



The Daily Bulletin: 2023-02-16

PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 137 (2023-2024) [EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR DC STATEHOOD](#). Filed Feb 16 2023, *A JOINT RESOLUTION URGING MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT FEDERAL LEGISLATION ADMITTING WASHINGTON, D.C., INTO THE UNION AS A STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.*

Contains whereas clauses. Supports statehood for Washington, D.C., encourages members of Congress to enact legislation providing statehood for Washington, D.C., and directs the North Carolina secretary of State to distribute this joint resolution to members of North Carolina's congressional delegation, Clerk of the US House of Representatives, and Secretary of the US Senate.

Intro. by Belk, Logan, Dahle, Autry.

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H 138 (2023-2024) [FAILURE TO YIELD TO BLIND PEDESTRIANS/PENALTY](#). Filed Feb 16 2023, *AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT FAILURE TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A BLIND OR PARTIALLY BLIND PEDESTRIAN UNDER G.S. 20-175.2 IS A CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR.*

Amends GS 20-175.2 (establishing a blind person's right-of-way at crossings, intersections, and traffic control signal points so long as they use a white cane or are accompanied by a guide dog) as title indicates. Applies to offenses committed after December 1, 2023.

Intro. by Morey, Setzer, Shepard, Carney.

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[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle](#)

H 139 (2023-2024) [U.S. & N.C. FLAGS/MADE IN USA](#). Filed Feb 16 2023, *AN ACT PROVIDING THAT STATE INSTITUTIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE SHALL NOT USE PUBLIC FUNDS TO PURCHASE FLAGS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UNLESS THE FLAGS ARE MADE IN THE UNITED STATES.*

Enacts new GS 144-10 prohibiting State institutions or political subdivision of the State from using public funds to purchase US or North Carolina flags unless the flag has been entirely manufactured in the US using articles, materials, or supplies that have been grown or entirely produced or manufactured in the United States. Provides that this statute does not apply if the head of the State institution or governing body of the political subdivision determines the flag purchase would result in a sacrifice or loss in price or quality. Effective October 1, 2023.

Intro. by D. Hall, Chesser, Goodwin, Riddell.

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[Business and Commerce, Government, State Government, State Property, Local Government](#)

H 140 (2023-2024) [CIVILIAN TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATORS](#). Filed Feb 16 2023, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO EMPLOY AND ALLOW CIVILIAN PERSONNEL TO INVESTIGATE TRAFFIC CRASHES*.

Enacts new GS 160A-499.6 authorizing a city to employ and allow civilian personnel to investigate traffic crashes involving only property damage, naming these personnel civilian investigators (investigators). Details nine requirements of the city and investigators regarding the employment of investigators, including establishing minimum employment standards and compliance with specified training conditions, equipment issuance, and limits of investigator authority. Specifies that investigators cannot be issued a weapon and have no authority to arrest or issue criminal process.

Intro. by Faircloth, Hardister, Lambeth, Ross.

[GS 160A](#)

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[Government, Local Government, Transportation](#)

H 141 (2023-2024) [PAID PARENTAL LEAVE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES](#). Filed Feb 16 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE PAID PARENTAL LEAVE TO STATE EMPLOYEES AND OTHER STATE-SUPPORTED PERSONNEL*.

Enacts GS 126-8.6, directing the State Human Resources Commission (Commission) to adopt rules and policies that provide that a permanent, full-time State employee can take up to eight weeks of paid parental leave in addition to any other available leave, so long as the employee is continuously employed for at least 12 months preceding the first request for paid parental leave. Provides for prorated leave for part-time employees of up to four weeks in addition to any other available leave. Specifies that the authorized leave is provided for birth of the parent's child and to care for the newborn or for placement and adoption of a child and time for bonding; is available without exhaustion of the employee's earned leave; is in addition to shared leave or other leave authorized by federal or state law; cannot be used for retirement purposes; and has no cash value upon termination. Defines the scope of the act to include all State employees and all State-supported personnel with the appropriate governing board adopting rules and policies consistent with the act. Directs the Commission, named state entities and all State agencies, departments, and institutions to annually report to the Office of State Human Resources on the paid parental leave program beginning May 1, 2024.

Amends GS 126-5 to explicitly make the provisions of new GS 126-8.6 applicably to all State employees, public school employees, and community college employees.

Appropriates \$10 million in recurring funds for each year of the 2023-25 fiscal biennium from the General Fund to a Reserve for Compensation to fund the paid parental leave program.

Effective July 1, 2023.

Intro. by Logan, A. Baker, Crawford, Willingham.

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Employment and Retirement, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, State Government, State Personnel](#)

H 142 (2023-2024) [PROTECT OUR STUDENTS ACT.-AB](#) Filed Feb 16 2023, *AN ACT TO MODIFY PENALTIES AND DEFINITIONS FOR CERTAIN SEX OFFENSES AGAINST STUDENTS, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO REPORT CERTAIN MISCONDUCT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS TO SHOW STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE A VIDEO PRODUCED BY THE CENTER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS CONTAINING AGE-APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION*.

Part I.

Amends GS 14-27.32, prohibiting sexual activity with a student, by increasing the penalty from a Class I to Class G felony for a defendant who is school personnel other than a teacher, school administrator, student teacher, school safety officer, or coach, and is less than four years older than the victim and engages in vaginal intercourse or a sexual act with a student. Amends the definition of student that applies throughout the statute to now define *student* as a person enrolled in kindergarten, or in grade one through grade 12 in any school within six months of any violation of this statute (current law does not specify enrollment within six months of a violation). Makes organizational changes.

Amends GS 14-202.4, prohibiting taking indecent liberties with a student, by increasing the penalty from a Class I to Class G felony when (1) a defendant, who is a teacher, school administrator, student teacher, school safety officer, or coach, at any age, or who is other school personnel and is at least four years older than the victim, takes indecent liberties with a student, at any time during or after the time the defendant and victim were present together in the same school but before the victim ceases to be a student or (2) a defendant, who is school personnel other than a teacher, school administrator, student teacher, school safety officer, or coach, and who is less than four years older than the victim, takes indecent liberties with a student, as provided in (1). Amends the definition of *student* that applies throughout the statute to now define student as a person enrolled in kindergarten, or in grade one through grade 12 in any school within six months of any violation of this statute (current law does not specify enrollment within six months of a violation). Makes organizational changes.

Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2023.

Part II.

Adds new Part 3B, Reporting Misconduct of Licensed School Employees, in Article 22 of GS Chapter 115C, providing as follows. Requires any superintendent, assistant superintendent, associate superintendent, personnel administrator, or principal who knows or has reason to believe that an employee licensed under Article 17E of GS Chapter 115C has engaged in misconduct resulting in dismissal, disciplinary action, or resignation to report the misconduct to the State Board of Education within five days of dismissal, determination of disciplinary action, or acceptance of resignation. Makes it a Class I felony to fail to report misconduct. Prohibits school personnel from threatening, harassing, or retaliating against any other person for making a report. Defines misconduct as (1) conduct that justifies automatic revocation of a license under GS 115C-270.35(b) (which sets out 23 specified crimes that require automatic revocation) or (2) the infliction of a physical injury against a child other than by accident or in self-defense. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2023.

Part III.

Adds to the Center for Safer Schools' duties in GS 115C-105.5, developing and producing age-appropriate videos to be shown to students in grades six through 12 that include at least the information listed in GS 115C-12(47). Requires distribution of the videos to all public school units and allows providing the videos to nonpublic schools upon request. GS 115C-12(47) requires the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to adopt a rule requiring information on child abuse and neglect, including age-appropriate information on sexual abuse, to be provided by public school units to students in grades six through 12. Expands upon the forms that this information must be presented in, to include the video and requires it to be shown to all students no more than five days after the first day of the school year. Makes additional conforming changes. Requires the Center for Safer Schools to produce and distribute the videos no later than June 30, 2024. Applies beginning with the 2024-25 school year.

Intro. by Torbett, K. Baker, Johnson, Kidwell.

GS 14, GS 115C

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Courts/Judiciary, Juvenile Law, Abuse, Neglect and Dependency, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Child Welfare

H 143 (2023-2024) **NORTH CAROLINA CROWN ACT**. Filed Feb 16 2023, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA CROWN ACT TO CREATE A RESPECTFUL AND OPEN WORLD FOR NATURAL HAIR*.

Enacts new GS 95-28.1B prohibiting any person, firm, corporation, unincorporated association, State agency, local government, or any other public or private entity from denying or refusing employment to any person, or discharging any

person from employment, because of traits historically associated with race or on account of the person's hair texture or protective hairstyles (including, but not limited to, bantu knots, braids, locks, and twists). Defines race as including traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture, hair type, and protective hairstyles. Specifies that this statute does not prevent a person from being discharged for cause.

Amends GS 95-241 by making conforming changes to prohibit discriminating or taking any retaliatory action against an employee who in good faith files a claim or other action related to new GS 95-28.1B.

Intro. by A. Baker, Logan, Price, Staton-Williams.

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Employment and Retirement, Government, State Government, State Personnel, Local Government

H 144 (2023-2024) **GSC UNIFORM PUBLIC EXPRESSION PROTECTION ACT**. Filed Feb 16 2023, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE UNIFORM PUBLIC EXPRESSION PROTECTION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.*

Part I.

Enacts new Article 54 to GS Chapter 1, titled the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act (UPEPA), providing for a special motion for expedited relief to dismiss a cause of action that falls within the Article's scope. Includes defined terms. Defines the scope of the Article to a civil cause of action against a person based on the person's (1) communication in a legislative, executive, judicial, administrative, or other governmental proceeding; (2) the person's communication on an issue under consideration or review in a legislative, executive, judicial, administrative, or other governmental proceeding; or (3) the person's exercise of the right of freedom of speech or of the press, the right to assembly or petition, or the right of association, guaranteed by the federal or State constitutions, on a matter of public concern. Excludes from the Article's scope (1) a cause of action against a governmental unit or an employee or agent of a governmental unit acting or purporting to act in an official capacity; (2) a cause of action by a governmental unit or an employee or agent of a governmental unit acting in an official capacity to enforce a law to protect against an imminent threat to public health or safety; or (3) a cause of action against a person primarily engaged in the business of selling or leasing goods or services if the cause of action arises out of communication related to the person's sale or lease of the goods or services. Defines goods or services to exclude the creation, dissemination, exhibition, or advertisement or similar promotion of a dramatic, literary, musical, political, journalistic, or artistic work.

Permits a party to file a special motion for expedited relief, no later than 60 days after a party is served with a complaint or other pleading asserting a cause of action to which the Article applies, to dismiss the cause of action or part of the cause of action. Permits filing the special motion at a later time on a showing of good cause. Specifies that the motion does not waive any other defense, objection, or motion, and a party's failure to consolidate the motion with another motion or pleading does not waive a party's right to file the special motion. Provides that the special motion stays all other proceedings between the parties until entry of an order ruling on the motion and expiration of the 30-day period during which the moving party may appeal such order, with proceedings stayed until conclusion of the appeal. Details limited exceptions to a stay under the Article.

Requires the court to hear the motion no later than 60 days after a party submits a calendar request for the motion unless the court orders a later hearing to allow for discovery or for other good cause. Identifies proof the court can consider on the motion, including any evidence that could be considered in ruling on a motion for summary judgment under Rule 56.

Prescribes when a court must dismiss the cause of action, or part thereof, with prejudice in ruling on the motion. Requires the court to rule on the motion no later than 60 days after the hearing. Provides for an appeal from an order denying the motion. Provides for the award of attorneys' fees related to the motion as specified. States mandate for broad construction of the Article and its uniform application.

Part II.

Amends GS 7A-27 to include the denial of a special motion for expedited relief under new Article 54, GS Chapter 1, to appeals that lie of right directly to the Court of Appeals.

Part III.

Includes a severability clause. Directs the Revisor of Statutes to print the official an explanatory comments of the UPEPA.

Applies to civil actions filed or causes of action asserted in a civil action on or after October 1, 2023.

Intro. by Davis.

[GS 1, GS 7A](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Procedure](#)

H 145 (2023-2024) [SOCIAL SERVICES REFORM](#). Filed Feb 16 2023, *AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT PROVISIONS RELATED TO SOCIAL SERVICES REFORM*.

Section 1

Adds to the responsibilities of county boards of social services charged in GS 108A-9, attending education and training for new board members during the first year of service. Makes technical changes. Makes the requirements effective October 1, 2023, and requires that all current county board members participate in the education and training sessions by October 1, 2025.

Directs DSS to collaborate with specified key stakeholders, including the UNC School of Government, to create formal education and training programs for new county board members, specifically including a segment on county board liabilities, with training available statewide by March 1, 2024.

Section 2

Directs the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to conduct a feasibility and cost study, as specified, of a proposed child support tribunal using quasi-judicial procedures to hear child support matters. Requires AOC to submit its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by March 1, 2024.

Section 3

Enacts GS 108A-15.16 to require county department of social services to resolve conflicts of interest cases consistent with applicable law and DHHS policies and procedures. Requires DHHS policies and procedures to address county financial and practice responsibilities. Requires counties to notify DHHS upon identifying a conflict of interest. Grants DHHS the authority to making final determinations regarding conflict of interest assignments when disputes arise, with regional staff having initial authority when a dispute arises between county departments and central staff having initial authority when disputes arise between regions. Directs the Social Services Commission (Commission) to adopt rules regarding conflicts of interest management. Defines conflict of interest.

Directs the Commission report to the specified NCGA committee upon the adoption of rules under GS 108A-15.16.

Intro. by Stevens.

[STUDY, GS 108A](#)

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S 121 (2023-2024) [MEDICAL FREEDOM ACT](#). Filed Feb 16 2023, *AN ACT PROHIBITING STATE AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST PERSONS BASED ON THEIR REFUSAL TO PROVIDE PROOF OF A COVID-19 VACCINATION OR TO SUBMIT TO A COVID-19 VACCINATION AND PROHIBITING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES, STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM REQUIRING ANY PERSON TO PROVIDE PROOF OF OR TO SUBMIT TO A COVID-19 VACCINATION.*

Identical to [H 98](#), filed 2/13/23.

Section 1

Enacts GS 143-162.6 prohibiting State and local governments from denying or refusing employment, or discharging from employment, any person for refusing to submit to a COVID-19 vaccine or series of vaccines, or provide proof of a COVID-19 vaccine. Specifies that the statute does not prevent discharge for cause. Additionally prohibits State and local governments from acts of discrimination or retaliation against an employee who in good faith takes actions in reporting violations of the statute.

Section 2

Enacts GS 115C-377.1 to prohibit governing bodies of public school units from (1) adopting policies regarding the use of face coverings and (2) quarantining healthy students. Effective on the date the act becomes law, allows a student or parent to bring a civil action against a governing body for violating the statute and requires awarding reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs for prevailing claims.

Enacts new subsections to GS 115C-12, GS 115C-47, GS 115C-218.75, GS 115C-238.66, and GS 116-239.8 to bar the State Board of Education, local boards of education, charter school and regional school boards of directors, and chancellors of lab schools from implementing any health requirement prohibited by new GS 115C-377.1.

Applies beginning with the 2023-23 school year unless otherwise specified.

Section 3

Amends GS 130A-152, which establishes immunization requirements for children in the state, to enact a new subsection prohibiting the Commission for Public Health, and public schools, colleges and universities, from requiring a student to submit to a COVID-19 vaccine or series of vaccines, or to provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19. Makes conforming changes.

Enacts GS 130A-158.3 prohibiting State and local public health agencies and public health officials from requiring any person, including applicants for employment and employees, to submit to a COVID-19 vaccine or series of vaccines, or to provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19. Includes the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and the State Health Director and the head of any State or local public health agency and their designees in the definition of State or local public health official. Includes other defined terms.

Section 4

Enacts GS 153A-461 relating to counties, and GS 160A-499.6 relating to cities, prohibiting counties and cities from requiring any person, including applicants for employment and employees, to submit to a COVID-19 vaccine or series of vaccines, or to provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19. Includes defined terms.

Intro. by Moffitt, Lazzara, Hanig.

[GS 115C](#), [GS 116](#), [GS 130A](#), [GS 143](#), [GS 153A](#), [GS 160A](#)

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S 122 (2023-2024) [INSURANCE REFERRAL FEE CAP](#). Filed Feb 16 2023, *AN ACT PLACING A CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS*.

Amends GS 58-33-82 to cap at \$50 commissions, fees, or other valuable consideration paid to an unlicensed person for referral of insurance business to a licensed insurance agent or broker, with violations punishable by up to a \$2,000 fine in addition to other legal penalties. Applies to referrals of insurance business made on or after October 1, 2023.

Intro. by Johnson.

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[Business and Commerce, Insurance, Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law](#)

S 123 (2023-2024) [CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE CLARIFICATIONS](#). Filed Feb 16 2023, *AN ACT PROHIBITING PREPARING, ISSUING, REQUESTING, OR REQUIRING A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE THAT INCLUDES EXTRANEIOUS INFORMATION*.

As title indicates, amends GS 58-3-149 (governing certificates of insurance) to prohibit any person from knowingly preparing, issuing, requesting, or requiring a certificate of insurance that includes information not required in the underlying insurance policy. Effective October 1, 2023.

Intro. by Johnson.

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[Business and Commerce, Insurance](#)

S 124 (2023-2024) [INSURANCE REBATE REFORM](#). Filed Feb 16 2023, *AN ACT PERMITTING CERTAIN INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES RELATED TO GIFTS, REBATES, AND SERVICES OFFERED FOR FREE OR FOR LESS THAN MARKET VALUE*.

Enacts GS 58-63-16 to authorize insurers, insurance producers, and limited representatives to offer or provide products and services:

- of up to \$250 in aggregate retail value, per person per year, in connection with the marketing, purchase, or retention of an insurance contract;
- without or at a reduced fee for products or services related to servicing an insurance contract or offered or undertaken to provide risk control for the insured; and
- without or at a reduced fee if their receipt is not contingent upon the purchase of insurance, they are offered on the same terms to all potential customers, and these such requirements are received by the recipient in writing.

Defines *insurance producer* and *limited representative* by statutory cross references. Provides that this described authority is granted notwithstanding state laws prohibiting rebates beyond premiums under GS 58-33-85, or unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices under GS 58-63-15. Makes conforming changes to GS 58-33-85 and GS 58-63-15. Effective October 1, 2023.

Intro. by Johnson.

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[Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection, Insurance](#)

S 125 (2023-2024) [RATE-MAKING LEGISLATION](#). Filed Feb 16 2023, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE INSURANCE RATE-MAKING LAWS*.

Amends GS 58-36-10 regarding the factors to consider in making and using insurance rates to require due consideration to be given to investment income from capital and surplus.

Amends GS 58-36-43 to clarify that an insurance company cannot condition the acceptance or renewal of a policy, any underwriting criteria, or any rating criteria, upon the acceptance by the policyholder of any optional automobile or homeowners' enhancements authorized by the statute (previously phrased to combine underwriting rating criteria).

Repeals GS 58-36-43(b), which requires insurers to utilize statistical codes outlined by their statistical organization in reporting premiums and losses resulting from program enhancements filed with the Commissioner of Insurance (Commissioner) pursuant to the statute.

Amends GS 58-36-65 to set forth a new definition for conviction used in the statute regarding classifications of drivers and safe driving incentive plans, as the term was previously defined by statutory cross-reference that has since been repealed.

Effective October 1, 2024, and applicable to drivers convicted of moving violations on or after that date, amends GS 58-36-65 to require that for convictions for which four or more points under a Safe Driving Incentive Plan are assigned, other than convictions for speeding in excess of the posted speed limit, subclassification plan charges must be applied to a policy for a period of five policy years.

Amends subsection (k) of GS 58-36-65 to allow the subclassification plan to provide for premium surcharges for insureds having less than eight years' driving experience as licensed drivers for insureds receiving a drivers license for the first time on or after September 30, 2022. Makes conforming changes to restrict the same authority for insureds having less than three years' driving experience as licensed drivers for insureds receiving a driver's license for the first time on or before September 30, 2022.

Enacts subsection (k1) to GS 58-36-65 to provide for drivers subject to subsection (k) to be eligible for an inexperienced safe driver discount after three full years of driving experience. Details eligibility requirements, including having no at-fault accidents or convictions (including prayers for judgment continued) on the driver's driving record, which precludes the driver from discount eligibility. Eligibility terminates after eight years of licensure or upon an at-fault accident or conviction. Requires any discount to be filed by the Rate Bureau with the Commissioner. Effective October 1, 2023.

Amends GS 58-36-75(f) to expand the time period required for a clean driving record for a subclassification plan to assess no premium surcharge or points for specified traffic violations and convictions, from three to five years immediately preceding, as stated. Effective October 1, 2023.

Directs the Department of Insurance to conduct public outreach regarding the impact to policyholders and both experienced and inexperienced drivers, including publication on the Department's website. Permits coordination with the insurance industry and the Rate Bureau.

Intro. by Johnson, Burgin, Sawyer.

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

S 129 (2023-2024) **FUNDS FOR GREENVILLE'S BULKHEAD PROJECT**. Filed Feb 16 2023, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF GREENVILLE'S TOWN COMMON BULKHEAD PROJECT*.

Appropriates \$25 million for 2023-24 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management for a directed grant to the City of Greenville to design and construct a new bulkhead along the city's waterway. Effective July 1, 2023.

Intro. by Smith.

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Office of State Budget and Management

LOCAL/SENATE BILLS

S 120 (2023-2024) [SWAIN COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX RATE INCREASE](#). Filed Feb 16 2023, *AN ACT TO ALLOW SWAIN COUNTY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL OCCUPANCY TAX OF UP TO TWO PERCENT.*

Amends SL 1985-923, as amended, authorizing the Swain County Board of Commissioners (Board) to levy a room occupancy tax of up to 3% on gross receipts derived from the rental of an accommodation in the county (was, rental of any room, lodging, or accommodation furnished by a hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, or similar place). Eliminates the exclusion of accommodations furnished to nonprofit charitable, educational, or religious organizations. Adds a new subsection to authorize the Board to levy an additional room occupancy tax of up to 2%, only if it levies the previously authorized room occupancy taxes, to be administered and repealed in the same manner as the previously authorized tax. Revises the duties of the Swain Tourism Development Authority to now require the Authority to expend the net proceeds of the taxes to promote travel and tourism and for tourism-related expenditures, as defined by the act. Makes technical, conforming, and clarifying changes.

Intro. by Corbin.

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[Government, Tax](#)

S 126 (2023-2024) [CITY OF ASHEVILLE/PARKING METER PROCEEDS](#). Filed Feb 16 2023, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED.*

Amends Section 2 of SL 2021-46, as the title indicates.

Intro. by Daniel, Mayfield, Moffitt.

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[Transportation](#)

S 127 (2023-2024) [5TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Feb 16 2023, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 5TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.*

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Intro. by Smith.

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S 128 (2023-2024) [28TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Feb 16 2023, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 28TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.*

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Intro. by Robinson.

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

H 36: FIREARMS TRAINING/PROBATION & PAROLE OFFICERS.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

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Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 49: PROTECT RELIGIOUS MEETING PLACES.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 76: ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE OPTIONS.

House: Passed 3rd Reading

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H 123: EARLY VOTING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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H 124: AUTHORIZE HAW RIVER STATE TRAIL.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 125: SAFE SURRENDER INFANTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 126: THE PRISON RESOURCES REPURPOSING ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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H 127: DOI OMNIBUS BILL.-AB

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H 128: ELECTRIC VEHICLE HIGHWAY USE EQUALIZATION TAX.

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

H 130: PRESERVING CHOICES FOR CONSUMERS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 131: PROTECT NC ED. SAVINGS & INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 132: GOVT. AGENCIES/DELIVERY OF PERMITS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 134: SHP CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR CHANGES.-AB

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 137: EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR DC STATEHOOD.

House: Filed

H 138: FAILURE TO YIELD TO BLIND PEDESTRIANS/PENALTY.

House: Filed

H 139: U.S. & N.C. FLAGS/MADE IN USA.

House: Filed

H 140: CIVILIAN TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATORS.

House: Filed

H 141: PAID PARENTAL LEAVE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES.

House: Filed

H 142: PROTECT OUR STUDENTS ACT.-AB

House: Filed

H 143: NORTH CAROLINA CROWN ACT.

House: Filed

H 144: GSC UNIFORM PUBLIC EXPRESSION PROTECTION ACT.

House: Filed

H 145: SOCIAL SERVICES REFORM.

House: Filed

S 41: GUARANTEE 2ND AMEND FREEDOM AND PROTECTIONS. (NEW)

Senate: Amend Tabled A1

Senate: Amend Tabled A2

Senate: Amend Tabled A3

Senate: Amend Tabled A4

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

S 109: REPEAL DEATH PENALTY.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 110: GSC UNIF. COMMUNITY PROP. DISP. AT DEATH ACT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 111: REPEAT ORDINANCE VIOLATORS/TAXI ORDINANCES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 112: GSC CONVEYANCES BETWEEN SPOUSES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 113: BRING BACK OUR HEROES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 114: NC REACH ACT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 115: REPURPOSE R.J. BLACKLEY CTR AS PSYCH HOSPITAL.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 116: 2023 YOUTH END ACT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

S 121: MEDICAL FREEDOM ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 122: INSURANCE REFERRAL FEE CAP.

Senate: Filed

S 123: CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE CLARIFICATIONS.

Senate: Filed

S 124: INSURANCE REBATE REFORM.

Senate: Filed

S 125: RATE-MAKING LEGISLATION.

Senate: Filed

S 129: FUNDS FOR GREENVILLE'S BULKHEAD PROJECT.

Senate: Filed

LOCAL BILLS

H 27: ELECT THOMASVILLE CITY BD. OF ED.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 30: REDUCE LENGTH OF GRANVILLE BD. OF ED. TERMS.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 31: ROWAN-SALISBURY BOARD OF EDUC. FILING PERIOD.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 88: GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCIES.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 129: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEXIBILITY/PITT COUNTY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 133: GRAHAM COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 120: SWAIN COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX RATE INCREASE.

Senate: Filed

S 126: CITY OF ASHEVILLE/PARKING METER PROCEEDS.

Senate: Filed

S 127: 5TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.

Senate: Filed

S 128: 28TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.

Senate: Filed

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