



## The Daily Bulletin: 2021-05-10

### PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 7 (2021-2022) [PROTECT CITY EMPLOYEES FROM RETALIATION](#). Filed Jan 27 2021, *AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CITIES SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS ENCOURAGING THEIR EMPLOYEES TO REPORT IMPROPER OR UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY AND REQUIRING CITIES TO PROTECT EMPLOYEES WHO REPORT SUCH ACTIVITY FROM RETALIATION OR OTHER DISCRIMINATORY ACTION.*

House committee substitute amends the 2nd edition as follows.

Amends the proposed changes to GS 160A-164 as follows. Instead of requiring city councils to adopt an ordinance to establish a procedure for and to encourage city employees to report to their appropriate authority evidence of the previously specified conduct, now requires a council that does not have a binding personnel policy, code of conduct, or other procedure protecting employees from retaliation to adopt rules and regulations or ordinances encouraging city employees to report evidence of the specified conduct. Makes conforming changes. Amends the activities that are to be reported to remove misappropriation of federal resources and include any activity that poses a substantial or specific danger (was, substantial and specific danger) to public health and safety, and makes other clarifying changes. Requires the council, by binding policy, to prohibit any employee from taking action against another employee who reported any of the described activities (was, required the ordinance to prohibit retaliation by the city council or any city employee against an employee who reports or intends to report on the described activities). Deletes the provision specifying that the statute does not bar disciplinary action against an employee who makes a report the employee knows or has reason to know is inaccurate. Amends the notice requirement to now require notice to be published according to GS 95-9 (requiring employers to post in every room where five or more persons are employed a printed notice stating the provisions of the law relative to the employment of adult persons and children and the regulation of hours and working conditions) or other appropriate means, to keep city employees informed of their rights and responsibilities under these provisions. Adds that filing a false report is a Class 2 misdemeanor. Changes the act's effective date from October 1, 2021, to December 1, 2021.

Changes the act's long title.

**Intro. by Hanig, Bradford, Hardister.**

[GS 160A](#)

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[Employment and Retirement, Government, Ethics and Lobbying, Local Government](#)

H 47 (2021) [ELECTED OFFICIALS CONCEALED CARRY. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Feb 2 2021, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE OFFICIALS ELECTED IN THE STATE TO CARRY A CONCEALED FIREARM WHILE PERFORMING THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES IF THE OFFICIAL HAS A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT.*

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

Adds to the exception from the prohibition set forth in GS 14-269 against carrying a concealed weapon when a person is not on their own premises to include any elected official or person appointed to fill an elective office when the person is acting in the discharge of their official duties and possess a concealed handgun permit or an out-of-state permit considered valid under GS 14-415.21. Specifies that the exemption does not apply while the person is consuming alcohol or an unlawful controlled substance or while either remains in the person's body. Further specifies that the exemption does not exempt the person from carrying weapons on campus or education property as prohibited in GS 14-269.2; makes a conforming clarification to GS 14-269.2(g).

Amends GS 14-415.11(c) to separate the area prohibitions of GS 14-269.2 from the other enumerated area prohibitions set forth for permit holders by GS 14-415.11(c).

Amends GS 14-415.27 to authorize an elected official or person appointed to fill an elective office to conceal carry in the area prohibitions set forth in GS 14-415.11(c), except for those described in GS 14-269.2, when acting in the discharge of their official duties and possessing a concealed handgun permit or an out-of-state permit considered valid under GS 14-415.21, subject to federal law.

Makes conforming changes to the act's titles.

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

GS 14

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**Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, General Assembly, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, State Government, Executive, Local Government, Military and Veteran's Affairs**

H 211 (2021) [REOPEN BARS AND RESTAURANTS](#). Filed Mar 3 2021, *AN ACT TO ALLOW ESTABLISHMENTS THAT SERVE FOOD AND DRINK TO OPERATE AND CONDUCT BUSINESS ACTIVITY PROVIDED CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET.*

House committee substitute makes the following changes to the 3rd edition. Amends the conditions that must be met in order for the previously specified establishments to open and operate their food and drink service for on-premises consumption, without additional restrictions, to require the establishments perform routine (was frequent and routine) environmental cleaning and disinfection of high-touch areas, no longer specifying the disinfectant must be EPA-approved for SARS-CoV-2. Eliminates previous requirements concerning employee temperature checks, health questionnaires, and prohibition from entry for employees with certain symptoms.

**Intro. by Moffitt, Setzer, Mills, Zenger.**

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

H 213 (2021) [KELSEY SMITH ACT](#). Filed Mar 3 2021, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PROVISION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE LOCATION INFORMATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER CERTAIN EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES.*

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

Revises new Article 16C, *Provision of Wireless Call Location to Law Enforcement*, as follows. Amends proposed GS 15A-300.10 by adding that the law enforcement agency requesting call location, or on whose behalf call location data was requested, within 72 hours of requesting the data from a wireless service provider, must apply for an order under GS 15A-300.11. Also requires, instead of allowing, a wireless service provider to establish procedures for voluntary disclosure of call location data.

Amends proposed GS 15A-300.11 to now require a law enforcement agency requesting call location data, or on whose behalf the data has been requested, to apply to the superior court for an order approving the release of call location data due to the existence of emergency circumstances (previously allowed a law enforcement agency requesting call location data, or on whose behalf the data has been requested, to apply to the superior court for a finding that emergency circumstances existed). Makes conforming changes by authorizing a superior court judge to enter an ex parte order approving the release of call location data if the judge makes the already specified findings. Makes conforming changes to the statute's caption.

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

GS 15A

[View summary](#)**Business and Commerce, Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Government**

H 496 (2021) **PROPERTY OWNERS' RIGHTS/TREE ORDINANCES**. Filed Apr 5 2021, *AN ACT PROVIDING THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES SHALL NOT ADOPT ORDINANCES REGULATING THE REMOVAL OF TREES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE EXPRESS AUTHORIZATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.*

House Committee substitute deletes the content of the 2nd edition and instead provides the following.

Enacts GS 160A-205.4, prohibiting the adoption or enforcement of city ordinances regulating the removal of trees from private property or regulating trees on land owned or operated by a public airport authority without express statutory or local act authority. Prohibits the use of the following by a governing body as the basis for adopting or enforcing ordinances regulating the removal of trees from private property: (1) general police powers; (2) any powers authorized by GS Chapter 160A (governing cities), GS Chapter 153A (governing counties), or GS Chapter 160D (governing local governments); or (3) any other general or local law, except one that expressly authorizes a governing body to adopt ordinances regulating the removal of trees from private property. Enacts GS 153A-145.9 and GS 160D-920.1 making the provisions of new GS 160A-205.4 applicable to counties and local governments, respectively. Makes conforming repeals of GS 153-123(h) and GS 160A-175(h), which prohibits the enforcement of county or city ordinances regulating trees on land owned or operated by a public airport authority.

Amends GS 106-921, which governs forestry activities, explicitly providing for the unenforceability of local government regulations regulating the removal of trees from private property unless such regulation is expressly authorized by local act or statute. Makes technical changes.

Provides for the continued validity of local acts authorizing ordinances regulating the removal of trees from private property and any ordinances adopted under that authority before the act becomes law.

Prohibits the enforcement of any ordinances regulating the removal of trees from private property that were adopted before the date the act becomes law without express statutory authorization.

Effective June 30, 2022.

**Intro. by Boles, Hunter, Brody, Moffitt.**

GS 153A, GS 160A, GS 160D

[View summary](#)**Development, Land Use and Housing, Land Use, Planning and Zoning, Property and Housing, Government, Local Government**

H 669 (2021) **DISTRIBUTE ALCOHOL WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION**. Filed Apr 22 2021, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION AND ADVANTAGE IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR TO LOCAL ABC BOARDS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO TRACK THE DISTRIBUTION.*

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Adds an appropriation of \$250,000 for 2021-22 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety to be allocated to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission for the design and development of a system to create, maintain, and disseminate the record required by new GS 18B-204(b3); provides that the funds do not revert at the end of 2021-22 fiscal year. Effective July 1, 2021. Makes conforming changes to the act's long title.

Makes the changes to GS 18B-204 effective January 1, 2022 (was, July 1, 2021).

**Intro. by Moffitt, Szoka, Johnson, Moss.**

APPROP, GS 18B

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**Alcoholic Beverage Control, Government,  
Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Public  
Safety**

H 805 (2021) **PREVENT RIOTING AND CIVIL DISORDER**. Filed May 3 2021, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR RIOTING OR INCITING RIOTING THAT RESULTS IN DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, OR DEATH AND ASSAULTING EMERGENCY PERSONNEL DURING A RIOT OR STATE OF EMERGENCY; TO ALLOW RECOVERY OF TREBLE DAMAGES FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY CAUSED BY RIOTING OR LOOTING; AND TO REQUIRE PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS FOR RIOTING AND LOOTING OFFENSES TO BE DETERMINED BY A JUDGE.*

House amendment makes the following changes to the 1st edition.

Further amends GS 14-288.2, which sets out punishments for rioting or inciting rioting, to add new subsection (g), specifying that mere presence alone without an overt act is not sufficient to sustain a conviction under the statute.

**Intro. by Moore, McNeill, Miller, Sauls.**

**GS 14, GS 15A**

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

H 890 (2021) **ABC OMNIBUS LEGISLATION**. Filed May 4 2021, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION LAWS.*

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

Part I.

Revises new subsection (a3) of GS 18B-800 to now authorize ABC stores to accept online orders and payments for alcoholic beverages sold in its store so long as the person picking up the order is legally entitled to purchase alcoholic beverages (was so long as the person picking up the order is 21).

Adds the following content to Part IV (previously reserved). Enacts new subsection (c) to GS 105-113.71 authorizing the Town of Cary to decline requiring a person who receives an ABC permit to obtain the corresponding local license from the municipality engaged in the activity authorized by the permit. Makes conforming and clarifying changes. Makes conforming changes and clarifying changes to GS 105-113.70. Makes conforming and clarifying changes to GS 105-113.77 to specify that the taxes set forth for corresponding city ABC licenses do not apply where cities decline to require a license pursuant to new GS 105-113.71(c).

Part V.

Revises new Article 62B to GS Chapter 18B as follows. No longer statutorily creates the NC Spirituous Liquor Council of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Instead, directs the Commissioner of Agriculture to appoint a North Carolina Spirituous Liquor Advisory Council, consisting of individuals who have education or experience in the spirituous liquor industry or in the field of tourism. Now sets forth Council membership to include members of the spirituous liquor industry, at least one representative of the NC Restaurant and Lodging Association, and at least one representative of the ABC Commission, and any other person selected by the Commissioner. Maintains that Council members are to receive no compensation or reimbursement for service. Makes conforming deletions of previous provisions regarding membership, terms, meetings, and staffing. Revises and eliminates Council powers and duties as follows. Now includes the duty to increase (was, achieve) public awareness of the quality of NC spirituous liquor, and eliminates the power or duty to: (1) receive and disburse funds; (2) enter into contracts for the purpose of developing new or improved markets or marketing methods for spirituous liquor products; (3) contract for research services to improve farming practices related to the growing of ingredients necessary for alcohol distillation in North Carolina; (4) enter into contracts with commercial entities for the purpose of developing marketing, advertising, and other promotional programs designed to promote the orderly growth of the North Carolina

spirituous liquor industry; (5) acquire any licenses or permits necessary for performance of the duties of the Council; and (6) annually report to specified NCGA committee chairs and division. Now requires the Commissioner to make initial appointment to the Council by September 1, 2021. Deletes the previous provisions regarding initial appointments.

Part VI.

Revises the proposed changes to GS 18B-1105(a)(5) to more specifically authorize a distillery permittee to sell only spirituous liquor distilled or produced at the distillery (was to sell its spirituous liquor), in addition to conducting consumer tastings, pursuant to GS 18B-1114.7, as amended.

Part VII.

Makes technical changes to the effective date provisions of Part VII, regarding the implementation and required amendment of the Growler Rule (14B NCAC 15C .0307).

Part IX.

Eliminates the proposed changes to GS 18B-1105(a)(2) and instead maintains existing law, which authorizes distillery permittees to sell spirituous liquor distilled or produced at the distillery in closed containers to visitors who tour the distillery for consumption off the premises. Adds new language to require length, content, and other parameters of the tour to be at the discretion of the distillery. Further adds that the distillery cannot be required to maintain records related to tours.

Part XI.

Makes technical corrections to Section 11.1, which amends GS 18B-1105(a)(2) regarding distillery permittees, to provide for existing law. Makes technical corrections to the lead-in language.

Makes technical changes to the effective date provision for the proposed changes to GS 1105(a)(5) set forth in Section 11.2 to refer to consumer tastings rather than events held by distillery permittees.

Part XII.

Makes technical changes to the effective date provisions of Section 12.1, regarding the implementation and required amendment of the Identification Rule (14B NCAC 15B .0224).

**Intro. by Moffitt, Boles, Willingham, Saine.**

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

H 904 (2021) [ALLOW SALE OF LOW ALCOHOL BEVERAGE COOLERS](#). Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF LOW ALCOHOL BEVERAGE COOLERS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS READY-TO-DRINK COCKTAILS, AT CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA.*

Amends GS 18B-101 to define *fortified wine* to include a low alcohol beverage cooler. Adds and defines *low alcohol beverage cooler* as a drink containing at least 0.5% and no more than 9.5% alcohol by volume and consisting of spirituous liquor mixed with any or all of the following: nonalcoholic beverages, flavoring, or coloring. Permits low alcohol beverage coolers to contain water, fruit juices, sugar, carbon dioxide, preservatives, and other similar products manufactured by fermenting fruit or fruit juices. Excludes low alcohol beverage coolers from the defined terms *mixed beverage* or *spirituous liquor*.

Amends GS 18B-803 to establish distinct provisions for the purchase of low alcohol beverage coolers. Allows for the sale of low alcohol beverage coolers in packages of four to 12 single-serve containers with each container no more than 16 ounces in size only. Otherwise, requires the sale of low alcohol beverage coolers to be treated as fortified wine for the purposes of the statute, which allows for the purchase of 50 liters of unfortified wine at one time.

Amends GS 18B-306, which authorizes individuals to make wines and malt beverages for private use, to exclude low alcohol beverage coolers from the authority.

Amends GS 18B-1105 to allow distillery permittees to (1) manufacture, purchase, import, possess and transport ingredients and equipment used in the manufacturing of low alcohol beverage coolers, and (2) sell, deliver and ship low alcohol beverage coolers in closed containers at wholesale to exporters and local boards, or public agencies or establishments of other states or nations, subject to the laws of other jurisdictions.

Directs the ABC Commission to adopt rules or amend its rules consistent with the act, as specified.

Effective October 1, 2021.

**Intro. by Saine, Hanig, Turner.**

GS 18B

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**Alcoholic Beverage Control**

H 905 (2021) **AMEND RULE 803/ALLOW UNSWORN DECLARATIONS.** Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT ALLOWING UNDER RULE 803 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF EVIDENCE THE USE OF UNSWORN DECLARATIONS MADE PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. SECTION 1746 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR PUBLIC NOTICE AND TRAINING ABOUT THE CHANGE.*

Amends GS 8C-1, Rule 803 of the Rules of Evidence, which sets forth exceptions from the hearsay rule. Regarding the exception set forth for records of regularly conducted business activity, now allows for the record to be shown by unsworn declaration made under penalty of perjury pursuant to specified federal law, provided the other specified conditions are met.

Retroactively validates the use of unsworn declarations for the purpose of GS 8C-1, Rule 803 of the Rules of Evidence, if the use occurred after the issuance of the Governor's Executive Order No. 116, on March 10, 2020, and before the date when the act becomes law.

Effective July 1, 2021, appropriates \$15,000 from the General Fund to the Office of the Secretary of State and the Administrative Office of the Courts, each, for 2021-22 to publicize and provide notary training (Secretary of State) and training (AOC) about this act.

**Intro. by John, Everitt, Harrison, A. Jones.**

APPROP, GS 8C

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**Courts/Judiciary, Evidence, Court System, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Justice, Secretary of State**

H 906 (2021) **REMOVE CAP ON NUMBER OF EMERGENCY JUDGES.** Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE NUMBER OF EMERGENCY JUDGES THAT MAY BE LISTED ON AN EMERGENCY JUDGE ACTIVE LIST AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.*

Amends GS 7A-52 by removing the cap on the number of emergency superior court special superior court judges and emergency district court judges, instead specifying that there there is no limit to the number of emergency judges on either the active or inactive list. Makes conforming changes.

Appropriates \$100,000 for each year of the 2021-23 biennium from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts to pay for the use of emergency judges that will likely increase as a result of the changes made by this act. Effective July 1, 2021.

**Intro. by John, Everitt, Harrison, A. Jones.**

APPROP, GS 7A

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**Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Government, Budget/Appropriations**

H 907 (2021) [FUNDS FOR OAK HILL COMMUNITY PARK](#). Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF OAK HILL COMMUNITY PARK IN BURKE COUNTY*.

Appropriates \$200,000 in nonrecurring funds for 2021-22 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management to provide a directed grant to the Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina to provide as title indicates. Effective July 1, 2021.

**Intro. by Blackwell.**

[APPROP, Burke](#)

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[Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Office of State Budget and Management](#)

H 908 (2021) [ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL](#). Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT TO CREATE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH THE FEDERAL HEALTH BENEFITS EXCHANGE FOR INDIVIDUALS IN THE COVERAGE GAP*.

States legislative intent to provide a refundable premium tax credit designed to help eligible individuals in the coverage gap to afford health insurance purchased through the federal Health Insurance Marketplace, or the Health Benefits Exchange, modeled after the federal refundable premium tax credit under the Affordable Care Act. Establishes eligibility requirements as: (1) that the individual has a modified adjusted gross income that is below 100% of the federal poverty level; (2) the individual is at least 19 and under 65 years of age; (3) the individual is not entitled to or enrolled in Medicaid benefits under Parts A or B of Title XVIII of the Social Security Act; (4) the individual is not eligible for Medicaid coverage or NC Health Choice coverage under the State Plan providing minimum essential coverage; (5) the individual is not eligible for coverage under TRICARE; and (6) the individual is not able to obtain affordable coverage through an eligible employer-sponsored plan that provides minimum value and minimum essential coverage.

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Secretary and the Department of Revenue Secretary to collaborate and design a program to implement the described State premium tax credit that (1) estimates the amount of credit that the individual will be eligible for in a given tax year, and (2) allows an individual to direct any amount of the estimated credit in advance directly to an insurance company offering health benefit plans in the State on the Health Benefits Exchange. Requires the Secretaries to submit a report by March 1, 2022, to the NCGA outlining the program, setting out recommendations, and providing any necessary legislative changes for implementation, as well as the costs associated with program administration. States legislative intent that program costs do not exceed \$1 billion.

Appropriates \$100,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Fund to each DHHS and the Department of Revenue for the 2021-22 fiscal to design the program.

**Intro. by Brockman, Insko.**

[APPROP, UNCODIFIED](#)

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Revenue, Tax, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Insurance, Social Services, Public Assistance](#)

H 909 (2021) [LEGIONNAIRES' DISEASE PREVENTION ACT](#). Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF LEGIONNAIRES' DISEASE*.

Part I. cites the acts as the "Legionnaires' Disease Prevention Act."

Part II.



Enacts new Article 10A to GS Chapter 130A as follows. Sets forth defined terms. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to instruct owners and operators of *covered buildings*, defined as a building or facility that meets the criteria described in the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Standard 188-2018 or is subject to regulation by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), that they are required to establish and operate a water management plan by October 1, 2022, that includes validation testing of water to minimize the growth and transmission of *Legionella pneumophila* in the covered building's water system consistent with ASHRAE Standard 188-2018. Requires owners and operators to retain a copy of the sampling and management plan and sampling results for at least three years as part of the water management plan required, and provide DHHS a copy of their water management plan and sampling results, whereupon DHHS is required to issue a certificate of compliance to the owner or operator. Requires the water management plan be available for inspection upon request to any department or agency with licensing or inspection authority over the covered building. Additionally requires owners or operators of a covered building to conduct *Legionella pneumophila* culture sampling and analysis as required by DHHS upon a determination by DHHS of one or more cases of Legionnaires' disease are or may be associated with the covered building, or any other conditions specified in DHHS rules. Requires all sampling and testing to be performed by a lab approved to perform the analysis by the NC Wastewater/Groundwater Laboratory Certification program in the Water Sciences Section of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Directs DHHS to adopt implementing rules, including routine testing for *Legionella pneumophila* bacteria for covered buildings.

Directs DHHS to adopt required rules within 180 days of the date the act becomes law.

#### Part III.

Enacts GS 130A-331.7, directing DEQ to instruct each owner or operator of a public water system to (1) assess the risk of *Legionella pneumophila* in the public water system, (2) implement any necessary mitigations, and (3) implement routine sampling and testing of the public water system for the presence of *Legionella pneumophila* bacteria. Requires all sampling and testing to be performed by a lab approved to perform the analysis by the NC Wastewater/Groundwater Laboratory Certification program in the Water Sciences Section of DEQ. Directs DEQ to adopt rules to incorporate the requirements of new Article 10A.

Directs DEQ to adopt required rules within 180 days of the date the act becomes law.

#### Part IV.

Effective July 1, 2021, appropriates \$100,000 for each year of 2021-23 from the General Fund to DEQ to conduct testing of the public water system for the presence of *Legionella pneumophila* bacteria.

#### Part V.

Provides the act is effective October 1, 2021, unless otherwise provided.

#### Intro. by Turner.

[APPROP, GS 130A](#)

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**[Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Environmental Quality \(formerly DENR\), Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health, Public Enterprises and Utilities](#)**

H 910 (2021) [LAW ENFORCEMENT CONDUCT ACT](#). Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSION*.

#### Part I.

Amends GS 15A-401(d), which governs use of force by a law enforcement officer during arrest. Adds a new duty for an officer that witnesses another officer using excessive force not justified under the statute or otherwise abusing a suspect or



arrestee to intervene and to report the use of excessive force or the abuse in writing to the officer's supervisor, department head, or other appropriate authority. Prohibits retaliation against an officer that acts in good faith that intervenes or submits a report pursuant to the new duty.

Amends GS 17C-6, applicable to the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission, and GS 17E-4, applicable to the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission, as follows. Requires both Commissions to include in their standards for entry level employment and in-service training of justice officers and officers: (1) training regarding de-escalation and other techniques that avoid the use of force, (2) training regarding implicit bias and racial equity, and (3) training regarding the duty to intervene and report when another criminal justice officer is using excessive force.

Effective January 1, 2022.

#### Part II.

Appropriates \$663,579 in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Justice for each year of the 2021-23 biennium to be allocated to the Criminal Justice Fellows Program for recruitment as specified. Effective July 1, 2021.

#### Part III.

Directs DOJ to consult with the Department of Public Safety and the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission, and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission, to develop model law enforcement agency protest response and engagement polices. Directs DOJ to report the model policies developed to the specified NCGA committee by March 1, 2022.

#### Part IV.

Enacts GS 143B-919(b1), requiring the SBI to criminally investigate and prepare evidence when the use of force of a sworn law enforcement officer of the State or any local subdivision of the State in the performance of the officer's duties constitutes deadly force and results in the death or serious bodily injury of a person. Requires investigation of an SBI employee by an independent entity. Requires a law enforcement agency to report an officer-involved use-of-force incident required to be investigated to the SBI within 24 hours as required by the SBI. Makes an agency failing to report ineligible for funding from the Governor's Crime Commission and the Governor's Highway Safety Program until the required report is delivered. Provides for written notice of funding ineligibility for a period of two years upon repeated failure to timely report as required if further failure occurs. Requires notice of funding eligibility following a determination of further failure after receipt of written notice to include the date when the agency's eligibility is reinstated. Effective October 1, 2021.

#### Part V.

Amends GS 120-70.94, adding to the continual duties of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety to require the Committee to investigate and make recommendations to the appropriate authority regarding corrective action to be taken against a law enforcement officer serving within the state, or the suspension or revocation of certification of a law enforcement officer certified by the State.

#### Part VI.

Enacts GS 114-2.7A, directing DOJ to consult with the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission to develop and maintain a statewide database for use by law enforcement agencies that tracks all law enforcement officer separations from employment, whether voluntary or involuntary, related to the use of force of a law enforcement officer. Requires all law enforcement agencies to provide DOJ information requested to maintain the database. Provides for the confidentiality of the information collected. Specifies that inclusion of an officer in the database creates no presumptions regarding the retention, suspension, or revocation of that law enforcement officer's certification.

Enacts the following statutes to require the specified agencies to provide DOJ the required information regarding employment separation due to use of force in order to maintain the statewide database, as well as providing for the confidentiality of information collected: GS 20-106.6 (State Highway Patrol and Troopers), GS 74E-10.1 (company police agencies and their officers), GS 74G-10.1 (campus police agencies and their officers), GS 143B-927.1 (SBI and its officers), GS 153A-213 (counties and their officers), and GS 160A-290 (cities and their officers).

Effective October 1, 2021.

Part VII.

Provides that the act is effective on the date the act becomes law, unless otherwise provided.

**Intro. by Logan, Morey, K. Smith.**

[APPROP](#), [GS 15A](#), [GS 17C](#), [GS 17E](#), [GS 20](#), [GS 74E](#), [GS 74G](#),  
[GS 114](#), [GS 120](#), [GS 143B](#), [GS 153A](#), [GS 160A](#)

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

H 911 (2021) [REGULATORY REFORM 2.0](#). Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA.*

#### Section 1

Requires the Building Code Council (Council) to implement Section D107 of the 2018 NC Fire Code and other provisions related to fire apparatus access roads for one- and two-family dwelling residential developments as follows. Directs the Council and Code enforcement official to not require an automatic sprinkler system in one- or two-family dwellings where there are fewer than 100 dwelling units on a single public or private fire apparatus access road with access from one direction. Requires the Council to adopt amendments consistent with this directive, as specified.

#### Section 2

Amends GS 160D-1207(c) to prohibit local governments from adopting or enforcing any ordinance that would require any owner or manager of rental property to obtain any permit or permission from the local government to lease rental residential real property or to register rental property with the local government, with stated exceptions (was, limited to prohibiting permits or permissions under Articles 11 or 12 of the Chapter).

#### Section 3

Amends GS 115C-270.20(a)(5), expanding the criteria of a residency teaching license (RL) to require the governing body of a public school unit to request the RL, in addition to having other specified criteria met (previously limited to requests by the local board of education).

#### Section 4

Amends GS 115C-218.45 regarding enrollment priority for charter school admissions to include grandchildren of the charter school's board of directors in addition to the children of board members and children of employees or those working full time in the daily operation of the school, capped at 15% of the school's total enrollment unless waived by the State Board of Education (State Board).

#### Section 5

Enacts subsection (g) to GS 115C-218.5 to entitle charter schools to automatically extend any deadline to begin operations or commence the term of its charter until the next school year upon notification to the State Board by June 30 that it is seeking land use or development approvals for its selected site or facilities, or if it is challenging the denial of any requested land use or development approvals. Tolls the term of the charter issued during the period of any extension(s) issued under subsection (g).

#### Section 6

Amends GS 62-110(g) to more specifically authorize the Industrial Commission to adopt procedures that allow a lessor of a single-family dwelling, residential building, or multiunit apartment complex (previously more generally to allow a lessor) to charge the costs of providing water or sewer service to persons who occupy the leased premises. Adds new subdivision (1c) to allow the lessor to equally divide the amount of the water and sewer bill for a unit among all the lessees in the unit and to send one bill to each lessee, with billing prorated based on lease period. Allows for each bill to include an administrative fee of up

to the amount of the then-current administrative fee authorized by the Industrial Commission in Rule 18-6 for water service, and a late fee as determined by the Commission if applicable. Prohibits charging the cost of water and sewer from any other unit or common area in the lessee's bill. Effective October 1, 2021.

#### Section 7

Amends GS 130A-343, enacting new subsection (j2) to allow manufacturers to petition the Commission for Public Health (Commission) to have a wastewater trench system approved as a trench dispersal system specifically identified in a rule adopted by the Commission as provided. Defines *trench dispersal systems specifically identified in rule* as any trench dispersal system that (i) has been demonstrated to perform in a manner equal or superior to a trench dispersal system specifically identified in a rule adopted by the Commission; (ii) is constructed of materials whose physical and chemical properties provide the strength, durability, and chemical resistance to allow the system to withstand loads and conditions as required by rules adopted by the Commission; and (iii) has been approved by the Commission as a trench dispersal system specifically identified in a rule adopted by the Commission.

Requires the Commission to issue a limited approval for the installation of up to 1,000 wastewater trench systems as a trench dispersal system specifically identified in a rule adopted by the Commission when five conditions are met regarding dimensional requirements, installation, physical property, chemical durability, structural integrity, and functional design.

Requires the Commission to approve the wastewater trench system from limited use to general use, allowing an unlimited number of installations, when the manufacturer provides specified information to the Commission, including (1) a survey of system hydraulic performance on at least 30 randomly selected systems currently in use and in operation for at least 12 months, as specified; and (2) a survey of system wastewater treatment efficacy for a system proposed for approval as a prefabricated, permeable block panel system, as specified. Requires the surveys to be conducted by an independent third-party professional engineer or licensed soil scientist, with reporting to the Commission as specified.

Requires Commission approval of a wastewater trench system as a trench dispersal system specifically identified in a rule adopted by the Commission to identify the approved system using a name assigned in an adopted rule. Prohibits the Commission, the Department of Health and Human Services, or a local health department from conditioning, delaying, or denying permitting of such system identified on a permit issued by a permitting authority. Prohibits the Commission from including conditions and limitations in the approval of a wastewater trench system as a trench dispersal system specifically identified in a rule adopted by the Commission that are not described in the applicable rule.

#### Section 8

Authorizes Tabor City to participate in State and federal railroad revitalization programs necessary to ensure continued or improved rail service to the city as authorized by GS Chapter 136. Further authorizes the City to contract with the Department of Transportation to provide for the nonfederal matching funds for such programs, which can be comprised of State funds distributed under GS 136-44.38, or city funds. Authorizes the City to level local property tax for such programs subject to the rate cap in GS 160A-209(d). Prohibits using more than 10% city funding for any project. Expires December 31, 2026.

#### Section 9

Provides that the act becomes effective on the date the act becomes law, unless otherwise provided.

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

UNCODIFIED, Columbus, GS 62, GS 115C, GS 130A, GS 160D

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**Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction, Property and Housing, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Transportation, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health, Public Enterprises and Utilities, Transportation**

H 912 (2021) [IMPROVE CAPITAL PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN CASES](#). Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE CAPITAL TRIAL, SENTENCING, AND POSTCONVICTION PROCEDURES FOR A PERSON WITH A SEVERE MENTAL DISABILITY AND TO PROVIDE THAT INSANITY IS NOT AVAILABLE AS A DEFENSE TO A CRIMINAL ACTION IF PRIOR ALCOHOL OR DRUG USE OR BOTH ARE THE SOLE CAUSE OF THE PSYCHOSIS OR IF VOLUNTARY INTOXICATION, A VOLUNTARY DRUGGED CONDITION, OR BOTH COMBINED ARE THE SOLE SUPPORT FOR THE DEFENSE.*

Contains whereas clauses.

Enacts new GS 15A-2007 (Defendant with severe mental disability; death sentence prohibited). Defines *severe mental disability* and places the burden on the defendant of proving, by clear and convincing evidence, that a severe mental disability predates the alleged offense. Prohibits the death penalty for defendants with severe mental disability at the time of the commission of a criminal offense. Specifies procedure for a court's pre-trial determination of a severe mental disability. Provides that a person found to have a severe mental disability at the time of the commission of the criminal offense waives the defense of not guilty by reason of insanity. Specifies procedure for the introduction of evidence to a sentencing jury regarding a severe mental disability, when a court's pre-trial hearing does not find the existence of a severe mental disability. Places the burden on the defendant of proving the severe mental disability to the jury by a preponderance of the evidence. Authorizes a jury to consider evidence of disability when determining mitigating factors, even if the jury determines that the defendant did not have a severe mental disability. Provides that defendants with severe mental disability may be given any other authorized sentence.

Makes conforming changes to GS 15A-2000(b).

The above provisions are effective October 1, 2021.

Enacts new GS 15A-2008. Requires the following in cases where the defendant has been convicted of first degree murder, sentenced to death, and is in custody awaiting imposition of the death penalty: (1) Allows a defendant to seek appropriate relief from the death sentence upon the ground that the defendant submits credible and verifiable evidence of a prior severe mental disability at the time of the commission of the capital crime. (2) Requires a motion seeking appropriate relief from a death sentence on the ground that the defendant had a severe mental disability at the time of the commission of the capital crime to be filed on or before January 31, 2022, if the defendant's conviction and sentence of death were entered before, or within 150 days of the imposition of a sentence of death if the defendant's trial was in progress on October 1, 2021. Specifies that a trial is considered to be in progress if the jury selection has begun. (3) Requires the motion seeking relief from a death sentence upon the ground that the defendant had a severe mental disability to comply with the provisions of GS 15A-1420 (Motion for appropriate relief; procedure). Provides that upon motion of the defendant, supported by appropriate affidavits, the court must order a hearing to determine if the defendant had a severe mental disability at the time of the commission of the offense; if it is determined that the defendant had a severe mental disability at the time of the commission, the defendant must be sentenced to life imprisonment without parole. Effective October 1, 2021, and expires October 1, 2022.

Enacts new GS 15A-960 providing that insanity is not available as a defense in either of these circumstances: (1) prior alcohol use, prior drug use, or both are the sole cause of the psychosis or (2) voluntary intoxication, a voluntary drugged condition, or both combined are the sole support for the defense. Effective October 1, 2021

Appropriates \$100,000 in recurring funds for 2021-22 from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts to be allocated to the Conference of District Attorneys to hire an attorney to assist statewide with the implementation of the provisions of this act. Effective July 1, 2021.

**Intro. by Hardister, Rogers, Moffitt, Harrison.**

[APPROP, GS 15A](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Budget/Appropriations](#)

H 913 (2021) [POULTRY WASTE REPORTING](#). Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT TO REVISE WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR DRY LITTER POULTRY FACILITIES.*

Includes whereas clauses.

Amends GS 143-215.10C(f) to require annual, digital submission of an animal waste management plan that meets the specified criteria to the Department of Environmental Quality by owners or operators of a dry litter poultry facility that is not required to be permitted under the identified federal law but involves 30,000 or more birds (current law requires submission of the plan without specifying a time frame or format).

Appropriates \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Environmental Quality for 2021-22 to be allocated to the Division of Water Resources to develop education resources and provide technical assistance for owners and operators of dry litter poultry facilities in complying with the reporting requirement of the act. Effective July 1, 2021.

**Intro. by Hurtado, R. Smith, Harrison, Cooper-Suggs.**

[APPROP, GS 143](#)

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[Agriculture, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Environmental Quality \(formerly DENR\)](#)

H 914 (2021) [SUPPORT OUR DIRECT CARE WORKFORCE](#). Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE A MEDICAID RATE INCREASE TO BE USED TO SUPPORT THE DIRECT CARE WORKFORCE*.

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Health Benefits (DHB), to provide a rate increase to six identified Medicaid providers for services related to the provision of direct care to Medicaid beneficiaries, including personal care service providers, home health providers, and behavioral health residential facilities. Effective October 1, 2021, upon approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Mandates that providers use at least 80% of funding resulting from the rate increase to increase the wages paid to its direct care employees, in addition to the rate of pay each employee was receiving as of September 30, 2021.

Upon implementation of this rate increase, directs DHB to adjust the per-member, per-month capitation amount paid to LME/MCOs and to prepaid health plans (PHPs), including amounts sufficient to implement the same rate increase for providers paid by the LME/MCO or PHP as paid to providers under the Medicaid fee-for-service program. Requires all LME/MCOs and PHPs to implement the rate increase. Subjects all providers receiving a rate increase to the requirements of the act regardless if paid by an LME/MCO, PHP, or DHB.

Requires all providers receiving the rate increase to attest and provide verification that at least 80% of the funding resulting from the rate increase is being used to increase the wages paid to its direct care employees. Requires recording documentation of the use with DHB, LME/MCOs, and PHPs authorized to require verifiable methods of accounting.

Appropriates \$160 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to DHB for each year of the 2021-23 biennium to provide a State match for a specified amount of federal funds for each fiscal year. Appropriates the federal funds to be used for costs associated with the act's implementation. Effective July 1, 2021.

Authorizes DHB to recoup funds related to the rate increase received by a provider if DHB determines that the provider did not use at least 80% of the funding that results from that rate increase to increase the wages paid to its direct care employees.

**Intro. by Brisson, Moffitt, Lambeth, Sasser.**

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

H 915 (2021) [TURN HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS INTO TEACHERS](#). Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPROVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TEACHER PIPELINE*.

Includes whereas clauses. Appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction for each year of the 2021-23 biennium for the NC Foundation for Public School Children to be used for the NC Teacher Cadet Program. Requires the funds be used for three specified services related to expansion of the educator pipeline, including statewide curriculum training workshops for teachers with options for in-person and online ongoing support. Effective July 1, 2021.

**Intro. by Ball, Hunter, Garrison, Brown.**

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Employment and Retirement, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Public Instruction**

H 916 (2021) **WASTEWATER ADVANCED TREATMENT UNITS**. Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR ADVANCED TREATMENT UNITS FOR MUNICIPAL, COMMUNITY, OR PRIVATE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS*.

Amends GS 130A-335 to direct the Public Health Commission to adopt rules establishing standards for discharge to surface waters and for spray irrigation of *highly treated wastewater*, defined as liquids discharged from a system designed to treat septage through natural or mechanical processes to meet standards for carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand, total suspended solids, ammonia, total nitrogen, and fecal coliform as will be protective of human health and the environment.

Directs the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to establish the Innovative Highly Treated Wastewater Pilot Program (Program). Charges DEQ to (1) identify areas that feature either a failure rate of septic tank systems that is significantly higher than the State average or a wastewater system that is a distressed unit (as defined by state law); and (2) work with the units of local government with jurisdiction over the identified area to design, permit, and install four wastewater treatment systems using wastewater treatment technologies that produce highly treated wastewater to discharge or reuse. Requires a performance bond or other surety as described as part of the permitting process. Appropriates \$20 million from the General Fund to DEQ for 2021-22 to be allocated to the Program. Authorizes DEQ to use up to \$150,000 of the funds for administrative costs. Effective July 1, 2021.

Directs the Commission for Health Services (appears to intend Commission for Public Health) and the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to streamline the approval process for wastewater treatment system technologies under Article 11 of the Chapter. Enumerates six components the rules must contain, including (1) providing for application for approval as an innovative wastewater system for a system with certification from a nationally recognized body that demonstrates compliance with the applicable treatment standard for at least two years with an approved verification program from the body or from field testing; (2) providing for application for provisional approval of a wastewater treatment system without certification from a nationally recognized body and field testing for a two-year period to demonstrate compliance with treatment standards in order to qualify for approval; and (3) standards for operator training and for tracking of system operation and maintenance. Directs the Commission for Health Services (appears to intend Commission for Public Health) and DHHS to quarterly report beginning May 1, 2022, and continue until required rulemaking is complete.

**Intro. by Brody, Moffitt, Hanig.**

APPROP, GS 130A

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Environmental Quality (formerly DENR), Department of Health and Human Services, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health, Public Enterprises and Utilities**

H 917 (2021) **IN-STATE TUITION/UNC/CC AUTHORITY STUDY**. Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA THE AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS TO QUALIFY AS RESIDENTS FOR TUITION PURPOSES AND BE*

*CHARGED THE IN-STATE TUITION RATE AND TO ADOPT RULES FOR CHARGING INDIVIDUALS IN-STATE TUITION CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL LAW.*

Amends GS 115D-39, which requires the State Board of Community Colleges (State Board) to fix and regulate all tuition and fees charged to students applying to or attending any community college institution. Eliminates all provisions regarding the determination of eligibility for qualification for in-State tuition. Instead, requires the State Board to determine eligibility for individuals to qualify as a resident for tuition purposes and to be charged the in-State tuition rate. Directs the State Board to adopt rules for eligibility for in-State qualification for tuition purposes and to be charged the in-State tuition rate that incorporate federal law requirements. Changes a statutory cross-reference provided for *armed services*.

Adds to the duties of the State Board in GS 116-11 to determine eligibility for individuals to qualify as a resident for tuition purposes and to be charged the in-State tuition rate, and adopt rules for eligibility that incorporate federal law requirements.

Repeals the following statutes related to in-State tuition eligibility: GS 116-143.1 (Provisions for determining resident status for tuition purposes); GS 116-143.3 (Tuition of Armed Forces personnel and their dependents); and GS 116-143.3A (Waiver of 12-month residency requirement for certain veterans and other individuals).

Further amends GS 116-11 relating to information exchange, revising the definition for institutions of higher education to include constituent institutions of UNC and the community colleges under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Community Colleges (replacing public higher education institutions, cross referenced to GS 116-143.1, now repealed).

Amends GS 116-235, regarding admission to the NC School of Science and Math, to require the applicant to be either deemed a resident for tuition purposes or a student whose parent is an active duty member of the Armed Forces. Amends GS 116-235 (regarding the NC School of Science and Math) and GS 116-280 (regarding need-based scholarships for students attending private institutions of higher education) to change the statutory cross-reference for the defined term *Armed Forces*. Further amends GS 116-280 to change the statutory cross-reference for the defined term *veteran*.

Makes conforming changes to eliminate references to GS 116-143.1 and GS 116-143.3, as repealed: GS 116-143.4; GS 116-201; GS 116-235; and GS 116-280; and GS 116-281. Makes technical changes to GS 116-201 and GS 116-281.

Appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors (BOG) for 2021-22 to be used in collaboration with the State Board to conduct a study to identify potential student populations that can benefit from a change in residency status to allow students to qualify as residents for tuition purposes and to be charged the in-State tuition rate, and the impact a change in residency status for those students would have on reaching the postsecondary achievement goal.

Directs the BOG and the State Board to jointly report to the specified NCGA committee on the results of the study and the rules adopted by each on the eligibility of individuals to qualify as a resident for tuition purposes and to be charged the in-State tuition rate for the 2022-23 academic year.

Effective July 1, 2021, and applies beginning with the 2022-23 academic year.

**Intro. by Hurtado, Meyer.**

[APPROP, STUDY, GS 115D, GS 116](#)

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[Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System](#)

H 918 (2021) [CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COVID RELIEF](#). Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE TO ASSIST WITH ECONOMIC HARDSHIP OCCASIONED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC*.

Appropriates \$6 million for 2021-22 from the General Fund to the Department of Commerce (Department) to provide funds to help chambers of commerce that experienced business interruption in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic. Allows the Department to use an amount not to exceed 5% of the allocated funds to administer the fund with remaining funds used to provide grants awarded by the Economic Investment Committee for the program and purpose provided for in this act. Creates the COVID-19 Chamber of Commerce Support Program to be administered by the Economic Investment Committee



(Committee) established under GS 143B-437.54. Allows the Committee to provide a one-time grant to chambers of commerce that lost revenue from the COVID-19 pandemic and meet the specified conditions.

Provides that a chamber of commerce is eligible for a grant if: (1) it is exempt from Part 1 of Article 4 (Corporation Income Tax) of GS Chapter 105 under GS 105-130.11(a)(4) (setting out an exemption from the tax for business leagues, chambers of commerce, merchants' associations, or boards of trade not organized for profit, and no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual); (2) it demonstrates one or both of the following with respect to its gross receipts: a decrease for the first quarter of the 2021 calendar year of at least 10% in comparison to the same quarter of the 2020 calendar year, or a decrease for the 2020 calendar year of at least 10% in comparison to the 2019 calendar year; (3) it is registered with, and has filed Articles of Incorporation with, the Secretary of State; and (4) it has at least one full-time employee. Sets out provisions for calculating the maximum grant amount. Requires grant applications to be filed with the Committee on or before May 31, 2022; prohibits accepting late applications.

Effective July 1, 2021.

**Intro. by White, Potts, Hardister.**

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

H 919 (2021) **MUDDY SNEAKERS**. Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE MUDDY SNEAKERS PROGRAM*.

Appropriates \$500,000 in recurring funds for 2021-22 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to be allocated to Muddy Sneakers, Inc., to support its experiential learning programs that aim to improve the science aptitude of fifth grade students through supplemental, hands-on field instruction of the State science standards. Effective July 1, 2021.

**Intro. by Moffitt, Lambeth, Blackwell, Johnson.**

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education,  
Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies,  
Department of Public Instruction**

H 920 (2021) **CHARTER SCHOOL OMNIBUS**. Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS REGARDING CHARTER SCHOOLS*.

To be summarized.

**Intro. by von Haefen, Ball, Fisher, Gill.**

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H 921 (2021) **TIER I COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT**. Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE LOANS TO QUALIFYING BUSINESSES THAT DID NOT RECEIVE COVID-19 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND GRANTS TO NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS AND LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS LOCATED IN TIER ONE COUNTIES*.

Part I.

Appropriates \$60 million from the General Fund to the Department of Commerce (Department) to be used to provide grants to entities to assist qualifying businesses with business needs during period of economic hardship due to the COVID-10

pandemic. Defines *qualifying business* to mean a historically underutilized business or nonprofit corporation with a physical presence in a development tier one area that is able to show no State or federal financial assistance from the CARES Act, an Economic Injury Disaster Loan, or a Paycheck Protection Program loan, and suffered economic losses as a result of COVID-19. Requires \$10 million of the funds to be allocated to the Carolina Small Business Development Fund to provide loans to qualifying businesses, subject to administrative policies and procedures developed by the Fund. Requires \$50 million of the funds to be allocated to the Golden LEAF to provide loans to qualifying businesses, subject to administrative policies and procedures developed by the Golden LEAF. Establishes restrictions and limitations for the program and loans made under the programs, including capping loans at \$1 million per qualifying business, setting the loan interest rate at 1% below market rate, and capping the loan term at 120 months. Provides 14 authorized uses of the funds, including renovation and repair of existing facilities, small business incubation, temporary housing for needy individuals, and vocational education or certification. Details required terms for loan agreements. Allows a qualifying business that is a 501(c)(3) exempt organization to apply for a grant of up to \$50,000 under the programs to be used for community development purposes in development tier one areas to aid persons of low and moderate income affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Requires Golden LEAF and the Carolina Small Business Development Fund to biannually report to the specified NCGA committee and division until all funds are disbursed. Specifies required content of the reports.

#### Part II.

Appropriates \$40 million from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to award funds for new or existing eligible programs for at-risk students operated by nonprofits working in collaboration with local school administrative units in a development tier one area county. Caps total amount of grants allocated within a county to \$1 million. Details program requirements and the program's purpose. Requires the programs funded to raise standards for academic outcomes for at-risk students whose learning was negatively affected by COVID-19 impacts by focusing on eight enumerated areas, including deployment of multiple tiered supports in schools to address student barriers to achievement, and minimization of class size when providing instruction or instructional supports and interventions. Requires grant recipients to report to DPI for the year in which the grant funds were expended on the progress of the assistance program, as well as a final report on key performance data of the program, as specified. Directs DPI to report to the specified NCGA committee by February 15, 2023, on the results of the program. Specifies required content of the report.

#### Part III.

Effective July 1, 2021.

**Intro. by R. Smith, Gailliard.**

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[Business and Commerce, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of Commerce, Department of Public Instruction](#)

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H 922 (2021) [CATAWBA RIVER TRAIL FUNDS](#). Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TRAIL ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CATAWBA RIVER CONNECTING THE EASTERN TERMINUS OF THE FONTA FLORA TRAIL TO THE WESTERN TERMINUS OF THE HICKORY TRAIL.*

Appropriates \$140,000 in 2021-22 and \$185,000 for 2022-23 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management to provide a directed grant to the Western Piedmont Council of Governments for the development and planning for a proposed trail along the south side of the Catawba River connecting the Fonta Flora Trail to the Hickory Trail. Allows the funds to be used for equipment and supplies, contract for services, or the hiring of temporary employees for the specified purposes. Effective July 1, 2021.

**Intro. by Blackwell.**

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[Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Office of State Budget](#)

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**and Management**

H 923 (2021) **SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING PILOT**. Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING CURRICULUM IN KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS.*

Includes whereas clauses. Directs the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to establish the Kindergarten Social and Emotional Learning Pilot Program (Program) for 2021-23. States the purpose of the program is to support and promote the expansion of the existing social and emotional learning (SEL) curriculum from the NC Preschool Pyramid Model (Model) used in preschool classrooms into kindergarten classrooms. Sets forth defined terms. Directs DPI to develop an application progress for the Program by August 1, 2021. Limits participation to local school administrative units identified as low performing for the 2018-19, 2019-20, or 2020-21 school year, with applications due by October 1, 2021. Requires DPI to select units that are geographically and culturally diverse to participate in the program by December 1, 2021, with priority to units that receive low-wealth supplemental funding. Requires allocation of at least \$5,000 to each unit for necessary classroom materials for the Program. Requires implementation by units in six kindergarten classrooms. Requires DPI to provide necessary training to six kindergarten teachers, two administrators, and two coaches (who must be employees of the unit) from each unit, and requires each unit to establish a District Implementation Leadership Team (DILT), pursuant to the Model, to lead the Program's implementation. Details Program implementation, including the following deadlines: adaptation of the SLE Preschool Pyramid Model by December 31, 2021; required training between January 1, 2022, and June 1, 2022; DPI reporting to the specified NCGA committee on the Program's progress by July 15, 2022; implementation of the SLE Preschool Pyramid Model in six kindergarten classrooms of each unit for the 2022-23 school year; and a final report by DPI to the specified NCGA committee by July 15, 2023.

Appropriates \$292,758 for 2021-22 and \$248,657 for 2022-23 from the General Fund to DPI to implement the Program.

Effective July 1, 2021.

**Intro. by Ball, Hardister, Gillespie, Reives.**

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**Education, Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education,  
Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies,  
Department of Public Instruction**

H 924 (2021) **ANDREW JACKSON SCHOOL SITE-DNCR**. Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE ANDREW JACKSON SCHOOL IN WELDON ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES, TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THAT LAND TO COMPLEMENT THE EXISTING HISTORIC SITE, AND TO PROVIDE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MUSEUM TO SUPPLEMENT THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'S FREEDOM TRAIL.*

Requires the Department of Administration (DOA) to acquire the real property owned by the Board of Education for Weldon City Schools at the specified location, known as a portion of the Andrew Jackson School site, on behalf of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Authorizes DOA to acquire the property for no more than \$50,000. Appropriates \$50,000 for 2021-22 from the General Fund to the Department of Administration for the property's acquisition.

Appropriates \$50,000 for 2021-22 from the General Fund to Halifax County to be allocated as a grant-in-aid to Halifax Underground Railroad, to establish a museum to supplement the Freedom Trail, a part of the National Park Service's designated Network to Freedom Program. Specifies that the provisions of GS 143C-6-23 (State grant funds: administration; oversight and reporting requirements) apply to the grant funds described in this section.

Appropriates \$150,000 for 2021-22 from the General Fund to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to secure the Andrew Jackson School site and initiate preliminary planning for the development of the site in a manner complementary to the existing historic site.

Effective July 1, 2021.

**Intro. by Wray.**

APPROP, Halifax

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, Cultural Resources and Museums, State Agencies, Department of Administration, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (formerly Dept. of Cultural Resources)**

H 925 (2021) [FUND HIGH-RISK DAM REPAIRS](#). Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO POLK COUNTY FOR HIGH-RISK DAM REPAIRS*.

Includes whereas clauses. Appropriates \$6 million from the General Fund to Polk County for 2021-22 for repairing the Lake Adger Dam.

**Intro. by Johnson.**

APPROP, Polk

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**Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, Budget/Appropriations**

H 926 (2021) [TRANSYLVANIA WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS](#). Filed May 10 2021, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR A WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IN TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY*.

Appropriates \$1.2 million in nonrecurring funds for 2021-22 from the General Fund to the Department of Environmental Quality to be allocated to the Division of Water Infrastructure to provide a grant to provide a grant as title indicates. Effective July 1, 2021.

**Intro. by Johnson.**

APPROP, Transylvania

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**Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Environmental Quality (formerly DENR)**

## PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 273 (2021) [CHARLOTTE FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM ACT](#). Filed Mar 11 2021, *AN ACT AMENDING THE LAW ESTABLISHING THE CHARLOTTE FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM*.

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

Revises the lead-in language of Section 1, amending SL 2001-22, which concerns the Charlotte Firefighters' Retirement System. Corrects the session law cited to SL 1947-926, as amended by various subsequent session laws (including SL 2001-22). Modifies the proposed changes to Section 25 as follows. Amends the amount of the City's contribution, effective July 1, 2020, to require the City to increase its contribution each Plan Year by 2% for the next eight (was, five) years, up to a maximum contribution rate of 30% (was, 24%). Makes conforming changes regarding how to calculate the contribution rate once the maximum has been reached.

**Intro. by Marcus, Salvador, Waddell.**

UNCODIFIED, Mecklenburg

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**Employment and Retirement, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management**

S 311 (2021) [NO WAITING PERIOD UNDER LGERS FOR LEOS](#). Filed Mar 16 2021, *AN ACT PROHIBITING MEMBERSHIP WAITING PERIODS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM*.

Senate committee substitute amends the 1st edition as follows. Modifies the proposed new provision to GS 128-24 regarding membership of the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS), now prohibiting a participating employer from imposing a waiting period on an employee certified by the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission or the NC Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission under GS Chapters 17C or 17E (was, law enforcement officers) who are otherwise eligible to become members of LGERS.

**Intro. by Corbin.**

[GS 128](#)

[View summary](#)

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

S 425 (2021) [GAP AND VVPA AGREEMENT CHANGES](#). Filed Mar 31 2021, *AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE STATUTES GOVERNING GUARANTEED ASSET PROTECTION WAIVERS AND TO CREATE AN ARTICLE GOVERNING VEHICLE VALUE PROTECTION AGREEMENTS*.

Senate committee substitute amends the 2nd edition as follows.

Revises the definition of a *vehicle value protection agreement* under GS 66-471, applicable to new Article 48, as enacted, to no longer provide for obsolescence as an example of an event that would trigger the provision of a benefit provided for pursuant to contractual agreement.

**Intro. by Woodard, Perry, Johnson.**

[GS 66](#)

[View summary](#)

[Business and Commerce, Insurance, Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle](#)

## LOCAL/SENATE BILLS

S 221 (2021) [DURHAM - BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT VIRTUAL MEETINGS](#). Filed Mar 10 2021, *AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR CONTINUANCES FOR CERTAIN DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT PROCEEDINGS WHERE ONE OR MORE PARTIES TO THE PROCEEDING DO NOT CONSENT TO A VIRTUAL MEETING*.

Senate committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Applicable to Durham County only, amends the proposed changes to GS 166A-19.24 to now require a quasi-judicial proceeding by the county Board of Adjustment, authorized to be held remotely pursuant to the statute subject to due process and notice requirements, to be continued if one or more persons who have standing to participate in the hearing do not consent to the remote hearing, with the hearing now required to be continued until such time that the full Board of Adjustment is able to meet in person or until the next regularly scheduled remote meeting or remote emergency meeting of the Durham Board of Adjustment (was, continued until the sooner of 30 days or when the Board of Adjustment is able to meet in person).

**Intro. by Woodard, Murdock.**

[Durham, GS 166A](#)

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

**ACTIONS ON BILLS****PUBLIC BILLS****H 7: PROTECT CITY EMPLOYEES FROM RETALIATION.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2*

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

**H 47: ELECTED OFFICIALS CONCEALED CARRY. (NEW)**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On State Government*

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**H 144: RDH ADMIN. LOCAL ANESTHETIC (NEW).**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 149: IMPROVING ACCESS TO CARE THROUGH TELEHEALTH.**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 151: REQ ACTIVE TIME FELONY DEATH MV/BOAT.**

*House: Failed 2nd Reading*

**H 165: DOT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES.-AB**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 175: RET. & TREASURY TECH. CORRECTIONS ACT OF 2021.-AB**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 05/11/2021*

**H 177: STATE HEALTH PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES.-AB**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**H 211: REOPEN BARS AND RESTAURANTS.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 3*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 05/11/2021*

**H 213: KELSEY SMITH ACT.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 05/11/2021*

**H 218: STREAMLINE PERMITS/REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 247: STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT.**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 272: REVISE HEALTH STANDARD FOR LEAD.**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 286: URGE CONGRESS/PROPOSE "KEEP NINE" AMENDMENT.**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 291: COMMERCIAL PROP. PLAN REV./DOI OVERSIGHT. (NEW)**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 297: DMV DEPLOYED ARMED FORCES EXEMPTIONS. (NEW)**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**H 355: FIREFIGHTING FOAM REGISTRY/PFAS BAN. (NEW)**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 362: REVISE PERSONAL LEAVE COSTS FOR TEACHERS.**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 367: UNIFORM PARTITION OF HEIRS PROPERTY ACT.**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 383: MEDICAID MODERNIZED HOSPITAL ASSESSMENTS.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

**H 403: CLARIFY MOTOR VEHICLE FRANCHISE LAWS.**



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

**H 417: THE SERGEANT MICKEY HUTCHENS ACT.**

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

**H 418: THREATEN LEO OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICER.**

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

**H 435: SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES. (NEW)**

*House: Reptd Fav*  
*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*  
*House: Placed On Cal For 05/11/2021*

**H 448: AUTH. USE OF BLUE LIGHTS ON FIRE APPARATUS.**

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

**H 453: HUMAN LIFE NONDISCRIMINATION ACT/NO EUGENICS. (NEW)**

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

**H 476: JUDGES IN STANLY/MONTGOMERY COUNTIES. (NEW)**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*  
*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 480: DESIGNATE STATE BALLOON RALLY.**

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

**H 489: 2021 BUILDING CODE AND DEV. REG. REFORM.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*  
*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 492: WC/PSYCH. TRAUMA-RELATED INJURIES.**

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

**H 496: PROPERTY OWNERS' RIGHTS/TREE ORDINANCES.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2*  
*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*  
*House: Placed On Cal For 05/11/2021*

**H 498: AUTHORIZE ATV AND UTILITY VEHICLE TITLING.**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*  
*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 519: AMEND AUTOCYCLE DEFINITION.**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 522: MODIFY SERVICE/RELEASE OF ALTERNATE JURORS.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 05/11/2021*

**H 524: ORAL CHEMO TREATMENT ACCESS DURING PANDEMIC.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**H 561: LOCAL CONFINEMENT FACILITY INSPECTION APPEALS.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**H 572: NO VACCINE MANDATE BY EO, RULE, OR AGENCY. (NEW)**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 581: DRIVERS LICENSE DESIGNATION/AUTISM.**

*House: Serial Referral To Finance Stricken*

**H 599: VETS/MIL. FREE ADMISSION STATE ATTRACTIONS.**

*House: Serial Referral To Appropriations Stricken*

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**H 606: PROHIBIT COLLUSIVE SETTLEMENTS BY THE AG.**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 608: DIGNITY FOR WOMEN WHO ARE INCARCERATED.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 615: JUVENILE COURT MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 629: PHYSICIAN ASST/NURSE PRACTIT./STOP ACT CLAR.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 646: DENTAL CARE ACT.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**H 647: ENHANCED IN-SERVICE RETIREMENT FOR LEOS.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 05/11/2021*

**H 650: OMNIBUS DMV BILL.**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 663: TOLL LANE PENALTY.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**H 664: COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICTS/EARLY CHILDHOOD ED.**

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 669: DISTRIBUTE ALCOHOL WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

**H 674: REQUIRE DNA FOR VARIOUS CHARGES. (NEW)**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 676: NEW ARCHITECT RECRUITMENT ACT.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 05/11/2021*

**H 684: LRC STUDY DEVELOPMENT EXACTIONS.**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 685: ELECTRONIC TRANSACTION FEES/OFFICIAL FEES.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 05/11/2021*

**H 692: RESTRICT CERTAIN VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS.**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 704: LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FLEXIBILITY.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

**H 712: PRESERVATION OF WORKFORCE HOUSING.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**H 717: ABOLISH OFFICE OF COUNTY CORONER.**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 722: EXPAND ALLOWABLE GROWLER SIZE.**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 735: MINIMUM CONTRACTS/COASTAL DREDGING SERVICES.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 05/11/2021*

**H 739: MODIFY PROPERTY TAX APPEAL PROCESS.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

**H 761: POLICE VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT PROTECTION ACT.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 776: REMOTE ONLINE NOTARIZATION ACT.**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 781: BRING BUSINESS BACK TO DOWNTOWN.**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 783: CREATE BLDG. CODE PERMIT TECH. CERT.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 794: ALLOW SCHOOLS IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 797: DELEGATE TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 805: PREVENT RIOTING AND CIVIL DISORDER.**

*House: Amend Adopted A1*

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

*House: Ordered Engrossed*

**H 806: STUDY WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 812: CLARIFY REMOTE MEETINGS DURING EMERGENCIES.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

**H 857: LETTERS OF CHARACTER REF. AND LEC/SEC STUDY.**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 861: BACK-TO-WORK INTEGRITY ACT.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**H 869: CONSUMER PROT.-ONLINE MARKETPLACE DISCLOSURES.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**H 880: NC SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 890: ABC OMNIBUS LEGISLATION.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

**H 896: FAIR & EQUITABLE REIMBURSEMENT/PHARMACISTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 897: ADDRESS FALSE CAMPAIGN CLAIMS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 898: WATER/SEWER UTILITY AVAILABILITY FEE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 899: NORTH CAROLINA WORK AND SAVE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 900: SUPPORT LUMBEE RECOGNITION ACT.**

*House: Cal Pursuant 32*

*House: Added to Calendar*

*House: Added to Calendar*

*House: Withdrawn From Cal*

*House: Placed On Cal For 05/11/2021*

**H 901: MODIFY NC INNOCENCE INQUIRY PROVISIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 902: FUNDS TO RECORD & STORE HIGHWAY CAMERA VIDEO.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 903: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEXIBILITY/STATEWIDE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 904: ALLOW SALE OF LOW ALCOHOL BEVERAGE COOLERS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 905: AMEND RULE 803/ALLOW UNSWORN DECLARATIONS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 906: REMOVE CAP ON NUMBER OF EMERGENCY JUDGES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 907: FUNDS FOR OAK HILL COMMUNITY PARK.**

*House: Filed*

**H 908: ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL.**

*House: Filed*

**H 909: LEGIONNAIRES' DISEASE PREVENTION ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 910: LAW ENFORCEMENT CONDUCT ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 911: REGULATORY REFORM 2.0.**

*House: Filed*

**H 912: IMPROVE CAPITAL PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN CASES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 913: POULTRY WASTE REPORTING.**

*House: Filed*

**H 914: SUPPORT OUR DIRECT CARE WORKFORCE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 915: TURN HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS INTO TEACHERS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 916: WASTEWATER ADVANCED TREATMENT UNITS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 917: IN-STATE TUITION/UNC/CC AUTHORITY STUDY.**

*House: Filed*

**H 918: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COVID RELIEF.**

*House: Filed*

**H 919: MUDDY SNEAKERS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 920: CHARTER SCHOOL OMNIBUS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 921: TIER I COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 922: CATAWBA RIVER TRAIL FUNDS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 923: SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING PILOT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 924: ANDREW JACKSON SCHOOL SITE-DNCR.**

*House: Filed*

**H 925: FUND HIGH-RISK DAM REPAIRS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 926: PENNSYLVANIA WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS.**

*House: Filed*

**S 69: DMV LICENSING REQ/AUTH. VENDOR FOR ROAD TESTS.**

*Senate: Regular Message Received For Concurrence in H Com Sub*

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

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

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

*House: Ordered Enrolled*

**S 191: THE NO PATIENT LEFT ALONE ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 201: E-SALVAGE EXPRESS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 208: LABOR LAW CHANGES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 228: ALLOW EMPLOYERS TO OFFER EPO BENEFIT PLANS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 235: FUNDS/KERNERSVILLE STATE VETERANS HOME.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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



**S 273: CHARLOTTE FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM ACT.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

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

**S 277: RET. & TREASURY TECH. CORRECTIONS ACT OF 2021.-AB**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 299: NCDONALD ACCREDITATION.-AB**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

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

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

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

**S 329: BUILDING CODE MODIFICATIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 336: CONDOMINIUM DECLARATION REQUIREMENT CHANGES.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

**S 342: CLARIFY MOTOR VEHICLE FRANCHISE LAWS.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

**S 343: REVISE VEHICLE SALE LAWS.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

**S 345: PA - TEAM-BASED PRACTICE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 355: GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2021.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Cal*

*Senate: Placed On Cal For 05/11/2021*

**S 367: UNC SELF-LIQUIDATING CAPITAL PROJECTS. (NEW)**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

**S 375: CADIC SUPERVISION REQS.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

**S 379: ISSUANCE OF UNREGISTERABLE CERT. OF TITLE.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

**S 405: BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

**S 408: STOP ADDICTION FRAUD EMERGENCY ACT OF 2021. (NEW)**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

**S 425: GAP AND VVPA AGREEMENT CHANGES.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

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

**S 429: COMM. RECEIVERSHIP AND REAL PROPERTY AMENDS.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

**S 448: AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE VI OF THE CSA.**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

**S 450: CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS/SCHOOL BLDGS.**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

**S 452: UTILITIES/USER RESPONSIBLE FOR UTILITY BILL.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 455: DECRIMINALIZE NON-STATUTORY OFFENSES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 462: CON/THRESHOLD AMDS. & AMP CERTIFICATE EXPIRATIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 473: ENHANCE LOCAL GOV'T TRANSPARENCY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 474: SEPTAGE MANAGEMENT AMENDMENTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 505: MEDICAL BILLING TRANSPARENCY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 520: RESPIRATORY CARE MODERNIZATION ACT.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 542: SHP COMBAT FRAUD AND ABUSE INCENTIVES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 552: LIMIT WHO MAY ADVERTISE/ADOPTION LAWS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 574: LIFE INSURANCE BENEFICIARY CHANGES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 586: STUDY LIPEDEMA.***House: Passed 1st Reading**House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House***S 644: LANDLORD/TENANT CHANGES.***House: Passed 1st Reading**House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House***S 690: MODIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF DOA BDS.***House: Passed 1st Reading**House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House***S 707: DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS & AIRPORT AUTHORITIES.***House: Passed 1st Reading**House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House***LOCAL BILLS****H 3: CRAVEN BD OF ED/PARTISAN ELECTORAL DISTRICTS. (NEW)***Senate: Regular Message Received From House**Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***H 85: CLEVELAND CTY BD OF ED VACANCIES. (NEW)***Senate: Regular Message Received From House**Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***H 199: MOORESVILLE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTH. CHANGE.***House: Reptd Fav**House: Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House***H 253: BURGAW TDA MEMBERS/SURF CITY PARKING. (NEW)***Senate: Regular Message Received From House**Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***H 350: WARREN COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX.***House: Passed 2nd Reading***H 375: FRANKLINVILLE/LIBERTY/RAMSEUR/ANNEXATIONS.***House: Passed 2nd Reading***H 387: FLEXIBILITY IN FILLING VACANCIES/DURHAM.***Senate: Regular Message Received From House**Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***H 393: HEALTH INS./FORMER CITY COUNCIL/GREENSBORO.***House: Withdrawn From Com**House: Withdrawn From Com**House: Re-ref to the Com on Pensions and Retirement, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 397: YANCEY COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX INCREASE.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

**H 400: ASHEVILLE CITY SCH. BD. ELECTIONS. (NEW)**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 412: MAGGIE VALLEY/CANTON OCCUPANCY TAX. (NEW)**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

**H 416: PARK SOUTH STATION TRAFFIC CITATIONS.**

*Senate: Regular Message Received From House*

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 443: INDIAN TRAIL/STALLINGS OCCUPANCY TAX AUTH.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

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

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

**S 221: DURHAM - BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT VIRTUAL MEETINGS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

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

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

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

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