurance contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after July 1, 2021 (was October 1, 2021). Adds that any provisions of GS Chapter 58 that apply to preferred provider benefit plans or preferred provider benefit organizations as of July 1, 2021, also apply to exclusive provider benefit plans or exclusive provider benefit organizations.

Intro. by Edwards, Krawiec, Burgin.

GS 58

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

S 270 (2021-2022) [INSURANCE TECHNICAL CHANGES](#). Filed Mar 11 2021, *AN ACT REVISING THE VERIFICATION OBLIGATIONS OF AN INSURER AND ITS AGENT WITH RESPECT TO RATE EVASION FRAUD; RECODIFYING CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE PROVISIONS; AND ESTABLISHING A CIVIL PENALTY FOR THE FRAUDULENT PREPARATION, ISSUANCE, REQUESTING, OR REQUIREMENT OF A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE*.

Senate amendment amends the 2nd edition as follows.

Amends the proposed changes to GS 58-2-164 to specify that the insurer and its agent can satisfy the verification requirements for applicants under subdivision (c) by, within 25 days of coverage binding (was, within 10 business days of coverage binding), obtaining from the applicant reliable proof of NC residency and the applicant's status as an eligible risk.

Intro. by Johnson.

GS 58

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

S 347 (2021-2022) [CAPTIVE INSURANCE AMENDMENTS](#). Filed Mar 24 2021, *AN ACT AMENDING STATUTES RELATING TO CAPTIVE INSURANCE*.

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

Part IV.

Amends GS 58-10-390 which requires a captive insurance company's conflict of interest statement to disclose that the individual has no outside commitments, personal or otherwise, that would divert him or her from his or her duty to further the interests of the captive insurance company he or she represents, by specifying that this does not preclude the person from becoming a governing board member (was, a director) or officer in more than one company.

Makes clarifying changes to the application requirements under GS 58-10-565 to require the inclusion of specified information on governing board members.

Part V.

Amends GS 105-228.4A to exclude a captive insurance company formed and licensed under the another state's laws from premium taxes (was, prorated premium taxes) for the year in which the redomestication occurs and the premium taxes imposed for the calendar year following the redomestication if the specified conditions are met. Specifies that an inactive captive insurance company is not subject to or liable for the payment of any tax under Article 8B of GS Chapter 105 for any full year the captive insurance company is inactive. Makes GS 58-10-496 (allowing the Commissioner may waive or modify any provision of this Part under certain conditions) is inapplicable unless the captive insurance company has been placed into supervision, receivership, or liquidation and the Commissioner has determined that the payment of the minimum tax under GS 105-228.4A(f) (setting out the total tax liability on captive insurance companies) will result in the captive insurance company's inability to meet its insurance obligations. Effective for premium taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2022.

Intro. by Johnson, McInnis, Edwards.

[GS 58, GS 105](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Insurance, Government, Tax](#)

S 374 (2021-2022) [AUTH. USE OF BLUE LIGHTS ON FIRE APPARATUS](#). Filed Mar 29 2021, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF BLUE LIGHTS ON FIRE APPARATUS*.

Senate committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Further amends GS 20-130.1(c) to change term fire apparatus to automotive fire apparatus. Clarifies that the apparatuses that are included under the term automotive fire apparatus are fire apparatuses. Makes other technical changes.

Intro. by Jarvis, Ford, Perry.

[GS 20](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management](#)

S 455 (2021-2022) [DECRIMINALIZE NON-STATUTORY OFFENSES](#). Filed Apr 1 2021, *AN ACT TO DECRIMINALIZE NON-STATUTORY CRIMINAL OFFENSES AND VIOLATIONS*.

Senate committee substitute deletes the content of the 1st edition and replaces it with the following.

Amends GS 153A-123 (concerning counties) and GS 160A-175 (concerning cities), making identical changes as follows.

Provides that violations of county or city ordinances can only be misdemeanors or infractions if specified in the ordinance,

except for eight specified types of ordinances which cannot impose a criminal penalty, including ordinances adopted pursuant to respective state laws concerning regulating and licensed businesses and trades (previously provided violations to be a misdemeanor or motor vehicle violations an infraction as specified in GS 14-4). Adds a new provision prohibiting enacting an ordinance specifying a criminal penalty at the meeting in which it is first introduced.

Amends GS 14-4 to provide that a person cannot be found responsible or guilty of a local ordinance violation if, when tried, the person produces proof of compliance with the local ordinance through (1) no new alleged violations of the local ordinance within 30 days from the date of the initial alleged violation, or (2) proof of a good-faith effort to seek assistance to address any underlying factors related to unemployment, homelessness, mental health, or substance abuse that might relate to the person's ability to comply with the local ordinance.

Effective December 1, 2021, and applies to offenses and violations committed on or after that date. Makes conforming changes to the act's titles.

Intro. by Britt, Mohammed, Lee.

[GS 14, GS 153A, GS 160A](#)

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

S 462 (2021-2022) [CON/THRESHOLD AMDS. & AMP CERTIFICATE EXPIRATIONS](#). Filed Apr 1 2021, *AN ACT AMENDING CERTIFICATE OF NEED LAWS TO EXPAND ACCESS AND LOWER COSTS*.

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

Revises proposed GS 131E-189(d), providing for the expiration of a certificate of need issued for the construction of a health service facility upon the certificate holder failing to execute or commit to a contract for design services for the authorized project within the previously specified time frames. Restricts the application of the provisions to certificates of need issued on or after October 1, 2021. Adds the following new subsections. New subsection (e) provides for the expiration of a certificate of need issued prior to October 1, 2021, for the construction of a health service facility upon the certificate holder failing to execute or commit to a contract for design services for the authorized project by October 1, 2025, for projects costing over \$50 million, or October 1, 2023, for projects costing \$50 million or less. Provides that certificates of need issued for the construction of a health care facility prior to October 1, 2021, that has a specific deadline to execute or commit to a contract for design services for the project authorized by the certificate of need will not expire unless the holder fails to execute or commit a contract by that specified deadline. Provides for extensions for failure due to developments beyond the control of the certificate holder or other good cause.

Intro. by Krawiec, Perry, Burgin.

[GS 131E](#)

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[Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers](#)

S 465 (2021-2022) [TRASH COLLECTION/MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL](#). Filed Apr 1 2021, *AN ACT REQUIRING THAT DOORSTEP REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION CONTAINERS BE ALLOWED IN EXIT ACCESS CORRIDORS OF CERTAIN APARTMENT OCCUPANCIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES*.

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

Makes a technical correction to direct the Building Code Council (previously "Commission" in error) to adopt revisions consistent with the act of the *exit obstruction and waste accumulation provisions*, as previously defined.

Makes technical corrections to the numbers of sections enacted in new Article 81A, Regulation of Valet Trash Companies, of GS Chapter 58.

Intro. by Johnson, Craven, Corbin.

GS 58

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Business and Commerce, Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, State Agencies, Department of Insurance, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health

S 654 (2021-2022) **K-12 COVID-19 PROVISIONS**. Filed Apr 6 2021, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC*.

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

Part III.

Revises proposed GS 115C-84.3, now permitting a local board of education rather than a public school unit to use up to five remote instruction days or 30 remote instruction hours when schools are unable to open due to severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or other emergency situations, using that time towards the required instructional days or hours for the school calendar. Makes changes throughout to refer to a local board of education or a local school administrative unit rather than a public school unit or a governing board.

Eliminates the proposed changes to the following statutes, providing for the use of remote instruction within the instructional requirements set forth for charter schools, innovative schools, regional schools, laboratory schools, and renewal school systems: GS 115C-218.85, GS 115C-238.53, GS 115C-238.66, GS 116-239.8, and Section 6 of SL 2018-32. Eliminates the proposed changes to GS 115C-238.53.

Adds new uncodified provisions authorizing local school administrative units to offer remote instruction to address health and safety concerns related to COVID-19 in the 2021-22 school year when determined necessary by the local board of education following consideration of available public health guidance, with such remote instruction subject to the written consent of the parent or legal guardian.

Adds new Part IIIA as follows.

Authorizes a local school administrative unit that has been assigned a school code to operate a school with virtual instruction as the primary means of instruction by May 1, 2021, to continue operation to satisfy the minimum required number of instructional days and hours for the school calendar during the 2021-22 school year.

Directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish a Working Group on Virtual Academies with specified stakeholders, including parents and the State Board of Education, to make recommendations on identified components related to virtual academies, such as required infrastructure and instructional requirements, to the specified NCGA committee by January 15, 2022.

Adds the following new content.

Part VII.

Deems eligible any twelfth grade student who has not satisfied the requirement for completion of instruction in CPR eligible to graduate if the CPR instruction cannot be completed due to the COVID-19 emergency and the student is eligible to graduate in all other respects, as determined by the student's respective principal.

Part VIII.

Grants an extension for a continuing professional teacher's license applicant whose license expires June 30, 2021, until September 30, 2021, to meet the exam requirements established by the State Board as of June 30, 2021.

Part IX.

Amends GS 115C-84.2(f)(5), establishing an alternative plan for year-round schools for local school administrative units with both single- and multi-track instructional calendars as new sub-subdivision d. Permits a plan for a single-track instructional calendar that is identical to at least one track of a multi-track instructional calendar adopted by the local board that meets the statutory requirements of either the plan described in sub-subdivision a. or c., which provides for staggered quarters or sessions.

Intro. by Ballard, Davis, Lee.

STUDY, UNCODIFIED, GS 115C, GS 116

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Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of Public Instruction

S 671 (2021-2022) **CHANGES TO THE K-12 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**. Filed Apr 7 2021, *AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS*.

Senate committee substitute amends the 1st edition as follows.

Part I.

Further amends GS 115C-562.1(3) to expand the statutory eligibility criteria for eligible students for opportunity scholarships to also include a child in foster care (current criteria requires that the child reside in a household with an income level that does not exceed 150% of the amount required for qualification for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program). Prohibits the State Education Assistance Authority (Authority) from considering the household income of the foster parent in determining eligibility of a foster care child under this provision. Makes technical changes.

Deletes the proposed changes to GS 115C-562.2, modifying the scholarship grant cap (per year, per eligible student) to an amount up to the average per pupil allotment amount the State Board of Education (State Board) allocated to a charter school pursuant to GS 115C-218.105(a)(1), plus the allocation for children with limited English proficiency and the allocation for children with disabilities, in the prior fiscal year; and reducing the total number of scholarships the Authority can award, beginning with the 2022-23 school year, from 2,000 to 1,500. Instead, amends the statute to set the scholarship grant cap (per year, per eligible student) to an amount of up to 90% of the average State per pupil allocation for average daily membership in the prior fiscal year. Eliminates the cap on the number of awards the Authority can award to eligible students in each school year.

Adds to GS 115C-562.3 to require the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to provide the Authority the average State per pupil allocation every December 1 for that fiscal year to determine the scholarship cap amount for the following fiscal year in accordance with GS 115C-562.2(b), as amended.

Establishes additional eligibility criteria to receive scholarships for 2021-22, deeming students eligible who meet the following criteria: (1) enrollment in an NC public school or a Department of Defense school located in North Carolina for the fall semester of the 2019-20 school year, (2) enrollment in a nonpublic school that meets specified state law requirements for the spring semester of the 2019-20 school year and the entire 2020-21 school year, (3) the eligibility requirements of GS 115C-562.1(3)a1. (has not enrolled in a postsecondary institution in a matriculated status eligible for enrollment for 12 hours of academic credit) or b. (resides in a household with an income level not in excess of 133% of the amount required for the student to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program), and (4) submits an application for the 2021-22 school year. Mandates students deemed eligible solely by this provision be given first priority in scholarship awards in the same manner as those previously awarded scholarships.

Part II.

Revises the award of scholarship funds from a North Carolina Personal Education Student Accounts for Children with Disabilities under GS 115C-92, as amended. Eliminates the proposed decrease in the scholarship amount from \$9,000 per eligible student for the school year or \$4,500 for eligible part-time students. No longer provides for funds remaining on a debit card at the end of the school year in the same manner as funds remaining in an electronic account, which are subject to

proposed provisions providing return of the balance requirements and carryforward limitations. Modifies the proposed changes to GS 115C-597 to authorize the Authority to retain the lesser of 4% of the funds appropriated to the Program or \$2 million each fiscal year for administrative costs (was up to 4% of the funds appropriated; currently authorizes up to \$250,000).

Makes a technical correction to refer to the NC Personal Education Student Accounts for the Children with Disabilities Program, as renamed by the act, in Section 2.2.

Intro. by Lee, Ballard, Galey.

[GS 105, GS 115C](#)

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

S 707 (2021-2022) [DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS & AIRPORT AUTHORITIES](#). Filed Apr 7 2021, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE AIRPORT AUTHORITIES AND OPERATORS WITH ADDITIONAL NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT IN THE ADOPTION OF LAND USE REGULATIONS*.

Senate committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Amends the definition of airport in GS 160D-601(e), to clarify that it means any publicly owned, commercial service airport with more than 100,000 passenger boardings during the *previous* two calendar years.

Intro. by Lee.

[GS 160D](#)

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Land Use, Planning and Zoning, Government, Local Government, Transportation](#)

LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 116 (2021-2022) [SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEX./CERTAIN SCHOOL SYSTEMS](#). Filed Feb 17 2021, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO CERTAIN BOARDS OF EDUCATION IN ADOPTING SCHOOL CALENDARS*.

House amendment to the 2nd edition makes the following changes. Expands the act's scope to also include Cleveland County Schools.

Intro. by McNeill, Hurley.

[Cleveland, Gaston, Randolph](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

H 164 (2021-2022) [GREENSBORO/DEANNEXATION](#). Filed Feb 25 2021, *AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO AND TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF ROCKWELL*.

AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO AND TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF ROCKWELL. SL 2021-17. Enacted April 28, 2021. Effective April 28, 2021, except as otherwise provided.

Intro. by Hardister.

[Guilford, Rowan](#)

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[Government, Local Government](#)

H 406 (2021-2022) [SPEC. SEP. ALLOWANCE/CERTAIN 25-YR LEOS. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Mar 24 2021, *AN ACT PROVIDING A SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN CLEVELAND, RUTHERFORD, WAYNE, AND MOORE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO ATTAIN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE.*

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

Expands the scope of the act to include Rutherford, Wayne, and Moore counties. Makes conforming changes to the act's provisions and titles.

Intro. by Hastings.

[Cleveland, Moore, Rutherford, Wayne](#)

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[Employment and Retirement, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management](#)

LOCAL/SENATE BILLS

S 115 (2021-2022) [KICKOFF COLLEGE SPORTS ACT. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Feb 18 2021, *AN ACT TO ALLOW FULL CAPACITY ATTENDANCE AT STADIUMS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES.*

House committee substitute deletes the content of the 2nd edition and replaces it with the following.

Enacts the following provisions, applicable to Cumberland County, Durham County, Forsyth County, Guilford County, Harnett County, Jackson County, Mecklenburg County, Orange County, Pasquotank County, Pitt County, Robeson County, Wake County, and Watauga County only.

Authorizes stadiums located on the campus or property of UNC constituent institutions or private postsecondary institutions to operate at 100% of the occupancy limits established pursuant to the NC Building Code, notwithstanding the NC Emergency Management Act or any executive or secretarial orders or directives authorized pursuant to that Act, or any other laws.

Authorizes the Governor to order the closure, restriction or reduction of operations of any individual stadium authorized to operate under the act, by executive order, to protect the health and safety of athletes, staff, and attendees, with stated reasoning. Prohibits ordering statewide closures, restrictions or reductions of operations of the described stadiums under the act or the NC Emergency Management Act.

Makes conforming changes to the act's titles.

Intro. by Johnson, Sawyer, McInnis.

[Cumberland, Durham, Forsyth, Guilford, Harnett, Jackson, Mecklenburg, Orange, Pasquotank, Pitt, Robeson, Wake, Watauga](#)

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ACTIONS ON BILLS

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H 33: [MODIFY DV STATUTES. \(NEW\)](#)

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

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

H 93: REQ. OPIOID ANTAGONIST ED. W/OPIOID SCRIPTS. (NEW)

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 103: AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS.

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 176: ENHANCE SHP DEBT COLLECTION ABILITIES.-AB

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 180: DESIGNATE OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 235: EVIDENCE/DIST. CT SPEEDY TRIALS.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 294: SALE OF SALVAGE VEHICLES.

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 304: PROTECT PERSONAL INFO/LEOS, JUDGES, DAS.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

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

H 327: UPDATE LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF RULES PROCESS.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

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

H 330: OPPOSING FEDERAL AUTHORITY REGARDING ELECTION.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 340: ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PANS & PANDAS.

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 349: TRAFFIC-CONTROL TRAINING PROGRAM.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

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

H 359: DRIVER ELIGIBILITY CERT. WAIVER & RESTORE. (NEW)

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Re-ref Com On Transportation

H 367: UNIFORM PARTITION OF HEIRS PROPERTY ACT.

House: Withdrawn From Cal

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

H 398: PISTOL PURCHASE PERMIT REPEAL (NEW)

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 05/05/2021

H 404: IMMUNITY FOR 911 DISPATCHERS.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

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

H 427: FIREARM SAFE STORAGE AWARENESS INITIATIVE.

House: Reptd Fav

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

H 447: THE JEFF RIEG LAW/PATIENTS RELIGIOUS RIGHTS.

House: Reptd Fav

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

H 459: PERM. REG. PLATES FOR WATER AND SEWER AUTH.

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 486: REPLACE EOC WITH NATIONAL ASSESSMENT.

House: Amend Adopted A1

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

House: Ordered Engrossed

H 522: MODIFY SERVICE/RELEASE OF ALTERNATE JURORS.

House: Reptd Fav

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

H 531: TIMESHARE ACT CHANGES.

House: Reptd Fav

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

H 554: DESIGNATE 2023 AS YEAR OF THE TRAIL.

House: Reptd Fav

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

H 582: CONFIRM GOVERNOR'S BUSINESS CT APPTS.

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Re-ref Com On Select Committee on Nominations

H 585: FAIL TO REPORT CRIME/PRIVILEGE EXEMPTION.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

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

H 598: RESTITUTION/SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINOR.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 602: UNC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES/HR/REPORTS.

House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 605: VOTERS RIGHT TO KNOW ACT.

House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 607: LEO BACKGROUND CHECKS/FBI RAP BACK SERVICES.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Re-ref Com On State Government

H 615: JUVENILE COURT MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Re-ref Com On Health

H 616: CHARTER REPLICATION ACT.

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 620: UPDATE ALJ CODE OF CONDUCT.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Serial Referral To Regulatory Reform Stricken

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

H 661: CC FIRE TRAINING/15 YRS OLD.

House: Reptd Fav

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

H 687: INTERBASIN TRANSFER AMENDMENTS.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref to the Com on Environment, if favorable, Judiciary 4, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 692: RESTRICT CERTAIN VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 693: COMMON CARRIER ABC PERMIT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Alcoholic Beverage Control, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 694: FIRST RESPONDERS/MEDICAL POAS REQUIRED.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 695: MODIFY CHARITABLE SOLICITATION LICENSING LAWS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 696: VARIOUS CHANGES TO NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 697: THE PRISON RESOURCES REPURPOSING ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 698: RELEASE BODY-WORN/DASHBOARD CAMERA VIDEO.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 699: ELDER ABUSE & NEGLECT/INCREASE PUNISHMENT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 700: BRING BACK INMATE LITTER CREWS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 701: FUNDS/STATE RECOGNITION SUPPORT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 702: NC STATE FOOD LAB/FOOD WASTE/COVID-19.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 703: BREAST CANCER DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING PARITY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 704: LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FLEXIBILITY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 705: SET \$15 MINIMUM WAGE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 712: PRESERVATION OF WORKFORCE HOUSING.

House: Filed

H 713: RURAL TOURISM RECOVERY PILOT.

House: Filed

H 714: VOLUNTEER EMS PROVIDERS/GRANT PROGRAM.*House: Filed***H 715: PENALTY/ELECTION LAW VIOLATION/BOARD MEETINGS.***House: Filed***H 716: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION/RISK REDUCTION PROGRAMS.***House: Filed***H 717: ABOLISH OFFICE OF COUNTY CORONER.***House: Filed***H 718: LICENSURE REQS. COSMETIC ART.***House: Filed***H 719: REPEAL DEATH PENALTY.***House: Filed***H 720: PLANNING & ZONING-DOT/PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES.***House: Filed***H 721: COUNTIES/SEMIANNUAL ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS.***House: Filed***H 722: EXPAND ALLOWABLE GROWLER SIZE.***House: Filed***H 723: REENACT & REVISE RACIAL JUSTICE ACT.***House: Filed***H 724: REPEAL DEATH PENALTY.***House: Filed***H 725: EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES ACT.***House: Filed***H 726: RESTORATION OF ACH LICENSURE AFTER VIOLATIONS.***House: Filed***H 727: ADULT CARE HOMES/LICENSURE BY ACCREDITATION.***House: Filed***H 728: ACH/MODEL INFECTION CONTROL POL. & PROCEDURES.***House: Filed***H 729: CHARTER SCHOOLS OMNIBUS.***House: Filed***H 730: BOG/BD OF TRUSTEE APPT. CHANGES.***House: Filed***H 731: ADULT DAY CARE CONSISTENCY/FUNDING SOURCES.***House: Filed***H 732: PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION ACT.**

House: Filed

H 733: EXTEND TERMS/NC RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

House: Filed

H 734: DEPT. OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES REVISIONS.

House: Filed

H 735: MINIMUM CONTRACTS/COASTAL DREDGING SERVICES.

House: Filed

H 736: TIMELY UPDATES TO NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM.

House: Filed

H 737: LOCAL FOOD MARKET EXPANSION ACT.

House: Filed

H 738: RECODIFICATION OF CRIMINAL LAWS.

House: Filed

H 739: MODIFY PROPERTY TAX APPEAL PROCESS.

House: Filed

H 740: DEFINED MERGING AREAS/ZIPPER MERGE.

House: Filed

H 741: LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS FOR 911 OPERATORS.

House: Filed

H 742: NEW BROUGHTON HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE.

House: Filed

S 35: MAX 4-YR AGE DIFF TO MARRY UNDER 18 YRS. (NEW)

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

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

S 60: DISAPPROVE VARIOUS SOLID WASTE RULE CHANGES.

Senate: Reptd Fav

S 85: ALLOW VISION SERVICE PLANS. (NEW)

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 99: CLARIFY LAW ON THEFT OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS.

Senate: Reptd Fav

S 188: BD. OF ARCHITECTS/INTERIOR DESIGNERS.

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received From Senate

S 191: THE NO PATIENT LEFT ALONE ACT.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

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

S 208: LABOR LAW CHANGES.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

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

S 219: SURVEYOR LICENSURE/EDUCATION REQS.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary

S 228: ALLOW EMPLOYERS TO OFFER EPO BENEFIT PLANS.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Health Care

S 237: REINSURANCE FACILITY BOARD OF GOV. APPOINTEES.

Senate: Reptd Fav

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

S 241: MODIFIED UTILITY VEHICLE DEFINITION. (NEW)

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 248: ADDITIONAL INFO ON HEALTH INS. CARDS. (NEW)

Senate: Withdrawn From Cal

Senate: Placed On Cal For 05/04/2021

S 257: MEDICATION COST TRANSPARENCY ACT.

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Re-ref Com On Commerce and Insurance

S 270: INSURANCE TECHNICAL CHANGES.

Senate: Amend Adopted AI

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Engrossed

S 322: 2021 REVENUE LAWS CHANGES.

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 346: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT REVISIONS.

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received From Senate

S 347: CAPTIVE INSURANCE AMENDMENTS.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

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

S 355: GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2021.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 360: PROHIBIT COLLUSIVE SETTLEMENTS BY THE AG.

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received From Senate

S 363: UNIFORM PARTITION OF HEIRS PROPERTY ACT.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 372: ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING LICENSURE MODS.

Senate: Reptd Fav

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

S 374: AUTH. USE OF BLUE LIGHTS ON FIRE APPARATUS.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

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

S 397: CONFIRM MACHELLE SANDERS/SEC. OF COMMERCE.

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Re-ref Com On Select Committee on Nominations

S 421: CC/IN-STATE TUITION.

Senate: Reptd Fav

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

S 435: TERMINATIONS OF STATES OF EMERGENCY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

LOCAL BILLS

H 12: ADDRESS PANDEMIC LEARNING LOSS/COUNTIES. (NEW)

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 77: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEXIBILITY/MOORE COUNTY.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 92: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEXIBILITY/CERTAIN LEAS. (NEW)

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 111: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEXIBILITY/WSFCS.

House: Reptd Fav
House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)
House: Added to Calendar
House: Passed 2nd Reading
House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 116: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEX./CERTAIN SCHOOL SYSTEMS.

House: Reptd Fav
House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)
House: Added to Calendar
House: Amend Adopted A1
House: Passed 2nd Reading
House: Passed 3rd Reading
House: Ordered Engrossed

H 129: GRADUTATIONS/SCHOOL CALENDAR/CERTAIN COUNTIES. (NEW)

House: Reptd Fav
House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)
House: Added to Calendar
House: Passed 2nd Reading
House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 164: GREENSBORO/DEANNEXATION.

House: Ratified
House: Ch. SL 2021-17

H 236: AMEND ORANGE/CHATHAM COUNTY BOUNDARY LINE.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate
Senate: Regular Message Received From House
Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 319: COVID IMPACT ON CRAVEN COUNTY SCHOOL CALENDAR.

House: Reptd Fav
House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)
House: Added to Calendar
House: Passed 2nd Reading
House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 396: ADDRESS PANDEMIC LEARNING LOSS/SELECT SYSTEMS.

House: Reptd Fav
House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)
House: Added to Calendar
House: Passed 2nd Reading
House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 406: SPEC. SEP. ALLOWANCE/CERTAIN 25-YR LEOS. (NEW)

House: Reptd Fav
House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)
House: Added to Calendar
House: Amend Adopted A1
House: Passed 2nd Reading
House: Passed 3rd Reading
House: Ordered Engrossed

House: Reptd Fav
House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)
House: Added to Calendar
House: Amend Adopted A1
House: Passed 2nd Reading
House: Passed 3rd Reading
House: Ordered Engrossed

H 504: WELDON CITY BD. OF ED. COMPENSATION/ALLOWANCE. (NEW)

House: Reptd Fav
House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)
House: Added to Calendar
House: Passed 2nd Reading
House: Passed 3rd Reading

S 115: KICKOFF COLLEGE SPORTS ACT. (NEW)

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute
House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)
House: Added to Calendar
House: Passed 2nd Reading
House: Passed 3rd Reading

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

House: Withdrawn From Com
House: Re-ref to the Com on Local Government, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

S 288: BURKE/CALDWELL BD. OF ED. ELECTIONS. (NEW)

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading
Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

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