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PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 28 [NC MANAGING ENVIRONMENTAL WASTE ACT OF 2023](#). Filed Jan 30 2023, *AN ACT TO REDUCE AND BETTER MANAGE THE DISPOSAL OF SINGLE-USE WASTE*.

House committee substitute to the 2nd edition makes the following changes. Deletes all proposed revisions to GS 105-187.63 (use of tax proceeds).

Amends GS 143-58.2 (state policy and bid procedures, etc.) as follows. States that additional policy of the State is that all State departments and other units will, to the extent economically practicable, purchase and use, or require the purchase and use of, materials and supplies with compostable or recyclable content in food establishments operated under the auspices of the department, institution, agency, community college, and local school administrative unit.

Further amends the solid waste report requirements set forth in GS 130A-309.06(c) to delete the requirement that the summary of reports set forth in GS 130A-309.06(c)(21) include progress towards reaching the goals set forth in GS 143-58.3 (recycled paper and other goods).

Changes the entity charged with studying the issue of food service ware from the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources to the UNC NC Policy Collaboratory (Collaboratory). Makes conforming and technical changes. Adds to the preliminary report required by the Legislative Services Officer to include any additional costs associated with replacing food service ware with compostable or recyclable materials.

Changes the entity charged with implementing the pilot program from the Division of Services for the Blind within the Department of Health and Human Services to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (Department). Changes the scope of the pilot program as follows: only focuses on eliminating the sale or provision of food or beverages in with service ware without any focus on where it is consumed and the facilities must operated by the Department instead of vending facilities for the blind. Requires the Department's preliminary report to now also include information on any additional costs associated with replacing food service ware with compostable or recyclable materials.

Changes the definition of food service ware from noncompostable and nonrecyclable products to products other than compostable or recyclable products. Deletes provisions that specified that nonrecyclable does not include post use polymers or recovered feedstock processed at an advanced recycling facility.

Appropriates \$50,000 in nonrecurring funds to the Collaboratory from the General Fund for FY 2023-24 to carry out the study described above, effective July 1, 2023. Deletes references to Section 1 in the effective date and the effective date for that deleted section.

Makes organizational changes.

Intro. by Warren.

[APPROP, STUDY, GS 105, GS 130A](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, Budget/Appropriations, General Assembly, State Agencies, Department of Environmental Quality \(formerly DENR\), Department of Health and Human Services, Tax, Local Government](#)

H 55 (2023-2024) [FIRE INVESTIGATION LAW REVISIONS](#). Filed Feb 6 2023, *AN ACT TO EXPAND THE INVESTIGATORY POWERS OF THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN FIRE INVESTIGATIONS*.

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

Revises the proposed changes to GS 58-79-1 (covering fires investigated, reports, and records) to authorize the Commissioner of Insurance (Commissioner) through the Office of State Fire Marshal and the Director of the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) through the SBI (was, the Commissioner and the SBI), in addition to local law enforcement and fire officials/agencies, to investigate all fires where property has been destroyed or damaged and to determine whether the fire was set intentionally or by carelessness. Now grants the SBI Director and the Commissioner the right to supervise and direct a preliminary fire investigation upon determination by the official who conducts the preliminary investigation (was, when the Director or the Commissioner deems it expedient or necessary). Replaces the new provision giving the SBI Director exclusive right to supervise and direct investigations in cases involving death or serious bodily injury, to instead provides that if the official who conducts the preliminary investigation requests investigative assistance from a State agency, the SBI Director, through the SBI, has the exclusive right to supervise and direct investigations in cases involving death or serious bodily injury, first- or second-degree arson, buildings owned or occupied by State or local government, and buildings owned or leased by education institutions, churches, or religious buildings.

Makes technical changes to the proposed changes to GS 58-79-5, GS 58-79-10, and GS 58-79-15

Intro. by Clampitt, Loftis.

[GS 58](#)

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[Government, Public Records and Open Meetings, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of Insurance](#)

H 138 (2023-2024) [FAILURE TO YIELD TO BLIND PEDESTRIANS/PENALTY](#). Filed Feb 16 2023, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A BLIND OR PARTIALLY BLIND PEDESTRIAN*.

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Amends GS 20-175.2 by increasing the penalty from a Class 2 to Class 1 misdemeanor for failing to yield the right-of-way to a blind pedestrian. Makes conforming changes to the long title.

Intro. by Morey, Setzer, Shepard, Carney.

[GS 20](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle](#)

H 161 (2023-2024) [PROTECTING PROPERLY INSURED INDIVIDUALS](#). Filed Feb 21 2023, *AN ACT AMENDING THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF EVIDENCE AND RELATED STATUTES REGARDING THE VALIDITY OF CERTAIN LIENS FOR MEDICAL CHARGES IN CIVIL ACTIONS*.

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

Amends GS 8-58.1(a) (injured party as witness when medical charges at issue) as follows. Specifies that the testimony of a person pursuant to GS 8-58.1 establishes a rebuttable presumption of the reasonableness of the amount paid or required to be in paid in full satisfaction of the charges.

Amends GS 8-58.1(b) to now provide that if the injured party has health insurance that will, if filed by a particular health care provider (was, just provider), result in a reduction in the charge due to a contractual adjustment being taken by the provider, and such health insurance (was, just insurance) is filed and no lien as set forth in GS 44-49 or GS 44-50 has been asserted, then the evidence as to the amount of the bill will be the amount paid by all sources and all amounts remaining to be paid. Now specifies that if a lien under GS 44-49 or GS 44-50 has been asserted, regardless of any defenses against the lien (previously, no mention of defenses against the lien), and the injured party has no health insurance or no health insurance (was, insurance)

has been filed, then the evidence as to the amount of the charge that may be introduced in an action tried in the courts of North Carolina is the amount of the claimed lien plus any amounts paid toward the balance of the original charges and any amounts due not included in the lien (was, just the amount of the claimed lien). Now provides that if the injured party is covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or any health plan or program (was, just Medicare and Medicaid), and such benefit provider chooses to pay the claim, the evidence of the amount of the charge shall be the amount actually paid by the benefit provider and, if any, the amount paid by or on behalf of the injured party from any source and any amount left unpaid. Specifies that the rule does not impose upon the injured party an affirmative duty to seek a reduction in billed charges or submission of charges to a health insurer.

Makes organizational and technical changes to GS 44-49(b) (pertaining to certain medical liens).

Amends the unfair claims settlement practices set forth in GS 58-63-15(11) (unfair competition and unfair trade practices in insurance) as follows. Changes new GS 58-63-15(11)(p) so that the unfair practice is attempting to calculate the amount of a health care provider charge for the purpose of determining damages in a claim by a method other than that set forth in GS 8-58.1 as amended (previously applied to medical provider charges for a purpose other than an action tried in the State with certain exceptions). Adds new GS 58-63-15(11)(q) making it an unfair practice to apply GS 8C-1, Rule 414 or GS 8-58.1 to calculate a health care provider charge in any matter governed by Article 45C of GS Chapter 1, Revised Uniform Arbitration Act, or not governed by the Rules of Evidence.

Makes conforming changes to act's long title.

Intro. by Stevens.

GS 8, GS 44, GS 58

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Business and Commerce, Insurance, Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Evidence, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Health Insurance

H 186 (2023-2024) [DIV. OF JUVENILE JUSTICE MODS.-AB](#) Filed Feb 22 2023, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS FOR JUVENILE PETITIONS, TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS FOR JUVENILES, TO MODIFY THE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC CONCERNING JUVENILES, TO CLARIFY MINORITY SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, TO CLARIFY JUVENILE DETENTION TRANSFER, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, 9 DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE.*

House amendment to the 4th edition makes the following changes.

Amends new GS 7B-3103 (pertaining to disclosure of information about juveniles for public safety reasons) by adding that if the juvenile who is the subject of an order to release, or subject to disclosure of, the specified information to the public, is taken into custody then all of the released information must be removed from any publicly available law enforcement agency or Division of Juvenile Justice website or social media website or media account they control. Makes an additional clarifying change.

Intro. by Davis, Pyrtle, Carson Smith, A. Jones.

GS 7B, GS 114, GS 153A

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Courts/Judiciary, Juvenile Law, Delinquency, Government, State Agencies, Department of Public Safety, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Health

H 237 (2023-2024) [CRIMINAL LAW REVISIONS](#). Filed Mar 1 2023, *AN ACT TO CRIMINALIZE MONEY LAUNDERING AND TO ESTABLISH AN ENHANCED SENTENCE IF A DEFENDANT IS CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE AND THE DEFENDANT WAS WEARING A MASK, HOOD, OR OTHER CLOTHING OR DEVICE TO CONCEAL OR ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE DEFENDANT'S IDENTITY.*

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

Amends the definition of *proceeds* under GS 14-118.8 to mean funds acquired or derived directly or indirectly from, produced through, realized through, or used in the commission of any act (was, an act or conduct that is punishable under GS 105-236). Expands the list of acts that constitute money laundering under GS 114-118.8 to also include when a person knowingly: (1) uses, conspires to use, or attempts to use the proceeds of criminal activity to conduct or attempt to conduct a transaction or make other disposition with the intent to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, or control of the proceeds of criminal activity or (2) uses the proceeds of criminal activity with the intent to promote, in whole or in part, the commission of criminal activity, so that there are six listed acts in total. Expands the forfeiture provisions to also allow for forfeiture under GS 14-2.3 (forfeiture of gain acquired through criminal activity). Provides that conspiracy is subject to the punishment scheme set forth in GS 14-118.8(f).

Intro. by Torbett, Greene, Faircloth, Carson Smith.

[GS 14, GS 15A](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure](#)

H 255 (2023-2024) [REGULATE EV CHARGING STATIONS](#). Filed Mar 1 2023, *AN ACT TO REGULATE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS*.

House committee substitute to the 2nd edition makes the following changes. Amends definition of *electric vehicle charging station* so that it is a parking space (not a public or private parking space) served by charging equipment that has as its primary purpose the transfer of electric energy to a battery or other energy storage device in an electric vehicle. Amends new GS 20-162.4 (parking in an electric vehicle charging station space) to specify that an owner of private property may elect, but is not required, to designate an electric vehicle charging station located on the owner's property with a sign as provided in GS 120-162.4(b), in which case no person may park a vehicle in the space so designated if the vehicle is not connected to the charging equipment. Reduces the penalty for parking in an electric vehicle charging station space from \$100 to \$50.

Intro. by Warren, von Haefen.

[GS 20, GS 143](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Transportation](#)

H 298 (2023-2024) [CRIMINAL FALSIFICATION OF MEDICAL RECORDS](#). Filed Mar 7 2023, *AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF WILLFUL DESTRUCTION, ALTERATION, OR FALSIFICATION OF MEDICAL RECORDS*.

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following change. Amends new GS 90-413, to also make it unlawful for a health care provider to direct a person to knowingly and willfully destroy, alter, or falsify a medical record for the specified purposes.

Intro. by Pless.

[GS 14](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers](#)

H 378 (2023-2024) [FIREFIGHTERS CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS](#). Filed Mar 15 2023, *AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS MAY BE CONDUCTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, CLERK OF COURT, OR A THIRD-PARTY VENDOR FOR FIREFIGHTER APPLICANTS AND CURRENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS OF THE STATE FOR FIVE OR MORE YEARS, PROVIDING THAT THE FIREFIGHTER CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD*

CHECK REQUIREMENT SHALL NOT APPLY TO JUNIOR MEMBER APPLICANTS AND CURRENT MEMBERS UNDER EIGHTEEN, AND CLARIFYING THAT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS ARE REQUIRED FOR FIREFIGHTERS PRIOR TO OFFERING THE POSITION.

House amendment to the 3rd edition makes the following changes.

Further amends GS 143B-943 by expanding upon the ways a requesting entity can request a statewide criminal history record check to also allow a statewide criminal history record check of the State resident's name to be conducted and certified by the clerk of court, at the clerk's discretion. Makes conforming changes. Makes conforming changes to the act's long title.

Intro. by Blackwell, Saine, Torbett, Riddell.

[GS 143B, GS 153A, GS 160A](#)

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

H 402 (2023-2024) [MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE REFORM](#). Filed Mar 16 2023, *AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE AND SERVICE OF PROCESS LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA.*

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

Makes a technical change to state existing law in GS 20-279.5(e).

Replaces the proposed change to GS 20-279.15(2) to reflect the increase of required motor vehicle insurance coverage limit for bodily injury or death of one person from \$30,000 to \$50,000 in GS 20-279.1(11), defining *proof of financial responsibility*, as amended (previously referred to a new limit of \$60,000).

Eliminates the proposed changes to GS 20-279.21(m), which would have required those who purchase motor vehicle insurance in the state to purchase underinsured motorist bodily coverage, to instead maintain existing law (currently, only required if applicable).

Makes a technical correction to the proposed changes to GS 58-37-35(b)(1)d.

Intro. by Stevens, Humphrey, Gillespie.

[GS 20, GS 58](#)

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

H 484 (2023-2024) [MENTAL HEALTH CONFIDENTIAL INFO. DISCLOSURE](#). Filed Mar 27 2023, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAW PERTAINING TO THE RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION BY MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL REGULATIONS.*

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

Further amends GS 122C-53(a), specifying that the authorization of a mental health facility to disclose confidential information pursuant to written consent of the client or the legally responsible person refers to the confidential information of the client.

Now requires the Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services of the Department of Health and Human Services (was, the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services) to adopt temporary rules to implement the act.

Intro. by Blackwell, Sasser, K. Baker, Crutchfield.

[GS 122C](#)

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[Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Mental Health](#)

H 561 (2023-2024) [NORTH CAROLINA COERCED DEBT RELIEF ACT](#). Filed Apr 3 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE CIVIL RELIEF FROM COERCED DEBT*.

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes to new GS Chapter 1H, the North Carolina Coerced Debt Relief Act.

Amends the definition of *claimant* to include (was, include but not limited to) a debt collector or a debt buyer. Amends the definition of *sworn written certification*, which requires the document to be accompanied by one of eight listed items, to include (was, include but not limited to) information such as a credit card number or loan number to identify the associated account and the person in whose name the coerced debt was incurred.

Adds a new section to the Chapter, providing for filing a complaint or counterclaim under the Chapter. Makes organizational changes to move the following proposed provisions to new GS 1H-6: previous GS 1H-5(g); and subsections (a), (b), and (d) of previous GS 1H-6. Makes conforming changes to renumber sections and subsections as necessary. Makes technical changes to statutory cross-references. Refers to "counterclaim" rather than a "cross-complaint" by a debtor.

Regarding a court's authority to take steps necessary to prevent abuse of the debtor or an immediate family member of the debtor, provides that these steps may include (was, include but are not limited to) sealing court records, redacting personally identifiable information about the debt and any immediate family member of the debtor, and directing that any deposition or evidentiary hearing be conducted remotely.

Regarding a claimant's right to collect a coerced debt from a person who used or possessed money, goods, services, or property obtained through the coerced debt, specifies that a claimant does not have standing against the debtor. Eliminates the Chapter's severability clause and the provision limiting Chapter 1H to debts incurred on or after July 1, 2023, except that a debtor may file a cross-complaint in an action filed by a claimant to collect a debt incurred prior to July 1, 2023, unless a final judgment has been entered in that action.

Enacts an uncodified severability clause. Adds that the act applies to debts incurred or actions filed on or after July 1, 2023.

Intro. by T. Brown, Howard, Bradford, Carney.

GS 1H

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Banking and Finance

H 574 (2023-2024) [FAIRNESS IN WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT](#). Filed Apr 5 2023, *AN ACT TO PROTECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ATHLETICS*.

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

Amends proposed GS 115C-12(23) as follows. Deletes the requirement that sports designated for women not have members of the male sex, so that the provision only requires that athletic teams designated for women not have members of the male sex.

Deletes the requirement that sports designated for men not have members of the female sex, so that the provision only requires that athletic teams designated for men not have members of the female sex, unless (1) there is no comparable female team for a particular sport and (2) the sport is not wrestling (previously required that the sport not be a contact sport). Makes technical and clarifying changes.

Amends the retaliation provisions to delete athletic association and instead refer to administering organization (i.e., a nonprofit organization that has entered into and is in compliance with a memorandum of understanding with the State Board of Education to administer and enforce the adopted rules and requirements of Article 29e of GS Chapter 115C) for interscholastic athletic activities at the high school level. Changes causes of action for which there are specified statutory remedies from a cause of action pursuant to sub-subdivisions e. through h. to a cause of action pursuant to sub-subdivisions f. through h.

Enacts GS 115C-548.1 (private church or religious schools) to require these schools that are members of an organization that administers interscholastic athletic activities pursuant to Article 29E, and any other of these schools that organize athletic

teams at the middle and high school level that plays a team from any school required to comply with GS 115C-12(23), to comply with GS 115C-12(23), as amended.

Makes changes to proposed amendments to provisions related to nonpublic schools to change the statute to GS 115C-556.1 (was, GS 115C-567) and to clarify that it applies to qualified nonpublic schools (was, just nonpublic schools). Makes technical and organizational changes.

Organizes the previous provisions, as amended, into Part I. and adds the following new content, organized as Part II.

Enacts Article 38 to GS Chapter 116, establishing the following requirements for all *intramural athletic* teams and teams that are part of an *intercollegiate athletic program*, as those terms are defined, at UNC constituent institutions, community colleges, or any private college or university in the State. Requires teams to be expressly designated by the biological sex of the team participants as either males/men/boys; female/women/girls; or coed/mixed. Requires athletic teams designated for women not have members of the male sex, and requires athletic teams designated for men to not have members of the female sex unless (1) there is no comparable female team for a particular sport and (2) the sport is not boxing or wrestling. Specifies that sex is recognized based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth for purposes of these requirements. Establishes a private cause of action for the following, subject to a two-year statute of limitations: (1) a student who is deprived of an athletic opportunity or suffers or is likely to suffer from any direct or indirect harm as a result of a violation of the above requirements; (2) a student who is subjected to retaliation or other adverse action by an institution of higher education, athletic association, or other organization as a result of reporting a violation of the above requirements to an employee or representative at the institution of higher education; athletic association; or any local, State, or federal agency with oversight of the institution of higher education; and (3) any institution of higher education or its representatives or employees who suffer any direct or indirect harm for complying with the above requirements. Provides for remedies including injunctive relief, protective order, writ of mandamus or prohibition, or declaratory relief, as well as actual damages, including for psychological, emotional, or physical harm; reasonable attorneys' fees; and costs. Requires the UNC Board of Governors to monitor constituent institutions for compliance, and requires reporting schools in violation to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee.

Organizes the act's effective date into new Part III. Includes a severability clause.

Intro. by Balkcom, Gillespie, Paré, K. Baker.

[GS 115C, GS 116](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, Health and Human Services, Health](#)

H 704 (2023-2024) [RIGHT TO APPEAL GIGLIO NOTIFICATION](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO ALLOW CRIMINAL JUSTICE OFFICERS AND JUSTICE OFFICERS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL GIGLIO DISCLOSURE NOTIFICATIONS*.

In a criminal prosecution, certain information that pertains to the credibility of an officer (Giglio information) must be disclosed to the defense. Current law requires that an officer be notified if they may not be called to testify based on Giglio information.

Amends GS 17C-16 (Giglio obligations for individuals either certified by or employees of the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission [Commission]) and GS 17E-16 (Giglio obligation for justice officers in the office of the sheriff or certified by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission [Sheriffs' Commission]) by amending that notification process as follows.

Defines *Notification* as a notification issued pursuant to GS 17C-16(b)/GS-17E-16(b)'s "Notification to be Reported" subsection to any person who is certified by the Commission/Sheriffs' Commission or who has received a conditional offer of employment. Defines *Notifying Authority* as a superior court judge, district court judge, federal judge, district attorney, assistant district attorney, United States attorney, assistant United States attorney, or the person's agency head.

Requires preliminary notice to be issued to a person by a Notifying Authority if the Notifying Authority is considering sending a Notification at least 30 days before sending the Notification to that person, the Criminal Justice Division of the Department of Justice (Division), or the person's agency head. Specifies that if the Notifying Authority cannot reasonably provide the written preliminary notice before making a disclosure at trial, in reference to the person's bias, lack of credibility, or interest, the Notifying Authority cannot send the Notification to any party until the person has received written preliminary notice under GS 17C/17E-16 and the opportunity to be heard. Lists four things that must be contained in preliminary notice, including what evidence the Notifying Authority is considering in anticipation of making the determination and the date, time, and location that a person may be heard and present material in their defense. Requires that opportunity to be heard at a meeting on the preliminary notice occur no sooner than 30 days after providing the person with preliminary notice. Prohibits the Notifying Authority from disallowing the person the opportunity to be accompanied by counsel at any meeting related to the preliminary notice or Notification. If the Notifying Authority determines that Notification is warranted, requires the Notifying Authority to, within 30 days of the meeting, notify the person in writing that they may not be called at trial due to bias, interest, or lack of credibility along with their right to file an appeal (a request for hearing) in superior court and the consequences if the person does not take an appeal.

Sets forth an appeal process in superior court from a Notification as well as an appeal from a preliminary notice. Allows for a person who received a Notification to invoke both. Specifies that if a person chooses to take either appeal that they have no obligation to report the Notification to the Division or the person's agency head until completion of the appeals process. Bars the Notifying Authority from reporting the Notification to the Division or the person's agency head until the conclusion of the appeals process. Prevents the Notifying Authority from reporting the Notification to the Division or Agency Head if it does not comply with GS 17C-16(b)/GS-17E-16(b), including the meeting discussed above.

Sets the evidentiary standard in an appeal of Notification as whether a preponderance of evidence establishes that if the person were called to testify in a criminal court case, applicable law would require that the person's bias, interest, or lack of credibility be disclosed to the defense. Allows for evidentiary hearings necessary to make that determination where both person and Notifying Authority have the right to be heard. Requires findings of fact and conclusions of law. Specifies process for notification if person loses on appeal and for revocation of the Notification if the Notifying Authority does not prevail. Requires a different superior court judge to conduct all appeal hearings if the Notifying Authority was a superior court judge.

Limits the considerations on appeal of a preliminary notice to whether the person received preliminary notice and whether notice conformed to the statutory requirements. Sets the evidentiary standard as preponderance of the evidence and requires findings of fact/conclusions of law. If the superior court finds that the contents of the notice complied with the statutory requirements requires that the meeting described above occur within a specified time. Provides for preliminary notice if the Notifying Authority does not prevail.

Expands notified person's and Notifying Authority's reporting duties to the notified person's agency head. Permits a Notifying Authority to reverse, rescind, or otherwise remove a Notification upon receipt of additional supporting or corroborating information, or a change in factual circumstances, or for any other reason, at any time. Requires notice to notified person, the Division, and the agency head in writing if that occurs. Provides a process for notified person to request to be exempt from the Division's reporting requirements. Expands exemption from public records provision to exempt reports and notifications received by a person and the person's agency head, in addition to the Division from State public records law.

Provides that GS 17C-16(b)/GS-17E-16(b) should not be construed to limit the constitutional obligations of prosecutors and judges related to Giglio information. Prohibits employers from using a disclosure notification as a sole reason for demotion, suspension, termination or any other disciplinary action. Permits employers to use the underlying facts that were the basis for the Notification to take disciplinary action against the law enforcement officer in line with the law enforcement agency's adopted procedures and governing law.

Allows for retroactive review of Notifications under GS 17C-16(b)/GS-17E-16(b) as amended by the act. Amends reporting requirements by changing the report due date.

Makes conforming and organizational changes.

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[Courts/Judiciary, Evidence, Court System, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Public Records and Open Meetings, State Agencies, Department of Justice](#)

H 706 (2023-2024) [ELECTIONEERING/SEI FILING/VOTER PHOTOS](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO MODIFY BUFFER ZONES FOR ELECTION-RELATED ACTIVITY AT THE VOTING PLACE, TO AMEND THE TIME FOR CANDIDATES AND VACANCY APPOINTEES TO FILE STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO STUDY AND REPORT ON OPTIONS REGARDING ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF REGISTERED VOTERS.*

Amends GS 163-166.4 to create multiple buffer zones around voting places during elections; previously the law required only one 50 ft buffer zone. Amends subsection (a) (Buffer Zones) to create a 50 ft buffer zone from the entrance to the voting place where no political advertising may be placed, and another 200 ft buffer zone where no person or group may hinder access, harass others, or otherwise engage in election-related activity. Makes corresponding changes throughout the statute.

Creates new subsection (b1) in GS 138A-22 (Statement of economic interest; filing required), allowing persons appointed to fill an elected office vacancy to file the statement of economic interest required by the statute within 30 days after their appointment. Amends subsection (f) to require a candidate for office to file the statement of economic interest no earlier than the first business day of January and no later than 45 days before the primary election. Amends subsection (h) to require the State Ethics Commission to publish the deadline for filing statements of economic interest, and for the State Board of Elections to notify candidates of the deadline for filing statements in the year candidates file for office.

Requires the State Board of Elections to study and report on the feasibility of adding photographs of registered voters to all electronic poll books, and outlines considerations for the study. The report is due to the General Assembly, House Elections and Campaign Finance Committee and Senate Redistricting and Elections Committee on or before March 1, 2024.

Intro. by Warren.

[STUDY, GS 138A, GS 163](#)

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[Government, Elections](#)

H 709 (2023-2024) [ELECTION DIRECTOR DISMISSAL PROCESS](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO REVISE THE PROCESS BY WHICH A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS DIRECTOR MAY BE DISMISSED.*

Amends GS 163-35.1, providing for the county board of elections (county board) to recommend the dismissal of the county director of elections to the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections (SBE) by petition signed by a majority of the county board (previously referred to recommended termination). Adds a new requirement for the county director to be suspended if the petition states as a reason for dismissal any of the disqualifications of a county director set forth in GS 163-35(a)(1) through (a)(7), which includes holding public office and felony convictions, or Article 4A, which sets limitations on participation in political activities; requires suspension until completion of the statute's dismissal procedure. Adds that the decision to initiate a petition for dismissal is not subject to public meetings laws in Article 33C, GS Chapter 143, and deems the petition not public record.

Requires the Executive Director to give immediate written notice to the county director upon receipt of the petition, and include a copy of the petition (previously, did not specify timing or that the notice be written). Permits the county director to respond to the petition within 15 calendar days (was, 15 days) of initial notification by the Executive Directors; adds that the response is not public record. Requires the Executive Director to make a dismissal or retention decision with 20 calendar days (was, 20 days) of receipt of the county director's response or expiration of the 15-day window to respond. Requires the Executive Director to notify the county board and county director upon either determination, and deems notifications of retention not public record, while notifications of dismissal are public record at the time of notice, except as provided in GS 163-27.2 relating to criminal histories. Allows for the Executive Director's decision to be deferred by SBE vote at an open meeting, and upon deferral, requires notice to the county director and the county board (was, county director only) of the

opportunity to be heard and to present witnesses and information to SBE in an open meeting, prior to making a final decision. Deletes provisions relating to authority of SBE members to designate members to conduct the hearing and make final determinations. Deems SBE decisions final and all documents related to dismissal decisions public record.

Authorizes SBE, upon majority vote in an open meeting and upon recommendation of the Executive Director, to initiate proceedings to dismiss a county director upon just cause, stating reasons for dismissal (previously referred to initiation of termination proceedings and did not require voting in an open meeting). Similar to county board petitions, requires suspension of the county director if the petition states as a reason for dismissal any of the disqualifications of a county director set forth in GS 163-35(a)(1) through (a)(7) or Article 4A; requires suspension until completion of the statute's dismissal procedure. Requires immediate written notice to the county director in addition to the existing requirement to send a copy of the petition, and grants the county director 15 calendar days (was, 15 days) to respond. Requires SBE to notify the county directors and the county board (was, the county director only) of the opportunity to be heard, present witnesses and provide information to SBE prior to making a final decision. Deletes provisions relating to authority of SBE members to designate members to conduct the hearing and make final determinations. Deems all documents related to dismissal decisions public record. Regarding the Executive Director's authority to suspend county directors without pay and without warning for cause, limits suspension to five business days (was, five days). Makes conforming changes. Makes organizational and technical changes throughout.

Makes technical and clarifying changes to GS 163-35. Makes language gender neutral.

Effective October 1, 2023, and applies to dismissals or suspensions initiated on or after that date.

Intro. by Clampitt.

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Employment and Retirement, Government, Elections, State Agencies, State Board of Elections, Local Government

H 714 (2023-2024) **NC JUNK FEE PREVENTION ACT**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA JUNK FEE PREVENTION ACT*.

Enacts Article 51, GS Chapter 66, the North Carolina Junk Free Prevention Act, to regulate *covered entities*, defined as providers of short-term lodging (limited to six months or less) and entities that advertises rates or the purchase of short-term lodging, providers of a ticketing service that sells tickets for an event or retains the authority to otherwise distribute tickets for an event (whether primary seller or in the secondary marketplace), and other entities determined appropriate by the Attorney General (AG). Requires covered entities to clearly display the total price of the good or service provided in each advertisement and when a price is first shown to a customer, including any mandatory fees a consumer would incur during the transaction. Defines *mandatory fees* to include required, reasonably unavoidable, or unexpected fees or surcharges, with discretion for the AG to include others deemed appropriate in this definition. Bars increasing pricing during the purchase process and imposing or advertising excessive or deceptive mandatory fees. Requires covered entities to clearly disclose to the public the total number of tickets offered for sale or available for tickets to a sporting event, theater, musical performance, or event at a place of public amusement, at least 72 hours before the first public sale or presale. Requires clearly disclosing any guarantee or refund policy prior to purchase, and providing refunds at total cost, including mandatory fees. Requires clear notice that a covered entity does not possess a ticket at the time of sale and provide a full refund if the entity cannot provide the ticket advertised to the consumer in a timely manner prior to the event. Prohibits charging a fee, or imposing an excessive or unreasonable requirement, early termination of a *covered service*, defined to include internet, voice, commercial mobile, commercial mobile data, or multichannel video programming services, or other services offered or provided as a bundle or package with these described services. Specifies that the Article does not prohibit charging consumers the cost of rental or loan equipment not returned within a reasonable amount of time, or the outstanding cost of a purchased device.

Authorizes the AG to adopt implementing rules. Authorizes the AG to assess penalties of up to \$5,000 for each violation of the Article, and take other appropriate enforcement action. Lists factors the AG must consider in determining whether a fee is excessive, including whether the fee is reasonable and proportional to the cost of the good or service and the reason for the charge. Deems a violation of the Article to be an unfair and deceptive trade practice under GS Chapter 75.

Effective October 1, 2023.

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State Agencies, Department of Justice**

H 715 (2023-2024) **HIGHER ED. MODERNIZATION & AFFORDABILITY ACT**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO MODERNIZE, RESTRUCTURE, AND EVALUATE THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM AND THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM.*

Part I.

Amends GS 116-33, making technical and clarifying changes to the powers and duties granted to boards of trustees of constituent institutions, and adds the duty to ensure use of institutional resources, including evaluating and eliminating unnecessary or redundant expenses, personnel, and areas of study. Similarly, amends GS 115D-20, adding to the powers and duties of boards of trustees of community colleges the duty to ensure use of institutional resources, including evaluating and eliminating unnecessary or redundant expenses, personnel, and areas of study. Directs each constituent institution and community college to report to the UNC Board of Governors (BOG) or the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) on steps taken to comply with the new requirements. Requires the BOG and SBCC to jointly report this information to the specified NCGA committee by March 15, 2024, and include recommendations to further reduce expenses and streamline services.

Part II.

Amends GS 116-11 and GS 115D-5 to require the BOG and SBCC, respectively, to adopt a policy setting minimum enrollment requirements for all undergraduate classes, allowing variance for the particular institution or college's enrollment, the percentage of students enrolled in a particular subject area, and any other relevant factors. Bars offering a course that does not meet the minimum established enrollment requirements prior to the first day of class.

Part III.

Enacts substantively identical provisions in new GS 116-11.4 and GS 115D-82, requiring faculty at constituent institutions and community colleges to be employed at will or pursuant to a term contract of one, two, three, or four years. Requires timely notice of a constituent institution or community college's decision not to renew the contract. Limits discharge, suspension without pay, or demotion of faculty during the term of a contract except for one of six listed grounds, including incompetence, serious misconduct, or major curtailment or elimination of a teaching, research, or public-service program, and in any case, requires timely notice and an opportunity for a hearing before the appropriate chancellor or president, who must make a determination on discharge, suspension, demotion, or other appropriate action. Provides for faculty to appeal the chancellor or president's decision to the respective board of trustees, with the full board of trustees' decision being final. Amends GS 116-11 and GS 115D-5 to direct the BOG and SBCC to adopt a policy on faculty contracts consistent with new GS 116-11.4 and GS 115D-82, respectively. Applies beginning with persons hired on or after July 1, 2024. Bars faculty members hired by a constituent institution or community college on or after that date from receiving academic tenure.

Part IV.

Further amends GS 116-11 and GS 115D-5 to require the BOG and SBCC to adopt a policy prohibiting the use of State and non-State funds held by constituent institutions and community colleges for listed extracurricular activities, including social fraternities and sororities, and all activities related to political, social, or religious issues as specified. Excludes varsity, club, or intramural athletics; band; student government; academic clubs; and nonsocial fraternities and sororities.

Part V.

Further amends GS 116-11 and GS 115D-5 to require the BOG and SBCC to adopt a unified undergraduate admissions application for all postsecondary constituent institutions and community colleges, respectively, and a policy prohibiting constituent institutions and community colleges from adding to or modifying the adopted unified admissions application.

Part VI.

Further amends GS 116-11 and GS 115D-5 to require the BOG and SBCC to take three described actions to improve the Career and College Promise Transfer Pathway Program: (1) encourage all constituent institutions and community colleges to admit students who were enrolled in the Program, (2) coordinate between the BOG and SBCC and the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to maximize course credits that students can transfer from the Program, and (3) provide each constituent institution and community college with information and administrative support to achieve the described directives. Bars constituent institutions and community colleges from limiting the total credit hours earned under the Program that can be transferred.

Part VII.

Further amends GS 116-11 and GS 115D-5 to require the BOG and SBCC to encourage all constituent institutions and community colleges to take maximum advantage of federal scholarship funds, including Pell Grants and scholarships related to the ROTC, and provide each institution and college information and administrative support to further this purpose.

Part VIII.

Directs the UNC System Office and the Community Colleges System Office to study and jointly report to the specified NCGA committee by March 15, 2024, on the *administrative services*, defined to include human resources, accounting, finance, purchasing, healthcare, and information technology, provided by each educational institution. Describes required content, including a proposed plan to consolidate or manage services or positions identified that could be used more efficiently or inexpensively in one or the other Office, within one academic year. Includes defined terms.

Part IX.

Directs each constituent institution and community college to study all *noninstructional research* performed by higher education personnel (defined to include students, staff, or faculty, whether full-time or part-time) and report to the BOG or SBCC, as appropriate. Directs the BOG and SBCC to jointly report to the specified NCGA committee by March 15, 2024, with specified information disaggregated by institution, category of personnel, and subject area, to the extent possible. Includes defined terms.

Part X.

Directs each constituent institution and community college to study the daily usage and capacity of all buildings operated by the institution and report to the BOG or SBCC, as appropriate. Directs the BOG and SBCC to jointly report to the specified NCGA committee by March 15, 2024, with specified information disaggregated by institution.

Intro. by Willis, D. Hall, Pickett, Johnson.

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[Education, Higher Education, Employment and Retirement, Government, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, State Government, State Personnel](#)

H 720 (2023-2024) [STATE CLEAN ENERGY GOAL FOR 2050](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATE GOAL OF ONE HUNDRED PERCENT CLEAN ENERGY BY 2050 AND TO PROMOTE THE CREATION OF GREEN JOBS*.

Includes whereas clauses.

Amends GS Chapter 62, Article 7 (rates of public utilities) to add new section GS 62-133.10A establishing a state goal that 100% of North Carolina's electricity be generated by renewable energy resources by December 31, 2050. Requires the State Energy Office, in consultation with the North Carolina Utilities Commission and the Public Staff, to develop a plan to achieve that goal, and to submit its plan to the 2024 Regular Session of the 2023 General Assembly upon its convening.

Intro. by Autry, Harrison, Prather, von Haefen.

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[Environment, Energy](#)

H 721 (2023-2024) [STATE PRECIOUS METALS DEPOSITORY STUDY](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO STUDY WHETHER TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA BULLION DEPOSITORY AND TO PROVIDE FOR BULLION INVESTMENT FOR THE STATE*.

Directs the Department of State Treasurer (Department) to study the costs and benefits that would result from a State-administered and State-audited vaulting bullion depository. Provides that the depository would be the custodian, guardian, and administrator of certain bullion and specie to be transferred to or otherwise acquired by the State or any entity or instrumentality thereof, as well as provide a repository for investors to use for precious metal assets. Directs the Department to report to the specified NCGA committee by January 1, 2025.

Appropriates \$2 billion from the Savings Reserve to the Department for 2023-24. Directs the Treasurer to acquire the appropriated money for the acquisition of gold bullion to be stored with the Texas Bullion Depository. Requires the Treasurer to continue to store the gold bullion pursuant to the act until the earlier of the establishment of a bullion depository in the State or when conversion back to currency is needed in order to meet State budgetary requirements, whereby the Treasurer is required to complete the conversion and deposit the amount into the General Fund. Effective July 1, 2023.

Intro. by Brody, Warren, Loftis, N. Jackson.

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[Banking and Finance, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of State Treasurer](#)

H 722 (2023-2024) [POULTRY WASTE MANAGEMENT](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO CREATE A PERMITTING PROGRAM FOR DRY LITTER POULTRY OPERATIONS; TO DIRECT THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION TO STUDY AND DETERMINE THE NUMBER AND LOCATION OF POULTRY FARMS (CAFOS) IN NORTH CAROLINA, THE DRY LITTER WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES THAT ARE EMPLOYED BY THESE FARMS, THE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH IMPACTS AND DAMAGES THESE SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES MAY HAVE, AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW BEST TO REGULATE THESE WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS IN PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH AND SAFETY; AND TO REVISE WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR DRY LITTER POULTRY FACILITIES*.

Includes whereas clauses.

Part I

Amends definition of *animal operation* set forth in GS 143-215.10B (definitions pertaining to animal waste management systems), to mean 30,000 confined poultry (currently, 30,000 confined poultry with liquid animal waste management system), in addition to other listed animals. Makes conforming changes to GS 143-215.10C (applications and permits for animal waste management systems) to account for expanded definition of animal operation. Removes permitting provisions specific to dry litter poultry facilities.

Enacts GS 143-215.10J, forbidding any component of an animal waste management system for an animal operation to be constructed in a 100-year floodplain. Defines 100-year floodplain to mean any area subject to inundation by the 1% annual chance flood event, as indicated on the most recent Flood Insurance Rate Map prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency under the National Flood Insurance Program. Makes conforming change to GS 106-850 (agricultural cost share program) to provide for closure of facilities under GS 143-215.10J.

Effective January 1, 2024.

Part II

Directs the Environmental Review Commission (ERC) to conduct a study of environmental and public health impacts of dry litter poultry waste and potential regulatory and technological solutions for addressing these impacts. Applies the definitions set out in GS 143-215.10B (regarding animal waste management systems). Lists required areas of study to include: (1) growth of the poultry industry including current location, size, and number of dry litter poultry facilities; (2) location, size, and number of those facilities in the 500-year floodplain and options for removing them or making them more resilient; (3) amount of dry litter poultry waste produced by those facilities and methods of disposal; (4) impacts on environment including to surface

water, groundwater, and soil; (5) impacts on public health including drinking water contamination and pathogens or disease vectors and pests; (6) health impacts on waste workers; (7) cumulative environmental and public health impacts of these facilities and animal operations for swine; (8) current regulations, deficiencies in current regulations, and potential regulations of these facilities that would better protect the environment and public health, taking into account regulations in other states as well as regulations for swine operations in this state; (9) disposal of dead poultry after severe storms or flooding events; (10) current and potential animal waste management technologies that could reduce or eliminate environmental and public health impacts; and (11) need for additional resources, including appropriations, professional expertise, and scientific studies needed to comprehensively examine the issues identified in this act.

Directs all state agencies to assist ERC upon its request. Authorizes ERC to request recommendations from any of the named state agencies related to any of the topics enumerated for study.

Directs ERC to report its findings and any recommendations to the 2024 Regular Session of the 2023 General Assembly upon its convening.

Part III

Amends GS 143-215.10C(f) to require annual, digital submission of an animal waste management plan that meets the specified criteria to the Department of Environmental Quality by owners or operators of a dry litter poultry facility that is not required to be permitted under the identified federal law but involves 30,000 or more birds (current law requires submission of the plan without specifying a time frame or format). Effective January 1, 2024.

Appropriates \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Environmental Quality for 2023-24 to be allocated to the Division of Water Resources to develop education resources and provide technical assistance for owners and operators of dry litter poultry facilities in complying with the reporting requirement of the act. Effective July 1, 2023.

Part IV

Amends GS 106-24.1, pertaining to confidentiality of information collected by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACs). Specifies that complaints of violations of GS Chapter 106 (agriculture) or violations of Part 1a of Article 21 of GS Chapter 143 (Animal Waste Management Systems) relating to a farm operation and all other records accumulated in conjunction with the investigation of these complaints are considered confidential records and may be released only by order of a court of competent jurisdiction. Removes records that may be used to identify a person or private business subject to regulation from records that cannot be disclosed with the owner's permission. In addition to current exception, lists the following new exceptions to provisions pertaining to records that cannot be disclosed without the owner's permission: (1) if the disclosure is necessary to meet statutory requirements imposed on other State agencies and (2) the information is limited to the location, size, and ownership of an individual farm operation.

Contains severability clause.

Intro. by Harrison, Autry, Ball, Longest.

[APPROP, STUDY, GS 106, GS 143](#)

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[Agriculture, Animals, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Records and Open Meetings, State Agencies, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services](#)

H 723 (2023-2024) [DOA/DOI AUTH. CLAR. FOR STATE-OWNED BUILD.](#) Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO INSPECT STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES AND TO REQUIRE FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.*

Amends GS 58-31-13 to require the Commissioner of Insurance (Commissioner) to notify the proper State agency regarding the Commissioner's determination that an undue hazard to life, safety, or property due to a defect, condition, or use of a building owned by the State (was, limited to a condition or use of the building), in addition to advising the agency on how to limit or prohibit the use of the building until the hazard is abated. Adds new authority for the Commissioner to restrain, correct,

or abate such described violation or prevent the occupancy or use of the building, structure, or land until such described violation is corrected.

Amends GS 58-31-40, regarding the Commissioner's duty to conduct fire safety inspections of every State property, to now require the Commissioner to provide written notification to the agency or official in charge of the property pursuant to the procedures of GS 143-139(e1) (previously did not specify the manner) of any defect, condition, or change of use (was, defect only) noted by the Commissioner or any improvement considered by the Commissioner to be necessary, with a copy of the notice forwarded to the Department of Administration. Adds new authority for the Commissioner to restrain, correct, or abate the violation or prevent the occupancy or use of the building, structure, or land until the violation is corrected upon determining an imminent undue hazard to life, safety, or property due to a defect, condition, or the use of a building owned by the State. Adds a new duty of the Commissioner to supervise and inspect all work done and materials used in the construction or renovation of all State buildings, including all community college buildings, that pertains to the electrical systems and fire protection features and components of the construction or renovation. Directs the Commissioner to act as the appropriate official inspector or inspection department for the purposes of GS 143-143.2. Prohibits the State or any State agency from accepting work subject to this new supervisory authority of the Commissioner until the work has been approved by the Commissioner. Changes the section's caption.

Amends GS 143-139 to distinguish the enforcement of the NC Building Code pertaining to fire protection from the general enforcement authority of the Code granted to the Department of Administration. Adds new subsection (e1), granting the Commissioner the general authority to supervise, administer, and enforce all sections of the Building Code pertaining to electrical and fire protection features and components during the construction or renovation of State property generally, and to inspect and approve construction pursuant to GS 58-31-40, except those sections for which enforcement is specifically allocated to other agencies in subsections (c), (d), and (e) of the statute. Establishes procedures for when the Commissioner notes a defect or condition or an improvement necessary to comply with the Code pertaining to electrical systems and fire protection of State property, including the Commissioner notifying the Department of Administration, which must respond within 30 days of notice indicating that the defect, condition, or improvement has been addressed, completed, or intent exists to formulate a plan to address the defect or condition. When the defect or condition noted results in an imminent undue hazard to life, safety, or property, authorizes the Commissioner to (1) prevent the unlawful maintenance, erection, construction, reconstruction, or alteration of purpose; (2) restrain, correct, or abate the violation; or (3) prevent the occupancy or use of the building, structure, or land until the violation is corrected. Mandates buildings receive a Certificate of Occupancy from the Commissioner prior to occupancy, conditioned upon all required inspections having been completed and the work approved. Requires the Department of Administration to provide records of all inspections and approvals required by the Building Code to the Commissioner. Makes conforming changes.

Amends GS 143-340, adding to the Secretary of Administration's powers and duties with regard to the protection of all public buildings and grounds from fire, to require consultation and cooperation with the Commissioner with regard to fire protection features and components, and electrical installation means for buildings and properties owned by the State. Makes language gender neutral.

Amends GS 143-341(3), revising the Department of Administration's powers and duties with regard to architecture and engineering of State buildings, to require the Commissioner's approval of all work done in the construction or renovation of State buildings for purposes of electrical and fire protection features and components for buildings and properties owned by the State pursuant to new GS 143-139(e1), prior to acceptance by the State or any State agency. Makes technical changes.

Amends GS 143-345.11 to add GS 58-31-13 and GS 143-139(e1) to the statutory authorities of the Commissioner that are not abrogated by the Secretary of Administration's authority over State building plans.

Effective October 1, 2023. Repeals the act, effective October 1, 2023, if, prior to September 1, 2023, the Secretary of the Department of Administration and the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) outlining the division of responsibility between the Departments regarding electrical, fire, and life safety inspections, and submit the ratified MOU to the specified NCGA committee and the Revisor of Statutes by September 10, 2023.

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction, Government, State Agencies, Department of Administration, Department of Insurance, State Government, State Property

H 724 (2023-2024) **CLARIFY SLOW TRAFFIC MOVE RIGHT LAW**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT SLOWER TRAFFIC ON A CONTROLLED ACCESS HIGHWAY MUST TRAVEL IN THE RIGHT LANE*.

Amends GS 20-146 (pertaining to driving on the right side of the highway, and exceptions), to provide that when the Department of Transportation (DOT) posts appropriate signs directing slower traffic to keep right along a controlled access highway at intervals of no more than 35 miles, that a vehicle may not be driven in the furthest left-hand lane of a controlled access highway, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle or in any of eight specified circumstances, including when traffic conditions make it impossible to drive in the right lane, inclement weather makes it safer to drive in the left lane, or the vehicle is a certain commercial vehicle unable to move into the right lane safely. Provides for a fine of not more than \$100, which cannot be suspended. Prevents custodial arrest or assessment of costs for violation of the act. Specifies that a violation of the act is not: (1) a criminal offense and not to be reported to the DMV, a person's criminal records, or reported to insurance; (2) to be considered negligence per se or contributory negligence and is inadmissible as evidence in a civil action. Prohibits law enforcement officers from searching or requesting consent to search vehicles, or any occupants thereof, solely because of a violation of the act. Specifies requirements for pleading, and permits an appeal. Clarifies that the act does not limit DOT's ability to establish and delineate lane restrictions for certain types of vehicles.

Requires the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to develop procedures and adopt rules for the collection and submission of information with regard to any motor vehicle stopped by a State or local law enforcement officer for violation of the act, without a citation being issued or an arrest being made. Requires the officer who initiated the stop to complete a data collection form designed by DPS that must include information regarding the age, gender, and race or ethnicity of the driver of the vehicle. Allows for electronic submission and requires DPS to maintain a database of the information collected along with a report to be posted on DPS's website regarding motor vehicle stops using the collected information.

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

Intro. by Adams, Fontenot.

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Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Government, State Agencies, Department of Public Safety, Department of Transportation, Transportation

H 725 (2023-2024) **CREATE ANTI-LITTERING SPECIAL FUND**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO CREATE THE NORTH CAROLINA ANTI-LITTERING FUND AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS*.

Enacts new GS 143B-908 (North Carolina Anti-Littering Fund), as a special fund established with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to make reimbursements to people and entities for expenses related to video recording equipment used to assist in the prosecution of littering offenses under GS 14-399. Requires DPS to adopt rules for eligibility and allocations of reimbursement payments. Rules must require that the video recordings be used to assist law enforcement and/or district attorneys' offices in the prosecution of littering offenses, and proof of ownership and itemized expenses related to the video recording equipment used by the person.

Appropriates \$50,000 to the North Carolina Anti-Littering Fund from the General Fund for 2023-24. The appropriation is effective July 1, 2023.

Intro. by Adams, Bradford, Fontenot.

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

H 726 (2023-2024) **CE CREDIT ACCEPTANCE STUDY**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO DIRECT VARIOUS LICENSING BOARDS TO STUDY THE ACCEPTANCE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS FROM OTHER BOARDS.*

Requires the State Licensing Board for General Contractors (Board) to coordinate and consult with the NC Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers and the NC State Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors to study whether any continuing education requirements currently offered by each respective board can be accepted for continuing education credit in regard to the other boards and the boards' licensure continuing education requirements. Requires the Board to compile data in a report and identify which courses would be eligible and any other methods to allow the boards to cooperate regarding continuing education courses qualifying for multiple licensures. Requires Board to submit a report to the specified NCGA committee by April 1, 2024, with its findings and recommendations.

Intro. by Crutchfield, Hardister, Winslow.

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Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing

H 727 (2023-2024) **BREAKTHROUGH THERAPIES RESEARCH/ADVISORY ACT**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BREAKTHROUGH THERAPIES RESEARCH GRANT PILOT PROGRAM AND THE BREAKTHROUGH THERAPIES RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD.*

Establishes the Breakthrough Therapies Research (BTR) Grant Fund as a nonreverting special fund in the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (DHHS; Division). Directs that funds be used to award two competitive BTR Grants of \$2.5 million each, by July 1, 2024, to recipients for eligible research projects or studies to pay for associated costs. Requires the Division to grant awards by August 1, 2024. Limits applicants to federal medical or research entities and academic institutions located in the State with infrastructure and staff experience to support the funded research. Requires research to be conducted in the State and all participants to be at least 21. Requires applicants to attest that funds will be used to conduct research on the use of one of two psychedelics, MDMA and psilocybin, and comply with FDA protocols and federal law. Establishes specific parameters for research involving MDMA, including concentrating on the treatment of PTSD within specified disproportionately impacted populations, including military veterans, first responders, frontline healthcare personnel, and domestic violence or sexual assault survivors. Establishes specific parameters for research involving psilocybin, including concentrating on the treatment of anxiety and depressive disorders. Requires all studies to measure participant base pain levels and any changes that may be related to breakthrough therapies, defined as any drug that has been designated as such for which an expedited approval pathway has been granted by the FDA. Requires grant recipients to report to the Division and the BTR Advisory Board, as established, by January 15, 2028. Specifies that the grant amount is intended to fund three years of research study. Directs the Division to announce the recipients and report to the specified NCGA committee by July 1, 2024. Details required content of the report with respect to award recipients and their research projects or studies. Directs the Division to adopt any necessary implementing rules, and to determine the method any manner to be used for grant applications.

Establishes the Breakthrough Therapies Research Advisory Board (BTR Advisory Board) within the Division, consisting of 13 members appointed as specified, with members appointed by the Governor or the NCGA, or serving on the Board by way of office held, or by designation by a named officer. Details appointed member qualifications, including professional licensing and experience requirements, and specifies that the BTR Advisory Board is intended to provide statewide geographic representation that is balanced and diverse. Requires initial appointments by December 1, 2023, with vacancies occurring thereafter filled in the same manner of appointment. Enumerates five duties of the BTR Advisory Board, including (1) reviewing grant applications and making recommendations to the Division regarding research projects or studies to be funded, (2) annually reporting to the Division, beginning by December 1, 2024, any updated based on its monitoring of the grant projects or studies, and (3) submitting a report to the Division evaluating the research findings and recommendations submitted

by the grant recipients, by December 1, 2028, along with any recommendations for continuation of the pilot. Sunsets these provisions on December 31, 2028.

Effective July 1, 2023, appropriates \$5.4 million from the General Fund to the Division for 2023-25. Requires \$5 million to be deposited into the BTR Grant Fund, and \$400,000 to be used by the Division for administrative costs of the pilot program, including costs of the BTR Advisory Board.

Intro. by Sasser, Autry, Chesser, Goodwin.

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Mental Health](#)

H 728 (2023-2024) [WEEKLY MAINTENANCE OF VOTER REG. RECORDS](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT LIST MAINTENANCE OF VOTER ROLLS BE CONDUCTED ON A WEEKLY BASIS*.

Amends GS 163-82.14 (list maintenance of voter registration rolls) as follows. Changes the requirement that the State Board of Elections (Board) implement a program that makes a diligent effort not less than twice per year to remove ineligible voters and to update addresses and other necessary data to voter rolls to a requirement that the Board and county boards of elections have this occur weekly, as follows. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to provide the Executive Director of the Board (ED) the names of deceased persons who were residents of the State so that the ED may distribute this list to the county boards of election. Requires the county boards to remove those persons weekly. Requires county boards of elections to remove a person identified as deceased by their near relative or estate representative within one week of receipt of signed statement (currently, no deadline to do so). Requires the ED to compile, at minimum of once per week, a list of individuals against whom a final judgment of conviction of a felony within the State has been entered as well as those conviction of federal felonies and to report to each county board of elections the names of those individuals from that county appearing on this list each week. (Currently, the Board must report State felony convictions on the 15th of each month and federal felonies upon receipt of notice by a US Attorney). Makes technical changes. Requires county board of elections, at minimum of once per week, to remove from its voter registration records the names of individuals who give confirmation of change of address for voting purposes (currently, county boards of election just needs to have a systematic program, with no time requirements). Requires that following each congressional election, the county board of elections must send to each registered voter who has not voted or confirmed the voter's address by another means a confirmation mailing. (Currently, county board of elections must send confirmation mailing to every registrant after every congressional election if it has not confirmed the address by another means). Makes conforming, technical and organizational changes.

Effective October 1, 2023.

Intro. by Cleveland, Davis, Warren.

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[Government, Elections, State Agencies, State Board of Elections](#)

H 729 (2023-2024) [ADD SEGREGATION SCORE TO SCHOOL REPORT CARDS](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO INCORPORATE MEASURES OF PROPORTIONALITY AND EQUALITY INTO STATE ACCOUNTABILITY MODELS*.

Includes whereas clauses.

Amends GS 115C-83.15 to require the State Board of Education (State Board) to award racial and ethnic proportionality scores and a proportionality designation in addition to school achievement, growth, and performance scores and associated grade.

Details proportionality score calculation and assignment of a proportionality designation for each school, in order to compare the demographic profile of the school to that of the county in which the school is located. Provides for school proportionality designations from highly proportional to highly disproportional, based on the proportionality score calculated for each school.

Additionally requires the State Board to calculate measures of equality of access for subgroups in each school that serves the minimum number of students in the four subgroups identified in subsection (d1) (subgroups include economically disadvantaged students; students from major racial and ethnic groups; children with disabilities; and English learners) to demonstrate the extent to which each school's population of each subgroup has access to school resources associated with high educational achievement. Specifies calculations the State Board must make regarding participation in or exposure to certain programs and teachers for racial and ethnic subgroups and economically disadvantaged subgroups within a school. Specifies calculations the State Board must make regarding the school and subgroup's average of certain activities and staff ratios for racial and ethnic subgroups and economically disadvantaged subgroups within a local school administrative unit.

Details required display of the new data on the annual report card, including indicating progress made by the school or unit towards reducing segregation and providing students with equality of access to school resources associated with high educational achievement.

Appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction for each year of the 2023-25 biennium to comply with the act.

Makes conforming changes to GS 115C-12 regarding annual report cards. Additionally specifies that identification of military-connected students cannot be used for purposes of determining annual report card scores, including racial and ethnic proportionality scores.

Adds and defines proportionality designation and racial and ethnic proportionality score to the defined terms set forth in GS 115C-83.17.

Effective July 1, 2023. Applies beginning with reports based on data from the 2023-24 school year.

Intro. by Brockman, Ball, Clemmons, Buansi.

APPROP, GS 115C

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

H 730 (2023-2024) **FUNDS FOR THE EXPANSION OF NC PRE-K**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EXPAND ACCESS TO CHILDREN IN THIS STATE SEEKING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTH CAROLINA PREKINDERGARTEN (NC PRE-K) PROGRAM.*

Appropriates \$13.3 million in recurring funds each year of the 2023-25 biennium from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, to provide funds for slots to expand access for any child in this state seeking participation in the North Carolina Prekindergarten program. Effective July 1, 2023.

Intro. by Brockman, Clemmons, Lofton, Ball.

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

H 731 (2023-2024) **POLICE REFORM FOR 2023**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO LIMIT NO-KNOCK WARRANTS, TO LIMIT THE USE OF CHOKEHOLDS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND TO STRENGTHEN THE TRAINING AND EDUCATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.*

Section 1

Amends GS 15A-242 by making clarifying changes.

Amends GS 15A-244 by adding in new (b) that for an officer to be able to break and enter any premises or vehicle in the execution of a search warrant pursuant to GS 15A-251(b) (when the officer has probable cause to believe that the giving of notice would endanger the life or safety of any person) the application for a search warrant must contain, in addition to the already required elements: (1) a statement that there is probable cause to believe that the giving notice of the execution of the search warrant would endanger the life or safety of any person; (2) allegations of fact particularly setting forth the facts and circumstances establishing probable cause to believe that the giving of notice of the execution of the search warrant would cause such endangerment. Makes additional clarifying changes.

Amends GS 15A-251 by amending one of the two circumstances under which an officer may break and enter any premises or vehicle when necessary to execute a warrant, to include when the warrant includes the statement and allegations of fact required by GS 15A-244(b) (was, when the officer has probable cause to believe that the giving of notice would endanger the life or safety of any person).

Makes clarifying changes to the following statutes and makes language gender neutral: GS 15A-245, GS 15A-246, GS 15A-247, GS 15A-249, GS 15A-253, GS 15A-254, and GS 15A-255.

Applies to search warrants issued on or after October 1, 2023.

Section 2

Amends GS 15A-401(d)(2), which sets out when a law-enforcement officer is justified in using deadly physical force, by adding that the use of deadly force includes strangleholds, chokeholds, lateral vascular neck restraints, carotid restraints, or any other tactics that restrict oxygen or blood flow to the head or neck.

Section 3

Enacts GS 20-196.6, requiring State Troopers to use body-worn cameras, as follows. Specifies State Troopers must use body-worn and dashboard cameras in all interactions with members of the public, including, but not limited to: traffic stops, pursuits, arrests, searches, interrogations not covered under GS 15A-211, interviews with victims and witnesses, and interactions with inmates of a State correctional facility or local confinement facility. Specifies that this does not apply during undercover operations. Enacts new GS 143B-927.1, enacting the same provisions, applicable to the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI). Enacts new GS 153A-213 enacting the same provisions, applicable to county law enforcement officers. Enacts new GS 160A-290 applicable to city law enforcement officers.

Enacts new GS 74E-10.1, enacting the same provisions, applicable to a company police agency. Limits the specified instances in which body-worn and dashboard cameras are to be used to arrests, searches, interrogations not covered under GS 15A-211, and interviews with victims and witnesses.

Enacts new GS 74G-10.1, enacting the same provisions, applicable to a campus police agency. Amends the specified instances in which body-worn and dashboard cameras are to be used by including all interactions listed for State Troopers except interactions with inmates of a State correctional facility or local confinement facility.

Effective October 1, 2023 and applies to interactions occurring on or after that date.

Section 4

Amends training standards required to qualify for entry level employment and retention as a criminal justice officer set forth in GS 17C-6 (powers of NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission [Commission]) and GS 17E-4 (powers of NC Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission [Sheriffs' Commission]), as follows. Requires education and training on the use of force, the use of deadly force, excessive force, methods for intervening when witnessing excessive force, de-escalation tactics, and methods of warning individuals prior to discharging a firearm. Requires in-service training for sworn law enforcement officers to also include, use of deadly force, de-escalation tactics, excessive force, methods for intervening when witnessing excessive force, and methods of warning individuals prior to discharging a firearm. Requires the Commission and Sheriffs' Commission to issue temporary rules to implement new training requirements. Makes technical changes. Effective October 1, 2023, and applies to entry-level education and training and in-service training required on or after that date.

Intro. by Brockman, K. Brown.

GS 15A, GS 17C, GS 17E, GS 20, GS 74E, GS 74G, GS 143B,
GS 153A, GS 160A

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**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Government, Public
Safety and Emergency Management**

H 732 (2023-2024) [MANAGE PFAS FIREFIGHTING FOAM/GEAR](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO PROTECT THE FIREFIGHTERS OF THE STATE FROM THE HEALTH CONSEQUENCES OF EXPOSURE TO PFAS CHEMICALS BY PROHIBITION OF FIREFIGHTING FOAM CONTAINING PFAS CHEMICALS AND BY REQUIRING NOTICE OF FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT CONTAINING PFAS CHEMICALS.*

Creates new Part 8 (Protect Firefighters from PFAS in Firefighting Foam and Protective Equipment) in GS Chapter 143, Article 21A. Establishes definitions for the part. Prohibits the use of class B firefighting foams containing added PFAS chemicals for training or practice purposes. Specifies alternatives that must be used. Prohibits the manufacture and sale of class B firefighting foams with added PFAS chemicals, and requires manufacturers to recall any prohibited products no later than March 1, 2024.

Provides an exemption for foams required to contain PFAS to comply with federal law, but requires any persons using these foams to report them to the Office of the State Fire Marshall. Establishes six required practices for persons using PFAS foams under the exemption, including prevention of release directly into the environment. Allows for a waiver at petroleum product terminals, which may be granted by the Office of the State Fire Marshall under specified criteria.

Allows a person operating a terminal after January 1, 2024, who wants to purchase the prohibited foam to apply for a temporary one-year waiver. Sets out the conditions under which the waiver may be granted. Specifies that a terminal is not prohibited from providing the foam as aid to another terminal if there is a class B fire.

Requires manufacturers of protective equipment containing PFAS chemicals to provide notice to the purchaser along with a justification of why the PFAS chemicals were included. Permits the Office of the State Fire Marshall to request a certificate of compliance from manufacturers that the product or products meet the requirements of Part 8.

Directs the Office of the State Fire Marshall to provide assistance to state agencies and local governments in avoiding purchasing PFAS-containing foams and equipment. Provides for a civil penalty for violating the requirements of the Part. Authorizes the Department of Insurance and Office of the State Fire Marshall to adopt rules to implement the part.

Effective January 1, 2024.

Intro. by Longest, Harrison, Butler, Budd.

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**Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management,
State Agencies, Department of Environmental Quality
(formerly DENR), Department of Insurance**

H 733 (2023-2024) [ORPHAN ROADS DOT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ORPHAN ROADS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAINTENANCE PROGRAM GRANT.*

Creates the Orphan Roads Maintenance Program Grant Fund within the Department of Transportation (DOT), for the improvement of subdivision streets that don't meet the DOT standards for addition to the State highway system.

Appropriates \$75 million to the DOT from the Highway Fund for 2023-24 to establish the orphan roads fund.

Requires the Secretary of Transportation to establish procedures and adopt rules for awarding funds to counties from the orphan roads fund, and provides applicable requirements to be incorporated into the rules.

Effective July 1, 2023. Repealed effective June 30, 2028, and then the DOT must transfer any unused funds to the Highway Fund.

Intro. by Winslow, Arp, Hardister, Cairns.

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Transportation, Local Government, Transportation

H 734 (2023-2024) [VENUS FLYTRAP SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE A HOME OF THE VENUS FLYTRAP SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE*.

Amends GS 20-79.4(b) as title indicates. Establishes a special plate fee of \$30 and requires that \$20 of that fee be transferred quarterly to the North Carolina Botanical Garden Foundation, Inc., to support plant conservation and research. Effective July 1, 2023.

Intro. by Buansi, Iler, Davis, Clemmons.

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Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation

H 735 (2023-2024) [PRESUMPTION OF SHARED PARENTING](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRESUMPTION OF JOINT CUSTODY AND SHARED PARENTING*.

Substantively identical to [S 576](#), filed 4/4/23.

Amends various sections of GS Chapter 50 to establish the presumption of joint custody and shared parenting arrangements as in the best interests of a child. Amends GS 50-13.01 (Purposes) to add new subsection (6), making it State policy to encourage parental agreements and joint/shared custody arrangements where a child spends equal time with each parent. Amends GS 50-13.1 (Action or proceeding for custody of minor child), subsection (b)(2), to add to the mediation goals the development of a custody and visitation agreement that equalizes to the greatest extent possible the amount of time a child spends with each parent. Amends GS 50-13.2 to add “presumption of shared parenting” to the title, and to add new subsection (a1), creating a rebuttable presumption that joint custody and shared parenting is in the best interest of the child, along with eleven relevant factors for the court to consider when preparing a shared parenting schedule. Also adds new subsection (a2), outlining conditions that will rebut the presumption that shared parenting is in the child’s best interest, and makes clarifying changes to subsection (b).

Intro. by Pierce.

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Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Family Law

H 736 (2023-2024) [JOEL H. CRISP SUDEP AWARENESS LAW](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO COMPILE AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON SUDDEN UNEXPECTED DEATH IN EPILEPSY INFORMATION TO HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND PROVIDE A CORRESPONDING REPORT TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES*.

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) to consult with the North Carolina Medical Board, North Carolina Board of Nursing, North Carolina Board of Pharmacy, and the North Carolina Nurses Association to gather evidence-based information on sudden unexpected death in epilepsy from publications and nonprofit organizations to create standard information to provide to all health care practitioners in this State. Specifies that the information must include, at a

minimum, current and evidence-based information about sudden unexpected death in epilepsy risk factors and conditions and contact information for nonprofit organizations that provide support services for epilepsy conditions. Specifies that the information must be made available on the Department's website and readily accessible to health care practitioners in this State. Requires the Department to report to the specified NCGA committee a completed summary or booklet of information provided to health care practitioners in the report by no later than April 1, 2024.

Intro. by Gillespie, White, Cunningham, Sasser.

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Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health

H 737 (2023-2024) [PRESERVING COMPETITION IN HEALTH CARE](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT PRESERVING COMPETITION IN HEALTH CARE BY REGULATING THE CONSOLIDATION AND CONVEYANCE OF HOSPITALS*.

Identical to [S 16](#), filed 1/25/23.

Enacts new Article 11C, Preserving Competition in Health Care Act, to GS Chapter 131E. Sets forth defined terms. Defines hospital entity to include any licensed hospital, whether corporate or governmental, and any affiliated entity. Defines transaction as:

- the disposition of a material amount of assets or operations of any hospital entity to any person or entity other than another hospital entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with such hospital entity;
- the transfer of control or governance of a hospital entity to a person or entity other than another hospital entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with such hospital entity;
- any binding legal obligation between two or more persons that results in a transfer of control, responsibility, or governance of a substantial portion of a hospital entity's assets to an acquiring entity;
- any transaction that would be subject to review under the Article if it was structured as a purchase, merger, or joint venture;
- any transaction determined by the Attorney General (AG) to merit review because the transaction would have a meaningful effect on competition in any part of the State among hospital entities;
- any of the above transactions that is entered into by a hospital entity or by any person or entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with such hospital entity; or
- dispositions of a substantial portion of a hospital entity's assets made in the course of a bankruptcy proceeding.

Excludes from the Article's scope transactions that are in the usual and regular course of a hospital entity's activities which the AG has provided a written waiver for the transaction. Deems the AG's determination final and not subject to judicial review unless found to be arbitrary and capricious.

Establishes the following procedure for hospital entities to notify the AG of proposed transactions and the AG to review and make determinations with respect to transactions subject to the Article.

Requires hospital entities subject to the Article to provide the AG with written notice of a proposed transaction and certification that a copy of the Article has been provided to each member of the governing board or board of trustees of the hospital entity. Allows for a single written notice to suffice for both the hospital entity and acquiring entity, subject to the AG requesting more information as needed. Provides for the effect of the notice and directs the AG to adopt rules regarding required content and manner of the written notice. Requires the AG to provide the hospital entity and acquiring entity with written acknowledgement of receipt of the written notice, at which time a 90-day review period begins within which the AG must notify the hospital entity in writing of its decision to either object to or take no action regarding the proposed transaction. Provides for the AG to extend the review period for up to 60 days. Prohibits the parties consummating the transaction during the review period.

Additionally requires the hospital entity to give written notice of the proposed transaction by publication in at least one newspaper in general circulation in each relevant county, as specified, within five days after providing written notice to the AG. Details requirements of the published written notice and deems failure to provide this notice as sufficient grounds for the AG to object to the proposed transaction. Requires the hospital entity and acquiring entity to hold at least one public hearing

within 30 days after providing written notice to the AG, but not within 14 days after publication of written notice. Details hearing requirements, including seven days' written notice to the AG of the time, date, and location of the public hearing. Also requires the hospital entity and acquiring entity to give written notice to the relevant local governing bodies, as specified. Requires AG approval to conduct the public hearing electronically. Provides specific hearing requirements for hospital entities that are nonprofits or publicly owned entities. Allows the AG to conduct an additional public hearing, subject to similar notice requirements. Deems the parties to the proposed transaction responsible for the costs of all public hearings. Excludes dispositions made in the course of a bankruptcy proceeding. Allows the AG to partially or completely waive the public hearing requirements.

Lists eight considerations the AG must address in making a determination about the proposed transaction, including whether the proposed transaction is in the public interest and whether there is an objection by a local governing body. Includes an additional eight considerations the AG must address in making a determination about a proposed transaction that would alter the control or governance of a nonprofit or publicly owned hospital entity, including whether the proposed transaction would result in private inurement to any person. Finally, requires the AG to consider whether the transaction complies with Article 2 of the Chapter for those that involve a hospital owned by a municipality or a hospital authority.

Authorizes the AG to demand the hospital entity giving notice to provide information the AG deems reasonably necessary to complete a review of the transaction. Deems failure to timely provide such information sufficient grounds to object to the transaction. Grants the AG authority to contract, consult and receive advice from any State or US agency, or contract with experts or consultants, to assist in transaction review. Allows the AG to request from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) a report of the anticipated effects of any proposed transaction on access to, or the pricing of, health care services in any part of the State; allows extension of the review period upon requests of such reports so long as the total review period does not exceed 180 days from the AG's notice that the parties have submitted a complete notice. Authorizes the AG to impose specified fees upon the acquiring entity, including contractual costs of the AG, and up to \$50,000 for the AG's actual review costs and DHHS's actual costs for report preparations. Allows the acquiring entity to seek an order from a court to limit its liability for imposed fees. Details procedures for such an objection and the effect of failing to pay imposed fees.

Establishes requirements for instances in which the AG objects to the proposed transaction. Requires the AG to file an action seeking injunctive relief in superior court within 30 days after notifying the parties of the objection, subject to the parties mutually agreeing to extend the filing deadline. Details procedures of such actions based on whether the hospital entity is a nonprofit or publicly owned entity, or a for-profit entity. In either instance, the court can issue a final determination approving the transaction, approving the transaction subject to modification, or disapproving the transaction. Allows appeal of the court's decision, except prohibits the AG from appealing a court's approval of the transaction subject to the same modification the AG initially sought. Allows any party to decline to enter into a transaction modified by court order. Deems modified transactions entered into not subject the AG's objection.

Following the AG not objecting to the proposed transaction or a final determination by a court approving the transaction, subjects the acquiring entity to post-transaction monitoring by an independent health care access monitor for at least three years. Details requirements for such monitoring through a contract between DHHS and the acquiring entity. Requires the independent health care access monitors retained by DHHS to quarterly report to the AG and DHHS as specified. Authorizes the AG to extend the post-transaction monitoring period for up to seven years, but caps monitoring at ten years following consummation of the transaction, and requires DHHS and the Department of Justice to each pay 25% of the remaining monitoring costs beyond the initial three year monitoring period. Establishes annual reporting requirements for the acquiring entity or any foundation or charitable trust established in a transaction in which the hospital entity was a nonprofit or publicly owned entity. Creates a procedure for the AG to file an action to unwind the transaction or a court to alter control or governance of assets involved in a transaction if upon review of the post-transaction monitoring, the AG deems it reasonable and necessary.

Prohibits an acquiring entity from changing the financial assistance policy regarding uninsured or underinsured in effect immediately preceding consummation of the transaction without first providing 120 days' written notice to the AG, its hospital staff, and patients who have previously benefited from the hospital entity's policy, with a limited exception for increases to applicable eligibility income limits. Details notice requirements for patients who previously benefited from the policy. Includes education requirements for the acquiring entity's physicians regarding new financial assistance policies and verbally informing patients of the new policy during the notice period.

Deems any transaction in violation of the Article void. Subjects each member of the governing board and each chief financial officer of the transaction entered in violation of the Article up to \$1 million per transaction, with the AG instituting the action and a court determining the penalty amount. Prohibits DHHS from issuing hospital licensed to any party of a transaction entered in violation of the notice, public hearing, and review requirements of the Article. Specifies the effect of the Article on the AG's authority and the effect of the Article's penalties and remedies.

Effective December 1, 2023, and applies to activities occurring on or after that date.

Intro. by Rudow, Sasser, Greene.

[GS 131E](#)

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Business and Commerce, Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Justice, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers

H 738 (2023-2024) [SAFER ROADS AND COMMUNITIES ACT OF 2023](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SAFETY OF STATE ROADS AND COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE BY AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE RESTRICTED DRIVERS LICENSES TO IMMIGRANTS WITH LIMITED OR NO STATUS.*

Amends GS 20-7 to require the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to provide a copy of any application, form, or test required for licensure to drive in the native language of the applicant upon request.

Further amends the statute as follows. Creates a restricted drivers license for applicants who do not present a valid social security number and meet six qualifications, including that the applicant has limited legal status or is not lawfully present in the US, the applicant completes a required training course, and the applicant provides proof of NC residency for at least one year. Directs the DMV to contract with a nonprofit or community-based agency to establish and conduct a training course at least one-hour in length for restricted drivers license applicants to provide an overview of social systems and resources available to residents and an overview of applicable laws. Authorizes remote training. Sets restricted drivers licenses to expire on the licensee's birthday in the second year after issuance, with renewed licenses expiring two years after renewal. Authorizes remote renewal of restricted drivers licenses. Establishes an issuance or renewal fee for restricted drivers licenses at \$53. Requires restricted drivers licenses to be of a unique design and color distinguishing it from the REAL ID compliant drivers license; requires consultation with interested nonprofits and community-based agencies. Makes conforming changes.

Enacts GS 20-10.2 making any information provided by an applicant for a restricted drivers license inadmissible in any proceeding. Specifies that possession of a restricted drivers license alone cannot be a basis for a criminal investigation, arrest, or detention in circumstances in which a person who possesses some other form of identification would not be criminally investigated, arrested, or detained.

Modifies the DMV's authority to cancel a driver's license under GS 20-15 on the grounds that the licensee is no longer authorized under federal law to be legally present in the US, adding that the licensee must also not be eligible for a restricted drivers license.

Applies to drivers licenses issues on or after October 1, 2023.

Intro. by Rudow, Cervania, Harrison.

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Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation, Immigration

H 739 (2023-2024) [UPDATE REQS./ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT UPDATING REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE POWERS OF ATTORNEY AND ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES; AND AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO RECEIVE ELECTRONIC FILINGS OF ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES.*

Identical to [S 147](#), filed 2/22/23.

Part I.

Changes the requirements for a health care power of attorney under GS 32A-16(3) to now require the written instrument to be signed in the presence of two qualified witnesses or acknowledged before a notary public (previously, required signature in the presence of two qualified witnesses and acknowledgement before a notary public). Makes conforming changes to the statutory form for health care power of attorney, set forth in GS 32A-25.1. No longer provides a weblink to the Advance Health Care Directive Registry.

Part II.

Changes the requirements for a health care declaration under GS 90-321 to now require the written document to be either (1) signed by the declarant in the presence of a notary public or two witnesses (was, two witnesses only) who believe the declarant to be of sound mind and who state that they are not four specified individuals with respect to the declarant, or (2) proved before a clerk or assistant clerk of superior court or a notary public (previously, required signature in the presence of two witnesses as described and to be proven before a clerk, assistant clerk or notary public). Makes conforming changes to the definition given for declaration. Makes conforming changes to the statutory form for advance directive for a natural death set forth in subsection (d1). No longer provides a weblink to the Advance Health Care Directive Registry.

Part III.

Allows for submission of specified documents and revocations to the Secretary of State for filing in the Advance Health Care Directive Registry under GS 130A-466 in electronic or hard copy format. No longer requires documents and revocations to be notarized (previously, only anatomical gift declarations were not required to be notarized). Adds a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) waiver to the documents and revocations that can be filed.

Amends GS 130A-468 to direct the Secretary of State to file documents received in electronic format that can be filed with the registry to enter that document into the registry database and send a wallet-size card containing the document's file number and password to the person who submitted the document. Makes clarifying changes to specify existing similar procedures apply to hard copy documents received. Authorizes the Secretary of State to remove documents of deceased registrants from the registry upon notification of death in writing in a form acceptable to the Secretary of State.

Part IV.

Effective October 1, 2023.

Intro. by Sasser.

[GS 32A](#), [GS 90](#), [GS 130A](#)

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H 740 (2023-2024) [UNFAIR/DECEPTIVE HEALTHCARE ADVERTISING](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO DEFINE AS A DECEPTIVE OR UNFAIR PRACTICE THE ACT OF KNOWINGLY ADVERTISING THAT ABORTION OR EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE WHEN THE PERSON OR ENTITY PUBLISHING THE ADVERTISEMENT DOES NOT PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES.*

Contains whereas clauses. Creates new GS 75-42.1 (Deceptive representation of healthcare services offered), making it a deceptive and unfair trade practice to advertise that a person or entity provides abortions or emergency contraceptives, or referrals for those services, but the person or entity knows or reasonably should know that they do not provide those services. Applies to any person or entity that publishes or causes to be published an advertisement in violation of the section, and the violating party will not be considered to be providing professional services of a learned profession even if they are operating under a medical license issued by the state.

Intro. by von Haefen, Crawford, Staton-Williams.

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

H 742 (2023-2024) [REQ. IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXT/SMS 911 FOR PSAPS](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS RECEIVE 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS VIA TEXT OR SHORT MESSAGE SERVICE IF CAPABLE AND TO CREATE A POSITION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO ASSIST PUBLIC SERVICE ANSWERING POINTS IN IMPLEMENTING BEST PRACTICES AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION RELATED TO 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS VIA TEXT OR SHORT MESSAGE SERVICE.*

Enacts new GS 143B-1417 (pertaining to text or short message emergency communications), which requires that a PSAP, or public safety answering point (i.e., the public safety agency that receives an incoming 911 call and dispatches appropriate public safety agencies to respond to the call) with the capability to receive text or short message service (SMS) messages must utilize text or SMS messages as an option for a person to contact an appropriate PSAP for emergency assistance.

Appropriates from the General Fund for 2023-25 fiscal biennium to the Department of Information Technology (DIT) \$65,000 in recurring funds for the 2023-24 fiscal year and \$65,000 for the 2024-25 fiscal year to establish one new FTE position within DIT to coordinate and assist public safety answering points statewide in implementing best practices and community education related to 911 emergency communications via text and SMS. Effective July 1, 2023.

Intro. by John, Ball, Gill, Longest.

APPROP, GS 143B

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of Information Technology

H 743 (2023-2024) [EXTEND EXPIRATION/MAGISTRATE EX PARTE ORDERS](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO EXTEND THE PERIOD DURING WHICH A MAGISTRATE EX PARTE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER REMAINS VALID.*

Amends GS 50B-2 concerning an emergency ex parte domestic violence protective order issued by a magistrate, to no longer require the order to expire and the magistrate to schedule an ex parte hearing before a district court judge by the end of the next day on which the district court is in session in the county where the action was filed. Requires the order to be entered and scheduled for hearing before a district court judge as already required under the statute. Applies to ex parte orders entered on or after October 1, 2023.

Intro. by Carson Smith, Pyrtle, Ward.

GS 50B

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Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Family Law

H 744 (2023-2024) [EVA'S ACT](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CRUELTY TO ANIMALS INCLUDES THE FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SPACE.*

Amends GS 14-360, concerning cruelty to animals, as follows. Expands upon the offense to also make it a Class 1 misdemeanor to deprive an animal of adequate space or to cause any animal to be deprived of the same. Adds and defines the terms *adequate space*, *animal*, *freedom of movement*, *extreme weather*, *lawful hunt*, and *torture, torment, or cruelly*. Adds to the exclusions from the offense under the statute the use of a dog in a lawful hunt. Makes additional clarifying changes. Makes organizational changes so that *intentionally* and *maliciously* are separately defined terms. Effective December 1, 2023, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Intro. by Longest, Ward, Dahle, Harrison.

GS 14

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

H 745 (2023-2024) **MANDATE FENTANYL TESTING/HOSPITAL ER PATIENTS**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT REQUIRING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS OF GENERAL ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS TO TEST FOR FENTANYL WHENEVER A URINE SAMPLE IS COLLECTED FROM A PATIENT TO PERFORM A CHEMICAL ANALYSIS INTENDED TO ASSIST IN DIAGNOSING THE PATIENT'S CONDITION.*

Adds new Part 3A, in Article 5 of GS Chapter 131E, consisting of new GS 131E-89 which provides as follows. Requires a hospital, when an emergency room of a general acute care hospital collects a patient's urine sample to perform a chemical analysis to assist in making a diagnosis, to test the sample for fentanyl. Effective October 1, 2023, and expires October 1, 2028.

Intro. by Morey, Sasser, Cunningham, Potts.

GS 131E

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

H 746 (2023-2024) **OVERSIGHT OF HOME SCHOOLS**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF HOME SCHOOL OPERATION AND TO PROHIBIT ESTABLISHMENT OF HOME SCHOOLS BY INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMES.*

Amends the following provisions concerning home schools. Amends GS 115C-563 to replace the term "duly authorized representative of the State" with "Director," defined as the Director, Division of Nonpublic Education, or his or her designee. Adds and defines "parent" as a parent or legal guardian.

Amends GS 115C-564 by adding the requirement that home school have a chief administrator, who is a parent of one or more of the children in the home school, who will be responsible for submitting required information to the Director. Requires the chief administrator to annually submit a notice of intent to operate a home school; requires the Director to establish what information must be included in the notice and requires that at least the nine listed pieces of information be provided. After receiving the notice, requires the Director to issue an acknowledgement of operation unless the school is not authorized to operate. Makes a home school receiving the acknowledgement eligible to satisfy the requirements of compulsory school attendance. Prohibits a parent from establishing or continuing to operate a home school if: (1) the chief administrator or any other adult providing academic instruction to enrolled children has been convicted of any of the 14 listed criminal offenses, or (2) the child has been removed from the parent's custody following an adjudication that the child is an abused or neglected juvenile.

Applies to home schools operating beginning with the 2023-24 school year.

Intro. by Morey, Gill, von Haefen, Prather.

GS 115C

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

H 747 (2023-2024) **NO WORK REQUIREMENT EXEMPTION/FNS BENEFITS**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT WORK REQUIREMENT EXEMPTIONS FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES BENEFITS.*

Amends GS 108A-51.1 (prohibition on waivers to time limits established under federal law for food and nutrition benefits) to clarify that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) cannot seek waivers under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (7 USC 2015), and makes other changes, as follows.

Specifies that DHHS may not exercise the State's option to provide any exemptions from the work requirement under SNAP. Under the authority given to the State to operate the general work requirement in the food and nutrition services program pursuant to SNAP, requires DHHS to assign all individuals who are over the age of 16 and under the age of 60 to an employment and training program as defined in SNAP unless the individual meets one of the following: (1) is currently subject to and complying with a work registration requirement under Title IV of the Social Security Act or the federal-State unemployment compensation system, in which case failure by the individual to comply with any work requirement the individual is subject to will be the same as failure to comply with the general work requirement; (2) is a parent or other member of a household with responsibility for the care of a dependent child under age 6 or of an incapacitated person; (3) is a bona fide student enrolled at least half time in any recognized school, training program, or institution of higher education unless the student is enrolled in an institution of higher education and is ineligible to participate under SNAP; (4) is a regular participant in a drug addiction or alcoholic treatment and rehabilitation program; (5) is employed a minimum of 30 hours per week or receiving weekly earnings that equal the minimum hourly rate under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, multiplied by 30 hours; or (6) is an individual between the ages of 16 and 18 who is not head of a household or attending school or enrolled in an employment training program on at least a half-time basis.

Intro. by K. Baker, Lambeth, Zenger, Paré.

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[Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Public Assistance](#)

H 748 (2023-2024) [FELONY CHILD ABUSE/EXPAND SCOPE](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS FELONY CHILD ABUSE FOR ANY PERSON PROVIDING CARE TO OR SUPERVISION OF A CHILD LESS THAN SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO COMMIT OR ALLOW THE COMMISSION OF A SEXUAL ACT UPON THE CHILD, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS FELONY CHILD ABUSE FOR ANY PERSON PROVIDING CARE TO OR SUPERVISION OF A CHILD LESS THAN SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO INTENTIONALLY AND ROUTINELY INFLICT PHYSICAL INJURY ON THAT CHILD, AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE.*

Amends GS 14-381.4 (felony child abuse) as follows. Amends GS 14-381.4(a2) to extend liability to parents or any other person providing care to or supervision of a child less than 16 years old (currently, parent and legal guardian) who commits or allows the commission of any sexual act upon the child. Adds new GS 14-381.4(a4) which makes it a Class B2 felony for a parent or any other person providing care to or supervision of a child less than 16 years of age who intentionally and routinely inflicts physical injury on that child or deprive that child of necessary food, clothing, shelter, or proper physical care for the purpose of causing fear, emotional injury, or deriving sexual gratification. Makes technical and organizational changes. Effective December 1, 2023, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Intro. by D. Hall, Potts, Riddell, Crutchfield.

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[Courts/Judiciary, Juvenile Law, Abuse, Neglect and Dependency, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Child Welfare](#)

H 749 (2023-2024) [STUDY POLYCYSTIC OVARY SYNDROME](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO CONDUCT A STUDY AND A STATEWIDE PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON POLYCYSTIC OVARY SYNDROME; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE.*

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health (DPH), to study the medical issues surrounding polycystic ovary syndrome and its impact on North Carolina women. Details six required components of the study, including examining the number of women diagnosed and misdiagnosed in the last five years, along with any other matters DPH deems relevant. Directs DPH to report to the specified NCGA committee by December 1, 2023.

Directs DPH to design and oversee a statewide awareness campaign to provide medical information on polycystic ovary syndrome and the findings of its study.

Appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to DPH for 2023-24 to fund the study and the statewide campaign.

Effective July 1, 2023.

Intro. by T. Brown, Cunningham, Staton-Williams.

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

H 750 (2023-2024) **ADDRESS ESG FACTORS**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE CRITERIA BY STATE AGENCIES AND STATE PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARIES*.

Substantively identical to [S 737](#), filed 4/6/23.

Enacts new GS 143-162.6, as follows. Prohibits State agencies; political subdivisions of the State; trusts, committees, or commissions of any political subdivision of the State from using, enforcing, providing data for use in, or otherwise participating in the creation or use of ESG or ETI policies related to hiring, firing, or evaluating employees. Also prohibits considering ESG, ETI, or related criteria in the awarding of State contracts. Defines environmental, social, and governance (ESG) criteria or economically targeted investments (ETI) requirements to mean using a set of standards to screen potential investments based upon the perceived impact to the environment and the social relationships between a company's employees and the community. Includes in the term how a company's leadership is structured in support of those standards.

Adds new Article 85, State Employee Retirement Protection Act, in GS Chapter 143, providing as follows. Defines pension benefit plan or plan as any plan; fund; or program established, maintained, or offered by the State or any subdivision, county, municipality, agency, or instrumentality thereof; or any school, college, university, administration, authority, or other enterprise operated by the State, to the extent that by its terms or as a result of surrounding circumstances does either of the following: (1) provides retirement income or other retirement benefits to employees or former employees or (2) results in a deferral of income by employees for a period extending to the termination of covered employment or beyond.

Requires a fiduciary to discharge duties with respect to a plan solely in the pecuniary interest of the participants and beneficiaries for the exclusive purpose of both of the following: (1) providing pecuniary benefits to participants and their beneficiaries and (2) defraying reasonable expenses of administering the plan. Requires a fiduciary to discharge duties: (1) with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with the relevant matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims; (2) by diversifying the investments of the plan so as to minimize the risk of large losses, unless under the circumstances it is clearly prudent not to do so; and (3) in accordance with the documents and instruments governing the plan insofar as the documents and instruments are consistent with this Article.

Prohibits plan fiduciaries from promoting non-pecuniary benefits or any other non-pecuniary goals. Specifies that environmental, social, corporate governance, or other similarly oriented considerations are pecuniary factors only if they present economic risks or opportunities that qualified investment professionals would treat as material economic considerations under generally accepted investment theories; sets out provisions governing consideration of those factors.

Requires all shares held directly or indirectly by or on behalf of a pension benefit plan or the beneficiaries thereof to be voted solely in the pecuniary interest of plan participants. Prohibits voting to further non-pecuniary, environmental, social, political, ideological, or other benefits or goals. Prohibits a fiduciary, unless no economically practicable alternative is available, from adopting a practice of following the recommendations of a proxy advisory firm or other service provider unless the firm or service provider has a practice of, and commits in writing to, following proxy voting guidelines consistent with the fiduciary's obligation to act based only on pecuniary factors. Prohibits plan assets, unless no economically practicable alternative is available, from being entrusted to a fiduciary, unless that fiduciary has a practice of, and commits in writing to following guidelines, when engaging with portfolio companies and voting shares or proxies, that match the plan's obligation to act based

only on pecuniary factors. Places the authority to vote shares in a State official who is politically accountable to the people of the State. Sets out provisions governing proxy votes.

Allows the Attorney General to enforce this Article and sets out actions the Attorney General may take.

Effective October 1, 2023.

Includes a severability clause.

Intro. by D. Hall, Saine, Cairns, N. Jackson.

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**Employment and Retirement, Government, State Agencies,
Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, State
Government, State Personnel, Local Government**

H 751 (2023-2024) [ACCESSING MIDWIVES ACT](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES LICENSING ACT*.

Enacts new Article 10B, Certified Professional Midwives, to GS Chapter 90. Prohibits any person from practicing or offering to practice midwifery without a Certified Professional Midwife or Certified Midwife license as provided in new Article 10B. Exempts the following circumstances from the licensure requirement: (1) an individual approved to practice midwifery under Article 10A (Midwifery Practice Act); (2) a physician licensed to practice medicine; (3) the performance of medical acts by a physician assistant or nurse practitioner as specified, (4) the practice of nursing by a registered nurse as allowed under Article 9A (Nursing Practice Act), (5) the rendering of childbirth assistance in emergency situations; (6) individuals present or assisting the certified professional midwife during the birth process as specified; and (7) traditional birth attendants practicing with families in distinct cultural or religious traditions that include their attendance, as described.

Includes definitions applicable to Article 10B. Defines certified midwife (CM) as a person who has obtained national certification from the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB), and a certified professional midwife (CPM) as a person with national certification from the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM). Defines midwifery as the provision of primary health or maternity care to childbearing people and infants.

Creates a seven-member North Carolina Council of Midwives (Council), with members appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (Secretary; DHHS). Provides for initial members to be appointed on or before October 1, 2023, or within three months of the Article becoming law, whichever is later. Details Council member requirements and term limits and includes provisions for compensation, meeting procedures, and Council administration. Directs the Council to adopt rules within one year of the initial meeting to implement the Article. Enumerates 12 powers and duties of the Council, in consultation with the Division of Health Service Regulation (DHSR) of DHHS and with guidance from the National Association of Certified Professional Midwives Standards of Practice, including rulemaking, licensing, and disciplinary authority.

Lists five requirements for licensure as a midwife, including completion of an application and payment of required fees, and completion of all required educational and clinical training and earning the national midwifery certification credential awarding by an accredited midwifery certification agency.

Lists 10 responsibilities of a licensed CPM, including the responsibility to provide care for the healthy client who is expected to have a normal pregnancy, labor, birth, and postpartal phase in the setting their choice; the responsibility to order routine antepartal or postpartal screening or lab analysis at a licensed lab or testing facility; and the responsibility to instruct the parents about newborn screening requirements. Directs a midwife licensed under Article 10B to display the license at all times in a conspicuous place where the midwife is practicing. Sets forth provisions for biennial license renewal, periods of lapsed licensure, and granting inactive status. Authorizes the Council to grant a license to a person residing in North Carolina licensed, certified, or registered to practice as a certified professional midwife in another jurisdiction if that jurisdiction's standards are substantially equivalent and the person submits an application and required fees. Directs the Council to establish a formulary of drugs and devices appropriate to midwifery care from which licensed midwives are limited to dispensing from, subject to applicable state and federal laws and recordkeeping requirements. Directs the Council to set all fees under Article

10B and to pay all expenditures out of funds from the fees or other funds. Allows the Council to discipline applicants or licensees, after a hearing, under seven specified circumstances.

Authorizes the Council to apply to superior court to enjoin violations of Article 10B. Provides that no health care provider will be liable for an injury to a woman or infant arising during childbirth and resulting from an act or omission by a licensed certified professional midwife.

Effective October 1, 2023.

Intro. by Belk, Cunningham, Carney, Staton-Williams.

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Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers

H 762 (2023-2024) [SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS/MASTER'S PAY](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE EDUCATION-BASED SALARY SUPPLEMENTS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER A MASTER'S DEGREE IS REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE*.

Identical to [S 524](#), filed 4/3/23.

Amends GS 115C-302.10 to include among those teachers and instructional support personnel who are paid on the "M" salary schedule or receive a salary supplement for academic preparation at the six-year degree or doctoral degree level certified school social workers with a degree at the master's, six-year, or doctoral degree level who would have qualified for the salary supplement pursuant to the specified State Board of Education policy as it was in effect on June 30, 2013.

Appropriates \$500,000 in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to make school social workers eligible to receive education-based salary supplements regardless of whether a master's degree is required for licensure, as provided above.

Effective July 1, 2023, and applies beginning with the 2023-24 school year.

Intro. by Cotham.

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

H 767 (2023-2024) [EXPANDING WORKFORCE AND EDUCATION ACT](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO EXPAND NORTH CAROLINA'S WORKFORCE BY PROVIDING IN-STATE TUITION TO NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WHO MEET CERTAIN CRITERIA*.

Identical to [S 683](#), filed 4/6/23.

Includes whereas clauses.

Amends GS 116-143.1 to make a person who meets the following eligible for the in-state tuition rate at UNC constituent institutions and the community colleges under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Community Colleges: (1) graduated and received a high school diploma from a school within North Carolina that is not a nonpublic residential school; (2) enrolled in the institution of higher education in the school year immediately following his or her graduation and receipt of a high school diploma; (3) attended North Carolina public or nonpublic schools for a minimum of four consecutive years immediately prior to high school graduation and receipt of a high school diploma; (4) holds an unexpired North Carolina drivers license or special identification card; and (5) received a social security number and card from the US Social Security Administration.

Amends GS 116-143.4 by adding that a person eligible for the in-State tuition rate under GS 116-143.1 is not considered an in-State applicant for the proposes of admission to a UNC constituent institution.

Effective July 1, 2023, and applies beginning with the 2023-24 academic year.

Intro. by Cotham.

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

H 773 (2023-2024) **LET PARENTS CHOOSE/SAMMY'S LAW OF 2023**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE LET PARENTS CHOOSE PROTECTION ACT OF 2023 TO FACILITATE MANAGEMENT OF THE SOCIAL MEDIA INTERACTIONS OF CHILDREN*.

Enacts Article 9, GS Chapter 75 to be cited as the Let Parents Choose Protection Act of 2023 or Sammy's Law of 2023. States legislative findings and defines seven terms. Requires large social media platform provider, as defined, with users in the State to create, maintain, and make available to any third-party safety software provider registered to do business in the State a set of third-party accessible real-time application programming interfaces and any information necessary to use the interfaces. Defines large social media platform as a website or online application that allows for use by a child, includes features that allow a child to share images, text, or video with other users with persons the child has met solely through the service, and has over 1 million monthly active users in the US or generates more than \$500 million in annual gross revenue; provides for exclusions.

Provides for availability of the interfaces upon request of the third-party safety software provider in order to facilitate a child of at least 13 years or a legal guardian of a minor to delegate permission to the third-party safety software provider for two tasks: (1) managing the child's online interactions, content, and account settings on the large social media platform on terms designated by the child or the legal guardian of a child; and (2) initiating secure transfers of user data from the large social media platform in a commonly used and machine-readable format to the third-party safety software provider; prohibits the social media platform provider from limiting the transfers to less than once per hour.

Requires compliance with the requirements within 30 days of the date the platform meets the definition of a large social media platform and continues compliance until the platform no longer meets that definition, or delegation is revoked, the account is disabled, or the provider rejects the delegation. Generally prohibits disclosure of user data by a third-party safety software provider, with five limited exceptions specified, including disclosure to a lawful request from a governing body. Requires the provider to notify the parent or legal guardian of the child that disclosure has been or will be made for certain disclosures pursuant to state law or involving the health or safety of the individual, unless that notice would place the child at risk or is prohibited by law as described. Provides for enforcement of the Article as an unfair and deceptive trade practice under GS 75-1.1.

Provides for the act's requirements of large social media platform providers to apply beginning 30 days after the act becomes law.

Intro. by McNeely, Cotham, Johnson.

GS 75

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Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection, Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Child Welfare

H 777 (2023-2024) **UNIVERSAL NO-COST SCHOOL MEALS**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT NO COST TO STUDENTS THROUGH AN ALLOCATION BASED ON SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY EVALUATIONS*.

Substantively identical to [S 708](#), filed 4/6/23.

Amends GS 115C-263 to require public school units to have a school food authority to provide school nutrition services in the schools under their jurisdiction by offering students two meals per day, breakfast and lunch (was, local boards of education must provide to the extent practicable school nutrition services in the schools under their jurisdiction). Requires the State Board of Education, to the extent funds are available for this purpose, to allocate funds to school food authorities at public school units to provide students with free healthy nutrition services. Requires, in issuing the allocation, that the amount be determined based on an evaluation of the authority's nutrition services (sets out minimum requirements for the method and criteria used for the evaluation), that funds be distributed on a fair and equitable basis, and the allocation be issued at the beginning of the fiscal year, with the Board allowed to reserve for future allocation an amount not to exceed 10%. Specifies that funds allocated under this statute supplement and do not supplant funds from other sources for the same purpose.

Amends GS 115C-218.75 by requiring charter schools, GS 115C-238.72 by requiring regional schools, GS 115C-150.14 by requiring schools for students with visual and hearing impairments, and GS 116-239.8 requiring laboratory schools, to provide school nutrition services according to GS 115C-263 and GS 115C-264 (setting out requirements for school nutrition programs, including that they participate in the National School Lunch Program). Makes conforming changes.

Appropriates \$148.8 million in recurring funds for 2023-24 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to provide nutrition services to students in public school units at no cost to the students. Allows the use of funds appropriated to State Aid for Public Schools for this purpose if this funding is insufficient for 2023-24.

Authorizes the State Board of Education to adopt temporary rules to enact the act until such a time as permanent rules can be adopted.

Effective July 1, 2023.

Intro. by Brockman, Autry, Quick, Gill.

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

H 783 (2023-2024) **REPEAL MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS LAW**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO REPEAL THE 2015 LAW RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS*.

Repeals Section 3(a) through (e) of SL 2015-170, which enacted GS 100-2.1, setting out provisions concerning limitations on removal of objects of remembrance, and amended GS 100-2, concerning State approval of memorials, monuments, and works of art and GS 160A-400.13, concerning the protection of objects of remembrance and historic landmarks.

Intro. by K. Brown, Morey, Harrison, Alexander.

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Government, Cultural Resources and Museums

H 792 (2023-2024) **UI/ESTABLISH SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION IN NC**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT AMENDING THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAWS TO ESTABLISH A SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION PROGRAM IN NORTH CAROLINA*.

Enacts new GS 96-45 (Short-time compensation), creating a program that allows an employer to implement a plan for sharing remaining work after an affected group of employees' hours are reduced, while the employees receive short-time compensation benefits under the State's unemployment program. The employer must submit a proposed short-time compensation plan containing the specified requirements to the Department of Commerce's Division of Employment Security for approval prior to implementation. The new section establishes eligibility requirements for employees and weekly benefit amounts along with a total benefit maximum. Provides that an individual is eligible to receive short-time compensation benefits for any week only if: (1) the individual is employed as a member of an affected unit in an approved plan that was approved before the week and is in effect for the week, (2) the individual is able to work and is available for additional hours of work or for full-time work with the short-time employer, and (2) the normal weekly hours of work of the individual are reduced by at least 10% but not by

more than 60%, with a corresponding reduction in wages. Benefits paid under the short-time compensation program count towards an employee's maximum yearly benefit under the unemployment benefit program. Establishes that seasonal and temporary employees are not eligible for participation in the short-time program and defines seasonal employment, temporary employment, and intermittent employment for purposes of the section.

Intro. by Longest.

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Employment and Retirement, Government, State Agencies, Department of Commerce, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Public Assistance

H 798 (2023-2024) [NC ACCOUNTABILITY/SAFETY NET](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO LIMIT LIABILITY FOR NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NONGOVERNMENTAL INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS WORKING WITH AND FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC AGENCIES*.

Substantively identical to [S 571](#), filed 4/4/23.

Adds new GS 143-300.1B, which limits the liability of nongovernmental organizations that contract with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and any county or local agency affiliated with DHHS. Under the new section, the nongovernmental organization may not be held liable for injury or damage caused by DHHS; the county or local agency; or any officers, employees or other agents of those entities. Each party must bear the cost of defending itself against claims from their respective acts and omissions. The section prohibits a court from waiving or suspending any of its provisions, and makes void any contract provisions that would impose liability on the nongovernmental organizations in violation of the section.

Creates new GS 143-300.1C, which limits the liability of nongovernmental independent contractors that contract with DHHS or county or local agencies to the provisions of Article 31, GS Chapter 143. Specifies that independent contractors are functionally equivalent to DHHS to the extent they are performing health care services in the agency's stead, and claims against the independent contractor will be subject to monetary limits in GS 143-299.2 as equivalent to the agency and must be filed in a court instead of the Industrial Commission. Requires the State to indemnify the independent contractor for any damages in excess of GS 143-299.2 for any damages incurred in an action alleging death or injury from an act or omission within the scope of the contractor's performance of health care services.

Requires a claim for indemnification, as well as any claim from a judgment against an independent contractor, to be filed with the Industrial Commission.

Effective and applicable to claims arising from acts or omissions occurring on or after October 1, 2023.

Intro. by Chesser, Wheatley, Willis.

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Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health

H 801 (2023-2024) [REENACT SOLAR ENERGY TAX CREDIT](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO REENACT A SOLAR ENERGY TAX CREDIT*.

Reenacts GS 105-129.16A as it existed immediately before its expiration in 2016 and amends the statute as follows. Grants a taxpayer that has constructed, purchased, or leased qualifying solar energy equipment, as defined by statutory cross-reference (was, "renewably energy property"), a credit equal to 35% of the cost of the equipment if the equipment is placed in service in the State during the taxable year. Makes conforming changes to reflect the change in terminology to qualifying solar energy equipment. Modifies the nonbusiness credit ceilings to no longer include an \$8,400 ceiling for each installation of geothermal equipment or a \$10,500 ceiling for each installation of any other renewable energy property. Eliminates subsections (e) through (h), which provide for outdated sunset provisions. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

Intro. by Buansi, Autry, Harrison, Price.

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Environment, Energy, Government, Tax

H 803 (2023-2024) [COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICTS/EARLY CHILDHOOD ED.](#) Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO ESTABLISH SERVICE DISTRICTS TO FINANCE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS.*

Enacts new subdivision (12) to GS 153A-301, as title indicates. Effective July 1, 2023.

Intro. by Cervania.

GS 153A

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Education, Preschool, Government, Local Government

H 808 (2023-2024) [YOUTH HEALTH PROTECTION ACT.](#) Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO PROTECT MINORS FROM ADMINISTRATION OF PUBERTY BLOCKERS AND CROSS-SEX HORMONES AND OTHER RELATED ACTIONS, PROCEDURES, AND TREATMENTS.*

Identical to [S 639](#), filed 4/5/23.

Includes whereas clauses. Enacts Article 1M, Youth Health Protection Act, of GS Chapter 90. Makes it unlawful for any individual to engage in any of the following practices upon a minor, or cause them to be performed for the purpose of attempting to alter the appearance of or affirm the minor's perception of his or her gender or sex, if that is inconsistent with the minor's sex: (1) performing surgeries that sterilize, including castration, vasectomy, hysterectomy, oophorectomy, orchietomy, or penectomy; (2) performing surgeries that artificially construct tissue with the appearance of genitalia that differs from the individual's sex, including metoidioplasty, phalloplasty, and vaginoplasty; (3) performing a mastectomy; (4) prescribing, administering, or supplying gonadotropin releasing hormone analogues or other synthetic drugs used to stop luteinizing hormone and follicle stimulating hormone secretion, synthetic antiandrogen drugs used to block the androgen receptor, or any drug to suppress or delay normal puberty; (5) prescribing, administering, or supplying testosterone, estrogen, or progesterone to a minor in an amount greater than would normally be produced endogenously in a healthy individual of that individual's age and sex; (6) removing any otherwise healthy or nondiseased body part or tissue. Defines sex to mean the biological state of begin female or male, based on sex organs, chromosomes, and endogenous hormone profiles, without regard to an individual's psychological, chosen, or subjective experience of gender. Defines minor to mean individuals younger than 18 years of age.

Makes it unlawful for any medical professional or mental health care professional, or counselor to knowingly engage in conduct that aids or abets any of the above described medical treatments described above to a minor. Specifies that the act may not be construed to impose liability on any speech protected by federal or State law.

Deems medical professionals, mental health care professionals, or counselors who engage in any of the specified unlawful practices to have engaged in unprofessional conduct and subject to licensure revocation for at least one year, or other appropriate discipline by the respective licensing board. Establishes a \$1,000 civil penalty per occurrence, with remittance to the Civil and Penalty Forfeiture Fund. Excludes from the scope good-faith medical decisions of parents or guardians of a minor born with a medically verifiable genetic disorder of sexual development, and specifies such examples. Further excludes from the scope of the statute, the treatment of any infection, disease, or disorder that has been caused or exacerbated by the performance of one of the medical treatments described above, whether or not the procedures were performed in accordance with State or federal law. Also excludes any procedure undertaken because an individual suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that is certified by a physician and that would place the individual in imminent danger of death or impairment of major bodily function unless surgery is performed.

Makes it unlawful for a health care provider that receives State funds to furnish, provide, or perform any health care service that constitutes the performance of or preparation for gender transition procedure to a minor.

Bars State entities, local governments, and any organization with authority to license or discipline members of a profession from prohibiting, imposing any penalty, or taking any adverse action against any individual who gives or receives counsel, advice, guidance, or any other speech or communication, whether described as therapy or provided for a fee, consistent with conscience or religious belief.

Explicitly allows parents, guardians, or custodians to withhold consent for any treatment, activity, or mental health care services that are designed and intended to form their child's conceptions of sex and gender or to treat gender dysphoria or gender nonconformity, without government infringement. Prohibits government agents, and State or local employees, or any other governmental entity, other than law enforcement, from encouraging or coercing a minor to withhold information from the minor's parent, or withholding from a minor's parent information relevant to the physical or mental health of their child as specified. Provides that such conduct is grounds for employee discipline in addition to other remedies under the Article. Establishes a duty for a government agent with knowledge that a minor under its care or supervision has exhibited symptoms of gender dysphoria, gender nonconformity, or otherwise demonstrates a desire to be treated in a manner incongruent with the minor's sex to immediately notify each of the minor's parents, guardians, or custodians in writing, with descriptions of relevant circumstances.

Prohibits discrimination against persons providing or causing to be provided information or an act or omission regarding Article violations to his or her employer or specified public entities, testified or prepared to testify in a proceeding under the Article, or assisted or participated in a proceeding under the Article. Prohibits discrimination against persons who make disclosures under the Article believed to be a violation of law, rule, or regulation; any violation of any standard of care or other ethical guidelines for the provision of health care service; or gross mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety.

Establishes a civil action for compensatory or special damages, injunctive relief, or other legal remedies for any person for any violation of the Article against the clinic, health care system, medical professional, or other responsible person. Provides a two-year statute of limitations, except allows for minors injured by practices prohibited by the Article to bring an action during their minority through a parent, and bring an action in their own name upon reaching majority at any time from that date until 20 years from the date the minor attained the age of majority. Allows for the award of monetary damages, total costs of the action and reasonable attorneys' fees, and any other appropriate relief.

Preempts political subdivisions of the State from enacting, adopting, maintaining, or enforcing any order, ordinance, rule, regulation, policy, or similar measure that prohibits, restricts, limits, controls, or directs, or otherwise interferes with the professional conduct and judgement of a mental health care professional or counselor undertaken within the course of treatment and communication with clients, patients, other persons, or the public. Provides for enforcement by the Attorney General or a mental health care professional or counsel through an action for injunctive relief. Allows a mental health care professional to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and reasonable costs incurred in obtaining an injunction. Waives sovereign immunity to suit and immunity from liability under this statute.

Enacts GS 143C-6-5.6 to prohibit the use of State Funds for the performance of or in furtherance of gender transition procedures or to support the administration of any governmental health plan or government-offered insurance policy offering gender transition procedures.

Amends GS 90-21.5 (pertaining to consent of a minor for certain medical health services) to delete all provisions of the article that allow minors to consent to certain medical services, including certain mental health services as well as the provision requiring a health care provider to obtain parental consent before administering a vaccine that has been granted emergency use authorization. Section would now only be limited to emancipated minors, who continue to be authorized to consent to any medical, dental, and health services treatment for themselves or their child.

Includes a severability clause.

Effective October 1, 2023.

Intro. by Blackwell, Pless, Fontenot, Torbett.

GS 90, GS 143C

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Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers,

Mental Health

H 819 (2023-2024) [MEDICAL ETHICS DEFENSE \(MED\) ACT](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO PROTECT THE RIGHT OF CONSCIENCE OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS, HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS, AND HEALTH CARE PAYERS*.

Identical to [S 641](#), filed 4/5/23.

Contains whereas clauses. Amends GS Chapter 90 by adding new Article 1M, the Medical Ethics Defense Act. Defines the following terms: conscience, disclosure, discrimination, health care institution, health care payer, health care service, medical practitioner, participation in a health care service, and pay or payment.

Specifies that it is unlawful for any person to discriminate against any medical practitioner, health care institution, or health care payer that refuses to participate in or pay for a health care service on the basis of conscience under Article 1M. Protects these persons from civil, criminal, or administrative liability for exercising their right of conscience not to participate in or pay for a health care service. Protects the health care institution that employs, contracts, or grants admitting privileges to these persons from any civil, criminal, or administrative liability arising from these persons exercising their right of conscience not to participate in or pay for a health care service.

Specifies that any medical practitioner, health care institution, or health care payer that holds itself out to the public as religious, states in its governing documents that it has a religious purpose or mission, and has internal operating policies or procedures that implement its religious beliefs has the right to make employment, staffing, contracting, and admitting privilege decisions consistent with its religious belief. Specifies that a health care practitioner may not be scheduled for, assigned, or requested to directly or indirectly perform, facilitate, refer for, or participate in an abortion unless the health care practitioner affirmatively consents in writing prior to performing, facilitating, referring, or participating in the abortion. Contains rules governing the construction of Article 1M. Provides for a civil remedy brought by any medical practitioner, health care institution, or health care payer for any violation of any provision of Article 1M. Provides for treble damages, attorneys' fees and costs, and injunctive relief. Bars a civil action from being brought against a person who declines to use or purchase health care services from a health care practitioner exercising the rights under Article 1M. Bars retaliation.

Contains severability clause.

Effective October 1, 2023.

Intro. by White, Arp, Paré.

GS 90

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

H 823 (2023-2024) [CHOOSE YOUR SCHOOL, CHOOSE YOUR FUTURE](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS, TO REQUIRE A SEQUENCE OF COURSES FOR EARLY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, AND TO ESTABLISH THE EARLY GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM*.

Identical to [S 406](#), filed 3/29/23.

Part I.

Repeals GS 115C-562.1(3), (3c), (5c), and (5e), thereby removing the definitions of eligible students, full-time student, part-time student, and reserve for opportunity scholarships. Amends GS 151C-562.1 to define eligible student for the opportunity scholarships as a student residing in state who has not yet received a high school diploma and meets the following: (1) is eligible to attend a North Carolina public school, provides that a child who is age 4 on or before April 16 is eligible to attend the following school year if the principal, or equivalent, of the school in which the child seeks to enroll finds that the student meets the requirements and those findings are submitted to the State Education Assistance Authority (Authority); (2) has not been enrolled in a postsecondary institution as a full-time student taking at least 12 hours of academic credit; and (3) has not been placed in a nonpublic school or facility by a public agency at public expense.

Amends GS 115C-562.2 to allow scholarships to be used to attend any nonpublic school on either a full or part-time basis. Amends the amounts of the scholarships so that they are now as follows, beginning with the 2023-24 school year: (1) for students residing in households with an income level not in excess of the amount required for the student to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program, per year per eligible student, an amount of up to 100% of the average State per pupil allocation for average daily membership in the prior fiscal year; (2) for students residing in households with an income level between the amount required for the student to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program and not in excess of 200% of that amount, per year per eligible student, an amount of up to 90% of the average State per pupil allocation for average daily membership in the prior fiscal year; (3) for students residing in households with an income level of between 200% of the amount required for the student to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program and not in excess of 450% of that amount, per year per eligible student, an amount of up to 60% of the average State per pupil allocation for average daily membership in the prior fiscal year; and (4) for all students, per year per eligible student, an amount of up to 45% of the average State per pupil allocation for average daily membership in the prior fiscal year, unless the student qualifies for a higher amount above. Caps grants per year per eligible student, at 100% of the average State per pupil allocation for average daily membership in the prior fiscal year, and prohibits a grant from exceeding the required tuition and fees for the nonpublic school the eligible student will attend. Allows tuition and fees for a nonpublic school to include tuition and fees for books, transportation, equipment, or other required items.

Amends GS 115C-562.3 to require the Authority to establish a domicile determination system to verify the domicile requirements of GS 115C-366 (concerning the assignment of student to a particular school) and requires the establishment of rules for the determination of domicile. Requires the specified divisions, departments, board, and individuals to cooperate with the Authority in verifying evidence submitted to the Authority for the purposes of establishing the required domicile for State residency. Sets out items that the Authority must accept as evidence of domicile in the state. Requires the Authority to select and verify 4% (was, 6%) of applications for scholarship grant funds. Makes conforming changes.

Amends GS 115C-562.8 by changing the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve to the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund (Grant Fund). Increases the amounts that are to be appropriated from the General Fund to the Grant Fund for fiscal years 2025-26 and thereafter. Makes additional clarifying and technical changes.

Requires as part of a student's application for a scholarship grant for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years, a parent to certify to the Authority that the domicile requirements are met for eligibility purposes in lieu of submitting evidence to the Authority through a domicile determination system. Requires the Authority to select 6% of the applications for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years to verify the domicile requirements are met. Specifies what documents the Authority may accept. Allows revoking the scholarship if a parent does not cooperate with verification. Subjects a parent to administrative, civil, or criminal penalties for falsifying information.

Requires the Authority, by October 15, 2023, to transfer any unexpended balance remaining in the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve, as of June 30, 2023, to the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund. Requires for the 2023-24 year that these funds be used for the purposes in GS 115C-562.8 (the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve). Requires for the 2023-24 fiscal year, that any funds remaining in the Grant Fund following (1) the award of scholarship grants to all eligible students for the 2023-24 school year and (2) the use of funds as provided in GS 115C-562.8(d)(1) at the end of the fiscal year are not carried forward and instead revert to the General Fund.

Appropriates \$121 million from the General Fund to the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

Effective June 30, 2023, and applies to applications for scholarship grants beginning with the 2023-24 school year.

Part II.

Amends GS 115C-12(9d)a, which allows the State Board of Education (Board) to develop exit standards for graduation from high school, by adding the requirement that the Board develop a sequence of courses available in all public school units to allow a student to complete the credits required for graduation in three years. Requires a student's transcript to indicate if the student graduates from a public high school within three years of entering the ninth grade. Prohibits requiring any additional credits beyond those mandated by the Board.

Repeals GS 115C-47(54a), which prohibited a local board of education from requiring a high school graduation project as a condition of graduation from high school unless the board provides from local funds a method of reimbursement of up to \$75 for expenses related to the high school graduation project for any student identified as an economically disadvantaged student. Makes conforming changes to GS 115C-12.

Amends GS 115C-12 by amending the State Board's duty to encourage early entry of motivated students into college programs to also include two-year, in addition to four-year, postsecondary programs. Also requires directing school guidance counselors to make students aware of the new early graduate scholarships.

Amends GS 115C-47, applicable to local boards of education; GS 115C-218.85, applicable to charter schools; and GS 115C-238.66 applicable to regional schools, to require offering a sequence of courses in accordance with GS 115C-12(9d) and advise students using this sequence to graduate within three years of entering the ninth grade of the availability of early graduate scholarships.

Requires the governing body of a public school unit to report to the Department of Public Instruction on the number of rising eleventh graders using the course sequence to graduate in a three-year period by May 15, 2025, and May 15, 2026, and requires DPI to then report to the Fiscal Research Division by June 1, 2025, and June 1, 2026.

Requires the State Board to adopt an emergency rule by August 1, 2023, to establish the graduation requirements and sequence of courses. Requires governing bodies of public school units to advise students beginning with the 2023-24 school year of this sequence, the option to graduate within three years of entering the ninth grade, and the availability of early graduate scholarships. Makes students enrolled in the tenth grade during the 2023-24 school year who complete the sequence of courses for graduation in three years eligible to graduate in the 2024-25 school year.

Part III.

Enacts new Part 6, in Article 23 of GS Chapter 116, establishing the early graduate scholarship program (program). Sets out eligibility requirements, including that the student seeking a degree, diploma, or certificate at an eligible postsecondary institution graduate from an NC public high school within three years of entering the ninth grade. Limits scholarship eligibility to no more than two semesters in the two academic years immediately following high school graduation.

Sets out requirements for establishing the amount of the scholarship. Sets out the priority of awards when there are not sufficient funds to provide each eligible student with a full scholarship.

Requires the Authority to administer the program and to adopt rules. Requires the Authority to report annually beginning in 2026 to the specified NCGA committee. Specifies that scholarship funds unexpended remain available for future scholarships.

Establishes the Reserve Fund for Early Graduate Scholarships consisting of: (1) funds appropriated by the NCGA for the Program from the General Fund and (2) interest earned on these funds. Allows the Authority to use up to 1.5% of the funds for administrative costs.

Requires scholarships to be awarded for use in the 2025-26 school year.

Intro. by Cotham, Willis, Loftis.

[GS 115C, GS 116](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies, State Board of Education](#)

H 824 (2023-2024) [TEACHER LICENSE RECIPROCITY FROM EVERY STATE](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO GRANT A CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL LICENSE TO ANY TEACHER LICENSED IN ANOTHER STATE*.

Substantively identical to [S 177](#), filed 2/28/23.

Creates a system for granting continuing professional licenses to teachers with at least three years of experience and out-of-state licenses in good standing from states with substantially similar licensure requirements through new subsection (e) in GS 115C-270.20. Repeals GS 115C-270.20(a)(4a)b (concerning limited licenses for out of state licensees) and GS 115C-270.25 (concerning out of state continuing professional teaching license applicants).

Intro. by Cotham.

[GS 115C](#)

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**Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Education,
Elementary and Secondary Education**

H 826 (2023-2024) **PROTECT LAW ENFORCEMENT/JUDGES PERSONAL INFO**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE CITIES AND COUNTIES TO REMOVE PERSONAL INFORMATION FROM WEBSITES MAINTAINED BY COUNTIES AND CITIES WHEN REQUESTED BY CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, PROSECUTORS, PUBLIC DEFENDERS, AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS AND TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PERSONNEL RECORDS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS*.

For purposes of the act, defines *personal information* to include the physical address and phone number, but not the name, of the individual. Enacts GS 153A-148.2 and GS 160A-208.2 to require counties and cities, respectively, to develop and make available a process by which any named official can request that the county or city remove that individual's personal information from any website maintained by that county or city and available to the general public. Allows for the request to include removal of personal information of the individual's spouse. Limits the right to request removal of personal information to: (1) a federal, State, or local law enforcement officer; (2) a State judge, justice, or magistrate; (3) a district attorney or assistant district attorney; (4) a prosecutor employed by the NC Department of Justice; (5) a US Attorney or Assistant US Attorney; (6) a public defender or assistant public defender; and (7) a federal judge. Details required content of written requests. Requires the county or city to remove the personal information if properly requested, and prohibits placing the information on the website again without written revocation from the individual. Deems the request or revocation not public record. Specifies that personal information removed from the website continues to be public record if it would otherwise be subject to disclosure under GS Chapter 132. Grants civil immunity to counties and cities and their officers, officials, employees and agents, past and present, acting within the course and scope of their duties and pursuant to the statute.

Requires counties and cities to develop and implement the above described process by October 1, 2023.

Amends GS 153A-98 and GS 160A-168 to prohibit counties and cities from disclosing county or city law enforcement officer employee's information concerning the officer's residence (previously prohibited from disclosing information that might identify the residence; previously specified the disclosures were prohibited even if considered part of an employee's personnel file).

Intro. by Chesser, Hardister, Saine, A. Jones.

GS 153A, GS 160A

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**Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Government, Public Records
and Open Meetings, Public Safety and Emergency
Management, State Government, State Personnel**

H 828 (2023-2024) **CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANIMAL SERVICES RECORDS**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE RECORDS RELATING TO COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES*.

Identical to [S 603](#), filed 4/5/23.

Enacts new GS 132-1.15 regarding personally identifiable information held by animal shelters. Information about the following is not public record: (1) individuals who surrendered animals to animal shelters; (2) individuals who put animals in long-term hold or foster settings because of domestic violence; (3) individuals who adopted a shelter animal or are fostering a shelter animal; (4) disposition of animals removed from situations of statutory animal cruelty according to GS 14-363.2. The identify of animal rescue centers receiving animals from county animal control services is public record. Gives counties discretion as to whether to disclose information that is not a public record.

Intro. by Morey, Autry, Alston, Butler.

GS 132

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Animals, Government, Public Records and Open Meetings

PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 44 (2023-2024) [MOBILE SALONS/COSMETIC SERVICES AT WEDDINGS. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Jan 31 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE LICENSURE OF MOBILE BEAUTY SALONS AND ENSURE THEIR SAFE AND HYGIENIC OPERATION AND TO AUTHORIZE COSMETIC ART SERVICES AT WEDDING VENUES.*

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

Amends GS 88B-15.1 by removing the requirement for mobile salon owners to give the Board of Cosmetic Arts Examiners (Board) a written monthly itinerary with the specified information in order to facilitate periodic inspections. Instead, requires an inspector, or other authorized representative of the Board, to give the mobile salon owner at least 24 hours notice of an inspection. After receiving the notice, requires the owner to provide the salon's location, hours, and times of services to be provided on the date scheduled for the inspection; requires notifying the inspector of any changes to this information.

Intro. by Krawiec, Mayfield.

GS 88B

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Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing

S 171 (2023-2024) [DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY BILL.-AB](#) Filed Feb 28 2023, *AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.*

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

Deletes proposed revisions to GS 143B-911(d) that would have given the special police officers of the State Capitol Police the same powers of arrest as police officers generally. Instead, sets forth three prongs of authority for these police officers as follows: retains original provisions in GS 143-911(d) that give police officers the same power of arrest as police officers in the City of Raleigh within the territorial limits of the city and the same authority as a deputy sheriff in buildings and on the grounds of property owned, leased, or maintained by the State located in Wake County and adds new provision that grants the officers the same authority as a deputy sheriff in a building or a portion of a building, or on the grounds thereof, when owned or leased by the State, located anywhere in the State, when the State agency responsible for that building or any portion thereof executes a written agreement for service with the State Capitol Police related to that specific building or portion thereof. Deletes proposed amendments to GS 15A-150(e).

Amends new GS 127A-63 (pertaining to access to law enforcement and medical examiner records by the adjutant general) as follows. Removes designees of Adjutant General as individuals who may request records covered under the statute and adds National Guard Staff Judge Advocate. Limits the type of records that may be obtained to criminal investigations (was criminal investigation and criminal intelligence) from a law enforcement agency or medical examiner (was, also a district attorney). Makes conforming changes. Now limits the use of the records to a court-martial action or administrative investigation or proceeding involving a member of the National Guard. Makes conforming change to GS 132-1.4 to add National Guard Staff Judge Advocate. Amends GS 127A-47 to delete reference to GS 172A-47(b).

Adds new GS 143B-1001, establishing Samarcand Training Academy (STA) within the Department of Public Safety. Specifies that the STA's duties include: (1) delivering or providing use of its facilities for training programs for public safety personnel or agencies, including: Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies; Federal and State correction agencies; The North Carolina National Guard; The United States Military; jails and other correctional facilities maintained by local governments; the courts of the State and juvenile justice agencies; and any other agency with a public safety objective; (2) developing a predetermined fee structure designed to cover actual costs of material services for the use of its facilities; and (3) taking other actions as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to carry out its assigned duties and responsibilities, as directed by the Secretary of Public Safety.

Makes organizational and technical changes.

Intro. by Daniel.

GS 14, GS 15A, GS 20, GS 127A, GS 132, GS 143B

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Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of Public Safety, Military and Veteran's Affairs

S 515 (2023-2024) **WATER AND SEWER AFFORDABILITY ACT**. Filed Apr 3 2023, *AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE TIME FOR WHICH THE UTILITIES COMMISSION MAY SUSPEND PROPOSED RATES OF A PUBLIC UTILITY AND WATER AND SEWER INVESTMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PENDING INVESTIGATION, TO REQUIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER AND SEWER SERVICE PROVIDERS TO DETERMINE IF THE SALE OF A WATER OR SEWER SYSTEM IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR CERTAIN RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES FOR CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF THE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDING THE WATER OR SEWER SERVICE.*

Senate committee substitute to the 2nd edition makes the following changes. Amends new GS 162A-19.2(b) (limitations on water and sewer rates charged to customers outside the jurisdictional boundaries of the providers) to specify that a provider is not required to hold a public hearing if that total of all rates, fees, and charges, excluding tap fees and impact fees, does not exceed the rates, fees, and charges to customers inside its boundaries by more than 25% (was, does not exceed 25%) and uses same language for public hearing requirement in that section. Deletes proposed amendments to GS 153A-277(a), GS 160A-58.5, GS 160A-314, GS 162A-6, GS 162A-36, GS 162A-69, and GS 162A-87.3 which would have prohibited counties, cities, water and sewer authorities, and water and sewerage districts from charging customers in excess of those amounts allowed by GS 162A-19.2. Makes conforming changes to the long title.

Intro. by Sawyer, Perry, Lazzara.

GS 62, GS 162A

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Public Enterprises and Utilities

S 565 (2023-2024) **REMOVING BARRIERS TO JOBS AND HOUSING**. Filed Apr 4 2023, *AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE SECOND CHANCE ACT BY REVISING THE LAWS GOVERNING THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNCTION OF RECORDS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF EXPUNGED RECORDS AND TO ALLOW FOR EXPUNCTION OF THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING OF A BUILDING WITH INTENT TO COMMIT A FELONY OR LARCENY AND AMEND THE CONDITIONS THAT RESULT IN A PETITION FOR EXPUNCTION BEING DENIED.*

Senate committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Amends GS 15A-151(a2) to also allow a court clerk to disclose the existence of an expunged record to the attorney representing the person on the expunction matter. Now authorizes disclosure to the office of the district attorney (was, to a district attorney or assistant district attorney).

Amends GS 15A-145.5 (pertaining to expunction of certain misdemeanors and felonies) as follows. Removes the offense of breaking and entering buildings generally as an offense that is not considered a nonviolent misdemeanor or felony under the statute.

Amends the time periods for expunctions of up to three nonviolent felony convictions as follows. Enacts new subsubsection GS 15-145.5(c)(2)(a1) that allows a person convicted of one nonviolent felony under GS 14-54(a) to file petition for expunction 15 years after the date of the conviction or 15 years after any active sentence, period of probation, or post-release supervision related to the conviction listed in the petition has been served, whichever occurs later. Makes conforming change to GS 15-145.5(c)(2)(a) to reflect new (a1). Amends GS 15-145.5(c1) to remove references to specific waiting period years in the affidavit statement of good moral character. Expands the scope of what the court must find in order to grant a petition for expunction of one or more nonviolent misdemeanors or one to three nonviolent felonies to include findings that (1) in addition to having no outstanding warrants or pending criminal cases, the petitioner is not under indictment, and no finding of probable cause exists against the petitioner for a felony, in any federal court or state court in the United States and (2) the petitioner is not free on bond or personal recognizance pending trial, appeal, or sentencing in any federal court or state court in the United

States for a crime which would prohibit the person from having his or her petition for expunction under this section granted. Removes references to specific waiting period times in findings related to other felony or misdemeanor convictions required to grant petition for expunction and in findings related to completing the waiting period itself. Effective December 1, 2023, and applies to petitions filed on or after that date.

Makes organizational changes and conforming changes to act's effective date and long title.

Intro. by Britt, Lazzara, Sawrey.

[GS 15, GS 15A](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Corrections
\(Sentencing/Probation\)](#)

S 582 (2023-2024) [NORTH CAROLINA FARM ACT OF 2023](#). Filed Apr 4 2023, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND WASTEWATER LAWS OF THIS STATE*.

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

Amends definition of *agriculture*, *agricultural* and *farming* as set forth in GS 106-581.1 to also include a facility that receives used turkey brooder litter from brooder farms and recycles the used litter by means of a drying process to reduce the moisture content of the litter sufficient to return the recycled litter to the brooder farm for use with a new flock of turkey brooders.

Amends GS 106-586.3 (actions of the Board of Agriculture), GS 106-568.4 (referendums), GS 106-568.7 (ballots), GS 106-568.8 (collections and dispositions of assessments) to change "NC Tobacco Foundation, Inc." to "NC Agricultural Foundation, Inc." and makes language gender neutral in GS 106-586.3.

Amends GS 106-2 (membership of the Board of Agriculture [Board]) to add the qualification that one member must be actively involved in the equine industry to represent the equine industry of the State. Amends the sales and use tax exemption for farmers (GS 105-164.13E) to exempt compost from sales and use tax.

Amends GS 99E-3 (warning signs for certain equine activities), GS 99E-8 (warning signs for certain farm animal activities), and GS 99E-32 (warning signs for agritourism) to require that the warning signs be a minimum of three quarters of one inch in height (currently, one inch).

Amends the definition of litter under GS 14-399 (littering) to include animal waste, animal parts, and animal byproducts. Enacts new GS 14-399.3 (duty to stop in event of certain spills from vehicles) requiring a driver of any vehicle who knows or reasonably should know that animal waste, dead animals, or animal parts or byproducts have been blown, scattered, spilled, thrown, or placed from the vehicle to immediately stop his or her vehicle at the scene of the incident. Requires the driver to remain with the vehicle at the scene of the incident until a law enforcement officer completes the investigation of the incident or authorizes the driver to leave and the vehicle to be removed, unless remaining at the scene places the driver or others at significant risk of injury. Permits the driver to temporarily leave for specified reasons. Willful violations are a Class 3 misdemeanor and permits the court to order restitution for the cost of removing the materials that were blown, scattered, thrown, spilled, or placed from the vehicle. Effective December 1, 2023, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Amends GS 115C-12 (State Board of Education), GS 115C-264.5 (local boards of education), GS 115C-218.75 (charter schools), GS 115C-238.66 (regional schools), GS 116-239.8(b)(4) (laboratory schools), GS 115D-20 (State Board of Community Colleges), and GS 116-43.25 (UNC system) to have each entity strive to ensure that muscadine grape juice is available as a beverage option either in the school nutrition program (elementary/secondary schools) and/or in vending facilities (all schools) (was, had to ensure the muscadine grape juice was available).

Amends GS 106-967 (immunity from liability from prescribed burning) to clarify that such immunity does not extend to claims by public utilities (i.e., an electric power supplier, gas operator, or business providing telecommunications taxed under GS 105-164.4) resulting from damage to their equipment or facilities, where a prescribed burn proximately causes such damage.

Amends provision requiring the Environmental Management Commission to implement 15A NCAC 02B .0202, the Wetlands Definition Rule, by restricting wetlands classified as waters of the State to waters of the United States as defined by specified federal law to further specify that wetlands do not include prior converted cropland as defined in the National Food Security Act Manual, Fifth Edition, which is incorporated into the act by reference, not including subsequent amendments and editions.

Makes organizational changes.

Intro. by Jackson, Sanderson, B. Newton.

Chatham, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, GS 14, GS 15A, GS 20, GS 90, GS 99E, GS 105, GS 106, GS 113A, GS 115C, GS 115D, GS 116, GS 130A, GS 136, GS 145

Agriculture, Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Motor Vehicle, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, Cultural Resources and Museums, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (formerly Dept. of Cultural Resources), Department of Health and Human Services, State Government, State Property, Tax, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health, Transportation

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S 616 (2023-2024) **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATES**. Filed Apr 5 2023, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATION UNDER THE STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST EXAMINERS.*

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

Amends GS 90A-51 by amending the definition of *environmental health associate* to require the public health profession report directly to (was, work under the responsible charge of) a registered environmental health specialist. Makes conforming changes in GS 90A-52.

Amends GS 90A-52 to allow a person with a temporary certification of registration to practice as an environmental health specialist intern for two (was, three) years. Amends the duties a registered environmental health associate may perform to include inspections of temporary food establishments and limited food service establishments (was, Category II food establishments), and adds inspections of residential care facilities.

Intro. by Jarvis.

GS 90A

Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Development, Land Use and Housing, Environment, Government, State Agencies, Department of Environmental Quality (formerly DENR), Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health

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

Section 13

Deletes the proposed repeal of the entirety of GS 7B-904(d), which grants a court authority at the dispositional hearing or a subsequent hearing to order a parent, upon finding the parent is able, to pay reasonable child care costs to support the juvenile when legal custody of the juvenile is vested in someone other than the parent, with costs borne upon the department with custody if the parent is unable to pay. Instead, amends GS 7B-904(d) to eliminate a court's authority at the dispositional hearing or a subsequent hearing to order a parent, who the court has found able, to pay a reasonable sum to support a juvenile that has been adjudicated as abused, neglected, or dependent for whom legal custody is vested in someone other than the juvenile's parent. Now directs the county department of social services in whose custody the juvenile is placed to pay the cost of the support of the juvenile in all instances in which legal custody of the juvenile is vested in someone other than the juvenile's parent.

Adds the following new content.

Section 19

Amends GS 50-13.10 to specify that a child support payment or the relevant portion thereof is not past due and no arrearage accrues for foster care assistance owed to the State by the supporting party during any period when the child is placed in foster care.

Enacts GS 110-135.1 to require the following upon motion by either party and a showing that the child has been placed in foster care: (1) suspension of the obligor's child support obligation, if owed to the State, during any period when the child is placed in the custody of a county department of social services and (2) reduction of any foster care assistance arrears owed to the State for past paid foster care assistance to zero. Specifies that the statute does not create a debt owed to the obligor.

Applies to cases, motions, or petitions filed or pending on or after the date the act becomes law.

Section 20

Makes technical and clarifying changes to the effective date provisions of the act.

Intro. by Krawiec, Jarvis, Batch.

[GS 7B](#), [GS 48](#), [GS 50](#), [GS 108A](#), [GS 110](#), [GS 122C](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Juvenile Law, Abuse, Neglect and Dependency, Court System, Administrative Office of the Courts, Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Mental Health, Social Services, Child Welfare](#)

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

Amends new GS 130A-309.240(b) (decommissioning requirement for utility-scale solar projects) to change requirement that the owner/operator restore the property to its prior condition before the utility-scale solar project was sited to instead allow the owner/operator to either restore the property to its condition before the utility-scale solar project was sited or an alternative condition approved by the landowner and the Department of Environmental Quality (Department). Makes conforming change to GS 130A-309.240(c) (decommissioning plan) and GS 130A-309.240(d) (financial assurance requirement). Requires the rules adopted by the Department to require periodic updates to be provided by the owners and operators with respect to financial assurance maintained. Deletes requirement that the Department adopt rules addressing the requirements for financial

assurance, including processes to estimate costs of decommissioning, information on salvage values that may offset decommissioning costs, and periodic updates to be provided by owners or operators to the Department.

Intro. by P. Newton, Moffitt, Rabon.

[GS 130A](#)

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**Environment, Energy, Government, State Agencies,
Department of Environmental Quality (formerly DENR),
Local Government, Public Enterprises and Utilities**

S 678 (2023-2024) [PROMOTE CLEAN ENERGY](#). Filed Apr 6 2023, *AN ACT TO REDEFINE "RENEWABLE ENERGY" AS "CLEAN ENERGY," TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERM INCLUDES NUCLEAR RESOURCES AND FUSION ENERGY, AND TO ELIMINATE LANGUAGE IMPEDING CPCN ISSUANCE FOR NUCLEAR FACILITIES.*

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

Amends GS 62-133.8 by changing the term "clean energy certificate" to "renewable energy certificate" and makes changes throughout the bill to reflect this new terminology.

Makes a clarifying change in GS 62-110.1.

Intro. by P. Newton, B. Newton, Craven.

[GS 62, GS 143, GS 143B, GS 160A, GS 160D](#)

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Environment, Energy, Public Enterprises and Utilities

S 692 (2023-2024) [COMMUNITY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE](#). Filed Apr 6 2023, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO STATUTES GOVERNING COMMUNITY COLLEGES.*

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

Amends GS 115D-3 (pertaining to the Community Colleges System Office [System]) to permit the President to expend General Fund appropriations (was, required to receive appropriation) made by the NCGA for the operation of the System, as specified, and allows expending the funds in the manner deemed to maintain and advance the System Office's programs and services.

Amends new GS 115D-6.1 (requiring the State Board to develop contract terms that boards of trustees of community colleges must use when electing a president or chief administrative officer) to clarify in one of the required contract terms that the President of the NC Community Colleges System (President) can only dismiss the president or chief of staff for any of the causes listed in the contract's list of causes for dismissal and termination.

Amends new GS 115D-10 to remove actions taken under GS 115D-19.1 (removal of a president) as an action that is not subject to judicial review. Amends GS 115D-19.1 to specify that the term *president* there means a president or chief administrative officer elected pursuant to GS 115D-20 and to permit an appeal of the decision of the President to the State Board of Community Colleges (State Board). Requires the State Board to make a final decision regarding the dismissal. Makes organizational changes.

Amends GS 115D-2.2 (State Board membership) to increase the number of members elected by the General Assembly from four being elected by the Senate and four being elected by the House of Representatives, to nine being elected by the Senate and nine by the House of Representatives.

Amends GS 115D-12(a) (pertaining to community college board of trustees) to delete provisions specifying the number and selection procedures of members. Permits the president of the student government or the chair of the executive board of the

student body of each community college to be an ex officio nonvoting member if the board of trustees of the community college agrees. Makes organizational changes.

Intro. by Galey, Johnson, McInnis.

GS 115D, GS 116

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

S 722 (2023-2024) **CHILD CARE FLEXIBILITIES**. Filed Apr 6 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITIES IN CHILD CARE TO ADDRESS THE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE BY RECOGNIZING THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CREDENTIAL IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.*

Senate committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Changes the education criteria for an individual seeking recognition of a CDA credential for birth through three years of age or three to five years, to allow for a person to complete 120 hours of formal early childhood education from either birth through three years of age or three to five years of age (was, 120 hours of formal early childhood education on just children aged three to five years of age). Expands the experience requirement to allow for a person seeking a CDA credential to obtain 480 hours of professional work experience in a center-based setting with children either birth through three years of age or three to five years of age (was, just children three to five years of age).

Intro. by Krawiec.

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Education, Preschool, Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Child Welfare

S 729 (2023-2024) **CBBC WORKING GROUP CHANGES**. Filed Apr 6 2023, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE ANTI-PENSION SPIKING CONTRIBUTION-BASED BENEFIT CAP LAW FOR SCHOOL SYSTEMS AS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED BY S.L. 2021-72 AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TOOLS TO RESOLVE DISPUTED APPLICATIONS OF THE ANTI-PENSION SPIKING LAWS*

Senate committee substitute amends the 1st edition as follows. Regarding the directive for the calculation of additional contributions owed by a school board pursuant to GS 135-8(f)(2) and for which the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System sent notice during the litigation pause established by SL 2021-72, more specifically references notices sent by the Retirement System on or after January 1, 2021.

Intro. by Burgin, Krawiec, Ford.

GS 135

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Employment and Retirement

LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 464 (2023-2024) **BEAUFORT COUNTY LOCAL MATTERS. (NEW)** Filed Mar 23 2023, *AN ACT TO ALTER THE MANNER IN WHICH APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE TO THE WASHINGTON-WARREN AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOLS TO TEACH THE HILLSDALE COLLEGE CURRICULUM.*

House amendment to the 2nd edition deletes Section 2 of the act, which authorized the Board of Education of Beaufort County Schools to use the Hillsdale College K-12 Curriculum in lieu of the requirements set forth in GS Chapter 115C (governing elementary and secondary education). Makes conforming changes to the act's long title.

ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 28: NC MANAGING ENVIRONMENTAL WASTE ACT OF 2023.

House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2

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

H 38: ENTRY FEES FOR HS INTERSCHOLASTIC EVENTS.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 55: FIRE INVESTIGATION LAW REVISIONS.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Re-ref Com On State Government

H 93: ALLOW PRESERVE OPERATORS TO PURCHASE RABBITS.

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

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

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

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

H 155: CERT. OF TITLES FOR CERTAIN OFF-ROAD VEH. (NEW)

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 161: PROTECTING PROPERLY INSURED INDIVIDUALS.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

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

H 186: DIV. OF JUVENILE JUSTICE MODS.-AB

House: Amend Adopted A1

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

House: Ordered Engrossed

H 188: STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 193: VARIOUS COURT CHANGES 2023.-AB

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 223: OSHR/VARIOUS SHRA CHANGES.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Withdrawn From Cal

House: Placed On Cal For 04/20/2023

H 237: CRIMINAL LAW REVISIONS.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

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

H 255: REGULATE EV CHARGING STATIONS.

House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2

House: Re-ref Com On Judiciary 2

H 298: CRIMINAL FALSIFICATION OF MEDICAL RECORDS.

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: Added to Calendar

House: Withdrawn From Cal

House: Placed On Cal For 04/20/2023

H 314: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST TRAINING/LEAS. (NEW)

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Withdrawn From Cal

House: Placed On Cal For 04/20/2023

H 319: VETERAN REGISTRATION PLATE MODIFICATIONS.

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 365: REQUIRE THAT JURORS BE US CITIZENS.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Withdrawn From Cal

House: Placed On Cal For 04/20/2023

H 374: RAFFLES/INCREASE REAL ESTATE PRIZE LIMIT.

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 378: FIREFIGHTERS CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS.

House: Amend Adopted A1

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

House: Ordered Engrossed

H 384: CITIES/USE OF PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS.

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 385: REGULATION OF BATTERY-CHARGED SECURITY FENCES.

House: Reptd Fav

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

H 387: MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD FOR FIRST RESPONDERS. (NEW)

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 402: MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE REFORM.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Re-ref Com On Insurance

H 407: NC SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION.

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 410: CREDIT UNION UPDATE.

House: Serial Referral To Finance Stricken

H 415: STOP ADDICTION FRAUD ETHICS ACT OF 2023.

House: Reptd Fav

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

H 469: FORECLOSURES/EXTEND SERVICEMEMBER PROTECTIONS.

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 473: MODIFY LOW-SPEED VEHICLE DEFINITION.

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 484: MENTAL HEALTH CONFIDENTIAL INFO. DISCLOSURE.

House: Amend Adopted A1

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

House: Ordered Engrossed

H 496: NORTH CAROLINA WORK AND SAVE.

House: Withdrawn From Com

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

H 499: SUPPORT LUMBEE FAIRNESS ACT.

House: Reptd Fav For Adoption

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 04/26/2023

H 542: PROTECT HOMEOWNERS' RIGHTS.

House: Withdrawn From Com

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

H 556: TRANSLITERATOR LICENSING BOARD MODS.

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 561: NORTH CAROLINA COERCED DEBT RELIEF ACT.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

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

H 574: FAIRNESS IN WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT.

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: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 635: TRANSFER RECOGNITION PROCESS OF INDIAN TRIBES.

House: Serial Referral To Judiciary 1 Stricken

House: Withdrawn From Com

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

H 657: AMEND 1-YR SEP/REPEAL ALIEN. OF AFF/CRIM. CON.

House: Withdrawn From Com

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

H 663: STUDY TO REPLACE GAS TAX WITH FLAT TAX.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 664: MOBILE BAR SERVICES PERMIT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 665: FOSTER PARENT OMBUDSMAN.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 666: EXPAND INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE IN NC.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 667: OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP TESTING REQUIREMENTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 668: STUDY ON ELIMINATING UNAUTHORIZED SUBS. TAX.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 669: TASK FORCE/FAIR PUBLISHING OF REVIEWS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 670: PRESERVE ACCESS TO CONTRACEPTIVES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 671: PROTECT PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 672: RESTORE STATE EMP/TEACHER RETIREE MED BENEFIT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 673: CLARIFY REGULATIONS ON ADULT ENTERTAINMENT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 674: CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS/SHARE INFORMATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Health, if favorable, Families, Children, and Aging Policy, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 675: HEALTHY AND HIGH PERFORMING SCHOOLS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 676: HYDRAULIC FRACTURING/STATEWIDE BAN.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 677: IMPROVED DATA ON INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 678: EXCUSED ABSENCES FOR 4-H PARTICIPATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 679: CUSTOMER OPT-IN FOR SINGLE-USE FOODWARE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 680: IMPROVED ACCESS TO SMI PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 681: INTERSTATE MED. LIC. COMPACT/MIL. LICENSURE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 682: STRENGTHEN DO NOT CALL/TEXT REGISTRY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 683: SUPPORT DV VICTIMS/OFFENDER REHABILITATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 684: PRESCRIPTION EYE DROP EARLY REFILL COVERAGE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 685: LETTERS OF CHARACTER REF AND STUDY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 686: CIVIL RIGHTS EDUCATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 687: CLARIFY VACANCY FILLING PARTISAN BD. OF ED.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 688: INCREASE ACCESS FOR SMALL EMPLOYERS/INSURANCE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 689: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN NORTH CAROLINA.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 690: NO CRYPTOCURRENCY PAYMENTS TO STATE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 691: NEW RESIDENT/TEMPORARY CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 692: RESTAURANTS & BARS/BUY FROM DISTILLER.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Alcoholic Beverage Control, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 693: REPOSSESSION OF MANUFACTURED SIGN.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 694: LOCAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE LATE REPORTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 695: STUDY COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE FOR ADAS/APDS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 696: VIOLENT OFFENSE/NO CONTACT ORDER.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 697: MODIFY VARIOUS COURTROOM PROCEDURES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 698: CODIFY/REPLACE COMM. LAW OBSTRUCT. OF JUSTICE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 699: STATE RECOGNITION FOR THE TUSCARORA.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Federal Relations and American Indian Affairs, if favorable, State Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

House: Serial Referral To State Government Stricken

House: Withdrawn From Com

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

H 700: SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES/DISMISSALS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 701: READ THE CONSTITUTION MANDATE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 702: DOT TAKINGS NOTICE TO ANY POTENTIAL CLAIMANT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 703: PROVIDE RAPE KIT STATUS UPDATES TO VICTIMS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 704: RIGHT TO APPEAL GIGLIO NOTIFICATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 705: BUILD SAFER COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 706: ELECTIONEERING/SEI FILING/VOTER PHOTOS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, if favorable, Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 707: ASSAULTS ON FIRST RESPONDERS & SOCIAL WORKERS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 708: CLARIFY FELONY/VOTING WITHOUT RIGHTS RESTORED.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 709: ELECTION DIRECTOR DISMISSAL PROCESS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, if favorable, Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 710: FT. FISHER AQUARIUM/FUNDS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 711: REVISE MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSION LAWS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 712: PREP ACT/PHARMACISTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 713: MAKE ELECTION DAY A STATE HOLIDAY/FUNDS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 714: NC JUNK FEE PREVENTION ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 715: HIGHER ED. MODERNIZATION & AFFORDABILITY ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Education - Universities, if favorable, Education - Community Colleges, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 716: CAREER COURSE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 717: STUDY MPOS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 718: PURVIS FARMS BANKRUPTCY RELIEF.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 719: SBI EMERGENCY PEN REGISTER/TRAP AND TRACE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 720: STATE CLEAN ENERGY GOAL FOR 2050.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 721: STATE PRECIOUS METALS DEPOSITORY STUDY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 722: POULTRY WASTE MANAGEMENT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 723: DOA/DOI AUTH. CLAR. FOR STATE-OWNED BUILD.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 724: CLARIFY SLOW TRAFFIC MOVE RIGHT LAW.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 725: CREATE ANTI-LITTERING SPECIAL FUND.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 726: CE CREDIT ACCEPTANCE STUDY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 727: BREAKTHROUGH THERAPIES RESEARCH/ADVISORY ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 728: WEEKLY MAINTENANCE OF VOTER REG. RECORDS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 729: ADD SEGREGATION SCORE TO SCHOOL REPORT CARDS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 730: FUNDS FOR THE EXPANSION OF NC PRE-K.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 731: POLICE REFORM FOR 2023.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 732: MANAGE PFAS FIREFIGHTING FOAM/GEAR.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 733: ORPHAN ROADS DOT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 734: VENUS FLYTRAP SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 735: PRESUMPTION OF SHARED PARENTING.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 736: JOEL H. CRISP SUDEP AWARENESS LAW.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 737: PRESERVING COMPETITION IN HEALTH CARE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 738: SAFER ROADS AND COMMUNITIES ACT OF 2023.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 739: UPDATE REQS./ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 740: UNFAIR/DECEPTIVE HEALTHCARE ADVERTISING.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 741: MODIFY/NONPROFITS & AMP CHARITABLE SOLICITATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 742: REQ. IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXT/SMS 911 FOR PSAPS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 743: EXTEND EXPIRATION/MAGISTRATE EX PARTE ORDERS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 744: EVA'S ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 745: MANDATE FENTANYL TESTING/HOSPITAL ER PATIENTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 746: OVERSIGHT OF HOME SCHOOLS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 747: NO WORK REQUIREMENT EXEMPTION/FNS BENEFITS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 748: FELONY CHILD ABUSE/EXPAND SCOPE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 749: STUDY POLYCYSTIC OVARY SYNDROME.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 750: ADDRESS ESG FACTORS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 751: ACCESSING MIDWIVES ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 752: MEDICAL EQUIPMENT RIGHT TO REPAIR ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 753: MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO BAIL BONDS/BONDSMEN.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 754: REQ. CONSENT TO MONETIZE PROTECTED HLTH INFO.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 755: ENHANCE ACH AND NURSING HOME CLIENTS' RIGHTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 756: STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMISSION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 757: DANGEROUS EXIT RAMP WARNING.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 758: YOUTH CERT PREPAREDNESS K-12 TRAINING.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 759: BARBER/ELECTROLYSIS BOARD/DISCIPLINARY COSTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 760: DOT PROJECTS SIGNAGE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 761: MINIMUM SPEED LIMIT ON STATE ROADS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 762: SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS/MASTER'S PAY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 763: LIMIT SCHOOL COUNSELOR RATIOS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 764: MONTESSORI LICENSE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 765: PUBLIC SCHOOL MEDICAL ASSISTANTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 766: DPI TO CONTROL PRE-K LITERACY CURRICULUM.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 767: EXPANDING WORKFORCE AND EDUCATION ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 768: LLEA RETURN TO WORK FROM RETIREMENT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 769: DES EMPLOYMENT OUTCOME DATA SHARING.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 770: ACCESS TO VOTED BALLOTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 771: COMPENSATION FOR ON-PREMISES SIGN UPGRADES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 772: POLL OBSERVER APPOINTMENTS, ACCESS & AMP ACTIVITY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, if favorable, Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 773: LET PARENTS CHOOSE/SAMMY'S LAW OF 2023.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Commerce, if favorable, Families, Children, and Aging Policy, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 774: BUSINESS MICROLOAN PROGRAM.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 775: TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 776: FREE LUNCH FOR SOME STUDENTS/STOP LUNCH SHAME.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 777: UNIVERSAL NO-COST SCHOOL MEALS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 778: PROHIBITION ON DISCLOSING BOOKING PHOTOGRAPHS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 779: ABC/REVISE MALT BEVERAGE & WINE ELECTIONS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Alcoholic Beverage Control, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 780: STATE ID CARDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 781: FAIR ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 782: CODE EXEMPTION FOR TEMP. MOVIE SETS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 783: REPEAL MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS LAW.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 784: FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS/ESG FACTORS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 785: PROHIBIT FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM REQUIREMENT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 786: YOUTH HEALTH PROTECTION ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Health, if favorable, Families, Children, and Aging Policy, if favorable, Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 787: DOT ROWS & EASEMENTS/REVISE LAW.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 788: THE SECOND CHANCES ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 789: EVICTION RECORD EXPUNCTION ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 790: INNOCENCE INQUIRY COMMISSION PROVISIONS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 791: EVICTION POST-JUDGMENT RELIEF AGREEMENTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 792: UI/ESTABLISH SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION IN NC.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 793: PUBLIC SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 794: REFORM THE UNC BOG.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 795: RIGHTS OF NATURE/HAW RIVER.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 796: THE PATIENTS' RESTORATION OF RIGHTS ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 797: PROTECT BURDENED COMMUNITIES/ADVERSE IMPACTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 798: NC ACCOUNTABILITY/SAFETY NET.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 799: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 800: PUBLIC SCHOOL PART-TIME ENROLLMENT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 801: REENACT SOLAR ENERGY TAX CREDIT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 802: BIENNIAL BACK TO SCHOOL SALES TAX HOLIDAY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 803: COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICTS/EARLY CHILDHOOD ED.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 804: BODY-WORN CAMERA RECORDINGS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 805: PREVENT ABUSIVE HOA FORECLOSURE PRACTICES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 806: PROTECT SCHOOL JOURNALISTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 807: MODIFY FIREARMS RETRIEVAL PROCESS IN DV CASES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 808: YOUTH HEALTH PROTECTION ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Health, if favorable, Families, Children, and Aging Policy, if favorable, Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 809: HOSPITAL VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 810: SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Pensions and Retirement, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 811: ABOLISH CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 812: UNIFORM RESTRICTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 813: THE PRETRIAL INTEGRITY ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 814: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MODS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 815: THE LOVING HOMES ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Health, if favorable, Families, Children, and Aging Policy, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 816: POLL OBSERVERS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 817: HEALTHY FAMILIES & WORKPLACES/PAID SICK DAYS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 818: PERFORMANCE BONDS FOR ELECTIONS VENDORS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 819: MEDICAL ETHICS DEFENSE (MED) ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 820: UPDATE STRATEGIC STATE PLAN FOR ALZHEIMER'S.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 821: EXPAND LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGE EXTENSIONS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 822: CONST. AMEND. - INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 823: CHOOSE YOUR SCHOOL, CHOOSE YOUR FUTURE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 824: TEACHER LICENSE RECIPROCITY FROM EVERY STATE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 825: TEACHING FELLOWS EXPANSION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 826: PROTECT LAW ENFORCEMENT/JUDGES PERSONAL INFO.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 827: RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 828: CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANIMAL SERVICES RECORDS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 833: INCREASE MINORITY MALE TEACHERS/PROGRAM STUDY.

House: Filed

H 834: JUVENILE CAPACITY.

House: Filed

H 835: EXPAND THE WAGES PROGRAM.

House: Filed

S 44: MOBILE SALONS/COSMETIC SERVICES AT WEDDINGS. (NEW)

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

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

S 171: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY BILL.-AB

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

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

S 240: PERMIT CHOICE/CERTAIN AIRPORT AUTHORITIES.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Agriculture, Energy, and Environment. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 356: CLARIFY MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 357: VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE LAW REVISIONS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 382: DENTAL PRACTICE ACT CHANGES.

Senate: Reptd Fav

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

S 384: CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS/SCHOOL BLDGS.

Senate: Reptd Fav

S 389: RAISE THE AGE FOR DONATING BLOOD.

Senate: Reptd Fav

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

S 409: INCREASE PUNISHMENT FOR CARGO THEFT.

Senate: Reptd Fav

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

S 411: STUDENTS IN HOME SCHOOL TAKE PSAT/AP.

Senate: Reptd Fav

S 445: RECORDING OF COURT-FILED DOCUMENTS.

Senate: Reptd Fav

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

S 465: CITIES/REMOVE & AMP DISPOSE OF ABANDONED VESSELS.

Senate: Reptd Fav

S 508: REMOVE VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN ED. REQUIREMENTS.

Senate: Reptd Fav

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

S 515: WATER AND SEWER AFFORDABILITY ACT.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

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

S 531: DAM SAFETY LAW CLARIFICATION.

Senate: Reptd Fav

S 559: TREASURY ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES ACT.-AB

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

S 565: REMOVING BARRIERS TO JOBS AND HOUSING.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute
Senate: Com Substitute Adopted
Senate: Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 574: AUTHORIZE NIL AGENCY CONTRACTS.

Senate: Reptd Fav
Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary

S 582: NORTH CAROLINA FARM ACT OF 2023.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute
Senate: Com Substitute Adopted
Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary

S 613: SEDIMENTATION BUFFER FOR TROUT WATERS.

Senate: Reptd Fav

S 616: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATES.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute
Senate: Com Substitute Adopted
Senate: Re-ref Com On Finance

S 622: CONSUMER PROTECTIONS AGAINST STORM CHASERS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com
Senate: Re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Commerce and Insurance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 625: CHILD WELFARE, SAFETY AND PERMANENCY REFORMS.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute
Senate: Com Substitute Adopted
Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary

S 631: FAIRNESS IN WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT.

Senate: Reptd Fav

S 669: SOLAR DECOMMISSIONING RQMTS.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute
Senate: Com Substitute Adopted
Senate: Re-ref Com On Finance

S 678: PROMOTE CLEAN ENERGY.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute
Senate: Com Substitute Adopted
Senate: Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 692: COMMUNITY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute
Senate: Com Substitute Adopted
Senate: Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 722: CHILD CARE FLEXIBILITIES.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute
Senate: Com Substitute Adopted
Senate: Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 729: CBBC WORKING GROUP CHANGES.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute
Senate: Com Substitute Adopted
Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary

LOCAL BILLS

H 334: ESTABLISH AT-LARGE SEAT/W-S CITY COUNCIL. (NEW)

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

H 454: CONCORD/DISTRIBUTION OF ABC NET PROFITS.

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

H 464: BEAUFORT COUNTY LOCAL MATTERS. (NEW)

House: Amend Adopted A1
House: Passed 2nd Reading
House: Passed 3rd Reading
House: Ordered Engrossed

H 477: HALIFAX-NORTHAMPTON AIRPORT AUTHORITY/LEASES.

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

S 169: DAVIDSON CTY/REZONING SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS.

Senate: Reptd Fav
Senate: Re-ref Com On State and Local Government

S 203: AUTHORIZE SKATEBOARD RESTRICTIONS/POLK CO.

Senate: Reptd Fav

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