



## The Daily Bulletin: 2023-03-02

### PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

**H 96 NC REACH ACT.** Filed Feb 13 2023, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE AT LEAST THREE CREDIT HOURS OF INSTRUCTION IN AMERICAN HISTORY OR AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO GRADUATE FROM A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WITH A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE OR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE WITH AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE.*

House committee substitute to the 1<sup>st</sup> edition makes the following changes. Changes the act's long title.

Amends GS 116-11.5 (applicable to the UNC system) and GS 115D-10 (applicable to state community colleges) to require that each institution in these systems require as a condition of graduation for all students to complete at least three credit hours of instruction in American history or American government that provides a comprehensive overview of the major events and turning points of American history and government (was, required three credit hours of instruction in American government). Adds the Gettysburg Address to the list of required course documents. In addition to requirement that exam comprise 20% of the student's total course grade, now requires the final exam to focus substantially on the principles of the required documents, the perspectives of the authors, and the relevant historic contexts at the time. Adds a passing score on the AS-Level or A-Level Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education course to list of tests that would permit the chancellor (UNC system) or president of a community college or designee to exempt students from the course requirement. Makes exempting students from the course requirement when they have completed the specified courses or passed the relevant exams discretionary instead of mandatory. Requires the Board of Governors of the UNC system (Board) or the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC), as applicable, to ensure that the requirements of this section are incorporated into the degree requirements of all baccalaureate programs and do not do any of the following: (1) add to the total number of credit hours required for a degree; (2) conflict with the accreditation process for any constituent institution (was, the Board/SBCC and the Board of Trustees for each constituent institution, as applicable, and only had to make sure that the new course did not add to the total number of credit hours required for a degree). Allows for the removal of a chancellor or president for failure to comply with these requirements over more than one academic year (was, for failure to comply with no time frame). Makes technical and organizational changes.

Makes conforming changes to GS 116-11 (UNC system) and GS 115D-5 (state community colleges) to include reference to American history in required Board/SBCC policy. Amends GS 116-11 (pertaining to power of Board) to include reference to GS 116-11(15).

Amends GS 115C-81.45(d) (pertaining to civic literacy requirement in State secondary schools) to specify that a passing grade in an advanced course or dual enrollment course satisfies the Founding Principles of the US and NC course requirement, if, in addition to meeting existing civic literacy course requirements, the course also requires the students to read the entirety of the same six documents required for higher education by the REACH Act. Applies to courses offered beginning with the 2023-24 school year.

Makes technical and reorganizational changes.

**Intro. by Kidwell, Hardister.**

**GS 115C, GS 115D, GS 116**

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**Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System**

**H 113 (2023-2024) PROHIBIT RENAMING OF FAYETTEVILLE STATE.** Filed Feb 14 2023, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE REDESIGNATION OF FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY AS ANY OTHER NAME AS A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OF THE*

*UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.*

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

Amends new GS 116-4.2 by specifying that the University's legal name is Fayetteville State University under GS 116-4 and, therefore, must not be redesignated.

**Intro. by Pierce, Lucas, Wheatley, Charles Smith.**

[GS 116](#)

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[Government, State Agencies, UNC System](#)

H 153 (2023-2024) [USE TRIBAL ID FOR ALCOHOL & TOBACCO PURCHASE](#). Filed Feb 21 2023, *AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF A TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CARD ISSUED BY A STATE OR FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE WHEN MAKING ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO PURCHASES.*

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

Amends GS 18B-302 (prohibiting the sale of malt beverages, unfortified wine, wine, spirituous liquor, or mixed beverages to anyone less than 21 years old) and GS 14-313 (regulating youth access to tobacco products, tobacco-derived products, vapor products, and cigarette wrapping papers) to add tribal enrollment cards issued by a State or federally recognized Indian Tribe (was, issued by a federal recognized tribe) to the list of acceptable identification of purchasers or prospective purchasers.

Changes the effective date of the act from July 1, 2023, to December 1, 2023. Makes conforming changes to the act's long title.

**Intro. by Gillespie, Clampitt, B. Jones, Lowery.**

[GS 14, GS 18B](#)

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[Alcoholic Beverage Control, Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Native Americans](#)

H 166 (2023-2024) [AMERICAN INDIANS GRADUATING WITH HONORS ACT](#). Filed Feb 21 2023, *AN ACT TO ALLOW AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS TO WEAR CULTURAL OBJECTS AT PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES.*

House committee substitute to the 1<sup>st</sup> edition makes the following changes.

Restricts the scope of objects of cultural significance under GS 115C-407.40 to only bird feathers and plumes (was, an object of cultural significance including bird feathers and plumes). Amends GS 115C-218.75 (charter schools), GS 115C-238.66 (regional schools), and GS 116-239.8(b) (laboratory schools) to require these entities to comply with GS 115C-407.40. Makes conforming changes to SL 2018-32 to update new title of Article 29D. Makes organizational change.

**Intro. by Lowery, Gillespie, B. Jones, Clampitt.**

[GS 115C, GS 116](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Native Americans](#)

H 259 (2023-2024) [2023 APPROPRIATIONS ACT](#). Filed Mar 2 2023, *AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS.*

Blank bill.

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

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H 260 (2023-2024) [DIVERSITY IN PICKLEBALL PILOT PROGRAM](#). Filed Mar 2 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY FOR A PILOT PROGRAM IN WAKE COUNTY TO INCREASE DIVERSITY IN THE GAME OF PICKLEBALL*.

Appropriates \$10,112 for 2023-24 from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors to be allocated to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management in the College of Natural Resources at NC State University for a pilot program in Wake County to enhance diversity in the sport of pickleball. Requires the program to consist of: (1) at least two focus groups with people of color to gain insight into how to best create and promote a program aimed to increase diversity among pickleball participants; (2) creation of a branded program, including name, logo, and physical and digital marketing materials; (3) marketing of the program, in coordination with community partners, using specified avenues; (4) a four-week session held in the fall of 2023 and the spring of 2024 at Method Road and Chavis recreation centers in Raleigh; and (5) post-program evaluation and creation of a toolkit that can be used to implement similar programs for parks and recreation departments and other community organizations across NC. Specifies that the funds do not revert but remain available to the Department for these purposes.

**Intro. by Roberson, Logan, Carney, A. Baker.**

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H 261 (2023-2024) [LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE MODIFICATION](#). Filed Mar 2 2023, *AN ACT TO REDUCE THE TIME A LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE MUST BE HELD BEFORE OBTAINING A FULL PROVISIONAL LICENSE*.

Identical to [S 157](#), filed 2/23/23.

Extends until December 31, 2023, the amendment to GS 20-11(d) made in SL 2021-24, as amended by SL 2021-134, which expired December 31, 2022, requiring individuals to hold a limited learner's driving permit for at least six months (instead of 12 months) before obtaining a limited provisional driving license.

Amends GS 20-11(d) to require individuals to hold a limited learner's driving permit for at least nine months before obtaining a limited provisional driving license, effective January 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Shepard, Iler.**

[GS 20](#)[View summary](#)[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle](#)

H 263 (2023-2024) [2023 APPROPRIATIONS ACT](#). Filed Mar 2 2023, *AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS*.

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

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H 265 (2023-2024) [CITIES/FLOOD REDUCTION TECHNIQUES](#). Filed Mar 2 2023, *AN ACT GRANTING CITIES THE SAME AUTHORITY AS COUNTIES TO UNDERTAKE ACTIVITIES WITHIN THEIR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS TO IMPLEMENT FLOOD REDUCTION TECHNIQUES THAT RESULT IN IMPROVEMENTS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY.*

Substantively identical to [S 76](#), filed 2/7/23.

Enacts GS 160A-311.1, authorizing cities to take the following actions within its stormwater management program: (1) purchase property for the purpose of demolishing flood-prone buildings; and (2) implement flood damage reduction techniques that result in improvements to private property, including elevating structures or their associated components and demolishing or retrofitting flood-prone structures. States legislative findings regarding stormwater management programs, and limits the scope of the statute to cities with a population of 200,000 or more.

Requires a city council to approve a policy document governing implementation of the authorized flood damage reduction techniques which improve private property. Details five requirements of a city's policy document, including requiring prior consent of the property owner, requiring a determination that improving the stormwater system is not practically feasible or cost-effective, stating the minimum financial contribution a private property owner must make, and requiring reimbursement by the property owner of city funds if the property is sold within five years of project completion. Requires an existing stormwater advisory committee to review and approve such projects, and submit an annual report to the city council for its review.

**Intro. by A. Baker.**

[GS 160A](#)

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Environment, Government, Local Government](#)

H 266 (2023-2024) [LOCAL GOVERNMENTS/SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES](#). Filed Mar 2 2023, *AN ACT GRANTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS THE AUTHORITY TO EXEMPT PROPERTY BEING DEVELOPED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FROM SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES.*

Identical to [S 163](#), filed 2/27/23.

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

**Intro. by A. Baker.**

[GS 162A](#)

[View summary](#)

[Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction, Property and Housing, Government, Local Government](#)

H 268 (2023-2024) [MODIFY AGE LIMITS OF JUDGES](#). Filed Mar 2 2023, *AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY ALLOW JUDGES OF THE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION OF THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE TO SERVE BEYOND THE AGE OF SEVENTY-TWO IN ORDER TO FINISH THE JUDGE'S TERM WHEN THERE IS LESS THAN TWO YEARS REMAINING IN THE JUDGE'S TERM.*

Amends GS 7A-4.20 (governing age limits for judges and justices) as follows. Enacts new subsection (b), effective from when the act becomes law until January 1, 2027, to allow judges of the District Court Division of the General Court of Justice who turn 72 years of age with less than two years remaining on the judge's term of office, to continue in office until the end of the judge's term of office. Specifies that the age of the judge at the end of the judge's term will constitute, for that judge, the maximum age limit for service as a judge. Authorizes District Court judges that can extend their retirement to be recalled for periods of temporary service as provided by law. (Existing law provides for mandatory retirement in the month in which the judge turns 72.) Makes other technical changes. Makes language gender neutral.

Makes conforming changes to GS 7A-170(b) (pertaining to retirement age for magistrates) to refer to reorganized GS 7A-4.20(a). Applies to magistrates serving on or after the act becomes law.

Removes outdated language from GS 135-57 (pertaining to the Consolidated Judicial Retirement Act) and conforming changes to refer to reorganized GS 7A-4.20(a). Applies to judges and justices serving on or after the act becomes law.

**Intro. by Elmore, John, Dixon, Stevens.**

[GS 7A, GS 135](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Employment and Retirement](#)

H 269 (2023-2024) [REPLACE EOC WITH NATIONAL ASSESSMENT](#). Filed Mar 2 2023, *AN ACT TO USE A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ASSESSMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AND COLLEGE READINESS TO REPLACE THE END-OF-COURSE TESTS FOR GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE*.

Part I.

Directs the State Board of Education (State Board) to eliminate the use of end-of-course (EOC) tests for grades 9-12. Deems the national recognized assessment of high school achievement and readiness or an alternate assessment administered to students in eleventh grade pursuant to GS 115C-174.11(c)(4), as amended, to constitute the State-mandated testing in grades 9-12 required by state law. Provides for continued application of NCEXTEND1 policies, and use of NCEXTEND1 for students with disabilities as appropriate.

Revises GS 115C-174.11(c)(4) to direct the State Board to use a competitive bid process to adopt one nationally recognized assessment of high school achievement and college readiness to make available to administrative units, regional school, and charter schools to administer to all eleventh grade students pursuant to federal law (previously provided for the adoption of a nationally norm referenced college admissions test and an alternate for certain students). Makes conforming changes.

Effective July 1, 2024. Applies beginning with tests administered to students entering their junior year during the 2024-25 school year.

Part II.

Directs the State Board to eliminate required administration of ACT WorkKeys for career and technical education students. Provides that career readiness indicators described in specified state law are not to be considered in the calculation of school performance grades issued based on data from the 2021-22 school year.

Repeals GS 115C-174.25 regarding the provision of WorkKeys tests.

Applies beginning with the 2023-24 school year.

Part III.

Revises the assignment of points for school achievement scores for schools serving 9-12 grade students pursuant to GS 115C-83.15 to assign points based on scores of proficient and above on specified subtests of a nationally recognized assessment of high school achievement and college readiness, rather than specified EOC tests, and no longer assign points for students enrolled in career and technical education courses who earn specified scores on a nationally normed test of workplace readiness.

Makes similar changes regarding school performance indicators for schools serving 9-12 grade students pursuant to GS 115C-83.16, revising the measures used to define indicators to refer to proficiency on specified subtests of a nationally recognized assessment of high school achievement and college readiness, rather than specified EOC tests, and no longer include in the measure of student quality and success indicator the percentage of students enrolled in career and technical education courses who earn specified scores on a nationally normed test of workplace readiness.

Makes the above provisions effective January 1, 2025, and apply beginning with school performance grades issued based on data from the 2024-25 school year.

Makes conforming changes to GS 116-11, which provides for coordinated information exchange between public schools and institutions of higher education, to require standardized transcripts to include scores from the nationally recognized assessment of high school achievement and college readiness administered pursuant to GS 115C-174.11, as amended. Effective July 1, 2024, and applies beginning with students entering the eleventh grade during the 2024-25 school year.

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

**GS 115C, GS 116**

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies, State Board of Education, Local Government**

## PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 193 (2023-2024) **CAREER DEVELOPMENT PLANS**. Filed Mar 2 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS*.

Enacts new GS 115C-158.10 providing as follows. Require all middle school and high school students enrolled in local school administrative units to complete a career development plan. Encourages charter schools to participate. Specifies that a career development plan must contain at least the following main prongs of assessment: (1) self-assessment of the student's aptitudes, skills, values, personality, and career interests; (2) exploration and identification of pathways for careers aligned with the student's self-assessment that include specified information for each career; (3) alignment of academic courses and extracurricular activities with the student's identified career interests, including specified inventory of courses and recordkeeping; and (4) creation of a career portfolio. Requires the State Board of Education (Board) to develop rules regarding career development plans. Requires local boards of education to: provide parents written notice of the initial career development plan along with instructions on how to access it, ensure that career development plans are easily accessible to students and parents, and provide access to all career development plans through a designated electronic app.

Specifies that students will not be promoted from seventh grade until the plan is created, and cannot be promoted from tenth grade until the career development plan is revised.

Amends GS 115C-218.75 (pertaining to general operating requirements for charter schools) to encourage charter schools to develop career development plans.

Applies beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

Requires the Board to establish a pilot of at least 20 local school administrative units during the 2023-24 school year to develop the plan requirements and professional development necessary for successful statewide implementation of career development plans in the 2024-25 school year. Requires Board to direct the Department of Public Instruction to develop the electronic app for the career development plan as discussed above, with the additional specification that the app integrate with career information available through other state agencies, and to provide that app to local boards of education and participating charter schools by not later than the 2024-25 school year.

**Intro. by Galey, Lee.**

**STUDY, GS 115C**

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Employment and Retirement, Government, State Agencies, Department of Public Instruction, State Board of Education**

S 194 (2023-2024) **STUDENT BORROWERS' BILL OF RIGHTS**. Filed Mar 2 2023, *AN ACT TO ENACT A STUDENT BORROWERS' BILL OF RIGHTS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKS SHALL LICENSE AND REGULATE STUDENT LOAN SERVICERS, AND TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF THE STUDENT LOAN OMBUDSMAN*.

Enacts new Article 26 to GS Chapter 53 to be cited as the Student Borrowers' Bill of Rights. States the Article's purpose and sets forth defined terms. Prohibits servicing a student loan without a license issued pursuant to the Article. Sets forth seven exceptions to the licensure requirement, including banks and similar savings and loan associations organized under the laws of any state or federal law. Details application requirements and requires applying through the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry (NMLS) in a form acceptable by the Commissioner of Banks (Commissioner) and verified by attestation of the applicant or a designee. Sets the application fee at \$1,500, with initial applicants also responsible for the actual cost of obtaining a credit report and federal and State criminal background checks, as well as processing fees required by the NMLS. Provides for application investigation and abandonment, and establishes six qualifications for licensure. Establishes procedures by which a person seeking to act as a student loan servicer is exempt from the described application procedures upon determination by the Commissioner that the person is a party to a contract awarded by the US Secretary of Education under identified federal law.

Establishes a minimum net worth requirement of \$250,000 for applicants to possess and maintain at all times. Authorizes the Commissioner to increase the minimum upon consideration of 8 factors. Requires applicants to post a surety bond with the Commissioner at application, and licensees to maintain a surety bond, of \$150,000, with an increased surety bond requirement based on the servicer's servicing volume in a calendar year, up to \$500,000. Details parameters governing surety bonds.

Provides for annual license renewal and expiration. Establishes a \$250 reinstatement fee. Provides for license cancellation if the licensee fails to reinstate the license prior to October 31, thereby requiring compliance with the initial licensure requirements. Establishes procedures for cessation of operations. Prohibits assigning a license. Subjects acquisition of a license to Commissioner approval.

Sets an annual assessment of \$1 per borrower served by the licensee, collected annually or in periodic installments by the Commissioner. Requires payment for the prior year before renewal. Authorizes the Commissioner to make special assessments, as specified.

Establishes duties of a licensee, including notice of described material events, and annual reporting on four specified components and any other information deemed relevant by the Commissioner. Establishes duties of a student loan service to borrowers, including timely responding to written inquiries, postponing providing loan information subject to a written request to a consumer reporting agency (except when required to communicate that a debt is disputed), inquiring as to the preference for overpayment application, applying partial payments as to minimize late fees and negative credit reporting, providing notice of and transfer records to new student loan servicers as provided, and evaluating borrowers for repayment programs before placing the borrower in forbearance or default if available.

Enumerates twelve prohibited acts of student loan services, including (1) employing a scheme, device, or artifice to defraud or mislead borrowers or the Commissioner, (2) obtaining property by fraud or misrepresentation, and (3) misapplying payments to the outstanding balance of a student loan.

Grants the Commissioner access to documents or information including criminal, civil, and administrative history information and personal history and experience information. Authorizes the Commissioner to investigate or examine any student loan servicer as often as necessary to carry out the Article. Grants the Commissioner extensive authority to interview related parties, including borrowers. Further details the Commissioner's investigative authority, including assessing actual costs for extraordinary expenses. Provides for the Commissioner's access to records of student loan servicers upon request and details related requirements and restrictions. Provides for required reporting, including accounting compilations. Establishes five further powers of the Commissioner, including the power to hire professionals and specialists to assist in investigations and examinations. Authorizes disciplinary action against a student loan servicer who fails to timely respond to inquiries of the Commissioner regarding filed complaints involving violations of the Article or rules or orders thereunder, fails to respond to and fully cooperate with notices from the Commissioner relating to scheduling and conducting investigations and examinations, or fails to consent to a criminal history check (which is grounds for denial of licensure).

Provides for the confidentiality and sharing of information obtained by the Commissioner under the Article. Subjects actions, hearings, and procedures under the Article to the Administrative Procedure Act. Provides for notice requirements following summary suspensions and cease and desist orders and sets a period within which a licensee can request a hearing before the Commissioner.

Details the disciplinary authority and powers of the Commissioner, subject to required findings. Provides for the authority to summarily order the licensee to cease and desist or summarily suspend the license. Allows for surrender of the license.



Allows for a civil penalty for violations of the Article or rules or orders thereunder of up to \$25,000 per violation. Provides for restitution, disgorgement, and injunction. Additionally establishes a civil cause of action for damages against a student loan servicer. Provides for service of process under the Article.

Authorizes the Commissioner to adopt implementing rules, with aggrieved persons permitted to appeal to the State Banking Commissioner. Authorizes the Commissioner to participate in the NMLS.

Makes the above provisions effective June 1, 2024.

Amends Article 26 by directing the Commissioner to designate a Student Loan Ombudsman to carry out the duties and activities set forth in the Article, and provide timely assistance to any borrower of a student loan in the State. Details six duties the Commissioner is to ensure the Ombudsman provides, including monitoring and analyzing the development and implementation of related federal, State, and local laws and policies. Directs the Office of the Commissioner to ensure the Ombudsman establishes and maintains a student loan borrower education course by July 1, 2025, as specified. Requires annual reporting to the NCGA as specified. Effective January 1, 2025.

Includes a severability clause.

**Intro. by Galey, Craven, Settle.**

[GS 53](#)

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**[Banking and Finance, Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection, Education, Higher Education](#)**

S 195 (2023-2024) [UNC OMNIBUS](#). Filed Mar 2 2023, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA*.

#### Part I

Amends GS 126-5(c1)(9a) to add employees of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NCATSU) employed in county operations to the list of employees exempt from the State Human Resources Act (SHRA). Makes conforming change to GS 153A-439(b) (pertaining to personnel rules for certain employees exempt from the SHRA) to add reference to policies adopted by NCATSU.

#### Part II

Makes technical changes to GS 116-41.13 (pertaining to distinguished professors endowment trust fund). Expands the scope of special needs institutions included in GS 116-41.13A, applicable to the Distinguished Professors Endowment Fund, by adding the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics to the list of covered institutions.

#### Part III

Expands the scope of GS 126-5(c1)(8) (pertaining to certain professional staff exempt from SHRA) to add pilots and all other employees of UNC (list already includes instructional and research staff, finance professionals, business office professionals, auditor professionals, information technology professionals, physicians, and dentists) who are exempt from the minimum wage and overtime compensation provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) to the exemption. Authorizes the Board of Governors to establish positions under the exemption without further review or approval by any other State agency. Effective July 1, 2023.

Amends GS 126-1.1 to provide UNC employees exempt from FLSA's minimum wage and overtime requirements who attained career status before July 1, 2023, the option of either (1) continuing employment with career State employee status if the employee remains in the position the employee occupied on June 30, 2023, or (2) waiving career State employee status and continuing employment as an exempt employee under the SHRA. Requires the University to provide each affected employee with a written explanation of the impact of an election to waive career State employee status. Specifies acknowledgement requirements for employee's election to waive State career employee status. Makes technical changes.

**Intro. by Galey, Barnes, Proctor.**

[GS 116, GS 126, GS 153A](#)



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State Personnel**

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Substantively identical to [S 194](#), filed 3/2/23.

Enacts new Article 26 to GS Chapter 53 to be cited as the Student Borrowers' Bill of Rights. States the Article's purpose and sets forth defined terms. Prohibits servicing a student loan without a license issued pursuant to the Article. Sets forth seven exceptions to the licensure requirement, including banks and similar savings and loan associations organized under the laws of any state or federal law. Details application requirements and requires applying through the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry (NMLS) in a form acceptable by the Commissioner of Banks (Commissioner) and verified by attestation of the applicant or a designee. Sets the application fee at \$1,500, with initial applicants also responsible for the actual cost of obtaining a credit report and federal and State criminal background checks, as well as processing fees required by the NMLS. Provides for application investigation and abandonment, and establishes six qualifications for licensure. Establishes procedures by which a person seeking to act as a student loan servicer is exempt from the described application procedures upon determination by the Commissioner that the person is a party to a contract awarded by the US Secretary of Education under identified federal law.

Establishes a minimum net worth requirement of \$250,000 for applicants to possess and maintain at all times. Authorizes the Commissioner to increase the minimum upon consideration of 8 factors. Requires applicants to post a surety bond with the Commissioner at application, and licensees to maintain a surety bond, of \$150,000, with an increased surety bond requirement based on the servicer's servicing volume in a calendar year, up to \$500,000. Details parameters governing surety bonds.

Provides for annual license renewal and expiration. Establishes a \$250 reinstatement fee. Provides for license cancellation if the licensee fails to reinstate the license prior to October 31, thereby requiring compliance with the initial licensure requirements. Establishes procedures for cessation of operations. Prohibits assigning a license. Subjects acquisition of a license to Commissioner approval.

Sets an annual assessment of \$1 per borrower served by the licensee, collected annually or in periodic installments by the Commissioner. Requires payment for the prior year before renewal. Authorizes the Commissioner to make special assessments, as specified.

Establishes duties of a licensee, including notice of described material events, and annual reporting on four specified components and any other information deemed relevant by the Commissioner. Establishes duties of a student loan service to borrowers, including timely responding to written inquiries, postponing providing loan information subject to a written request to a consumer reporting agency (except when required to communicate that a debt is disputed), inquiring as to the preference for overpayment application, applying partial payments as to minimize late fees and negative credit reporting, providing notice of and transfer records to new student loan servicers as provided, and evaluating borrowers for repayment programs before placing the borrower in forbearance or default if available.

Enumerates twelve prohibited acts of student loan services, including (1) employing a scheme, device, or artifice to defraud or mislead borrowers or the Commissioner, (2) obtaining property by fraud or misrepresentation, and (3) misapplying payments to the outstanding balance of a student loan.

Grants the Commissioner access to documents or information including criminal, civil, and administrative history information and personal history and experience information. Authorizes the Commissioner to investigate or examine any student loan servicer as often as necessary to carry out the Article. Grants the Commissioner extensive authority to interview related parties, including borrowers. Further details the Commissioner's investigative authority, including assessing actual costs for extraordinary expenses. Provides for the Commissioner's access to records of student loan servicers upon request and details related requirements and restrictions. Provides for required reporting, including accounting compilations. Establishes five further powers of the Commissioner, including the power to hire professionals and specialists to assist in investigations and examinations. Authorizes disciplinary action against a student loan servicer who fails to timely respond to inquiries of the

Commissioner regarding filed complaints involving violations of the Article or rules or orders thereunder, fails to respond to and fully cooperate with notices from the Commissioner relating to scheduling and conducting investigations and examinations, or fails to consent to a criminal history check (which is grounds for denial of licensure).

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Details the disciplinary authority and powers of the Commissioner, subject to required findings. Provides for the authority to summarily order the licensee to cease and desist or summarily suspend the license. Allows for surrender of the license.

Allows for a civil penalty for violations of the Article or rules or orders thereunder of up to \$25,000 per violation. Provides for restitution, disgorgement, and injunction. Additionally establishes a civil cause of action for damages against a student loan servicer. Provides for service of process under the Article.

Authorizes the Commissioner to adopt implementing rules, with aggrieved persons permitted to appeal to the State Banking Commissioner. Authorizes the Commissioner to participate in the NMLS.

Makes the above provisions effective June 1, 2024.

Amends Article 26 by directing the Commissioner to designate a Student Loan Ombudsman to carry out the duties and activities set forth in the Article, and provide timely assistance to any borrower of a student loan in the State. Details six duties the Commissioner is to ensure the Ombudsman provides, including monitoring and analyzing the development and implementation of related federal, State, and local laws and policies. Directs the Office of the Commissioner to ensure the Ombudsman establishes and maintains a student loan borrower education course by July 1, 2025, as specified. Requires annual reporting to the NCGA as specified. Effective January 1, 2025.

Includes a severability clause.

**Intro. by Hunt.**

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**Banking and Finance, Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection, Education, Higher Education**

S 197 (2023-2024) **CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING FOR NCCU**. Filed Mar 2 2023, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY*.

Appropriates \$275 million for 2023-24 from the General Fund to North Carolina Central University (NCCU) to be allocated in specified amounts to the following projects: a convocation center, the McDougald-McLendon Arena expansion, the O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium, the Health and Human Performance Center, and land acquisition.

Effective July 1, 2023.

**Intro. by Blue.**

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**Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, UNC System**

## LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 88 (2023-2024) **OMNIBUS LOCAL ELECTIONS. (NEW)** Filed Feb 9 2023, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF VARIOUS*

*COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS IN THE TOWNS OF MAYSVILLE AND POLLOCKSVILLE.*

Senate committee substitute to the 3rd edition makes the following changes.

Section 1

Deletes the provisions amending Section 6 of SL 1991-78, as amended, to require that vacancies on the Guilford County Board of Education be filled in accordance with GS 115C-37.1 and that required a person appointed to fill a vacancy to serve until the next election of members of the Board, at which time the remaining unexpired term of the office in which the vacancy occurs must be filled by election. Instead, requires vacancies to be filled as follows: (1) requires the individual appointed to fill a vacancy to be a qualified voter of Guilford County; (2) requires, when the vacating Board member being replaced was elected from within a single member district, the Board to appoint a resident of the district where the vacancy exists; (3) requires, when the vacating Board member was elected as the nominee of a political party, the Board to consult with the county executive committee of that political party which must provide the name of a qualified individual in writing within 30 days of the occurrence of the vacancy to the Superintendent of Schools of Guilford County, with the person taking the oath of office at the next regular Board meeting; (4) requires, when the county executive committee of the political party of which the vacating Board member is a member fails to provide the name of a qualified individual within 30 days vacancy, that the Board fill the vacancy by vote of a majority of the remaining members of the Board present and voting at the next regular Board meeting after 30 days of the occurrence of the vacancy; and (5) requires any person appointed to fill a vacancy to serve until the next election of Board members, at which time the remaining unexpired term of the office in which the vacancy occurred must be filled by election.

Amends GS 115C-37.1 (Vacancies in offices of county boards elected on partisan basis), by removing Guilford County from those to which the statute applies.

Adds the following content and makes conforming changes the act's titles.

Section 2

Amends Section 1 of SL 1995-128, as amended, as follows. Specifies that the Ashe County Board of Education has nine members and requires that they be elected on a partisan basis instead of the current nonpartisan basis. Requires candidates for the Board to be nominated at the same time and manner as other county officers and requires members to serve staggered four-year terms. Requires vacancies to be filled according to GS 115C-37.1.

Specifies that this does not impact the terms of office of any person elected in 2020 or 2022 to the Ashe County Board of Education. Requires vacancies on the Board for a member elected in 2020 or 2022 to be filled by the remaining Board members. Requires Board members elected in 2020 or 2022, or any member appointed by the remaining Board members to fill a vacancy of a member elected in 2020 or 2022, to serve until a successor has been elected and qualified.

Section 3

Amends Sections 1 and 2 of SL 1989-102, as amended, as follows. Requires the Cabarrus County Board of Education to be elected on a partisan basis instead of the current nonpartisan basis. Requires vacancies to be filled according to GS 115C-37.1. Removes outdated language and makes clarifying changes. Repeals Section 3.1, which required that when an election is to be held to fill a vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term, and the election is at the same time as for full terms, the elections must be held together on the same ballot.

Specifies that this does not impact the terms of office of any person elected in 2020 or 2022 to the Cabarrus County Board of Education. Requires vacancies on the Board for a member elected in 2020 or 2022 to be filled by the remaining Board members. Requires Board members elected in 2020 or 2022, or any member appointed by the remaining Board members to fill a vacancy of a member elected in 2020 or 2022, to serve until a successor has been elected and qualified.

Section 4

Requires that the Henderson County Board of Public Education consist of seven members elected on a partisan basis at the time of the general election in each even-numbered year as terms expire for staggered four-year terms. Requires elections to be conducted in accordance with GS Chapters 115C (Elementary and Secondary Education) and 163 (Elections and Election Law). Requires candidates to be nominated at the same time and manner as other county officers. Requires Board members to

take office on the first Monday in December of the year of election, at which time the terms of their predecessors expire. Requires members to serve until a successor has been elected and qualified. Requires vacancies to be filled in accordance with GS 115C-37.1.

Specifies that this does not impact the terms of office of any person elected in 2020 or 2022 to the Henderson County Board of Public Education. Requires vacancies on the Board for a member elected in 2020 or 2022 to be filled by the remaining Board members. Requires Board members elected in 2020 or 2022, or any member appointed by the remaining Board members to fill a vacancy of a member elected in 2020 or 2022, to serve until a successor has been elected and qualified.

#### Section 5

Amends Section 1 of SL 1987-322, as amended, to specify that the McDowell County Board of Education consists of nine members elected on a partisan basis instead of the current nonpartisan basis. Requires vacancies to be filled in accordance with GS 115C-37.1.

Specifies that this does not impact the terms of office of any person elected in 2020 or 2022 to the McDowell County Board of Education. Requires any vacancy on the Board for a member elected in 2020 or 2022 to be filled by the remaining Board members in accordance with the specified plan and Session Law. Requires Board members elected in 2020 or 2022, or any member appointed by the remaining Board members to fill a vacancy of a member elected in 2020 or 2022, to serve until a successor has been elected and qualified.

#### Section 6

Specifies that the Mitchell County Board of Education consists of five members, elected on a partisan basis for staggered four-year terms. Requires elections to be conducted in accordance with GS Chapters 115C and 163. Requires vacancies to be filled according to GS 115C-37.1. Repeals SL 1987-55 under which elections to the Mitchell County Board of Education are nonpartisan.

Specifies that this does not impact the terms of office of any person elected in 2020 or 2022 to the Mitchell County Board of Public Education. Requires vacancies on the Board for a member elected in 2020 or 2022 to be filled by the remaining Board members. Requires Board members elected in 2020 or 2022, or any member appointed by the remaining Board members to fill a vacancy of a member elected in 2020 or 2022, to serve until a successor has been elected and qualified.

#### Section 7

Makes conforming changes to GS 115C-37.1. Effective December 1, 2024.

#### Section 8

Amends Section 7 of the Maysville Town Charter, SL 1897-171, as amended, to require that regular municipal elections be held every four years. Requires that the mayor and commissioners be elected on a nonpartisan plurality basis and the results be determined according to GS 163-292. Requires the election to be conducted in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws in GS Chapter 163.

Provides that the terms of office for the mayor and all commissioners serving on the section's effective date whose terms are set to expire in 2025 are to be reduced by one year and regular municipal elections must be conducted in even-numbered years beginning in 2024.

#### Section 9

Amends Section 3 of the Pollocksville Town Charter, SL 1907-410, as amended, by requiring that the mayor and commissioners be elected in regular municipal elections held at the time of the general election in even-numbered years. Requires that the mayor and commissioners be elected on a nonpartisan plurality basis and the results be determined according to GS 163-292. Requires the election to be conducted in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws in GS Chapter 163.

Prohibits holding municipal election in Pollocksville in 2023. Extends by one year the terms of office for the three commissioners serving on the effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2023. Extends by one year the terms of office for the two commissioners and mayor serving on the effective date of this act whose terms are set to expire in 2025. Requires regular municipal elections to be conducted in Pollocksville in even-numbered years beginning in 2024.

Requires that in 2024 and quadrennially thereafter, three commissioners be elected to four-year terms and in 2026 and quadrennially thereafter, that two commissioners and a mayor be elected to four-year terms.

**Intro. by Hardister, Faircloth.**

Ashe, Cabarrus, Guilford, Henderson, Jones, McDowell, Mitchell,  
GS 115C

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**Education, Government, Elections**

H 262 (2023-2024) [SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT ZONES](#). Filed Mar 2 2023, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT ZONES THAT ALLOW STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE SCHOOLS CLOSEST TO THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE IN ONSLOW COUNTY SCHOOLS*.

Amends GS 115C-366 to require that for students in middle and high school in Onslow County Schools, the local board of education establish zones of attendance reflecting the capacity of each school building and assign students to the middle or high school that is geographically closest to the student's residence. Requires reassigning students to the next school geographically closest to the student's residence when the closest school has reached capacity. Allows assigning students to other schools to participate in magnet or other special programs, with parental consent.

Allows students enrolled in a middle or high school in Onslow County in the 2022-23 school year to, in the discretion of that student's parents, remain enrolled in that school until the student completes the grades offered at that school, rather than attend the school with capacity that is geographically closest to that student's residence. Except as just stated, requires Onslow County Schools to assign students to the geographically closest school in accordance with GS 115C-366, as amended by this act, beginning with the 2023-24 school year.

**Intro. by Shepard, Cleveland, Carson Smith.**

Onslow, GS 115C

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education**

H 264 (2023-2024) [PARTISAN ELECTION/MUNL/HAYWOOD & MADISON COS](#). Filed Mar 2 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN HAYWOOD AND MADISON COUNTIES SHALL BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS*.

Part I.

Amends the Charter of the Town of Canton, SL 1907-90, as amended, to specify that the Town's officers are to be elected according to the partisan election method set out in GS 163-291. Makes technical changes.

Adds an identical provision to the Charter of the Town of Clyde, SL 1889-189, as amended, to provide that the Town's officers are to be elected on a partisan basis pursuant to GS 163-291. Updates a statutory cross reference.

Amends the Charter of the Town of Maggie Valley, SL 1973-1337, and the Charter of the Town of Waynesville, SL 1995-126, to change the election of Town of Maggie Valley's officers and the Town of Waynesville's mayor and members of the board from nonpartisan to partisan, as provided by GS 163-291. Updates the statutory cross reference.

Part II.

Amends the Charter of the Town of Hot Springs, SL 1929-210 and the Charter of the Town of Marshall, SL 1905-165, as amended, to specify that each of the Town's mayors and board of aldermen are to be elected according to the partisan election method set out in GS 163-291. Makes technical changes.

Amends the Charter of the Town of Mars Hill, SL 1953-890 to specify that all elections be conducted on a partisan basis according to the partisan election method set out in GS 163-291. Deletes provisions barring counting of absentee ballots to be counted or cast.

Part III.

Repeals conflicting provisions of local ordinances, local acts or special acts relating to nonpartisan municipal elections for the above municipalities. Provides that the act has no effect on the filling of a vacancy in a municipal election that occurs for a seat elected prior to January 1, 2023. Directs any local act requiring a municipal election to be conducted in an odd-numbered year to be held as a partisan election beginning in 2023. Effective with respect to primaries and elections held on or after January 1, 2023.

**Intro. by Pless, Clampitt, Kidwell.**

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**Government, Elections**

H 267 (2023-2024) **TOWN OF HOLLY SPRINGS DEANNEXATION**. Filed Mar 2 2023, *AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF HOLLY SPRINGS.*

Removes the specified property from the Town of Holly Springs' corporate limits.

Provides that this act has no effect upon the validity of any liens of the Town of Holly Springs for ad valorem taxes or special assessments outstanding before the effective date of this act. Allows the liens to be collected or foreclosed upon after the effective date of this act as though the property were still within the Town's corporate limits.

Effective June 30, 2023. Provides that property in the described territory as of January 1, 2023, is no longer subject to municipal taxes for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2023.

**Intro. by Paré.**

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## ACTIONS ON BILLS

## PUBLIC BILLS

### **H 11: SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND.**

*House: Regular Message Sent To Senate*

### **H 60: SUDEP AWARENESS WEEK.**

*House: Regular Message Sent To Senate*

### **H 76: ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE OPTIONS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

### **H 89: ADOPT OFFICIAL STATE COOKIE AND STAR.**

*House: Regular Message Sent To Senate*

### **H 96: NC REACH ACT.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Education - Community Colleges*

**H 103: GSC TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS 2023.**

*House: Regular Message Sent To Senate*

**H 104: GSC UNIF. UNREG. CHILD CUST. TRFR. ACT/ART. 3.**

*House: Regular Message Sent To Senate*

**H 113: PROHIBIT RENAMING OF FAYETTEVILLE STATE.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

**H 119: NCORR/INCREASE INFORMAL BID THRESHOLD.**

*House: Regular Message Sent To Senate*

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

*House: Regular Message Sent To Senate*

**H 151: TERM LIMITS FOR CONGRESS.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**H 153: USE TRIBAL ID FOR ALCOHOL & TOBACCO PURCHASE.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

**H 166: AMERICAN INDIANS GRADUATING WITH HONORS ACT.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

**H 175: CONFIRM ED WILSON/SPECIAL SUPERIOR CT JUDGE.**

*House: Regular Message Sent To Senate*

**H 224: PROTECT NC OPIOID SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 225: DESIGNATE STATE BALLOON RALLY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 226: END PREDATORY PET LEASING.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 228: REV. LAWS TECH., CLARIFYING, & ADMIN. CHNGS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 230: STUDY STATE TRAVEL ALLOWANCES REIMBURSEMENTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 234: CONFORM PRIVILEGE EXEMPTIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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



**H 235: APPLICATION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 237: CRIMINAL LAW REVISIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 241: UNIFORMED CIVIL SERVICE ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 243: REPEAL COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BAN.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 246: REVISE PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER PROVISIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 248: REMEMBER 9/11 WITH FREEDOM FLAG.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 249: JANUARY 6 RIOT/ATTEMPT OVERTHROW OF GOV'T.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 250: DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION REVISIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 251: AMEND FUNERAL PROCESSION LAW.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 252: MULTIJURISDICTIONAL PROPERTY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Local Government - Land Use, Planning and Development, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 253: PREVENT STUDENTS FROM HARM ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 254: STORAGE OF FIREARMS TO PROTECT MINORS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 255: REGULATE EV CHARGING STATIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 259: 2023 APPROPRIATIONS ACT.***House: Filed***H 260: DIVERSITY IN PICKLEBALL PILOT PROGRAM.***House: Filed***H 261: LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE MODIFICATION.***House: Filed***H 263: 2023 APPROPRIATIONS ACT.***House: Filed***H 265: CITIES/FLOOD REDUCTION TECHNIQUES.***House: Filed***H 266: LOCAL GOVERNMENTS/SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES.***House: Filed***H 268: MODIFY AGE LIMITS OF JUDGES.***House: Filed***S 3: NC COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT.***Senate: Regular Message Sent To House**House: Regular Message Received From Senate***S 115: REPURPOSE R.J. BLACKLEY CTR AS PSYCH HOSPITAL.***House: Passed 1st Reading**House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House**House: Withdrawn From Com**House: Re-ref to the Com on Health, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House***S 156: MEDICAID CHILDREN & AMP FAMILIES SPECIALTY PLAN.***Senate: Reptd Fav**Senate: Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***S 181: PITT COUNTY SCHOOL NURSES.***Senate: Withdrawn From Com**Senate: Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate***S 182: NO PRIVILEGE TAX FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONS.***Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***S 183: BRANDON MARSHALL ACT OF 2023.***Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***S 184: RESTORE MASTER'S PAY FOR TEACHERS & ISP.***Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***S 185: RESTORE EDUCATOR LONGEVITY.***Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 186: BAIL BOND REFORM.-AB***Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***S 187: TEACHER LICENSURE/RETIRED EDUCATOR PROGRAM.***Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***S 188: LOCAL GOVERNING BDS/COMPENSATION EQUITY ACT.***Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate**Senate: Withdrawn From Com**Senate: Re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate***S 189: FENTANYL DRUG OFFENSES/INCREASE PUNISHMENT.***Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***S 190: DOL/OSH NEW POSITIONS & SALARY INCREASE FUNDS.***Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate**Senate: Withdrawn From Com**Senate: Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate***S 191: GENERAL ASSEMBLY/"IN GOD WE TRUST" DISPLAY.***Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***S 192: REMOVING BARRIERS TO WORK.***Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***S 193: CAREER DEVELOPMENT PLANS.***Senate: Filed***S 194: STUDENT BORROWERS' BILL OF RIGHTS.***Senate: Filed***S 195: UNC OMNIBUS.***Senate: Filed***S 196: STUDENT BORROWERS' BILL OF RIGHTS.***Senate: Filed***S 197: CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING FOR NCCU.***Senate: Filed***LOCAL BILLS****H 88: OMNIBUS LOCAL ELECTIONS. (NEW)***Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute**Senate: Com Substitute Adopted**Senate: Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***H 152: EVEN YR ELECTIONS/MAYSVILLE & POLLOCKSVILLE.**

*House: Regular Message Sent To Senate*

**H 227: EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS/TOWN OF VANCEBORO.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 229: STAGGER/EXTEND TERMS OF TOWN OFFICERS/HALIFAX.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 231: YANCEY COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX INCREASE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 232: MITCHELL COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX INCREASE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 233: AVERY COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX MODIFICATION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 236: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEXIBILITY/CARTERET.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 238: TOWN OF CLAYTON 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*

**H 239: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEXIBILITY/JOHNSTON CO.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 240: TOWN OF FOUR OAKS OCC. TAX AUTHORIZATION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 242: WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH INITIATIVE ORDINANCES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 244: PARTISAN BD.OFED. ELECTIONS MCDOWELL/MITCHELL.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 245: RALEIGH DEANNEXATION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 247: AVERY/CROSSNORE DEED RECORD./DELINQUENT TAXES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 262: SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT ZONES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 264: PARTISAN ELECTION/MUNL/HAYWOOD & MADISON COS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 267: TOWN OF HOLLY SPRINGS DEANNEXATION.**

*House: Filed*

**S 169: DAVIDSON CTY/REZONING SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 179: EXTEND SUNSET/BUNCOMBE CO./CC PROJECTS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 180: EDGECOMBE COUNTY SCHOOL NURSES.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

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