



## The Daily Bulletin: 2023-03-14

### PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 2 (2023-2024) [EXTEND DEADLINE FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS](#). Filed Jan 25 2023, *AN ACT TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED AS A DIRECTED GRANT TO THE ROWAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE*.

Senate committee substitute to the 1st edition adds the following provisions.

#### Part I.

States the NCGA's intent to ensure that the University Cancer Research Fund (Fund) receives funding in the amount of \$59.5 million for 2022-23 and to decouple the Fund from sources of revenue that vary from year to year. States the intent to provide recurring funding for the Fund in the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2023 and to further enact provisional funding for 2022-23 follows: (1) repeals GS 105-113.39D (required that 6.4% of the tax on other tobacco products go to the University Cancer Research Fund); (2) appropriates from the General Fund to the Fund \$26,207,523 for 2022-23 for cancer research under UNC Hospitals, the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, or both; and (3) the Department must treat any portion of other tobacco product tax collections, including transfers made to the Fund by the Department of Revenue from July 2022 through December 31, 2022, as properly dispersed and take no steps to recover those funds. Effective July 1, 2022, and applies retroactively to distributions for collections on or after that date.

Allows funds allocated to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services under Section 5.9A(c)(2) of SL 2021-180 (\$50 million to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the Agricultural Crop Loss Program) that are unencumbered and unexpended for those purposes to be used as follows: (1) \$3.2 million for overtime and expenses related to suppression and rehabilitation action associated with the Ferebee Road Fire in Hyde County, the Juniper Road Two Fire in Pender County, and wildfires in Robeson County and (2) \$800,000 for anticipated fires in the spring or summer of 2023. Specifies that the reversion and reporting requirements under Sections 5.9A(e) and (l) of SL 2021-180 apply.

Specifies that the funds appropriated in Section 5.9(a)(30)d of SL 2021-180 to the Department of Public Safety for a directed grant to Cumberland County to be used for stream restoration on the Methodist University campus do not revert to the Disaster Relief and Mitigation Fund until June 30, 2025 (currently revert June 30, 2023).

#### Part II.

Requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to use the \$9 million appropriated by Section 3.5(a)(10) of SL 2021-25 (as amended by SL 2021-180) (contractor funds to track and improve student learning/performance as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic) to contract with Gooru Inc. Requires the contract to be for a period of up to three years for the software program Gooru Navigator to evaluate and improve student learning and performance and to provide students with an individualized roadmap for improving learning and performance in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Requires that \$160,000 in recurring funds for 2022-23 that were appropriated to DPI for an agreement with the Belk Center for Community College Leadership and Research at NC State University be used instead to purchase attainment data from the National Student Clearinghouse and share the data annually with eligible and appropriate sectors, partners, and individuals.

Amends Part VI of SL 2021-180, as amended, by adding that the \$583,500 appropriated for each year of the 2021-23 biennium to the Community Colleges System Office for Career Academies for At-Risk Students does not revert at the end of the 2021-23 biennium but remains available until expended. Effective June 30, 2023.

Amends Section 3.5(a) of SL 2021-25, as amended, by amending the match that is required of funds, so that funds made available to the National College Advising Corps (CAC) be matched by CAC on the basis of \$1 (was, \$2) for every \$1 in federal funds. Amends the effective date of Section 7.8 of SL 2022-74 (which amended SL 2021-25 by revising the allocation

of funds from the elementary and secondary school emergency relief fund for the national college advising corps) so that the changes are effective July 1, 2021 (was, the earlier of July 1, 2022, or when the act became law). Effective July 1, 2021.

#### Part II-A.

Amends Section 8.27 of SL 2021-180 to provide that unexpended funds from the \$20 million appropriated to the UNC Board of Governors for the College of Engineering at NC State, the William States Lee College of Engineering at UNC-Charlotte, and the College of Engineering at NC A&T that remain at the end of the 2022-23 fiscal year do not revert, but remain available (was, unexpended funds remaining at the end of 2021-22 remain available until the end of the 2022-23 fiscal year). Adds that the funds allocated to those same universities for the Engineering North Carolina's Future program for the 2022-23 fiscal year do not revert.

#### Part III.

Requires that the \$1 million appropriated in SL 2022-74 from the Local Project Reserve to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services, for a directed grant to Stanly County for the Stanly County Senior Center, must be used instead to support the Stanly Adult Care Center, Inc.

Repeals Section 9D.15(c) of SL 2022-74, which amended GS 108A-54.3A by changing the populations that were required to be given Medicaid coverage by (1) including children through the age of 18 with family incomes equal to or less than 210% of the federal poverty guidelines and (2) no longer including children aged 6 through 18 with family incomes equal to 133% of the federal poverty guidelines. Instead, amends GS 108A-54.3A by changing the populations that are required to be given Medicaid coverage by (1) including children through the age of 18 with family incomes equal to or less than 211% of the federal poverty guidelines and (2) no longer including children aged 6 through 18 with family incomes equal to 133% of the federal poverty guidelines. Amends GS 108A-53 by amending the information that must be presented to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice and the Office of State Budget and Management by January 1 of each year concerning the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs to require including what program changes will be made in order to stay within the existing budget for the Medicaid program (was, programs) based on the next fiscal year's forecasted enrollment growth and enrollment mix. Amends GS 108A-79(j1) to allow only a Medicaid applicant or recipient (was, Medicaid or NC Health Choice) to request that an appeal from the local appeal hearing decision or an appeal of a case involving disability be expedited in certain circumstances. Amends GS 108D-30 to refer to "Medicaid program" instead of "programs." Amends GS 150B-1(d) by no longer exempting the NC Health Choice program from rule making in (1) adopting new or amending existing medical coverage policies and (2) with respect to the content of State Plans, State Plan Amendments, and Waivers approved by CMS. Requires the Revisor of Statutes to substitute "Medicaid programs" with "Medicaid program" in GS 58-93-5, GS 108A-54, GS 108C-11, GS 108D-5.1, GS 108D-65, GS 122C-23, and GS 150B-21.1. Effective on the date that the NC Health Choice program is eliminated, as approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in accordance with Section 9D.15(a) of SL 2022-74. In accordance with Section 9D.15(cc) of SL 2022-74, requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to report to the Revisor of Statutes and the Fiscal Research Division when the elimination of the NC Health Choice program has been approved by CMS and the specific date is approved for that elimination to take place.

Specifies that the \$1 million provided under the federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant in SL 2021-180 for the 2022-23 fiscal year for the Substance Use Network project remains available in the 2023-24 fiscal year.

#### Part IV.

Requires that funds reserved from the General Fund to the Clean Water and Drinking Water Reserve and transferred to the Department of Environmental Quality for the Water Infrastructure Fund and allocated to Catawba County for water and wastewater infrastructure projects in SL 2022-74 be transferred to the Office of State Budget and Management for a directed grant in the same amount to Catawba County.

Amends SL 2022-74, Section 12.9(e), by no longer specifying that the \$18.55 million allocated to the Drinking Water Reserve and Wastewater Reserve for Lincoln County be used to connect water services between Lincoln and Gaston counties.

Amends SL 2022-74, Section 12.9, to require that the \$1 million allocated to the Drinking Water Reserve and Wastewater Reserve for the Town of Erwin go instead to Harnett Regional Water to construct water or sewer lines inside the Town of Erwin. Also amends the \$8 million to the Town of Walnut Cove to no longer require that it be used in specified amounts to replace a transmission main and to replace asbestos lines.

Specifies that the \$200,000 for 2021-22 appropriated to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for a directed grant to the Cleveland County Fair does not revert until June 30, 2024.

Amends Section 14.20A of SL 2016-94, as amended, concerning funding for water systems in Rockingham and Guilford Counties, to specify that the funds remain available until expended (was, funds not spent or encumbered by June 30, 2023, must be returned to the Office of State Budget and Management and revert to the General Fund). Effective June 30, 2023.

#### Part V.

Amends Section 16.9 of SL 2022-74 (pertaining to funds for court personnel) as follows. Changes the number of court coordinator positions hired for District Court districts allocated from 12 to 11, by eliminating the position allocated for District 7 (Edgecombe, Nash, and Wilson counties). Increases the number of court coordinators hired for Superior Court districts from 6 to 7, by adding a position for District 7A (Nash County).

Amends Sections 16.20A and 16.20B of SL 2021-180 (pertaining to funds for anti-trafficking grants) to eliminate the requirement that the Human Trafficking Commission (HTC) allocate grant funds in each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium. Makes conforming changes. Amends both those sections to allow the HTC to distribute the funds to each grantee at its discretion, based on a risk assessment and approval of the organization's financial reports, after the grantee has submitted a detailed proposal. (Currently, funds are to be distributed in a lump sum after grantee has submitted a detailed proposal.) Amends both sections so that after September 1, 2023, the reporting requirement continues for both grantees and the HTC for every six months until funds are exhausted. (Currently, reporting requirement for both ends on September 1, 2023.)

Amends Section 16.21 of SL 2021-180 (pertaining to grants to organizations providing services for victims of trafficking) as follows. Eliminates the requirement that the HTC allocate grant funds in each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium. Eliminates the requirement that a grant applicant demonstrate an economic loss resulting from COVID-19 and the cap on the grant tying the award amount to that economic loss. Allows the HTC to award subsequent rounds of grants beyond the first round. (Currently, only allowed to award a second round of grants.) Extends the reporting requirement so that after September 1, 2023, the reporting requirement continues for both grantees to every six months until funds are exhausted. (Currently, reporting requirement for both ends on September 1, 2023.) Makes conforming changes.

#### Part VI.

Incorporate the provisions of the 1<sup>st</sup> edition.

#### Part VII.

Makes the following changes to the funds appropriated from the Local Project Reserve to the Office of State Budget and Management, Special Appropriations for the 2022-2023 fiscal year: (1) changes the grantee from the Boys & Girls of Greater Onslow County to Onslow County for the Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern North Carolina (\$50,000 grant); (2) changes the grantee from Halton School to Aspire Trade High School (\$1.5 million grant). Changes the type of funding reduction to the Department of Information Technology Internal Service Fund from a \$686,557 nonrecurring reduction in funds to a \$686,557 recurring reduction in funds.

#### Part VIII.

Amends Section 39.5(a1) of SL 2021-180, as amended, to increase the salary of the District Attorney for the 2022-2023 fiscal year from \$147,142 to \$147,172.

#### Part IX.

Repeals Subdivision (70) of Section 40.17(a) of SL 2021-180, as enacted in Section 40.2 of SL 2022-74 (pertaining to \$14.2 million grant for Davidson-Davie Community College training center). Amends Subdivision (52) of that same law to divide out the \$16.2 million originally made to Davidson-Davie Community College for the operation of its regional training and distribution center as follows: a grant of \$15.2 million to the Davidson-Davie Community College for a new training center for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and a grant of \$1 million to the Davidson County First Hope Ministries to be used for capital improvements and equipment.

Amends the following grants and funds allocated from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund as follows: (1) the funds for Bladen County in the sum of \$3.5 million in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year for capital improvements or

equipment related to economic development are instead to be provided in the form of a grant to Bladen's Bloomin' Agri-Industrial, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, to be used for capital improvements or equipment related to economic development; (2) the funds for Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina in the sum of \$250,000 in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year will instead be provided in the form of a grant to Oak Hill Ruritan Club, a nonprofit corporation, for planning and development of Oak Hill Community Park; (3) the funds for the Town of Boiling Springs in the sum of \$250,000 in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year will instead be provided in the form of a grant to Boiling Springs Fire and Rescue, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, to be used for capital improvements or equipment in the fire department; (4) the funds to the Albemarle Commission in the sum of \$1.374 million may also be used for capacity building and program outreach.

Amends Section 40.17(a)(65) of SL 2021-180 to change the recipient of the \$300,000 in funds for the Ball's County Creek Camp Ground from the Catawba Historical Society to the Ball's Creek Campground and Learning Center.

Part X.

Amends GS 132-1.2 (pertaining to confidential information in public records) to make clear that public records does not require an agency to disclose information gathered to develop the report on the implementation of the North Carolina Rural Tourism Recovery Pilot Program as required by Section 11.11(d)(1) of SL 2022-74.

Part XI

Effective July 1, 2022.

**Intro. by Warren.**

APPROP, UNCODIFIED, Bladen, Catawba, Cleveland, Cumberland, Davidson, Davie, Edgecombe, Guilford, Harnett, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Nash, Onslow, Perquimans, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Stokes, Wilson, GS 132

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Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Administrative Office of the Courts, Criminal Justice, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Records and Open Meetings, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Department of Environmental Quality (formerly DENR), Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Public Instruction, Department of Public Safety, Office of State Budget and Management, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Health Insurance, Mental Health, Social Services, Adult Services, Public Assistance, Public Enterprises and Utilities

H 150 [SCHOOL CONTRACTED HEALTH SERVICES](#). Filed Feb 20 2023, *AN ACT TO ALLOW PARENT CHOICE IN NURSING SERVICE PROVIDERS REQUIRED BY AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM*.

House committee substitute to the 1<sup>st</sup> edition makes the following changes. Makes changes to the act's long title. Deletes the limitation specifying that local educational agencies are only able to contract with private special education facilities when the local entity is unable to provide the service set forth in GS 115C-111.2 so that local educational agencies may contract with private providers for any service. Defines *nursing services*. Enacts new GS 115C-111.2(b) specifying the following conditions that must be met before a local education agency must make available a parent's choice of nurse when providing nursing services under an IEP: (1) the IEP requires nursing services; (2) the child received nursing services from the nurse (i) prior to the nursing services being required by the child's IEP or (ii) prior to the child enrolling in his or her current school; (3) the parent's choice of nurse is employed by a nursing agency and willing to provide the nursing services required by the child's

IEP; (4) the nursing agency employing the parent's choice of nurse meets all standard contract terms required for any other nursing agency contracted by the local educational agency, including licensing and liability requirements; (5) the contracted rate is equal to or less than the contracted rate of other nurses contracted by the local educational agency. Specifies that GS 115C-111.2 should not be construed to limit the local education agency's responsibility to provide a free public education. Deletes proposed amendments to GS 115C-111.6.

**Intro. by Bradford, K. Baker, Crutchfield, Cunningham.**

**GS 115C**

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**Education, Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education**

H 187 (2023-2024) **EQUALITY IN EDUCATION**. Filed Feb 23 2023, *AN ACT TO DEMONSTRATE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTENT THAT STUDENTS, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND OTHER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZE THE EQUALITY AND RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS AND TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS FROM PROMOTING CERTAIN CONCEPTS THAT ARE CONTRARY TO THAT INTENT.*

House committee substitute to the 1<sup>st</sup> edition makes the following changes. Amends GS 115C-81.61(d)(3) by providing further information on when a public school unit is required to notify the Department of Public Instruction and make general information available on their website prior to when they contract, hire, or otherwise engage speakers, consultants, diversity trainers, and other persons who have previously advocated for the 13 matters identified in the bill as follows. Specifies that a public school unit is only required to do so when the advocacy is done either in published material, such as a book, periodical, or other similar medium whether in print or online or in a publicly available social media post on a social media account within the past three years.

**Intro. by Torbett, Blackwell, Willis, Wheatley.**

**GS 115C, GS 116**

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, State Agencies, UNC System**

H 190 (2023-2024) **DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REVISIONS.-AB** Filed Feb 23 2023, *AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL, CONFORMING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.*

House committee substitute to the 1<sup>st</sup> edition makes the following changes. Amends GS 7B-1402 (pertaining to the North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force) to replace the following Department of Health and Human Services (Department) department heads on the task force with other department heads of the Department: (1) the Director of the Division of Public Health instead of the Director of the Maternal and Child Health Section and (2) the Director of the Division of Child and Family Well-Being for the Director of the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services. Makes clarifying changes to the titles of certain appointees to reflect their agency. Makes the same changes to membership of the State Team under GS 7B-1404(b).

**Intro. by Potts.**

**GS 7B, GS 90A, GS 108A, GS 110, GS 111, GS 115C, GS 122C, GS 130A, GS 131D, GS 143, GS 143B**

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**Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Family Law, Juvenile Law, Abuse, Neglect and Dependency, Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Public Health, Mental Health, Social Services, Adult Services, Child Welfare**

H 258 [NOVEL OPIOID CONTROL ACT OF 2023](#). Filed Mar 1 2023, *AN ACT TO UPDATE THE STATE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT*.

House committee substitute to the 1<sup>st</sup> edition makes the following changes. Removes proposed change to GS 90-89-9(3)v. Amends proposed definition of Nitazene derivatives under GS 90-89 by including a fused heterocyclic ring which may be further substituted as one of the things that replaces the 2'-methylene carbon group. Makes organizational changes. Changes the act's effective date from when it becomes law to is July 1, 2023, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

**Intro. by Blackwell, Arp, Lambeth, Sasser.**

[GS 90](#)

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[Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health](#)

H 361 (2023-2024) [REQUIRE REPORT/PROTECTION & ADVOCACY AGENCY](#). Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY FOR NORTH CAROLINA TO REPORT ITS ACTIONS REGARDING ITS IMPACT ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES*.

Identical to [S 305](#), filed 3/14/23.

Includes whereas clauses. Requires the designated Protection and Advocacy Agency (Agency) to submit a quarterly report of the actions the Agency has taken in its efforts to advocate for persons with disabilities to the specified joint NCGA agencies. Encourages the NCGA to examine the activities of the Agency to determine the impact on current and future State budgets. Clarifies that the act should not be construed to impact the Agency's ability to perform work within its governing laws.

**Intro. by White, Lambeth, Bradford, Hawkins.**

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[Health and Human Services, Health](#)

H 362 (2023-2024) [FIX OUR DEMOCRACY](#). Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT AMENDING THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING PROCESS; REENACTING LEGISLATION THAT ESTABLISHED A NONPARTISAN METHOD FOR JUDICIAL ELECTIONS; EXTENDING THE WAITING PERIOD FOR FORMER LEGISLATORS WHO BECOME LOBBYISTS; ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT FOR WET INK REGISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION; INCREASING TRANSPARENCY BY REQUIRING ADEQUATE NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF ALL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES AND SESSIONS OCCURRING IN THE LEGISLATIVE COMPLEX AND REQUIRING LIVE VIDEO AND AUDIO STREAMING OF ALL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION MEETINGS AND SESSIONS OCCURRING IN THE LEGISLATIVE COMPLEX; ENSURING VOTING PLACES ON CERTAIN COLLEGE CAMPUSES; PROHIBITING VOTER ROLL PURGING; MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS REGARDING TRANSPARENCY IN SOURCES OF SPENDING, DIGITAL ADVERTISEMENT CAMPAIGNS, PROTECTIONS AGAINST FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN ELECTIONS, AND LIMITING SUPER PAC INFLUENCE; REESTABLISHING PUBLIC FINANCING FOR JUDICIAL CAMPAIGNS; AND RESTORING CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS OF CERTAIN OFFENDERS*.

To be summarized.

**Intro. by Clemmons, Willingham, T. Brown, Hawkins.**

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H 363 (2023-2024) [THE GABE TORRES ACT](#). Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED THE GABE TORRES ACT, TO EXPAND THOSE ELIGIBLE UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' DEATH BENEFITS ACT, AND TO HONOR THE LIFE OF GABE TORRES, A RALEIGH POLICE OFFICER WHOSE LIFE CAME TO AN END AFTER A TRAGIC ACT OF VIOLENCE ON OCTOBER 13, 2022, WHILE HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO WORK.*

Amends the definitions provisions of the Public Safety Employees' Death Benefits Act (GS 143-166.2) to have official duties include duties performed by an individual while they are en route to, engaged in, or returning from duty or training. (Currently, just returning from training.)

Effective retroactively as of January 1, 2022, and applies to applicable deaths of covered persons occurring on or after that date when the covered person was en route to, engaged in or returning from duty at the time of the covered person's death.

**Intro. by Crawford, Paré, Roberson, Zenger.**

**GS 143**

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

H 364 (2023-2024) [2023 UNC SELF-LIQUIDATING CAPITAL PROJECTS](#). Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING, WITHOUT APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND OR THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, OF CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OF THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.*

States the act's purpose. Authorizes the UNC Board of Governors (BOG) to issue, at one time or from time to time, revenue or special obligation bonds, or both, for the listed projects in the stated amounts at Appalachian State University, NC State University, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Pembroke, and Western Carolina University.

Caps the maximum principal amount of bonds issued at the specified project cost plus 5% to pay issuance expenses and related costs. Permits the Director of the State Budget to authorize an increase or decrease in the cost of, or change the method of, funding for the authorized projects; allows consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

**Intro. by Hastings, Arp, Winslow, Hardister.**

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

H 365 (2023-2024) [REQUIRE THAT JURORS BE US CITIZENS](#). Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT JURORS IN NORTH CAROLINA BE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES.*

Amends GS 9-3 as the title indicates. Makes additional organizational, technical and clarifying changes.

**Intro. by Cleveland, Crutchfield, Carson Smith, Sossamon.**

**GS 9**

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**Courts/Judiciary, Court System**

H 366 (2023-2024) [RESTORE MASTER'S PAY FOR TEACHERS & ISP](#). Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT TO REINSTATE EDUCATION-BASED SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL.*

Identical to [S 184](#), filed 3/1/23.

Repeals GS 115C-302.10, which set out qualifications to be met in order for certified school nurses, teachers, and instructional support personnel to receive certain education-based salary supplements.



Requires that for 2023-24, the State Board of Education policy TCP-A-006, as it was in effect on June 30, 2013, is to be used to determine if teachers and instructional personnel are paid on the "M" schedule and whether they receive a salary supplement for academic preparation at the six-year or doctoral degree level.

Appropriates \$8 million in recurring funds for 2023-24 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to reinstate education-based salary supplements for teachers and instructional support personnel according to this act.

Effective July 1, 2023.

**Intro. by von Haefen, Ball, Quick, Prather.**

**APPROP, GS 115C**

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

H 367 (2023-2024) **MEDICAL DEBT DE-WEAPONIZATION ACT**. Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT TO ADOPT THE PRO-FAMILY, PRO-CONSUMER MEDICAL DEBT PROTECTION ACT TO SET TRANSPARENT PARAMETERS AROUND THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR IMPOVERISHED FAMILIES AND LIMIT THE ABILITY OF LARGE MEDICAL FACILITIES TO CHARGE UNREASONABLE INTEREST RATES AND EMPLOY UNFAIR TACTICS IN DEBT COLLECTION.*

Enacts Article 11C, GS Chapter 131E, to be cited as the Medical Debt Protection Act (Act). States the Article's legislative purpose. Includes 15 defined terms. Requires all large health care facilities (defined to include licensed hospitals, outpatient clinics and facilities affiliated with licensed hospitals, licensed ambulatory surgical centers, and other practices and professionals offering specified health care services) to develop a written financial assistance policy called a medical debt mitigation policy (MDMP) pursuant to the Article and any implementing rules. Defines an MDMP to include seven components, including the basis for calculating amounts charged to patients and the method for applying for financial assistance, as well as eligibility criteria for financial assistance. Makes the requirements applicable regardless of federal law requirements. Further details required content of an MDMP and requires its approval and annual review by the owners or governing body of the health care provider.

Establishes five steps a large health care facility (facility) must take before seeking payment for any emergency or medically necessary care, including determining the patient's health care insurance status, offering to screen a patient for insurance eligibility and other public programs that assist in health care costs, determining qualifications for free or discounted care under the MDMP, and determining eligibility for financial assistance within 14 days of application with billing and collections stayed while determination is pending. Sets forth four categories of eligibility for patients to qualify for financial assistance under the MDMP based on household income and poverty level, with assistance ranging from no cost to discounted costs, applicable to any charges for health care services that are not covered by insurance and would be otherwise billed to the patient. Details acceptable methods for establishing eligibility for financial assistance, with authority for a facility to grant financial assistance notwithstanding the patient's failure to provide the acceptable documentation or can require other evidence of eligibility. Requires facilities to notify a patient in writing within 30 days of receipt of an application for financial assistance of its eligibility determination. Requires acceptance and consideration of applications submitted within one year of the date of the first bill after provision of health care services. Provides for review of applications for patients subject to collection activity by the facility or medical debt collector at any time, with medical debt collectors required to forward any application submitted within two business days and to cease activity until notified by the facility of the outcome. Bars charging late fees or interest to patients who qualify for financial assistance. Requires facilities and medical debt collectors to offer payment plans to qualifying patients of at least 24 months with payments never exceeding more than 5% of the patient's gross monthly income, with the first payment required to be at least 90 days after the services were provided. Bars prepayment and early payment fees or penalties.

Sets forth requirements of a large health care facility to publicize its MDMP, including making the policy and financial assistance application easily accessible online. Requires that the patient be informed of any financial assistance policy with every written and oral attempt by a medical creditor or debt collector to collect medical debt for health care services provided by a large health care facility. Includes translation requirements for MDMPs and other language access accommodations required by a large health care facility.



States four prohibited collection actions, including causing arrest or garnishing wages or tax refunds. Prohibits medical creditors and medical debt collectors from engaging in permissible extraordinary collection actions, as defined, until 180 days after the first bill for a medical debt has been sent, and before which specified notice requirements must be met at least 30 days prior to taking such actions. Prohibits a large health care facility or medical debt collector from taking extraordinary collection actions to collect debt for health care services provided by the facility unless the actions are described in the facility's billing and collections policy. Requires reversal of extraordinary collection actions taken when a patient is later found eligible for financial assistance.

Requires large health care facilities to post price information online as described, including using gross charges for services and listing amounts Medicare would reimburse for the service.

Deems parents and legal guardians jointly liable for any medical debts incurred by minors. Provides immunity from liability for spouses or other persons for the medical debt or nursing home debt of another adult, with requirements listed for voluntary consent to assume such liability.

Requires and described required content of itemized bills provided by medical creditors or medical debt collectors upon request, free of cost. Prohibits medical creditors and medical debt collectors from communicating with or reporting to consumer reporting agencies regarding a consumer medical debt for one year from the date of the first bill for the medical debt, whereby creditors and collectors must send one additional bill before such communications. Places restrictions on collection agency communications.

Details prohibited acts of medical creditors and medical debt collectors while health insurance decisions review or appeal is pending.

Establishes a formula to cap interest on medical debt. Establishes requirements for medical creditors and medical debt collectors relating to payment plans for medical debt, including providing a written copy of the plan to the consumer within five business days of entry that includes prominent disclosure of the interest rate and maturity date, and satisfaction of notice and negotiation requirements prior to accelerating or defaulting a plan.

Provides requirements for providing receipts of medical debt payments to consumers. Provides for debt forgiven by a medical center to not constitute a breach of contract between the medical center and the insurer or payor.

Creates a private right of action for a consumer against whom a violation of the Article occurs for up to treble the amount of damages incurred. Allows for injunction or other equitable relief. Prohibits MDMPs from waiving the patient's right to resolve a dispute by equitable relief, the award of damages, attorneys' fees and costs, or an evidentiary hearing. Deems any waiver by any patient or consumer of rights and protections under the Article void. Grants enforcement authority to the Attorney General, and requires the AG to establish a complaint process, which are deemed public records.

Requires large health care facilities to annually file its MDMP with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), as specified, with DHHS required to post the reports in a searchable online database, and annually prepare a consolidated report. Creates reporting requirements for facilities that retain or initiate the process to retain a patient's State tax refund through GS Chapter 105 setoff other other state law.

Includes a severability clause.

Exempts federally qualified health centers from GS 131E-214.23 through GS 131E-214.26, GS 131E-214.28, and GS 131E-214.40.

Deems the act supersedes GS 131E-91, GS 131-99, and GS 131E-147.1 in the event of conflict.

Appropriates \$100,000 in recurring funds from the General Fund to DHHS for 2023-24 to administer the collection of MDMPs and annual reports for public availability.

Applies to medical debt collection activities occurring after October 1, 2023.

**Intro. by Goodwin.**

**APPROP, GS 131E**

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies,  
Department of Health and Human Services, Health and**

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

H 369 (2023-2024) **RESTORE MASTER'S PAY FOR TEACHERS & ISP**. Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT TO REINSTATE EDUCATION-BASED SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL*.

Identical to [H 366](#), filed 3/14/23.

Repeals GS 115C-302.10, which set out qualifications to be met in order for certified school nurses, teachers, and instructional support personnel to receive certain education-based salary supplements.

Requires that for 2023-24, the State Board of Education policy TCP-A-006, as it was in effect on June 30, 2013, is to be used to determine if teachers and instructional personnel are paid on the "M" schedule and whether they receive a salary supplement for academic preparation at the six-year or doctoral degree level.

Appropriates \$8 million in recurring funds for 2023-24 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to reinstate education-based salary supplements for teachers and instructional support personnel according to this act.

Effective July 1, 2023.

**Intro. by Cunningham.**

[APPROP, GS 115C](#)

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

H 370 (2023-2024) **RESPONSIBLE FIREFIGHTING FOAM MANAGEMENT ACT**. Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT TO FORBID USE OF FIREFIGHTING FOAMS CONTAINING PFAS CHEMICALS FOR FIREFIGHTING TRAINING OR TESTING PURPOSES*.

Contains whereas clauses. Names the act the Responsible Firefighting Foam Management Act. Enacts GS 143-215.104FF setting forth the following defined terms: *Class B firefighting foam, fixed system, PFAS chemicals, testing, and testing facility*. Enacts GS 143-215.104GG (prohibiting certain firefighting foams for training practice or testing), which bars any state agency, person, or local government from discharging Class B firefighting foam that contains intentionally added PFAS chemicals for training, practice, or testing (unless otherwise required for testing purposes by law or an authority having jurisdiction and a testing facility has implemented appropriate containment, treatment, and disposal measures to prevent releases of Class B firefighting foam into the environment). Requires non-fluorinated training foams or other non-fluorinated surrogates to be used for firefighting training. Requires training to be conducted under conditions conducive to the collection of spent foam, regardless of foam type. Authorizes the Office of the State Fire Marshal to adopt rules to implement the act. Effective December 1, 2023.

**Intro. by Davis, Saine, K. Hall, Clampitt.**

[Caldwell, GS 143](#)

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**Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management**

H 371 (2023-2024) **FOX TRAPPING/CENTRAL AND WESTERN NC**. Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN OPEN SEASON FOR TAKING FOXES WITH WEAPONS AND FOR TAKING FOXES AND COYOTES BY TRAPPING IN ALL COUNTIES WEST OF INTERSTATE 95*.

To be summarized.

**Intro. by K. Hall, Penny, Clampitt.**

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H 372 (2023-2024) [SAFEGUARD FAIR ELECTIONS ACT](#). Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE INCREASED PROTECTIONS FOR VOTERS AND ELECTIONS OFFICIALS AGAINST VARIOUS FORMS OF INTERFERENCE WITH AN ELECTION AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.*

Identical to [S 313](#), filed 3/14/23.

#### Part I.

Enacts GS 163-275.1, creating the following crimes related to voting in elections. Makes it a Class H felony to do any of the following: (1) threaten or attempt to threaten a person for voting or attempting to vote, for voting or attempting to vote for or against a particular candidate, for registering to vote, for urging or aiding any individuals to vote or attempt to vote as authorized by law, or for exercising any lawful powers or duties as an election official or enlisting another person to do so; (2) knowingly challenge a person's right to vote on fraudulent or spirituous grounds; (3) engage in mass, indiscriminate, and groundless challenging of voters solely for the purpose of preventing voters from voting or to delay the process of voting or the lawful and orderly administration of an election; or (4) fraudulently advise any person that the person is not eligible to vote or is not registered to vote.

Makes it a Class H felony for an employer to (1) enclose an employees' pay in envelopes upon which or in which there is written or printed the name of any candidate or political mottoes, devices, or arguments containing threats, intended or calculated to influence the political opinions or actions of the employees; or (2) in any way communicate that an employees' pay or continued employment is conditioned on voting or not voting, or voting or not voting for a specific candidate.

Makes it a Class A1 misdemeanor to intimidate or coerce, or attempt to intimidate or coerce, any person for voting or attempting to vote, for voting or attempting to vote for or against a particular candidate, urging or aiding any persons to vote or attempt to vote as allowed by law, or exercising any lawful powers or duties as an election official or enlisting another person for the purpose of doing the same.

Establishes that a person will be found to have intimidated or coerced another person if the person knew or reasonably should have known that his or her actions would produce that effect. Defines coerce, intimidate, and threaten. Establishes a right of action for a person aggrieved by a violation of new GS 163-275.1 for preventative relief; permits a court to award the prevailing party reasonable attorneys' fees.

Enacts new GS 153-275.3, authorizing a court to order any person convicted of violating Article 22 of the Chapter, which governs corrupt practices and other offenses against the elective franchise, to pay a restitution fine, at an amount at the court's discretion, to be deposited in the Voter Intimidation Restitution Fund (Fund), established by the act. Directs that funds appropriated to the Fund are to be allocated to the State Board of Elections (State Board) for voter education campaigns relating to these crimes, as specified.

#### Part II.

Makes organizational changes to Article 22, GS Chapter 163. Enacts GS 163-278.1A, making any person who intimidates, threatens, coerces, or attempts to do the same to an election worker, with the intent to impede, intimidate, or interfere with their official duties, liable for civil damages of up to \$100,000, imprisonment of up to five years, or both. Defines election worker to include election volunteers. Provides immunity for election workers acting in good faith to prevent election interference or preserve ballot access. Amends GS 163-278 to authorize the State Board and district attorneys to investigate, prosecute, and seek increased penalties for violations of new GS 163-275.1.

#### Part III.

Enacts new Article 15B, GS Chapter 163, cited as the Safeguard Fair Elections Act. Sets forth legislative findings and defined terms. Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 for a public official to perform or communicate the intention to perform an official act in which the official, without substantial evidence (as defined) refuses to certify the actual results or count of an election. Makes such action or communication of intention an automatic resignation from office, and deems any such official act void.

## Part IV.

Amends GS 163-182.12A, establishing seven criteria with which the State Board of Elections must ensure post-election audits comply, including being conducted by nonpartisan officials with expertise in elections, preserving ballot secrecy and voter privacy, and requiring audit procedures to be established before election day and before results are known. Prohibits public officials from providing funding for or participating in a post-election audit or review that fails to comply with the State Board's best practices that meet the described criteria.

Enacts GS 163-182.12B, directing the State Board to conduct, in each county, a risk-limiting audit after the general election, where a hand-to-eye recount is made of randomly selected ballot samples in a contest that provides strong statistical evidence that the machine-counted results are correct and based on a risk limit, meaning the largest chance that an incorrect outcome of a contest could escape correction by the audit. Specifies that the audit must not change the results of an election.

## Part V.

Amends GS 163-45, which gives the chair of each political party in the county the right to designate two observers to attend each voting place at each primary and election. Adds the requirement that the observers complete training before acting as an observer and complete additional training at least once every two years. Requires the State Board to establish training standards and requirements for observers. Makes conforming changes. Removes the provision prohibiting observers from taking an oath of office; instead requires that observers sign a sworn oath that the observer will not do any electioneering at the voting place, and will not impede the voting process or interfere or communicate with or observe any voter in casting a ballot. Adds the requirement that while observing, observers must wear clear identification, that includes the observer's name, role, and partisan affiliation.

Requires the State Board, to collaborate with county boards of elections, to: (1) ensure election administrators are adequately compensated equitably throughout the State; (2) ensure clear and conspicuous notices are placed at voting locations establishing clear rights and responsibilities for voters, poll workers, and observers; and (3) develop a statewide, uniform system of reporting incidents of voter intimidation anonymously.

## Part VI.

Enacts new GS 163-49 allowing a precinct official to file written notice with the State Board requesting that the precinct official and the precinct official's immediate family be placed on a list that prohibits disclosing personally identifiable information in public records when the precinct official deems the official or the official's immediate family is at risk of intimidation, threat, or coercion in response to official election duties. Defines personally identifiable information to include any of the following: (1) a person's home address, home or mobile phone number, pager number, or personal email address; (2) a photo of a person; (3) directions to a person's home; (4) a photo or description of a person's home, vehicle, or vehicle license plate. Requires the State Board to develop the process and criteria for precinct officials requesting this nondisclosure, including providing a way to notify the county boards of elections and other entities of the request.

Makes conforming changes to GS 132-1.2.

## Part VII.

Amends GS 163-182.13A to allow review by the court (previously prohibited) of the NCGA's decision in determining the contest of an election for a Council of State office. Requires, if judicial review is granted, that the court issue findings of fact on whether the contestee is eligible and qualified, or if the contest is as to the conduct or results of the election, which candidate received the highest number of votes.

## Part VIII.

Appropriates \$250,000 in recurring funds for 2023-25 from the General Fund to the State Board for biennial security training for election officials and their immediate family members. Requires that the training include, at least: (1) best practices for using social media and other forms of online engagement and maintaining online privacy; (2) home security program and maintenance; (3) understanding removal programs and requirements for election officials' personally identifiable information in accordance with this act; and (4) any other security training deemed relevant. Effective July 1, 2023.

## Part IX.

Appropriates \$2 million for 2023-24 from the General Fund to the State Board to establish, in coordination with the Department of Public Safety, a new threat management capability for monitoring all-source information that will: (1) provide a threat monitoring and analysis capability for the protection of election officials and their immediate family members; (2) coordinate social media monitoring and threat assessments; (3) proactively manage the monitoring of websites for election officials' personally identifiable information and report violations to the appropriate law enforcement authorities; (4) maintain files of escalating behaviors and work in conjunction with the appropriate law enforcement to counteract overt acts of aggression; (5) maintain a database of each election official to catalogue complaints, including the specified information of the individual(s) engaging in threatening behavior; and (6) coordinate complaints by election officials of all sources and other online threats, whether direct or indirect, with law enforcement partners. Effective July 1, 2023.

Part X.

Includes a severability clause.

**Intro. by Dahle, Morey, Liu, Rudow.**

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H 373 (2023-2024) [FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS IN MOCKSVILLE](#). Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS IN THE TOWN OF MOCKSVILLE*.

Appropriates \$4.8 million from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management in nonrecurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to be used to provide a directed grant to the Town of Mocksville for strategic downtown expansion, historic infrastructure improvements, the downtown farmer's market, and 12-foot water main extension to serve a 500,000 gallon elevated tank. Effective July 1, 2023.

**Intro. by Howard.**

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H 374 (2023-2024) [RAFFLES/INCREASE REAL ESTATE PRIZE LIMIT](#). Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE TOTAL APPRAISED VALUE OF ALL REAL ESTATE PRIZES OFFERED DURING A CALENDAR YEAR BY A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION AS PART OF A RAFFLE*.

Amends GS 14-309.15 (pertaining to when real property is offered as a prize in a raffle) to increase the total allowable appraised value of all real estate prizes offered by any nonprofit organization for raffle from \$500,000 to \$2 million in a calendar year. Deletes provision limiting the value of any real property prize offered for any one raffle to \$500,000. Applies to raffles conducted on or after the act becomes law.

**Intro. by Potts, Strickland, Winslow, Zenger.**

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H 375 (2023-2024) [FUNDS TO IGNITE DAVIE COLLEGE PROMISE](#). Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DAVIE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT ITS IGNITE DAVIE COLLEGE PROMISE PROGRAM*.

Appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management in nonrecurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to the Davie Community Foundation, Inc. to support IGNITE DAVIE a college promise program available to eligible Davie County students who (1) maintain a minimum 2.0 college GPA; (2) successfully complete at least 2/3 of credit hours attempted each semester; (3) participate in certain career programs and (4) perform five hours of community service each semester. Effective July 1, 2023.

**Intro. by Howard.**

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[Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Office of State Budget and Management](#)

H 376 (2023-2024) [LITTLE FEDERAL MODEL NC EDITION](#). Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT EACH SENATOR REPRESENTS TWO COUNTIES, TO PERMIT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REVISE THE SENATE DISTRICTS FROM TIME TO TIME, AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE STATE IS COMPOSED OF ONE HUNDRED COUNTIES.*

Subject to the approval of voters at the general election in November 2024, amends the NC Constitution as follows.

Amends Section 3 of Article II to require the NCGA to revise the senate districts and the apportionment of Senators among those districts from time to time (currently at the first regular session convening after the return of every decennial census). Requires that each Senator represent two counties (currently, as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants, the number of inhabitants that each Senator represents being determined for this purpose by dividing the population of the district that he represents by the number of Senators apportioned to that district). Makes conforming changes.

Amends Section 1 of Article VII to set the number of counties in the state at 100.

Sets out the required ballot language.

**Intro. by Adams, Gillespie, Kidwell, Carson Smith.**

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## PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 52 (2023-2024) [OPEN MEETINGS/ADMINISTERING ORGANIZATIONS](#). Filed Feb 1 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT AN ADMINISTERING ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED IN G.S. 115C-407.50 IS A PUBLIC BODY SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW.*

House committee substitute to the 2nd deletes the following content from the bill.

Deletes proposed changes to GS 115C-407.55 that amended the appeals rules that the State Board of Education must adopt governing high school interscholastic athletic activities conducted by public school units, to also require that the rule provide for a process to appeal the independent appeals board's decision on application of eligibility rules to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, who must make a final decision in the appeal. Deletes the provision requiring from January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, that the Superintendent of Public Instruction be allowed to make final decisions in any appeal of an eligibility rule determination made by the independent appeals board, beginning with final decisions of the board made on or after January 1, 2023, according to the specified provisions. Deletes the requirement that the State Board of Education adopt related rules.

Makes conforming changes to the act's long title.

**Intro. by Sawyer, Johnson, McInnis.****GS 115C, GS 143**[View summary](#)**Government, Public Records and Open Meetings, State Agencies, State Board of Education**

S 58 (2023-2024) **PROTECT CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**. Filed Feb 1 2023, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR PROPERTY CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE TRANSMISSION OF TELEPHONE, BROADBAND, OR CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION, STORAGE, TRANSMISSION, OR DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY, FUEL, OR ANOTHER FORM OR SOURCE OF ENERGY.*

Senate amendments to the third edition make the following changes. Amendment #1 amends the civil remedies provision of GS 14-150.2(e) to only authorize treble damages fixed by the verdict or punitive damages if damages are assessed in the case. (Prior version contained no contingency on recovery of damages or authorization of punitive damages.) Specifies that a violation of the statute constitute willful and wanton damage in any civil lawsuit within the meaning of the punitive damages statute (GS 1D-5(7)). Adds new subsection GS 14-150.2(g) that prevents the availability of treble damages from being made known to the trier of fact through any means including voir dire, the introduction of evidence, argument or jury instructions. Enacts new GS 1D-27 exempting punitive damages awarded in a civil lawsuit for injury to an energy facility from the damages cap set forth in GS 1D-25(b) (damages cap for punitive damages).

Amendment #2 amends GS 14-150.2(a) by adding subsection GS 14-150.2(a)(3), which lists out hardware, software, or other digital infrastructure necessary for the operations of a facility as types of facilities that are included in the definition of energy facility. Also makes it illegal to obstruct, impede, or impair the services or transmissions of an energy facility, or attempt to obstruct, impede, or impair the services or transmissions of an energy facility. Punishable as a Class C felony, increased to Class B2 if the violation results in another's death. Amends GS 14-159.12 amending the circumstances warranting injury to an energy facility as a Class I felony by requiring, in addition to the other circumstances, injury to an energy facility as it is defined in the act. (Replaces description of facility as "Any facility involved in the production, storage, transmission, or distribution of electricity, fuel, or another form or source of energy, or research, development, or demonstration facilities related thereto, regardless of whether the facility is under construction or is otherwise not functioning.")

**Intro. by McInnis, Britt, P. Newton.****GS 1D, GS 14**[View summary](#)**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, Public Enterprises and Utilities**

S 174 (2023-2024) **REV. LAWS TECH., CLARIFYING, & ADMIN. CHNGS**. Filed Feb 28 2023, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS.*

House committee substitute to the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition makes the following changes. In Part II, amends GS 105-164.13 (pertaining to retail sales and use taxes) to change one of the conditions required for the exemption for sales by a nonprofit civic, charitable, educational, scientific, library, or fraternal organization to when each annual sales period funds a distinct and different program from the other annual sales periods during the year (was, when each annual sales period funds a distinct and different project).

**Intro. by P. Newton, Perry, Rabon.****GS 105, GS 119**[View summary](#)**Business and Commerce, Corporation and Partnerships, Government, State Agencies, Department of Revenue, Tax**



S 305 (2023-2024) [REQUIRE REPORT/PROTECTION & ADVOCACY AGENCY](#). Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY FOR NORTH CAROLINA TO REPORT ITS ACTIONS REGARDING ITS IMPACT ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.*

Includes whereas clauses. Requires the designated Protection and Advocacy Agency (Agency) to submit a quarterly report of the actions the Agency has taken in its efforts to advocate for persons with disabilities to the specified joint NCGA agencies. Encourages the NCGA to examine the activities of the Agency to determine the impact on current and future State budgets. Clarifies that the act should not be construed to impact the Agency's ability to perform work within its governing laws.

**Intro. by Burgin, Corbin, Krawiec.**

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**Health and Human Services, Health**

S 306 (2023-2024) [FIX OUR DEMOCRACY](#). Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT AMENDING THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING PROCESS; REENACTING LEGISLATION THAT ESTABLISHED A NONPARTISAN METHOD FOR JUDICIAL ELECTIONS; EXTENDING THE WAITING PERIOD FOR FORMER LEGISLATORS WHO BECOME LOBBYISTS; ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT FOR WET INK REGISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION; INCREASING TRANSPARENCY BY REQUIRING ADEQUATE NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF ALL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES AND SESSIONS OCCURRING IN THE LEGISLATIVE COMPLEX AND REQUIRING LIVE VIDEO AND AUDIO STREAMING OF ALL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION MEETINGS AND SESSIONS OCCURRING IN THE LEGISLATIVE COMPLEX; ENSURING VOTING PLACES ON CERTAIN COLLEGE CAMPUSES; PROHIBITING VOTER ROLL PURGING; MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS REGARDING TRANSPARENCY IN SOURCES OF SPENDING, DIGITAL ADVERTISEMENT CAMPAIGNS, PROTECTIONS AGAINST FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN ELECTIONS, AND LIMITING SUPER PAC INFLUENCE; REESTABLISHING PUBLIC FINANCING FOR JUDICIAL CAMPAIGNS; AND RESTORING CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS OF CERTAIN OFFENDERS.*

To be summarized.

**Intro. by Marcus, Mohammed, Salvador.**

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S 307 (2023-2024) [GSC NC UNIFORM ELECTRONIC WILLS ACT](#). Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA UNIFORM ELECTRONIC WILLS ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.*

To be summarized.

**Intro. by Galey, Daniel, Sawrey.**

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S 308 (2023-2024) [GUARDIANSHIP RIGHTS](#). Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT TO UPDATE THE GUARDIANSHIP ACCOUNTING STATUTE TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN TIMING ELECTIONS AND EXTENSIONS, TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO PREVENT THE ABUSE OR MISUSE OF AUTHORITY GRANTED TO AN AGENT IN A POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE GUARDIANSHIP PROCESS AND TO IMPROVE JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GUARDIANS OF THE PERSON, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION.*

Part I

Amends GS 35A-1264 (pertaining to annual accounts by guardians of property the guardian received) to require guardian to submit annual reports at the end of a fiscal year term selected by the guardian upon the filing of the initial annual account. Specifies that the fiscal year term must be at least 11 months but no more than 12 months from the date of the guardian's qualification or appointment. (Currently, requires annual filing within 30 days after the expiration of one year from the date of the guardian's qualification or appointment.) Allows the time for filing the annual account to be extended by the clerk. Makes accounts due within 30 days after the close of the fiscal year selected and annually thereafter. Requires the clerk to carefully review and audit the annual account and if approved, endorse the account and cause it to be recorded. Makes language gender neutral. Makes technical changes.

## Part II

Amends GS 32C-1-116 (pertaining to jurisdiction of Superior Court over causes of action related to guardianship), to clarify that the court must dismiss a case filed under its enumerated jurisdiction if a motion is submitted by a principal who the court determines is not incapacitated individually and not through an agent. (Currently, law only refers to a motion by the principal.)

## Part III

Amends the definitions of *incompetent child* and *incompetent adult* in GS 35A-1101 (definitions applicable to incompetence proceedings) to clarify that neither party lacks capacity if, by means of a less restrictive alternative, he or she is able to sufficiently (1) manage his or her affairs and (2) communicate important decisions concerning his or her person, family, and property. Adds definition of *less restrictive alternative* (an arrangement enabling a respondent to manage his or her affairs or to make or communicate important decisions concerning his or her person, property, and family that restricts fewer rights of the respondent than would the adjudication of incompetency and appointment of a guardian. The term includes supported decision making, appropriate and available technological assistance, appointment of a representative payee, and appointment of an agent by the respondent, including appointment under a power of attorney for health care or power of attorney for finances).

Amends GS 35A-1106 (contents of a petition to determine competency) to require the petition to include a statement identifying what less restrictive alternatives have been considered prior to seeking adjudication and why they are insufficient to meet the needs of the respondent. Makes technical changes and terms gender neutral.

Enacts new GS 35A-1117, pertaining to notice of rights of the respondent in proceedings under GS Chapter 35A (Incompetency and Guardianship), requiring that every respondent, and upon request, the respondent's next of kin, and any interested party, be given a notice of rights as follows. Requires the following language that must be conspicuously set forth to the respondent in a substantially similar way, "The laws governing incompetency and guardianship are complex. This is a summary of rights for informational purposes only. It is not intended to be a complete discussion of all rights. The rights listed may not apply in all cases and should not be cited as law in a court proceeding. You should consult with an attorney of your choosing if you have any questions about your rights." Lists the following 11 rights of respondents before adjudication of incompetence, which should be provided as part of the notice:

- Right to notice of a copy of the petition, the initial notice of hearing, and this notice of rights before the hearing -- Specifies the respondent may request a copy of this notice of rights from their court-appointed guardian ad litem.
- Right to an Attorney – Specifies if the respondent does not hire their own attorney, they will be represented by an attorney called a guardian ad litem to present the respondent's express wishes to the court and consider the possibility of a limited guardianship, making recommendations to the court regarding the rights that the respondent should keep if the guardianship is limited. The guardian ad litem may also make recommendations to the court that the guardian ad litem feels are in the respondent's best interest, even if those recommendations differ from their express wishes.
- Right to Gather Evidence – Respondent has the right to require witnesses to appear and to gather documents concerning the respondent's ability to make decisions and the right to request an evaluation (called a multidisciplinary evaluation) to assist the court in determining the extent of the respondent's ability to make decisions and to assist in making an appropriate guardianship plan. Specifies that the respondent or their attorney must request a multidisciplinary evaluation in writing no later than 10 days after the respondent is served with the petition.
- Right to a Hearing – Specifies that a hearing must be held before the respondent can be adjudicated to be incompetent. The hearing will be held between 10 and 30 days after the respondent receives a copy of the petition, notice of hearing, and this notice of rights unless the court delays the hearing for a good reason. The respondent has the right to request the date of the hearing be changed for a good reason. The respondent has a right to attend the hearing if they choose to do so. The respondent

can give up their right to attend the hearing. The respondent has a right to have their express wishes communicated to the court by the court-appointed guardian ad litem at all relevant stages of the proceedings.

- Right to a Jury – Specifies that the respondent has the right to request that a jury hear their case. The respondent loses that right to a jury if the respondent waits too long to ask.

- Right to a Closed Hearing – Warns that the hearing is open to the public unless the respondent or their attorney asks for it to be private. The respondent or their attorney has the right to ask the court to close the hearing and exclude anyone who is not directly involved or testifying at the hearing.

- Right to Present Evidence and Testimony – Specifies that the respondent has a right to present evidence at the hearing and to testify at the hearing.

- Right to Call Witnesses and Right to Question Witnesses – The respondent has the right to call and question witnesses at the hearing, including family members and medical providers. The respondent has the right to question witnesses anyone else calls at the hearing.

- Right to Express Wishes Regarding Your Rights – If the respondent is adjudicated to be incompetent, the respondent will lose the right to direct their healthcare, employment, interpersonal relationships, and religious, social, and community activities unless the court specifically agrees to allow the respondent to keep those rights. The respondent has the right to tell the court what rights they would like to keep. Specifies that the court will consider the respondent's wishes, but the court is not required to follow them.

- Right to Express Wishes as to Who Serves as Your Guardian – If the court decides that the respondent needs a guardian, the respondent has the right to tell the court who they want to be their guardian. Specifies that the court will consider the respondent's wishes, but the court is not required to follow them.

- Right to Appeal – If the respondent has a good reason to believe that their case was wrongly decided, (1) they have the right to appeal the decision adjudicating them to be incompetent by filing a written notice of appeal with the clerk within 10 days of the clerk entering the order and (2) they have the right to appeal the clerk's decision about who is appointed as their guardian by filing a written notice of appeal with the clerk within 10 days of the order being served on them. The respondent loses their rights to appeal any decision made by the clerk if they do not file a written notice of appeal in time.

Further lists 8 additional rights of a ward after adjudication of incompetence, which should be provided as part of the notice:

- Right to a qualified, responsible guardian.

- Right to request transfer to another county.

- Right to request modification of review of guardianship.

- Right to vote.

- Right to request a hearing in petition for procedure to permit sterilization. (Specifies that if a guardian asks for the court to order that a ward be sterilized, the ward has the right to know about it, to participate in the hearing, to have an attorney at the hearing, and to appeal the court's decision by filing a written notice of appeal with the clerk within 10 days of the clerk entering the order.)

- Ability to drive -- specifies that the clerk must inform the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) that the ward has been determined to be incompetent. Warns that the ward may lose their ability to drive a vehicle. Specifies that the ward has the right to make a written request to the DMV to review a decision to revoke their license.

- Advises the ward to consult with an attorney about additional rights that may depend on capacity, like the right to marry, make a last will and testament, and to testify as a witness.

Requires the Administrative Office of the Court (AOC) to develop a form notice and to make a Spanish translation available.

Makes conforming changes to GS 35A-1107 (pertaining to right to counsel or guardian ad litem), GS 35A-1108 (issuance of notice), GS 35A-1109 (service of notice and petition), and GS 35A-1217 (appointment of guardian ad litem for incompetent ward) to refer to the notice specified above. Amends GS 35A-1108 to require the hearing on the petition be held no less than 10 days nor more than 30 days after service of the notice of rights and the petition and initial notice of hearing (was, service of

notice of petition only). Amends GS 35A-1109 to require the initial notice of hearing be mailed to the respondent's next of kin and other designated persons.

Amends GS 35A-1116 (pertaining to costs and fees) to allow for costs to be apportioned among the parties in the alternative to taxed against any party. Removes language in the statute authorizing petitioner's counsel fees to be taxed against a party as costs. Directs the court to tax costs incurred by any party against the respondent if those costs were incurred for the benefit of the respondent, unless doing so would be inequitable. Specifies that if the respondent is indigent, then the costs are waived if not taxed against a party other than respondent. (Currently, refers to costs being assessed against the petitioner.) Deletes provisions authorizing costs to be taxed to the petitioner if clerk finds that the petitioner did not have reasonable grounds to bring the proceeding. Makes technical changes.

Amends GS 35A-1201 (purpose of guardian and ward statutes) to specify that (1) for adults, guardianship should always be a last resort and should only be imposed after less restrictive alternatives have been considered and found to be insufficient to meet the adult's needs and (2) filing regular status reports by the guardian on the person's conditions and welfare are encouraged and should be required where appropriate. Amends GS 35A-1207 (motions in the cause) to allow the clerk, on their own motion, to file a motion for modification of the order appointing (a) guardian(s) or consideration of any matter pertaining to the guardianship. (Currently, only any interested person may file such motions.) Amends GS 35A-1214 to give first priority of appointment to an individual or entity nominated under GS 32C-1-108(a) (guardian nominated in a duly executed power of attorney) or GS 32A-22(b) (guardian nominated in a duly executed health care power of attorney). Makes technical changes.

Amends GS 35A-1242 (status reports for incompetent wards) to require a person's guardian(s), upon knowledge of the ward's change of residence, to file a notice of change of the ward's address with the court within 30 days. Specifies content for notice.

Applies to petitions filed 180 days after the act becomes law.

**Intro. by Galey, Daniel, Overcash.**

[GS 32C, GS 35A](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Family Law, Court System, Administrative Office of the Courts, Health and Human Services, Mental Health](#)

S 309 (2023-2024) [2023 UNC SELF-LIQUIDATING CAPITAL PROJECTS](#). Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING, WITHOUT APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND OR THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, OF CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OF THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.*

Substantively identical to [H 364](#), filed 3/14/23.

States the act's purpose. Authorizes the UNC Board of Governors (BOG) to issue, at one time or from time to time, revenue or special obligation bonds, or both, for the listed projects in the stated amounts at Appalachian State University, NC State University, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Pembroke, and Western Carolina University.

Caps the maximum principal amount of bonds issued at the specified project cost plus 5% to pay issuance expenses and related costs. Permits the Director of the State Budget to authorize an increase or decrease in the cost of, or change the method of, funding for the authorized projects; allows consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

**Intro. by Galey, Barnes.**

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, UNC System](#)

S 310 (2023-2024) [SOLVING THE PRECEPTOR CRISIS](#). Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS PROGRAM TO STUDY IMPEDIMENTS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY-BASED PRECEPTORS*.

Contains whereas clauses. Requires the North Carolina Area Health Education Centers Program (NC AHEC), in consultation with certain organizations, to study (1) the availability of community preceptors in North Carolina and nearby states and (2) the demand for those preceptors, including factors that influence the supply and barriers that community-based outpatient clinicians face in teaching healthcare professional students.

Specifies that as part of its study, NC AHEC must do at least the following: (1) Survey other states to identify the best innovative and effective approaches to address preceptor shortages for medical students, nurse practitioner students, physician assistant students, and prelicensure nursing students; (2) in consultation with certain agencies and nonprofit, research and report on the current approaches to identifying, engaging, financing, and evaluating clinical training sites and how schools use tuition funding to cover their students' costs related to clinical placements and training; and (3) employing certain benchmarks and in consultation with certain associations, assess the capacity of North Carolina and nearby states for clinical training sites.

Requires NC AHEC to provide an interim report to the specified NCGA Committees by April 1, 2024 and a final report by September 1, 2024.

Appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors in nonrecurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, and \$250,000 in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to be allocated to UNC Chapel Hill for the North Carolina Area Health Education Centers Program to fund the study set forth above.

Effective July 1, 2023.

**Intro. by Adcock, Woodard, Lee.**

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

S 311 (2023-2024) [NATIONAL INST. OF MINORITY ECO. DEV. FUNDING](#). Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MINORITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR WOMEN- AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES IN THE STATE*.

Appropriates the sum of \$3 million from the General Fund to the National Institute of Minority Economic Development (Institute) in recurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to be used to (1) provide community assessments and data and technical assistance to minority- and women-owned businesses in the State; (2) to provide funding for affordable housing, minority- and women-owned businesses, community facilities, HBCU loans and grants, and technical assistance to women and minorities in the State; (3) to provide support to existing community development corporations in the State; and (4) to provide support for affordable housing, economic development, and community revitalization in communities in the State without an existing community development corporation. Appropriates the sum of \$11 million from the General Fund to the Institute in nonrecurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to be used as follows: (1) \$2.5 million to expand business incubation services in eastern North Carolina; (2) \$2.5 million to acquire and renovate a facility in Durham to be used as a community and business education facility; (3) \$1 million to expand community economic development services throughout the State; (4) \$4 million for the Institute's Community Development Financial Institution Fund to provide funding for affordable housing, minority- and women-owned businesses, community facilities, minority farmers, HBCU low-interest loans, and technical assistance to historically underutilized businesses in the State; and (5) \$1 million to be used as a match for a Partners In Equitable & Resilient Communities grant from the Melville Charitable Trust for disruptive community economic development activities. Effective July 1, 2023.

**Intro. by Robinson, Blue.**

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**Business and Commerce, Development, Land Use and  
Housing, Community and Economic Development,  
Government, Budget/Appropriations**

S 312 (2023-2024) **CHANGES TO LIENS AND FORECLOSURES BY HOAS**. Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT NOTICE OF CLAIMS OF LIEN BE SERVED ON AN OWNER BY UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE CERTIFIED MAIL AND TO ELIMINATE ASSOCIATIONS' ABILITY TO FORECLOSE ON PROPERTIES FOR UNPAID ASSESSMENTS*.

To be summarized.

**Intro. by Smith.**

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S 313 (2023-2024) **SAFEGUARD FAIR ELECTIONS ACT**. Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE INCREASED PROTECTIONS FOR VOTERS AND ELECTIONS OFFICIALS AGAINST VARIOUS FORMS OF INTERFERENCE WITH AN ELECTION AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES*.

Part I.

Enacts GS 163-275.1, creating the following crimes related to voting in elections. Makes it a Class H felony to do any of the following: (1) threaten or attempt to threaten a person for voting or attempting to vote, for voting or attempting to vote for or against a particular candidate, for registering to vote, for urging or aiding any individuals to vote or attempt to vote as authorized by law, or for exercising any lawful powers or duties as an election official or enlisting another person to do so; (2) knowingly challenge a person's right to vote on fraudulent or spirituous grounds; (3) engage in mass, indiscriminate, and groundless challenging of voters solely for the purpose of preventing voters from voting or to delay the process of voting or the lawful and orderly administration of an election; or (4) fraudulently advise any person that the person is not eligible to vote or is not registered to vote.

Makes it a Class H felony for an employer to (1) enclose an employees' pay in envelopes upon which or in which there is written or printed the name of any candidate or political mottoes, devices, or arguments containing threats, intended or calculated to influence the political opinions or actions of the employees; or (2) in any way communicate that an employees' pay or continued employment is conditioned on voting or not voting, or voting or not voting for a specific candidate.

Makes it a Class A1 misdemeanor to intimidate or coerce, or attempt to intimidate or coerce, any person for voting or attempting to vote, for voting or attempting to vote for or against a particular candidate, urging or aiding any persons to vote or attempt to vote as allowed by law, or exercising any lawful powers or duties as an election official or enlisting another person for the purpose of doing the same.

Establishes that a person will be found to have intimidated or coerced another person if the person knew or reasonably should have known that his or her actions would produce that effect. Defines coerce, intimidate, and threaten. Establishes a right of action for a person aggrieved by a violation of new GS 163-275.1 for preventative relief; permits a court to award the prevailing party reasonable attorneys' fees.

Enacts new GS 153-275.3, authorizing a court to order any person convicted of violating Article 22 of the Chapter, which governs corrupt practices and other offenses against the elective franchise, to pay a restitution fine, at an amount at the court's discretion, to be deposited in the Voter Intimidation Restitution Fund (Fund), established by the act. Directs that funds appropriated to the Fund are to be allocated to the State Board of Elections (State Board) for voter education campaigns relating to these crimes, as specified.

Part II.

Makes organizational changes to Article 22, GS Chapter 163. Enacts GS 163-278.1A, making any person who intimidates, threatens, coerces, or attempts to do the same to an election worker, with the intent to impede, intimidate, or interfere with their

official duties, liable for civil damages of up to \$100,000, imprisonment of up to five years, or both. Defines election worker to include election volunteers. Provides immunity for election workers acting in good faith to prevent election interference or preserve ballot access. Amends GS 163-278 to authorize the State Board and district attorneys to investigate, prosecute, and seek increased penalties for violations of new GS 163-275.1.

#### Part III.

Enacts new Article 15B, GS Chapter 163, cited as the Safeguard Fair Elections Act. Sets forth legislative findings and defined terms. Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 for a public official to perform or communicate the intention to perform an official act in which the official, without substantial evidence (as defined) refuses to certify the actual results or count of an election. Makes such action or communication of intention an automatic resignation from office, and deems any such official act void.

#### Part IV.

Amends GS 163-182.12A, establishing seven criteria with which the State Board of Elections must ensure post-election audits comply, including being conducted by nonpartisan officials with expertise in elections, preserving ballot secrecy and voter privacy, and requiring audit procedures to be established before election day and before results are known. Prohibits public officials from providing funding for or participating in a post-election audit or review that fails to comply with the State Board's best practices that meet the described criteria.

Enacts GS 163-182.12B, directing the State Board to conduct, in each county, a risk-limiting audit after the general election, where a hand-to-eye recount is made of randomly selected ballot samples in a contest that provides strong statistical evidence that the machine-counted results are correct and based on a risk limit, meaning the largest chance that an incorrect outcome of a contest could escape correction by the audit. Specifies that the audit must not change the results of an election.

#### Part V.

Amends GS 163-45, which gives the chair of each political party in the county the right to designate two observers to attend each voting place at each primary and election. Adds the requirement that the observers complete training before acting as an observer and complete additional training at least once every two years. Requires the State Board to establish training standards and requirements for observers. Makes conforming changes. Removes the provision prohibiting observers from taking an oath of office; instead requires that observers sign a sworn oath that the observer will not do any electioneering at the voting place, and will not impede the voting process or interfere or communicate with or observe any voter in casting a ballot. Adds the requirement that while observing, observers must wear clear identification, that includes the observer's name, role, and partisan affiliation.

Requires the State Board, to collaborate with county boards of elections, to: (1) ensure election administrators are adequately compensated equitably throughout the State; (2) ensure clear and conspicuous notices are placed at voting locations establishing clear rights and responsibilities for voters, poll workers, and observers; and (3) develop a statewide, uniform system of reporting incidents of voter intimidation anonymously.

#### Part VI.

Enacts new GS 163-49 allowing a precinct official to file written notice with the State Board requesting that the precinct official and the precinct official's immediate family be placed on a list that prohibits disclosing personally identifiable information in public records when the precinct official deems the official or the official's immediate family is at risk of intimidation, threat, or coercion in response to official election duties. Defines personally identifiable information to include any of the following: (1) a person's home address, home or mobile phone number, pager number, or personal email address; (2) a photo of a person; (3) directions to a person's home; (4) a photo or description of a person's home, vehicle, or vehicle license plate. Requires the State Board to develop the process and criteria for precinct officials requesting this nondisclosure, including providing a way to notify the county boards of elections and other entities of the request.

Makes conforming changes to GS 132-1.2.

#### Part VII.

Amends GS 163-182.13A to allow review by the court (previously prohibited) of the NCGA's decision in determining the contest of an election for a Council of State office. Requires, if judicial review is granted, that the court issue findings of fact



on whether the contestee is eligible and qualified, or if the contest is as to the conduct or results of the election, which candidate received the highest number of votes.

#### Part VIII.

Appropriates \$250,000 in recurring funds for 2023-25 from the General Fund to the State Board for biennial security training for election officials and their immediate family members. Requires that the training include, at least: (1) best practices for using social media and other forms of online engagement and maintaining online privacy; (2) home security program and maintenance; (3) understanding removal programs and requirements for election officials' personally identifiable information in accordance with this act; and (4) any other security training deemed relevant. Effective July 1, 2023.

#### Part IX.

Appropriates \$2 million for 2023-24 from the General Fund to the State Board to establish, in coordination with the Department of Public Safety, a new threat management capability for monitoring all-source information that will: (1) provide a threat monitoring and analysis capability for the protection of election officials and their immediate family members; (2) coordinate social media monitoring and threat assessments; (3) proactively manage the monitoring of websites for election officials' personally identifiable information and report violations to the appropriate law enforcement authorities; (4) maintain files of escalating behaviors and work in conjunction with the appropriate law enforcement to counteract overt acts of aggression; (5) maintain a database of each election official to catalogue complaints, including the specified information of the individual(s) engaging in threatening behavior; and (6) coordinate complaints by election officials of all sources and other online threats, whether direct or indirect, with law enforcement partners. Effective July 1, 2023.

#### Part X.

Includes a severability clause.

**Intro. by Chaudhuri, Murdock, Mayfield.**

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Elections, State Agencies, State Board of Elections](#)

## LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 163 (2023-2024) [SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEXIBILITY. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Feb 21 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO CERTAIN SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.*

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Under current law, GS 115C-84.2(d) provides authority to local boards of education to determine the opening and closing dates for public schools under GS 115C-84.2(a)(1). However, the local boards must comply with specified parameters for the opening and closing dates of public schools as provided. Amends GS 115C-84.2(d) to make the opening and closing school dates in the current law (opening no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 and closing no later than the Friday closest to June 11) applicable only to students attending Hyde County School located on Ocracoke Island. Sets the opening date for students who are dual enrolled in Hyde County Schools and an institution of higher education or for students attending Hyde County Schools that are not located on Ocracoke Island as no earlier than the Monday closest to August 10 and the closing date as no later than the Friday closest to June 11. Amends GS 115C-174.12 allowing assessments to be given before the conclusion of the fall semester if Hyde County has implemented a school calendar that concludes the fall semester prior to December 31. Applies beginning with the 2023-24 school year.

Makes conforming changes to the act's titles.

**Intro. by Tyson.**

[Craven, Hyde](#)

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H 176 (2023-2024) [SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEXIBILITY. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Feb 22 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SCHOOL SYSTEMS FLEXIBILITY IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.*

House committee substitute to the 1st edition amends the scope of the act so that it also applies to Harnett County Schools.  
Amends the act's titles.

**Intro. by Sauls.**

[Harnett, Lee](#)[View summary](#)[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

H 184 (2023-2024) [HAYWOOD COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAXES.](#) Filed Feb 22 2023, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE OCCUPANCY TAX RATE AUTHORIZED FOR HAYWOOD COUNTY.*

House committee substitute to the 1<sup>st</sup> edition makes the following changes. Amends Part V of SL 1983-908 to remove references to specific types of accommodations subject to the Haywood County Board of Commissioners (Board) initial 2% occupancy tax, so that the Board may levy the tax on any accommodation. Makes technical changes.

**Intro. by Pless.**

[Haywood](#)[View summary](#)[Government, Tax](#)

H 213 (2023-2024) [INDIAN TRAIL/STALLINGS OCCUPANCY TAX AUTH.](#) Filed Feb 28 2023, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF INDIAN TRAIL AND A PORTION OF THE TOWN OF STALLINGS TO EACH LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, IF APPROVED IN A REFERENDUM.*

House committee substitute to the 1<sup>st</sup> edition makes the following changes. Instead of amending GS 160A-215(b), sets forth those provisions in proposed referenda set forth in new sections 1.1(b) and 2.2(b). Changes the act's long title. Removes references to specific types of accommodations subject to the proposed occupancy taxes, so that the Town Council of the Town of Indian Trail (Council) and Stallings District S (District S) may levy the tax on any accommodation. Requires that the tax or rate increase become effective on the date specified in the resolution levying the increase, which must be the first day of a calendar month and may not be earlier than the first day of the second month after the date the resolution is adopted. Makes organizational, clarifying, and technical changes.

**Intro. by Arp, Willis.**

[Union, GS 105](#)[View summary](#)[Government, Tax](#)

H 220 (2023-2024) [LANSING/JEFFERSON/STOKES OCC. TAX AUTH. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Feb 28 2023, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF LANSING, THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, AND STOKES COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX.*

House committee substitute to the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition makes the following changes. Changes the act's long title; makes conforming changes to the act's short title. Authorizes Stokes County to levy a room occupancy tax of up to 6%. Provides that the tax must be levied, administered, collected, and repealed as provided in GS 153A-155 (uniform provisions for room occupancy taxes). Requires the Stokes County Tourism Development Authority (TDA) to use at least two-thirds of the occupancy tax proceeds to promote travel and tourism and the remainder for tourism-related expenditures in the county. Mandates that at least one-third

of the members of the TDA must be affiliated with businesses that collect the tax in the county and at least one-half must be currently active in the county's travel and tourism promotion. Makes conforming changes to GS 153A-155. Makes organizational and technical changes.

**Intro. by Pickett.**

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

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**Government, Tax**

H 227 (2023-2024) [EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS/TOWN OF VANCEBORO](#). Filed Feb 28 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF VANCEBORO SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.*

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Instead of amending the Town of Vanceboro's charter, sets out a stand-alone provision requiring that regular municipal elections for the election of Town officers be held in even-numbered years at the time of the general election and be in accordance with the State's uniform municipal election laws. Requires the election to be decided by the nonpartisan plurality method under GS 163-292. Makes conforming changes.

**Intro. by Tyson.**

[Craven](#)

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**Government, Elections**

H 229 (2023-2024) [STAGGER/EXTEND TERMS OF TOWN OFFICERS/HALIFAX](#). Filed Feb 28 2023, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF HALIFAX TO STAGGER THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND EXTEND THEIR TERMS TO FOUR YEARS.*

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Deletes proposed Section 2A of the Charter of the Town of Halifax, and instead adds Section 3A, which requires the following. Requires the mayor and town commissioners to serve staggered four-year terms, with elections held on a nonpartisan plurality basis with the result determined under GS 163-292. Requires regular municipal elections to be held at the time of the general election in each odd-numbered year. Requires elections to be conducted in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws in GS Chapter 163.

Sets out provisions establishing the staggered terms, beginning with the 2023 elections.

Amends the act's long title.

**Intro. by Wray.**

[Halifax](#)

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**Government, Elections**

H 231 (2023-2024) [YANCEY COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX MODIFICATION. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Feb 28 2023, *AN ACT TO CONFORM AND INCREASE THE YANCEY COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX AUTHORIZATION.*

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

Amends SL 1987-140, as amended, to make the room occupancy tax applicable to the gross receipts derived from the rental of an accommodation within the county that is subject to sales tax (was, applicable to the gross receipts derived from the rental of any room, lodging, or accommodation furnished by a hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, or similar place within the county is subject to sales tax). Removes the provision limiting the use of the tax proceeds for the direct benefit of the county. Amends the definition of tourism-related expenditures so that it includes those designed to increase the use of accommodations (was, the use of lodging facilities), meeting facilities, or convention facilities in the county or to attract tourists or business travelers to the county (was, to the district). Requires that at least one-half of the individuals on the Tourism Development Authority be

currently active in the promotion of travel and tourism in the county (was, district). Makes additional clarifying and technical changes.

Amends the act's short title.

**Intro. by Greene.**

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

H 232 (2023-2024) [MITCHELL COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX INCREASE](#). Filed Feb 28 2023, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MITCHELL COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX AUTHORIZATION*.

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Amends the introductory language in Section 1 to clarify previous changes to the session law. Amends SL 1987-141, as follows. Instead of increasing the rate of the Mitchell County room occupancy tax from 3% to up to 6%, now allows a room occupancy tax of up to 3% and adds that an additional room occupancy tax of up to 3% may be levied. Prohibits levying the additional tax unless the original occupancy tax is levied.

**Intro. by Greene.**

[Mitchell](#)

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[Government, Tax](#)

H 236 (2023-2024) [SCHOOL CALENDAR ALIGNMENT/CARTERET. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Feb 28 2023, *AN ACT TO ALLOW CARTERET COUNTY SCHOOLS TO ALIGN THE SCHOOL CALENDAR WITH CARTERET COMMUNITY COLLEGE*.

House committee substitute to the 1st edition amends the act's short title to more accurately reflect the act's content.

**Intro. by Cairns.**

[Carteret](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

H 238 (2023-2024) [TOWN OF CLAYTON OCCUPANCY TAX](#). Filed Mar 1 2023, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF CLAYTON TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX IN A TAX DISTRICT COMPRISING THE AREA OF THE TOWN OF CLAYTON WITHIN JOHNSTON COUNTY*.

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Narrows the geographic boundaries of the portion of the Town of Clayton where the occupancy tax applies to only that part of the Town of Clayton that is located within Johnston County, to create "Clayton District C." (Was, all of Town of Clayton.) Specifies that Clayton District C (District) is a body politic and corporate and has the power to carry out the provisions of the act. Directs the Clayton Town Council to serve ex officio as the governing body of the District, and the officers of the town to serve as the officers of the governing body of the District. Sets forth rules governing quorum. Makes conforming changes to the remainder of the act to refer to the jurisdiction of the District, rather than the Town of Clayton. Makes organizational changes. Amends the act's long title.

**Intro. by White, Strickland, Penny.**

[Johnston, GS 160A](#)

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[Government, Tax](#)

H 247 (2023-2024) [AVERY/CROSSNORE DEED RECORD./DELINQUENT TAXES](#). Filed Mar 1 2023, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF AVERY COUNTY TO REFUSE RECORDATION OF A DEED FOR PROPERTY SUBJECT TO DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE TOWN OF CROSSNORE*.

House committee substitute to the 1st edition changes the act's effective date from when the act becomes law to October 1, 2023.

**Intro. by Greene.**

[Avery](#)

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

H 368 (2023-2024) [BEACH TOWNS/LAND-BASED SHARK FISHING](#). Filed Mar 14 2023, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN BEACH TOWNS TO REGULATE AND CONTROL LAND-BASED SHARK FISHING*.

Amends GS 160A-176.2 (pertaining to ordinances effective in the Atlantic Ocean) to authorize a city to adopt ordinances to regulate and control land-based shark fishing in the Atlantic Ocean and other navigable waterways adjacent to that portion of the city within its boundaries or within its extraterritorial jurisdiction. Clarifies that cities are not allowed to prohibit shark fishing altogether or to make shark fishing activities unlawful. Applicable only to the Towns of Carolina Beach, Caswell Beach, Holden Beach, Kure Beach, and Oak Island and to the Village of Bald Head Island.

**Intro. by Miller.**

[Brunswick, New Hanover, GS 160A](#)

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## LOCAL/SENATE BILLS

S 9 (2023-2024) [APEX TOWN COUNCIL TO APPOINT TOWN CLERK](#). Filed Jan 25 2023, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF APEX TO ALLOW THE TOWN COUNCIL TO APPOINT THE TOWN CLERK*.

Senate committee substitute to the 1st edition makes technical change.

**Intro. by Adcock, Batch.**

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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*.

Senate committee substitute to the 1<sup>st</sup> edition makes the following changes. Instead of amending section 2 of SL 2021-46, sets forth those provisions in a standalone provision, effective only for the City of Asheville.

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## ACTIONS ON BILLS

**PUBLIC BILLS****H 2: EXTEND DEADLINE FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**H 67: ENCOURAGE HEALTHY NC FOOD IN SCHOOLS.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/15/2023*

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

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

**H 130: PRESERVING CHOICES FOR CONSUMERS.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/15/2023*

**H 150: SCHOOL CONTRACTED HEALTH SERVICES.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/15/2023*

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

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Select Committee on Nominations*

**H 187: EQUALITY IN EDUCATION.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

**H 188: STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On Judiciary 1*

**H 190: DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REVISIONS.-AB**

*House: Serial Referral To State Government Stricken*

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

**H 207: MANDATORY TRAINING CONTRIBUTING TO CEUS.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/15/2023*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On Judiciary 1*

**H 258: NOVEL OPIOID CONTROL ACT OF 2023.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Judiciary 3*

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/15/2023*

**H 290: PROTECTING NC'S MILITARY AND WORKING LANDS.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**H 341: TS FRED UNEXPENDED FUNDS/WILDFIRES.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**H 345: STUDENT TAX REDUCTION (STAR) ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 346: REORGANIZATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 347: SPORTS WAGERING.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 348: VANCE-GRANVILLE CC MANUFACTURING CENTER.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 349: FIREFIGHTER PFAS MANAGEMENT/RESEARCH.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 350: WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING FUNDS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 351: FUNDS/EASTHAM CREEK DRAINAGE STUDY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 352: EXPRESSING JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP.**



*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 354: CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT MODIFICATIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 355: ENSURE SAME-SEX DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROT. ORDER.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 356: FULL REPEAL OF HB2.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 357: FUNDS/DURHAM JUVENILE DETENTION CTR.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 358: INCREASED SECURITY/PRIVACY FOR NC LEGISLATORS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 359: REQUIRE PASSEN. TO GIVE DRIV. INFO TO LAW ENF.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 361: REQUIRE REPORT/PROTECTION & ADVOCACY AGENCY.**

*House: Filed*

**H 362: FIX OUR DEMOCRACY.**

*House: Filed*

**H 363: THE GABE TORRES ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 364: 2023 UNC SELF-LIQUIDATING CAPITAL PROJECTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 365: REQUIRE THAT JURORS BE US CITIZENS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 366: RESTORE MASTER'S PAY FOR TEACHERS & ISP.**

*House: Filed*

**H 367: MEDICAL DEBT DE-WEAPONIZATION ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 369: RESTORE MASTER'S PAY FOR TEACHERS & ISP.**

*House: Filed*

**H 370: RESPONSIBLE FIREFIGHTING FOAM MANAGEMENT ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 371: FOX TRAPPING/CENTRAL AND WESTERN NC.**

*House: Filed*

**H 372: SAFEGUARD FAIR ELECTIONS ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 373: FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS IN MOCKSVILLE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 374: RAFFLES/INCREASE REAL ESTATE PRIZE LIMIT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 375: FUNDS TO IGNITE DAVIE COLLEGE PROMISE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 376: LITTLE FEDERAL MODEL NC EDITION.**

*House: Filed*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

**S 52: OPEN MEETINGS/ADMINISTERING ORGANIZATIONS.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-referred To Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**S 54: CONFIRM KATHERINE BOSKEN, COMM. OF BANKS.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Select Committee on Nominations*

**S 58: PROTECT CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.**

*Senate: Amend Adopted A1*

*Senate: Amend Adopted A2*

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

*Senate: Engrossed*

**S 157: LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE MODIFICATION.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

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

**S 174: REV. LAWS TECH., CLARIFYING, & ADMIN. CHNGS.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/15/2023*

**S 189: FENTANYL DRUG OFFENSES AND RELATED CHANGES. (NEW)**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

**S 239: REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Education/Higher Education*

**S 296: REORGANIZATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT.***Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***S 297: INCREASE ACCESS FOR SMALL EMPLOYERS/INSURANCE.***Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***S 298: DMV BONE MARROW DONOR SOLICITATION.***Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***S 299: REIMBURSE LATE AUDIT COSTS WITH SALES TAX REV.***Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***S 300: TRANSPORTATION RESILIENCY FUND MODS./DISASTER.***Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***S 301: DESIGNATE MAY AS "LEARN TO FLY" MONTH.***Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***S 302: GREEN SCHOOLS SAVE MONEY.***Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***S 303: STRENGTHEN JUVENILE LAWS.***Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***S 304: VOLUNTEER RESCUE WORKER TAX CREDIT.***Senate: Passed 1st Reading**Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate***S 305: REQUIRE REPORT/PROTECTION & ADVOCACY AGENCY.***Senate: Filed***S 306: FIX OUR DEMOCRACY.***Senate: Filed***S 307: GSC NC UNIFORM ELECTRONIC WILLS ACT.***Senate: Filed***S 308: GUARDIANSHIP RIGHTS.***Senate: Filed***S 309: 2023 UNC SELF-LIQUIDATING CAPITAL PROJECTS.***Senate: Filed***S 310: SOLVING THE PRECEPTOR CRISIS.***Senate: Filed***S 311: NATIONAL INST. OF MINORITY ECO. DEV. FUNDING.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 312: CHANGES TO LIENS AND FORECLOSURES BY HOAS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 313: SAFEGUARD FAIR ELECTIONS ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**LOCAL BILLS**

**H 133: GRAHAM COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/15/2023*

**H 160: SCHOOL CAL. FLEXIBILITY/BUNCOMBE & AMP ASHEVILLE.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

**H 163: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEXIBILITY. (NEW)**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/15/2023*

**H 176: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEXIBILITY. (NEW)**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/15/2023*

**H 184: HAYWOOD COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAXES.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/15/2023*

**H 213: INDIAN TRAIL/STALLINGS OCCUPANCY TAX AUTH.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/15/2023*

**H 220: LANSING/JEFFERSON/STOKES OCC. TAX AUTH. (NEW)**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2*

*House: Ruled Material*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/15/2023*

**H 221: SCHOOL CAL FLEXIBILITY/YADKIN & AMP DAVIE CO.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/15/2023*

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

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/15/2023*

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

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

**H 231: YANCEY COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX MODIFICATION. (NEW)**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Finance*

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

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Finance*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On Finance*

**H 236: SCHOOL CALENDAR ALIGNMENT/CARTERET. (NEW)**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/15/2023*

**H 238: TOWN OF CLAYTON OCCUPANCY TAX.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Finance*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On Finance*

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

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/15/2023*

**H 257: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEXIBILITY/MULTIPLE COUNTIES.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

**H 262: SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT ZONES.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On Local Government*

**H 353: WILKES 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*

**H 368: BEACH TOWNS/LAND-BASED SHARK FISHING.**

*House: Filed*

**S 9: APEX TOWN COUNCIL TO APPOINT TOWN CLERK.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

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

**S 68: CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE/PARKING METER PROCEEDS.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

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

**S 126: CITY OF ASHEVILLE/PARKING METER PROCEEDS.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

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

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

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

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

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