



## The Daily Bulletin: 2021-05-18

### PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 395 (2021) [HIE DEADLINE EXTENSION & PATIENT PROTECTION. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Mar 24 2021, *AN ACT EXEMPTING AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT DEMOGRAPHIC AND CLINICAL DATA, EXTENDING FOR CERTAIN PROVIDERS AND ENTITIES THE DEADLINES FOR MANDATORY PARTICIPATION IN THE STATEWIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE NETWORK KNOWN AS NC HEALTHCONNEX, AND INSTITUTING REFORMS TO PROTECT PATIENTS.*

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

Revises the proposed changes to and further amends GS 90-414.4. Revises the mandatory health information exchange network (HIE Network) participation dates set forth in subsection (a1) as follows. Adds a new provision to subdivision (3), which requires prepaid health plans and LME/MCOs to submit encounter and claims data by specified dates, authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services to submit the required data on behalf of these entities. Revises the proposed changes to subdivision (4), now requiring participation by physicians who perform procedures at ambulatory surgical centers by January 1, 2023 (previously, the 2nd edition eliminated required participation by ambulatory surgical centers, whose deadline was extended from June 1, 2021, in the 1st edition). Makes conforming changes to subsection (b), previously revised to exclude ambulatory surgical centers from the provisions of the subsection, which condition State funding upon twice daily data submissions regarding services rendered to Medicaid and other State-funded health care program beneficiaries and paid for with Medicaid or other State-funded health care funds. Now explicitly requires a physician who performs a procedure at the ambulatory surgical center to be connected to the HIE Network. Deletes proposed new subsection (b1), which prohibited providers or entities whose receipt of State funds is negatively impacted by a failure to connect to the HIE Network and submit required data from balance billing any services rendered to State-funded health care program beneficiaries, and deemed those beneficiaries not responsible for improper charges.

**Intro. by Sasser, Potts, K. Baker, Wray.**

GS 90

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

### PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 722 (2021) [REVISE MUNICIPAL REDISTRICTING/CENSUS.](#) Filed May 18 2021, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CITY COUNCILS SHALL EVALUATE EXISTING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES IN THE YEAR OF THE RELEASE OF FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS INFORMATION.*

Revises GS 160A-23.1, which provides procedures for the redistricting of city council districts after a federal decennial census. Now directs the council, in the year of the release of federal decennial census information rather than as soon as possible after receipt of that information, to evaluate the existing district boundaries to determine whether it would be lawful to hold the next election without revising districts. Requires a council which determines revision of the district boundaries is necessary to consider whether it will be possible to adopt changes before the third *business* day (was, the third day, though "third *business* day" is used in current subsection (c)) before opening of the filing period for the next municipal election with proper public input.

More specifically authorizes a council which determines revision of the district boundaries is necessary to conform with State and federal law, but is not likely possible in that time period, to adopt a resolution delaying the next municipal election, subject to a properly noticed public hearing on the resolution. No longer requires the council to also determine that the population

imbalances are so significant that it would not be lawful to hold the next election using the current electoral districts to adopt a resolution delaying the next municipal election.

Eliminates the requirement that all resolutions adopted under the statute and any changes in electoral district boundaries made under the statute be submitted to the US Department of Justice (if the city is covered under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965), the State Board of Elections, and to the board conducting the elections for that city. Instead, (1) requires adopted resolutions to be submitted to the State Board of Elections and the board conducting the elections for that city (see new subsection (c2)), and (2) makes organizational and clarifying changes, enacting new subsection (f) to condition the implementation and enforcement of revised district boundaries upon approval from the US Department of Justice, if required (previously, referenced in subsection (a)).

Makes further organizational changes, enacting new subsections (c1) and (c2) to provide rules for (1) when a council adopts a resolution delaying the next municipal election and does not adopt the changes by the end of the third business day before the opening of the filing period of the next election, and (2) when a council adopts such a resolution but proceeds to adopt the changes within the described deadline (previously, set forth in previous subsection (a) and subsection (d)). Makes further clarifying and technical changes.

**Intro. by Daniel, Newton, Hise.**

GS 160A

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**Government, Elections, Local Government**

## ACTIONS ON BILLS

### PUBLIC BILLS

#### **H 395: HIE DEADLINE EXTENSION & PATIENT PROTECTION. (NEW)**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

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

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

*Senate: Ratified*

#### **S 722: REVISE MUNICIPAL REDISTRICTING/CENSUS.**

*Senate: Filed*

### No local actions on bills

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