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PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 409 (2023-2024) [REGULATION OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS](#). Filed Mar 16 2023, *AN ACT TO INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY ALLOWING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR SITING OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS*.

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

Amends new GS 160D-917 (pertaining to accessory dwelling units [ADU]) as follows. Changes the definition of *ADU* to mean an attached or detached residential structure that is used in connection with or that is accessory to a primary single-family detached dwelling (was, just single-family dwelling) and that has less total square footage than the primary single-family detached dwelling (was, just primary single-family dwelling). Specifies that a local government may not require owner occupancy of the primary single-family detached dwelling unit or its ADU (was, require owner occupancy of any dwelling unit, including ADU) and that it may not charge any fees in excess of those charged for the permitting of a single-family detached dwelling unit (previously exempted building permit from this limitation). Makes other organizational and technical changes to what local governments may do or requirements they may impose in relation to ADU's. Deletes the provision allowing the local government to regulate the ADU's under the new law in any other way so long as the regulations do not act to discourage development or siting of ADU's through unreasonable costs or delay. Now specifies that a local government may regulate ADU's pursuant to GS Chapter 160D and specifies that nothing in GS 160D-917 may be construed to impair the authority of a local government to adopt and enforce ordinances pursuant to Part 2 of Article 9 of GS Chapter 160D to comply with State and federal law, rules, and regulations, or permits consistent with the interpretations and directions of the State or federal agency issuing the permit. Makes other organizational, clarifying, and technical changes. Specifies that act applies to applications for ADU permits submitted on or after October 1, 2023.

Intro. by Winslow, Alston, Tyson, G. Brown.

[GS 160D](#)

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

H 410 (2023-2024) [CREDIT UNION UPDATE](#). Filed Mar 16 2023, *AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CREDIT UNION STATUTES*.

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

Amends GS 54-109.1 (definitions pertaining to the regulation of credit unions) to define *Administrator* (Administrator of Credit Unions), *Division* (Credit Union Division), and *Commission* (Credit Union Commission). Sets forth credit union as its own defined term. Makes conforming changes throughout the act to account for newly defined *Commission*. Amends GS 54-109.16 (pertaining to examinations and payment of cost) to delete provisions authorizing an independent audit, the examination of a peer state regulatory agency, or the examination of a deposit insurer, in lieu of an exam by the Division. Deletes ground of being found to be dishonest from reasons for removal of an officer of a credit union and makes organizational and clarifying changes to GS 54-109.19 (removal of officers). Amends GS 54-109.21(7) (powers of a credit union) to change the scope of whom a credit union may lend its funds to beyond its members, to now only include other credit unions, and any cities as defined in GS 160A-1 (was also, credit union service organizations, and any State or tribal government or political subdivision thereof). Narrows the fourth membership prong of the definition of credit union membership as set forth in GS 54-109.26 to only include members of the immediate family of the groups described in prongs 1-3 (was, just family members of these groups and family members of any member in good standing).

Amends GS 54-109.28 (pertaining to other credit unions) by deleting the provision permitting any credit union organized under Articles 14A to 14L of GS Chapter 45 to permit membership of (1) women-owned or minority-owned businesses; and (2) underserved areas, as defined by the Federal Credit Union Act. Adds provision allowing membership of persons residing in census tracts in the State where the center of population as defined by the US Census Bureau is more than 8 miles from a bank branch (defined under State law).

Makes technical and organizational changes.

Intro. by Howard, Bell.

[GS 54](#)

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[Banking and Finance](#)

H 471 (2023-2024) [STATE AUDITOR/INFO. SYSTEMS/CORRECTIVE ACTION](#). Filed Mar 23 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE AUDITOR MAY AUDIT INFORMATION SYSTEMS, TO DIRECT THE STATE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON CORRECTIVE ACTION TO UNDERPERFORMING STATE AGENCIES, AND TO MAKE OTHER AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR.*

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

Makes organizational changes to the existing and proposed new elements of the definition of *audit* in GS 147-64.4. Adds a new requirement for audits to include at least one of the four described elements. Moves the provisions of subdivision d. into the body of subsection (2a), except no longer provides that an audit can include all elements or fewer. Regarding the new information systems element, adds that the audit must verify that information systems and applications are efficient State agency needs.

Regarding the proposed confidentiality provisions in GS 147-64.6(d)(2), specifies that work papers and supportive materials are not public record, regardless of whether they are maintained by the State Auditor's office in its audit files or retained by State Archives.

Amends new GS 147-64.6E, pertaining to corrective action that may be taken by the State Auditor for any deficiency, to require the State Auditor to include recommendations to the State agency to correct each deficiency (was, deficiencies generally) if the State Auditor finds that the agency is deficient (was, not adhering) to the practices examined by GS 147-64.6(b). Makes technical changes.

Intro. by Cleveland, Riddell.

[GS 93B, GS 147](#)

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[Government, Ethics and Lobbying, Public Records and Open Meetings, State Agencies, Office of State Auditor](#)

H 752 (2023-2024) [MEDICAL EQUIPMENT RIGHT TO REPAIR ACT](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS OF MEDICAL IMAGING EQUIPMENT AND MEDICAL RADIATION THERAPY EQUIPMENT TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT OWNERS AND REPAIR PROVIDERS ACCESS TO THE SUPPORT DOCUMENTS, TOOLS, AND PARTS NECESSARY TO PERFORM DIAGNOSTIC, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR SERVICES ON THE EQUIPMENT.*

Enacts new Article 51 to GS Chapter 66. Names the act the “Medical Equipment Right to Repair Act.” Defines *original equipment manufacturer* (OEM) as an individual or entity that is engaged in the business of manufacturing and selling, leasing, or otherwise supplying medical imaging and radiation therapy equipment to others. Also defines *authorized repair provider*, *independent repair provider*, *medical imaging equipment*, *medical radiation therapy equipment*, *owner*, *part*, *support documentation*, *tool*, and *trade secret*.

Lists three requirements for OEM’s that manufacture medical imaging equipment or medical radiation therapy equipment in the State in new GS 66-500.1, including: (1) having the OEM make available to any hospital or independent repair provider any support documentation, parts, or tools necessary to perform diagnostic, maintenance, or repair services of the

manufacturer's medical imaging or radiation therapy equipment subject to certain terms; (2) permitting OEM's to delegate the requirements of GS 66-500.1 to an authorized repair provider so long as the repair provider satisfies the statutory requirements on behalf of the OEM; and (3) requires the OEM that offers training courses or training materials on inspection and repair of the equipment, to also offer the same courses or materials to owners and independent repair providers.

Specifies that any violation Article 51 is an unfair or deceptive trade practice. Sets forth rules of construction pertaining to trade secrets and individual contracts. Specifies that no OEM or authorized repair provider is liable for any damage caused to medical imaging or radiation therapy equipment or injury caused to an owner or independent repair provider which occurs during repair, diagnosis, or maintenance of the equipment.

Effective July 1, 2024, and applies to equipment in use on or after that date.

Intro. by Belk, Carney, Cunningham, Autry.

[GS 66](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers](#)

H 753 (2023-2024) [MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO BAIL BONDS/BONDSMEN](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS CONCERNING BAIL BONDS AND BAIL BONDSMEN*.

Adds *residential address* to the defined terms applicable to Article 71, GS Chapter 58 (Bail Bondsmen and Runners), defining the term to mean the defendant's address of record or any other dwelling, home, building, or rental that the defendant may occupy as lodging.

Amends GS 58-71-200 to specify that the requirement for the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to provide licensed bondsmen and runners with access to search criminal records in AOC's real-time criminal and civil information systems includes access to AOC's Odyssey systems. Effective October 1, 2023.

Amends GS 15A-534 establishing that a bail bond is only valid for up to three years in any case in which a pending forfeiture has not been issued. Adds a new requirement for the surety to notify the district attorney 30 days prior to the date the bond is set to expire in order to be relieved of the obligation. Adds to the circumstances which terminate the obligation of the obligor (1) the prosecutor entering a dismissal with leave pursuant to GS 15A-932(a1) or (2) the court granting a motion to set aside the bond forfeiture pursuant to GS 15A-544.5(b)(2) though (b)(7). Now refers to surrender of the defendant rather than the principal. Makes technical and clarifying changes.

Amends GS 15A-544.5 regarding setting aside a forfeiture, to establish that a surety is relieved of the bail bond obligation, and any other forfeitures for the bail bond are barred when the court enters an order setting aside a forfeiture. Adds that a court allowing the motion to set aside must base its decision upon one of the reasons set forth in subsection (b).

Effective October 1, 2023, and applies to bail bonds issued on or after that date.

Intro. by Humphrey.

[GS 15A, GS 58](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Administrative Office of the Courts, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure](#)

H 754 (2023-2024) [REQ. CONSENT TO MONETIZE PROTECTED HLTH INFO](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT ENHANCING PROTECTIONS AGAINST THE USE, DISCLOSURE, OR SALE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION BY REQUIRING A NOTICE OF DATA SALE OR TRANSFER*.

Expands definition of *covered entity* in GS 90-414.3 to also include any other entity that engages in the practice of assembling, collecting, analyzing, using, evaluating, storing, or transmitting protected health information (PHI). Enacts new GS 90-414.6A

(notice of data sale or transfer, exemption for clinical research involving human subjects), as follows. Prevents a covered entity from using or disclosing a patient's PHI for any purpose outside of the normal course of providing patient care, billing or paying for healthcare services, or determining insurance coverage for healthcare services, unless the covered entity first send the patient a notice, electronically or in writing, which is separate from the notice of privacy practice contained in the HIPAA Privacy Rule, of the covered entity's intent to distribute or sell the patient's PHI and the patient agrees. Sets forth criteria for notice. Specifies that the covered entity cannot make a patient's treatment, access to care, access to a patient portal, or coverage for care contingent on the patient's agreement to the terms of a notice of data sale or transfer. Exempts information of captured in the process of clinical research involving the participation of human subjects (defined term in the act). Effective January 1, 2024, and applies to acts occurring on or after that date.

Intro. by G. Brown, Lambeth.

GS 90

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Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers

H 755 (2023-2024) **ENHANCE ACH AND NURSING HOME CLIENTS' RIGHTS**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT ENHANCING THE RIGHTS OF ADULT CARE HOME RESIDENTS AND NURSING HOME PATIENTS*.

Adds four new rights to the Adult Care Home Residents' Bill of Rights (GS 131D-21) and the Nursing Home Patients' Bill of Rights (GS 131E-117) as follows:

To receive prompt and ongoing coordination between the resident's patient's attending physician and any specialist for the purpose of providing appropriate treatment to the resident/patient.

To have the facility provide family members who are legally authorized to receive information about the resident patient with a response to an information request by the family members within 72 hours after receiving the request.

To the extent allowed under applicable State and federal laws, to have the facility provide information to family members about the resident's/patient's prognosis when the resident/patient is diagnosed with a late stage disease.

To receive immediate and adequate care when the resident/patient has an adverse reaction to a prescription drug used to treat a complex or rare disease, such as cancer, multiple sclerosis, or rheumatoid arthritis.

Effective October 1, 2023.

Intro. by T. Brown, Staton-Williams.

GS 131D, GS 131E

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

H 756 (2023-2024) **STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMISSION**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO CREATE THE STANDARD COURSE OF STUDY ADVISORY COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND ACADEMIC STANDARDS TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR APPROVAL*.

Enacts GS 115C-81.6, establishing a twenty-member Standard Course of Study (SCOS) Advisory Commission (Commission), located administratively in the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) but that exercises its powers and duties independently thereof and whose purpose is to involve stakeholders in establishing the standard course of study. Requires the Commission to make recommendations regarding all aspects of the standards and competencies of the standard course of study. Sets forth three duties: (1) develop and recommend the SCOS to the State Board of Education (Board); (2) develop support materials for teachers and parents, upon approval by the Board; and (3) provide recommendations as request to the Board related to the alignment of State programs and support materials with the revised academic content standards for each core academic area. Provides for membership and appointment process (including appointment of 8 members by of the General Assembly upon recommendation of the President Pro Tempore and another 8 upon recommendation by the Speaker of the House), meetings,

and staff to assist the Commission in its work assigned by the Superintendent of DPI. Provides for four-year terms and for filling vacancies. Requires that the terms for the appointments that are made by the General Assembly begin July 1, 2023, and specifies which of those members will be appointed for two-years and which for four-year terms. Requires election of a chair, vice-chair, and secretary from among its members. Specifies quorum is a majority of Commission members. Requires the Commission to adopt rules to govern its proceedings. Provides for members to be compensated for their services and reimbursement for expenses.

Requires the Commission to submit report by December 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, to the specified NCGA committee and the Board of its activities during the preceding year, together with any recommendations and findings regarding the process for revisions to the standard course of study.

When the Commission submits its recommendations for the SCOS to the Board, permits the Board to adopt the SCOS or to reject the SCOS. If the Board adopts the SCOS, it cannot make substantive changes. If the Board rejects the SCOS, it must state with specify its reasons for doing so. Permits the Commission to amend its recommendations and resubmit the SCOS to the Board, who again has the authority to reject or adopt the SCOS. If the Board fails to adopt either of these recommendations, then the Board may develop and adopts own recommended course of study.

Enacts GS 115C-81.7 (development of SCOS) as follows. Requires the Board to develop a comprehensive plan to revise on a regular basis, content standards and the standard course of study in specified core academic areas and to provide this plan to the Commission for it to review and then adopt recommended SCOS.

Requires the Commission to involve and survey a representative sample of parents, teachers, and the public, to help determine academic content standard priorities and usefulness. Specifies that a full review of available and relevant academic content standards that are rigorous, specific, sequenced, clear, focused, and measurable, whenever possible, must be a part of the process of the development of content standards. Requires that the revised content standards developed in the core academic areas do all of the following: (1) reflect high expectations for students and an in-depth mastery of the content. (2) be clearly grounded in the content of each academic area; (3) be defined grade-by-grade and course-by-course; (4) be understandable to parents and teachers; (5) be developed in full recognition of the time available to teach the core academic areas at each grade level; and (6) be measurable, whenever possible, in a reliable, valid, and efficient manner for accountability purposes. Specifies that high school course content standards must include the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue further postsecondary education or to attain employment in the twenty-first century economy. The high school course content standards must also be aligned with the minimum undergraduate course requirements for admission to the constituent institutions of UNC.

Requires the Board, in consultation with the Commission, to also develop and implement an ongoing process to align State programs and support materials with the revised academic content standards for each core academic area on a regular basis. Requires the Board to work in collaboration with the UNC Board of Governors to ensure that teacher and school administrator degree programs, ongoing professional development, and other university activity in the State's public schools align with the Board's priorities.

Enacts GS 115C-81.8, setting forth legislative review of the SCOS adopted by the Board, as follows. Requires the Board to submit a report of proposed changes to the specified NCGA committee. Specifies that changes may be implemented after the 31st legislative date after the date the Board submits the report. Allows for NCGA to disapprove change by legislation introduced in either house by the 31st legislative day after submission of the report. Provides for effective dates of legislation. Specifies that a change that is specifically disapproved by a bill enacted into law before it becomes effective must not be implemented. Specifies that a bill specifically disapproves a change if it contains a provision that refers to the report submitted to the specified NCGA committee by title and date and the specific change by page and line number in the report that is disapproved. Notwithstanding any rule of either house of the General Assembly, permits any member of the General Assembly to introduce a bill at any time during any regular session to disapprove a change that has been submitted to the specified NCGA committee that has not become effective

Amends GS 115C-12(9c) (powers of the State Board of Education) to delete current provisions specifying its power to develop content standards, and instead directs the Board to develop the standard course of study enacted under Part 1, Courses of Study, of Article 8. Makes conforming changes to GS 115C-81.5 (standard course of study) and GS 150B-1(d).

Requires the Commission to review the social studies standard course of study during the 2023-2024 school year and provide recommendations to the Board by no later than January 1, 2025. Applies to all standard courses of study after the act becomes

law.

Intro. by Torbett, Blackwell, Zenger.

GS 115C, GS 150B

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

H 757 (2023-2024) [DANGEROUS EXIT RAMP WARNING](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES ON SELECTED PRIORITY INTERCHANGE EXITS.*

Directs the Department of Transportation (Department) to install traffic control devices on selected priority interchange exits. Defines selected priority exits as interchange exits the Department determines as being linked with increased risk of wrong-way driving. Directs the Department to submit a report to the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Transportation, the Senate Appropriations Committee on the Department of Transportation, and the Fiscal Research Division on implementation status no later than April 15, 2024. Effective July 1, 2023.

Intro. by Torbett, Shepard.

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**Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation,
Transportation**

H 758 (2023-2024) [YOUTH CERT PREPAREDNESS K-12 TRAINING](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.*

Enacts GS 115C-81.33 to require emergency preparedness instruction in kindergarten through high school. Directs the State Board of Education (State Board) to adopt standards for emergency preparedness instruction, differentiated between elementary (beginning not before 3rd grade), middle school, and high school. Lists standards required for instruction at each level, including among others, (1) education on man-made and natural disasters and the roles of various parties during disasters at elementary schools, (2) completion of a project researching a past disaster and education on mass casualty responses and electrical hazards at middle schools, and (3) introduction to the material in FEMA's emergency response training manual at high schools. Requires local administrative units to determine the appropriate courses during which the required instruction is to be provided. Applies beginning with the 2024-25 school year.

Intro. by Cervania, Carson Smith, Miller, Rudow.

GS 115C

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education,
Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management,
State Agencies, State Board of Education, Local Government**

H 759 (2023-2024) [BARBER/ELECTROLYSIS BOARD/DISCIPLINARY COSTS](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF BARBER AND ELECTROLYSIS EXAMINERS FROM CHARGING COSTS FOR DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS PRIOR TO FINDING AN INDIVIDUAL IN VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 86B OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.*

Amends GS 86B-10 (civil penalties and disciplinary costs for proceedings before the NC Board of Barber and Electrolysis Examiners [Board]) to permit the Board to assess charging costs to an applicant or licensee who has been found to be in violation of GS Chapter 86B (currently, Board can assess charging costs to licensees against whom proceedings were brought).

Intro. by Autry, Pierce.

GS 86B

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[Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing](#)

H 760 (2023-2024) [DOT PROJECTS SIGNAGE](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE CONTRACTORS ON CERTAIN DOT ROAD PROJECTS TO POST SIGNAGE REGARDING ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATES AND COSTS*.

Amends GS 136-18(1), pertaining to the power of the Department of Transportation (DOT) over all matters relating to the construction, maintenance, and design of State transportation projects, to require that the Board of Transportation (Board), when letting contracts over \$30 million, to require the contractor to post signs visible to the public travelling in the contract area and updated every quarter of the contract, indicating estimated completion date, estimated cost, and whether those are in accordance with the contract terms. Provides for color coding of signs based on timeliness and budget. Applies to all contracts entered into or renewed on or after July 1, 2023.

Intro. by Winslow.

[GS 136](#)

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[Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation](#)

H 761 (2023-2024) [MINIMUM SPEED LIMIT ON STATE ROADS](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS OF THE STATE TO IMPOSE A MINIMUM SPEED LIMIT ON STATE ROADS*.

Amends GS 20-141 to enact a new subsection establishing a minimum speed limit of 10 mph below the posted speed limit for all State roads, effective when appropriate signs are posted indicating such, excluding roads with a grade of more than 5%.

Amends GS 20-146 to prohibit vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more from operating in the left-most lane of a controlled-access highway with six or more lanes.

Effective December 1, 2023, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Intro. by Pickett.

[GS 20](#)

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

H 763 (2023-2024) [LIMIT SCHOOL COUNSELOR RATIOS](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ASSIGNED TO ONE SCHOOL COUNSELOR*.

Adds subsection (c) to GS 115C-316.1, requiring that public schools staff counselors at a ratio of one counselor per 300 students, as funds are available. Directs public schools to be in compliance by the end of the 2024-25 school year.

Intro. by Cotham.

[GS 115C](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

H 764 (2023-2024) [MONTESSORI LICENSE](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CLASS OF TEACHING LICENSE FOR USE IN MONTESSORI SCHOOLS*.

Amends GS 115C-270.20(a), adding new subdivision (7), creating rules for Montessori Licenses. Allows holder of a license to teach only in a school that uses Montessori instruction as its primary method. Sets criteria to obtain a license, requiring (a) valid credential from the American Montessori Society, the Association Montessori Internationale, or a program accredited by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teaching Education and (b) bachelor's degree in any field, and (c) completion of exam requirements adopted by State Board.

Prohibits holder of a license from teaching in a public school that is not a Montessori school without another license issued by the State for public school teachers. Applies to applicants for Montessori licenses on or after the date act becomes law.

Intro. by Cotham.

GS 115C

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Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Education

H 765 (2023-2024) **PUBLIC SCHOOL MEDICAL ASSISTANTS**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR ALLOWING SCHOOL MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL NURSING SERVICES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS UNDER SUPERVISION OF A CERTIFIED SCHOOL NURSE*.

Directs the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to establish a Supervising School Nurse Pilot Program (program) for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years to enable public school units to hire or contract for personnel to provide school nursing services as a "school medical assistant," defined as a person who works under the supervision of a certified school nurse employed by a public school unit. Directs the State Board of Education (State Board) to develop eligibility criteria to serve as an assistant that includes requiring a two-year degree or equivalent training and experience. Lists five professionals eligible to be assistants, including registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nurse aids I and II, national certified medical assistants, and emergency medical technicians. Requires the supervising school nurse to work with the unit's governing body to develop a written policy regarding the use of assistants based on local needs and student population, with the policy required to be adopted by August 1, 2024. Allows for any unit with at least one full-time certified school nurse to register with DPI to participate in the program by April 15, 2024, and requires DPI to maintain a list of participating schools. Allows funding assistants from the instruction support allotment or other available sources. Grants the State Board authority to adopt temporary implementing rules until permanent rules are adopted. Requires adoption of rules regarding assistant eligibility and use by January 15, 2024. Terminates authority under the program at the end of the 2025-26 school year. Directs DPI to annually report to the specified NCGA committee, beginning February 15, 2025, regarding program participants and outcomes as described.

Intro. by Budd, Sossamon.

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Employment and Retirement, Government, State Agencies, Department of Public Instruction, State Board of Education, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers

H 766 (2023-2024) **DPI TO CONTROL PRE-K LITERACY CURRICULUM**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO MAKE DECISIONS OVER ALL PRE-KINDERGARTEN LITERACY CURRICULUM INCLUDING STUDIES OF DYSLEXIA*.

Authorizes the Department of Public Instruction to have full decision-making over curriculum in pre-kindergarten literacy programs. Includes studies related to dyslexia.

Intro. by Cotham.

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Education, Preschool, Government, State Agencies, Department of Public Instruction

H 768 (2023-2024) **LLEA RETURN TO WORK FROM RETIREMENT**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT ALLOWING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO RECEIVE RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETURN TO SERVICE*.

Amends GS 128-24 (Local Government Employees Retirement System) and GS 135-3 (Teachers and State Employees Retirement System) to allow law enforcement officers (LGERS and TSERS) or justice officers (LGERS) to continue to be paid their retirement allowance without restriction if the beneficiary is subsequently employed as (1) a law enforcement officer or justice officer (LGERS) or (2) law enforcement officer (TSERS) as long as any employment follows a break in service of: not less than one month for LGERS qualifying beneficiaries or not less than six months for TSERS qualifying beneficiaries. Requires that the employer pay into the applicable retirement system an amount equal to both the members' and employers' contributions required by law for the duration of the employment. Defines what *employment* and *employed* mean under the act. Specifies that service by a beneficiary as set forth above does not count as membership service or increase the beneficiary's retirement benefits under the applicable retirement system.

Amends GS 143-166.41(c) (State law enforcement officers) and GS 143-166.42(c1) (law enforcement officers employed by a local government employer) pertaining to when payments to retired officers cease under the special separation allowances for law enforcement officers to narrow the exemption for when those officers return to certain reemployment with the State/local government to have it only apply as follows: (1) to State law enforcement officers when the reemployment is a public safety position (but not a probation or parole officer) and (2) to local government officers when reemployment is in a public safety position (i.e., a law enforcement officer or justice officer).

Makes conforming changes to GS 143-166.85 (benefits under the Sheriffs' Supplemental Pension Fund Act of 1985) to delete provision requiring monthly pension payments under that act to stop upon certain reemployment.

Specifies that the act not confer an entitlement to retroactive payment of Special Separation Allowance payments, Sheriffs' Supplemental Pension Fund payments, or retirement allowance payments that were suspended on account of reemployment prior to the effective date of the act. Sunsets the statutory changes described above four years from the date the act becomes law.

Intro. by Carson Smith, Pyrtle, Greene, Miller.

[GS 128, GS 135, GS 143](#)

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[Employment and Retirement](#)

H 769 (2023-2024) [DES EMPLOYMENT OUTCOME DATA SHARING](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TO SHARE EMPLOYMENT OUTCOME DATA WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM*.

Amends GS 96-4(x), adding new subdivision (7c). Provides that nothing in GS 96-4(x) prevents the Division of Employment Security from sharing employment outcome data with the NC Community College System as long as allowed by federal law.

Intro. by Roberson.

[GS 94](#)

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[Employment and Retirement, Government, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, Department of Commerce](#)

H 770 (2023-2024) [ACCESS TO VOTED BALLOTS](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO VOTED BALLOTS*.

Modifies and adds to the defined terms set forth in GS 163-165 applicable to voting laws in Article 14A. Adds *cast vote record* and defines it as a de-identified electronic record of each voter's ballot selections, electronically retained on a ballot tabulation machine that can be used to count election results for each ballot entry on that machine. Revises the term *voting enclosure* to now mean the area within the voting location used to complete the voting process (was the room within the voting place that is used for voting) and explicitly includes any vehicle compartment containing one or more voters parked in the designated curbside voting area.

Amends GS 163-165.1 regarding confidentiality of voted ballots and their associated paper or electronic records to expand access to the documents by response to a public records request for all cast vote records (CVRs) or voted ballots captured in a

tabulation or voting machine, precinct, ward, district, city, or county. Eliminates current law which bars disclosure of particular voters' voting to members of the public unless a court orders otherwise. Instead, now bars voted ballots and their paper or electronic records, including CVRs, from disclosing the identity of the voter, and adds a new requirement for elections officials to redact any identifying information before releasing the documents to the public. Makes organizational changes and adds captions.

Amends GS 163-165.7, which requires the State Board of Elections (State Board) to certify voting systems, to mandate that certification requirements include that the voting system supports the casting of a ballot that records each vote precisely indicated by the voter, subject to local election laws, and creates a de-identified CVR that can be tabulated, audited, and publicly disclosed.

Amends GS 163-165.9, concerning local boards of elections duties when acquiring voting systems. Now requires notification of the State Board of a county board's intent to replace any voting system or a portion thereof (replacing the prohibition against replacing any voting system or portion thereof without State Board approval). Adds a new requirement for county boards to ensure all tabulators or other electronic voting systems to create and retain CVRs for the duration specified for election-related records.

Applies to voting systems used in elections on or after the date the act becomes law.

Intro. by Davis, Cleveland, Mills, Warren.

[GS 163](#)

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

H 771 (2023-2024) [COMPENSATION FOR ON-PREMISES SIGN UPGRADES](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE MONETARY COMPENSATION TO OWNERS OF ON-PREMISES ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OR UPGRADE OF NONCONFORMING SIGNS DUE TO A CHANGE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS*.

Enacts GS 160D-912.1, prohibiting local governments from enacting or amending general ordinances to require an owner of a *nonconforming sign*, defined as an on-premises advertisement lawfully installed but that does not comply with current ordinances or regulations due to changed conditions, to bring the sign into compliance with current regulations without compensating the owner. Defines *on-premises advertisement*. Deems the local government to own the sign upon payment for the sign, and alternatively allows for the reimbursement of the difference of the fair market value of the nonconforming sign and the reasonable cost for the owner to bring the sign into compliance. Provides for the calculation of monetary compensation for a nonconforming sign without consideration of the effect of the ordinance or any diminution in value by the ordinance requiring removal. Establishes four exceptions to requiring a local government to compensate or reimburse an owner of a nonconforming sign, including (1) a voluntary agreement between the owner and the local government allowing for its removal after a set period of time and (2) when the nonconforming sign is a public nuisance or detrimental to public health or safety. Allows the local government to bring an action in superior court to determine monetary compensation to be paid in the event there is disagreement, with the court required to determine the factors set forth in its calculation. Specifies that these provisions do not affect a local government's power of eminent domain pursuant to GS Chapter 40A.

Intro. by Crutchfield.

[GS 160D](#)

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

H 772 (2023-2024) [POLL OBSERVER APPOINTMENTS, ACCESS & ACTIVITY](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY POLL OBSERVER APPOINTMENTS, ACCESS, AND PERMITTED ACTIVITY*.

Amends GS 163-45 concerning election observers as follows. Allows for political parties to designate two observers during one-stop early voting in addition to primary and election days. Allows for two site-specific observers and up to two at-large observers from the same political party to be permitted in the voting enclosure (currently allows for two observers and one at-large observer), but bars having more than three observers from the same political party physically present in the voting enclosure at any time. Changes the appointment of observers to permit county or State political party chairs to submit a list of names of observers appointed by the chairs to the county board director, who is then required to supply the lists of site-specific observers for each voting location and the at-large observers to the chief judge and site supervisor for each voting location. Eliminates requirements for the lists to be signed by the individuals authorized to appoint observers. Requires the county director (was, the party chair) to deliver copies of the precinct-specific observer list and the list of at-large observers to the chief judge or site supervisor for each voting location (previously required the party chair to deliver a copy of the list to the chief judge and the county director to deliver a copy of the at-large observers to the chief judge; did not allow for delivery of copies to the site supervisor). Eliminates authority for the chair or chief judge to reject appointees and require replacement appointments. Prohibits observers from electioneering at the voting enclosure (was, the voting place); impeding the voting process of any voter; or observing the ballot markings of any voter (was, interfering or communicating with or observing any voter in casting a ballot). Authorizes site administrators, chief judges, and elections judges to permit observers to observe and take notes (previously limited to chief judge or elections judges), subject to the stated restrictions. Adds new authority for the State Board of Elections (State Board) to require observers to wear ID tags for ease of recognition by voters and election officials.

Enacts new subsection (c1), listing 19 rights of election observers, including among others: (1) moving freely around the voting enclosure, up to five feet from the registration and ballot tables, tabulation machines, and vehicle passenger compartments, and hearing conversations between poll workers and voters; (2) beginning observation duties from the time the judge or site supervisor enters the polling location until all ballot containers are sealed and the voting enclosure secured; (3) hear the voter and election worker recite the name and address of the voter and any conversation at the registration table; and (4) use electronic devices to take notes and communicate, except taking phone calls inside the voting enclosure during voting hours.

Enacts new subsection (c2), listing eight prohibited acts of observers, including among others: (1) wearing or distributing campaign materials or electioneering; (2) speaking with voters; (3) positioning themselves to view confidential voter information on poll books or poll worker computers, or voter ballot markings during the voting process; and (4) providing voting assistance to, impeding, or communicating with any voter inside the voting enclosure.

Enacts new subsection (c3) to authorize a chief judge or site supervisor to remove an observer for violations of the statute. Sets forth the procedure for removal, including requiring first issuing a warning and allowing the observer a reasonable opportunity to conform to the rules; requiring issuing a written report stating the time and nature of the rules violation; and requiring notifying the county director within 30 minutes of removal, who must notify the appointing authority. Allows for the appointing authority to immediately replace the observer. Bars prohibiting citizens from serving as observers without hearing and due process.

Allows each observer to obtain a list of the persons who have voted during that day of the election, or inspect the authorized to vote document, not less than three times, not less than three hours apart (was one hour apart), each day of the election (no longer requiring times to be specified by the State Board).

Enacts new subsection (f) making it a Class 1 misdemeanor for election officials to restrict or deny observers access greater than what is allowed under federal law.

Makes further organizational and conforming changes.

Amends GS 163-165, which sets forth defined terms applicable to voting laws in Article 14A, to define *voting enclosure* to mean the area within the voting location used to complete the voting process (was, the room within the voting place used for voting), and explicitly includes any vehicle compartment containing one or more voters parked in the designated curbside voting area.

Amends GS 163-166.2 to require each voting enclosure to contain at least three chairs for each party's observers.

Applies to observers for elections held on or after the date the act becomes law.

Intro. by Davis, Cleveland, Mills, Warren.

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Government, Elections, State Agencies, State Board of Elections, Local Government

H 774 (2023-2024) **BUSINESS MICROLOAN PROGRAM**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT REQUIRING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO STUDY A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE MICROLOANS TO SMALL, LOW-INCOME BUSINESSES WITH LIMITED ACCESS TO COMMERCIAL CREDIT MARKETS.*

Directs the Joint Legislative Economic Development and Global Engagement Oversight Committee (Committee) to study the potential cost for and anticipated benefits from establishing a program to provide funding for microloans and business training by nonprofit economic development entities across the State for aspiring low-income entrepreneurs. Adds that the purpose of the program is to grant access to commercial credit markets and establish credit to facilitate traditional banking relationships. Lists five required components of the study, including determining the proper term, limits, and eligibility requirements for microloans, as well as other matters the Committee deems relevant. Directs the Committee to report to the 2024 NCGA Session.

Intro. by Lofton, Harris.

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Banking and Finance, Business and Commerce, Government, General Assembly

H 775 (2023-2024) **TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO FUND THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD-LEVEL TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITY PLANS THAT INCLUDE MULTIPLE, COORDINATE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE LOCAL ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND HEALTH BENEFITS TO DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES.*

Cites the act as the North Carolina Transformative Climate Communities Act.

Enacts GS 143B-344.45, establishing the Transformative Climate Communities Fund (Fund) as a special revenue fund within the Department of Environmental Quality's State Energy Office (DEQ; Office). States that the purpose of the Fund is to fund local government grants to help achieve greenhouse reduction and sustainability goals through planning and implementing clean energy projects in disadvantaged communities. Requires granting awards through an application process and provides a nonexhaustive list of eligible entities, ranging from nonprofits to community development corporations. Requires applicants to demonstrate multi-stakeholder partnerships with local agencies, community-based organizations, workforce investment boards, and other appropriate entities, with grants awarded to projects that demonstrate community engagement at all phases, as well as demonstrate that the plan or project will achieve a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Allows priority to plans and projects that cover areas that have a high proportion of census tracts identified as disadvantaged communities and that focus on the most disadvantaged communities. Allows grants to cover multiple years. Requires DEQ to assist the Office in performing outreach and assessing the benefits of project awards. Further describes grant project required objectives, and requires the Office and award recipients to identify additional sources of funding for the program and fund technical assistance providers to support the application and project development and implementation processes. Directs the Office to develop grant guidelines and selection criteria prior to awarding grants, with required consideration of stakeholder comments, if any, and conduct outreach and solicitation of comments from disadvantaged communities. Requires consideration of any economic displacement of low-income disadvantaged community residents and businesses. Requires the Office to annually report to the specified NCGA committee and division by September 1 regarding funds allocated from the Fund.

Appropriates \$500,000 for 2023-24 and \$750,000 for 2024-25 from the General Fund to the Office to establish the Fund and award grants as provided. Effective July 1, 2023.

Intro. by Lofton, Harrison, T. Brown.

[APPROP, GS 143B](#)

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development, Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Environmental Quality (formerly DENR), Local Government

H 776 (2023-2024) [FREE LUNCH FOR SOME STUDENTS/STOP LUNCH SHAME](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE FREE LUNCH TO STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH AND TO ENACT AN ANTISTIGMATIZATION AND ANTIDISCRIMINATION POLICY IN SCHOOL NUTRITION*.

Appropriates \$5 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to provide all students eligible for reduced-price lunch in a public school unit with lunch at no cost. Requires allocation to units based on the submission of a monthly reimbursement claim that states the number of reduced-price meals served. Authorizes the State Board of Education to allow funds appropriated to the State Aid for Public Schools to supplement funds appropriated in the act if found to be insufficient to implement the act. Directs DPI to include implementation costs in any request submitted to the NCGA for budget adjustments related to enrollment growth.

Enacts GS 115C-264.5 to prohibit schools from engaging in public identification or stigmatization of students who cannot pay for a meal or owe a meal debt in the operation of their nutrition programs, including requiring wristbands or hand stamps. Requires schools to direct that communications about meal debt be only sent to parent or guardian; allows sending a letter addressed to a parent or guardian home with a student.

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

Intro. by Brockman.

[APPROP, GS 115C](#)

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

H 778 (2023-2024) [PROHIBITION ON DISCLOSING BOOKING PHOTOGRAPHS](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO REGULATE THE DISSEMINATION AND REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF BOOKING PHOTOGRAPHS*.

Enacts new GS 15A-502.01 prohibiting a law enforcement agency from providing a booking photograph, defined as a photo or image of an individual who is alleged to have committed a crime that is taken by law enforcement at the initial booking, of a defendant pretrial to any publish-for-pay publication or publish-for-pay website (both as defined). Mandates that a publish-for-pay publication or website remove and destroy a booking photograph of any individual who submits a request for removal and destruction pursuant to GS 15A-152(a1), as enacted. Provides that conditioning removal upon payment of a fee or other item of value can constitute a criminal offense and subject the entity to a civil penalty under GS 15A-152(c), as amended.

Amends GS 15A-153 by enacting new subsection (a1), explicitly requiring a publish-for-pay publication or website to remove and destroy any booking photograph within seven business days of receiving notice to remove the booking photograph if there is no criminal conviction related to the arrest that generated the photograph and the individual submits with the request written documentation that the criminal charge related to the arrest that generated the photograph resulted in a dismissal, acquittal, expunction, or that the grand jury returned no true bill on a proposed indictment. Amends subsection (c) to make a publish-for-pay publication or website that fails to remove and destroy a booking photograph liable for any damages sustained as a result of the violation by the person that is the subject of the booking photograph, including \$100 per day for each day after the seven-day deadline on which the photo is visible or publicly accessible in the publish-for-pay publication or website, with the

prevailing party also entitled to court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees. Provides that this liability is in addition to other punishment or penalty under law.

Effective December 1, 2023 and applies to: (1) disclosures of booking photographs by a law enforcement agency occurring on or after that date; (2) requests for removal and destruction submitted on or after that date; (3) the conditioning of removal or destruction of a booking photograph on the payment of any fee or other item of value occurring on or after that date; and (4) the failure to remove and destroy a booking photograph in accordance with GS 15A-502.01 occurring on or after that date.

Intro. by John, T. Brown, Reives.

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

H 779 (2023-2024) [ABC/REVISE MALT BEVERAGE & WINE ELECTIONS](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE MET BEFORE A CITY MAY HOLD A MALT BEVERAGE OR UNFORTIFIED WINE ELECTION.*

Amends subsection (c) GS 18B-600 (Places eligible to hold alcoholic beverage elections) to permit a city to hold a malt beverage or unfortified wine election only if the county the city is located in already held an election and the result was against the sale of the alcoholic beverage in question. Previously, the law also required that the city (1) have a population of 500 or more, (2) operate an ABC store, or (3) have a population of more than 400 but less than 500 or more and previously had a population of 500 in the previous census.

Repeals subsection (c1) in its entirety. Previously this subsection allowed certain city elections for malt beverage or unfortified wine if the city met all the criteria of (1) the county where more than 50% of the city's area is located held an election and the result was against the sale of alcoholic beverage in question, (2) the city has a population of 200 or more, and (3) the county where more than 50% of the city's area is located also contains three or more cities already allowing malt beverage or unfortified wine sales.

Intro. by Greene.

[GS 18B](#)

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[Alcoholic Beverage Control, Government, Local Government](#)

H 780 (2023-2024) [STATE ID CARDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO ISSUE REAL ID COMPLIANT SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO STUDENTS IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN ANSON, GASTON, MECKLENBURG, AND UNION COUNTIES.*

Requires by December 31, 2024, that the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), in conjunction with the State Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the governing bodies of public school units with high schools in Anson, Gaston, Mecklenburg, and Union Counties, implement a pilot program to issue a State Identification Card (a special identification card, as described, that is also Real ID Act compliant) to eligible public high school students. Sets out minimum standards for the pilot program concerning eligibility, who can receive the card for free, required notification to parents and students, obtaining the cards, providing information to the DMV, and issuance and use of a certified copy of a student's birth certificate. Sets the pilot to expire on December 31, 2026. Limits applicability to public high schools in Anson, Gaston, Mecklenburg, and Union counties.

Intro. by Budd, Torbett, Pickett.

[STUDY, Anson, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Union](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, State Agencies, Department of Public Instruction, Department of Transportation](#)

H 781 (2023-2024) [FAIR ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE FAIR ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT*.

Enacts new Article 26, Fair Access to Financial Services Act, to GS Chapter 53, providing as follows. Requires a financial institution operating in this state to make each financial product or service it offers available on proportionally equal terms to all persons engaged in a lawful activity. Prohibits denying a person engaged in a lawful activity a financial product or service based on a personal, ideological, moral, or political opinion. Requires a financial institution operating in this state to include a directive to comply with this GS Article in its written policies and procedures. Defines financial institution as: (1) a banking corporation, trust company, savings and loan association, credit union, or other person principally engaged in the business of lending money or receiving or soliciting money on deposit, not including entities chartered or supervised by a federal agency or agency of another state or (2) a payment processing platform or credit card company.

Allows the North Carolina Commissioner of Banks (Commissioner), after notice and opportunity for hearing, to revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew a financial institution's charter, license, or registration when there is a violation of this Article.

Allows the Commissioner to examine a financial institution chartered or licensed by or registered with the Commissioner, with costs and expenses paid by the institution.

Allows the Commissioner to receive complaints about a financial institution chartered or licensed by or registered with the Commissioner and allows examination of the institution upon receiving the complaint.

Sets out provisions governing the confidentiality of information received by the Commissioner and for agreements for sharing that information.

Allows the Commissioner to adopt rules to enforce this Article. Allows a person aggrieved by any rule adopted or order issued by the Commissioner to appeal to the State Banking Commission for review upon providing a written notice of appeal within 20 days after the rule was adopted or order was issued. Sets out what must be included in the notice of appeal. Allows any party aggrieved by a decision of the State Banking Commission to petition for judicial review.

Allows the North Carolina Administrator of Credit Unions (Administrator) to, after notice and opportunity for hearing, revoke or suspend a credit union's certificate of approval for violations of this Article. Allows the Administrator to examine a credit union that is under the Administrator's supervision, with costs paid by the credit union. Allows the Administrator to receive a complaint from a person regarding a credit union under the Administrator's supervision and examine the credit union upon receiving the complaint. Allows the Administrator to adopt rules to enforce this Article.

Effective October 1, 2023.

Effective July 1, 2023, provides that beginning with the 2023-24 fiscal year, overrealized receipts available to the State Banking Commission each fiscal year are appropriated to be used by the Commission in an amount necessary to implement this act.

Intro. by Balkcom, Cairns, Crutchfield, Zenger.

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H 782 (2023-2024) [CODE EXEMPTION FOR TEMP. MOVIE SETS](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE EXCLUSION FOR TEMPORARY MOTION PICTURE, TELEVISION, AND THEATER STAGE SETS AND SCENERY TO EXEMPT THEM FROM USE AND OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION UNDER THE CODE*.

Amends GS 143-138(b20) (exclusion for certain temporary sets and scenery under the State Building Code [Code]) to specify that buildings used for temporary motion picture, television, and theater stage sets and scenery are exempt from use and occupancy classification under the Code. Deletes provision of the exclusion specifying that temporary sets and scenery are only excluded from the Code if they are being used for less than one year in one location and are inspected by the assigned fire code inspector. Deletes requirement that Building Code Council create a fire code inspection list for those inspections.

Intro. by Cotham, Saine, Bradford, Zenger.

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction

H 784 (2023-2024) **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS/ESG FACTORS**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FROM DISCRIMINATING BASED ON POLITICAL AFFILIATION OR VALUE-BASED OR IMPACT-BASED CRITERIA, INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE CREDIT FACTORS.*

Enacts GS 53C-6-21, barring banks from refusing or from refusing to continue to provide financial services to, or terminating existing financial services with, or otherwise discriminating in providing financial services, solely based on a person's political affiliation or any value-based or impact-based criteria, including social credit scores or environmental, social, and governance credit factors. Permits offering investments, products, or services to potential customers or investors based on subjective standards when such standards are fully disclosed and explained prior to contracting and the bank obtains a signed attestation of the required disclosure and explanation. Specifies that the statute does not limit a bank's ability to discontinue or refuse business with a person when necessary for the safety of its employees. Allows for persons to bring a civil action against a violating bank, with violators subject to a \$10,000 penalty and up to treble that amount for willful violations.

Enacts GS 54-109.23, GS 54B-79, and GS 54C-181 to include credit unions, State associations, and State savings banks within the scope of new GS 53C-6-21.

Applies to acts or omissions occurring on or after the date the act becomes law.

Intro. by Balkcom, D. Hall, Winslow, Zenger.

GS 53C, GS 54C

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Banking and Finance, Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection

H 785 (2023-2024) **PROHIBIT FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM REQUIREMENT**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL FROM REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATIC RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS COVERED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE.*

Adds new subsection (b23) to GS 143-138 (North Carolina State Building Code), which prohibits any requirement in the Code for automatic residential fire sprinkler systems in residential dwellings covered by the Building Code. The subsection does not prohibit the installation of automatic residential sprinkler systems.

Intro. by Brody, Potts.

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction

H 786 (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 AND TO PROHIBIT OBSCENITY ON SMART PHONES FOR MINORS.*

Includes whereas clauses.

Section One

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, orchiectomy, 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 being 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.

Effective October 1, 2023.

Section Two

Enacts Article 3, Children's Default to Safety Act, of GS Chapter 48A. Defines *manufacturer* as a person that is engaged in the business of manufacturing an electronic device and has an agent registered to conduct business in this State. Also defines *activate*, *electronic device*, *internet*, *obscenity filter*, *smart phone*, and *tablet*. Enacts GS 48A-22, requiring manufacturers to manufacture an electronic device (i.e., a tablet or smart phone) that, when activated in the State, automatically enables an obscenity filter that: (1) prevents the user from accessing or downloading material that is obscene to minors on mobile data networks, applications owned and controlled by the manufacturer, and wired or wireless internet networks; (2) notifies a user of the electronic device when the obscenity filter blocks the device from downloading an application or accessing a website; (3) gives a user with a passcode the opportunity to unblock a filtered application or website; and (4) reasonably precludes a user other than a user with a passcode the opportunity to deactivate, modify, or uninstall the obscenity filter. Enacts GS 48A-23, which specifies that a manufacturer of an electronic device is liable if, on activation of an electronic device sold and activated in the State, the electronic device or manufacturer does the following: (1) the electronic device does not enable an obscenity filter that prevents the display of obscene material to minors in such a way that minors will be to view the material, or the manufacturer knowingly or in reckless disregard provides the passcode to a minor to unblock the obscenity filter; or (2) the electronic device displays or disseminates obscene material to a minor, including any performance that is obscene to minors.

Sets forth rules of construction and good faith exception to liability. Specifies that a person who is not the minor's parent or legal guardian may not provide a minor with the passcode to remove the obscenity filter. Provides for actual and liquified damages of \$10,000 when actual damages are difficult to ascertain. Allows for class actions. Enacts GS 48A-25 (civil action for enforcement) which provides for civil penalties if a manufacturer is found to be in violation of Article 3, of \$10,000 per violation plus costs and attorneys' fees, in addition to any other applicable penalty under state law. Specifies that a plaintiff must prove, and a court must find, by clear and convincing evidence, that a manufacturer manufactured a device on or after October 1, 2023, and that it was activated in violation of Article 3. Directs that the plaintiff must prove all other elements by a preponderance of the evidence. Sets forth factors the court must consider in imposing any civil penalty. Allows for actions under GS 48A-25 to be brought by the Attorney General. If an action under GS 48A-25 is filed by an individual in the public interest sets notice requirement to Attorney General that must be satisfied before filing suit.

Enacts GS 48A-30 prohibiting public display or dissemination of obscene material to minors, as follows. Prohibits a person having custody, control, or supervision of any commercial establishment or newsstand from knowingly or purposefully doing any of the following: display obscene material to minors in certain ways, so that minors as part of the invited public will have to view the material; sell, furnish, present, distribute, or otherwise disseminate to a minor or allow a minor to view, with or without consideration, any obscene material; or present to a minor or participate in presenting to a minor, with or without consideration, any performance that is obscene to minors. Lists five defenses, including reasonable cause to believe the minor was 18 years of age, the person was acting as an employee of an educational institution or retail institution affiliated therewith or a library or a museum and serving the educational purposes of the institution/library/museum in line with policies disseminated by the institution/library/museum.

Contains severability clause.

Effective January 1, 2024, and applies to electronic devices manufactured in or outside this State or sold and activated in this State on or after that date.

Intro. by Kidwell, Brody, N. Jackson.

GS 48A, GS 90, GS 143C

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

H 787 (2023-2024) [DOT ROWS & EASEMENTS/REVISE LAW](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO CODIFY THE LIMITS OF EXISTING RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE CLARITY AND CONSISTENCY FOR PERSONS IMPACTED BY PREVIOUS PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS THAT WERE NOT DOCUMENTED OR RECORDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT REQUIREMENTS.*

Includes whereas clauses. Enacts GS 136-44.18, deeming the typical maintenance limits practiced by the Department of Transportation (DOT) applicable when there is no conveying instrument describing the boundaries of either a right-of-way or easement of a roadway for which DOT is responsible for maintaining. Requires DOT to coordinate with a developer constructing offsite improvements which require, but the developer is unable to acquire, a right-of-way or easement, to either revise the development or development review access or revise the requirements for offsite improvements to not require an additional right-of-way or easement. Requires DOT to comply with the statute's requirements within a reasonable time after the developer provides DOT evidence of the developer's *good faith effort*, defined to include providing a certified letter to all affected property owners and all responses received, to acquire the right-of-way or easement. Specifies that the provisions do not allow DOT to require a Hold Harmless declaration from a developer or DOT to take property unconstitutionally.

Requires DOT to report to the specified NCGA committee by October 1, 2023, describing the maintenance limits used by DOT and recommending any legislative changes to limits.

Directs DOT to adopt or amend its rules consistent with the act, as specified.

Effective July 1, 2023.

Intro. by B. Jones.

GS 136

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Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation, Transportation

H 788 (2023-2024) [THE SECOND CHANCES ACT](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATED TO THE REVERSAL OF CHEMICAL ABORTIONS.*

Amends GS 90-21.82 (Informed consent to abortions) to require that a physician or qualified professional inform the woman at least 72 hours prior to the abortion regarding the possibility of reversing the effects of a chemical abortion if she changes her mind, and provide specific information to be given to the woman regarding reversing the chemical abortion. The information must be provided in English and in each language that is the primary language of at least 2% of the State's population.

Effective December 1, 2023.

Intro. by Chesser, Balkcom, Lowery, N. Jackson.

GS 90

H 789 (2023-2024) [EVICTIION RECORD EXPUNCTION ACT](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEALING OF CERTAIN SUMMARY EJECTMENT RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS FROM PUBLIC RECORDS AND TO MAKE DENIAL OF A RENTAL APPLICATION BASED ON CERTAIN SEALED RECORDS A DISCRIMINATORY HOUSING PRACTICE UNDER THE FAIR HOUSING ACT.*

Enacts GS 42-36.4 to require clerks of superior court to cause all records of summary ejectment proceedings to be "sealed," as defined, and removed from publicly accessible records. Applies to records kept for three years after entry of the judgement; pending proceedings with no entry of judgment; proceedings dismissed or where judgement was entered for the respondent tenant; and proceedings that name a respondent under age 18. Specifies that the provisions do not affect the docketing or execution of a judgement for monetary damages related to summary ejectment proceedings filed under GS 42-26 on grounds of tenant holdover. Excludes summary ejectment proceeding filed under Article 7 relating to expedited eviction due to certain criminal activity at the residence. Effective October 1, 2023, and applies to proceedings initiated on or after that date.

Enacts GS 41A-4(h), making it an unlawful discriminatory housing practice to deny an applicant a rental agreement based on a sealed summary ejectment proceeding.

Intro. by A. Baker.

[GS 41A, GS 42](#)

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

H 790 (2023-2024) [INNOCENCE INQUIRY COMMISSION PROVISIONS](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INNOCENCE INQUIRY COMMISSION.*

Amends GS 15A-1465 (pertaining to the Director and other staff of NC Innocence Inquiry Commission [Commission]) to delete provisions that allow the director to apply for and accept on behalf of the Commission other sources of funding than government grants. Makes conforming change to GS 15A-1466 (duties of Commission) and narrows the Commission's duties to only conduct inquiries into claims of factual innocence where the convicted person is currently incarcerated solely for the crime for which factual innocence is claimed (currently, just must give priority to those claims). Prohibits the Commission from considering a claim of factual innocence if a person is no longer incarcerated for the crime for which factual innocence is claim.

Amends the Commission's proceedings under GS 15A-1468 as follows. Extends the time a prehearing conference must be held to 90 days before any proceedings of the full Commission (was, 10) and to allow a prehearing conference at any time during the formal inquiry when the Commission has developed credible evidence to support a claim. Now requires the Commission to provide the District Attorney or designee with a complete copy of the investigation including any testimony or evidence that may be presented to the Commission (was, just opportunity to inspect evidence that had not been previously presented to any judicial officer or body or any other evidence the District Attorney/designee deemed relevant). Extends the time that the District Attorney is authorized to present a statement to the Commission from 72 hours to 10 days prior to any Commission proceeding. Specifies that the Commission has an ongoing duty to provide any newly discovered evidence or testimony throughout the entire Commission proceeding and throughout any post-commission three-judge panel proceeding ordered pursuant to GS 15A-1469. Specifies that evidence or testimony not provided is not admissible at the hearing, absent good cause shown as determined by the Commission Chair. Extends the time that the Director has to notify the victim from at least 30 days from before a proceeding of the full Commission to 90 days. Expands the individuals to whom evidence favorable to the convicted person must be disclosed to include the District Attorney of the of the district where the claimant was convicted of the felony upon which the claim of factual innocence is based, or the District Attorney's designee.

Amends GS 15A-1469 (postcommission three-judge panel) to delete authorization to Chair of Commission to request the Attorney General to appoint a special prosecutor if the Commission concludes there is credible evidence of prosecutorial misconduct in the case. Now triggering event is if Commission concludes there is credible evidence of prosecutorial misconduct by the current District Attorney of the district where the claimant was convicted of the felony upon which the

claim of innocence is based, and the Chair of Commission must make the request to appoint a special prosecutor to the Administrative Office of the Courts. Removes the limitation that the special prosecutor cannot be a prosecuting attorney in the district where the convicted person was tried. Requires the three-judge panel to conduct an evidentiary hearing in line with the NC rules of evidence (was, just evidentiary hearing). Specifies that at least ten days prior to the evidentiary hearing, the district attorney, defense counsel, and the Commission must provide to the other parties any evidence or testimony each intends to introduce at the evidentiary hearing. Specifies that any evidence or testimony not timely provided to the other parties is not admissible at the hearing, absent good cause shown as determined by the three-judge panel. Makes conforming changes.

Applies to proceedings held on or after the act becomes law.

Intro. by Pyrtle.

GS 15A

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[Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Administrative Office of the Courts, Criminal Justice, Corrections \(Sentencing/Probation\)](#)

H 791 (2023-2024) [EVICTION POST-JUDGMENT RELIEF AGREEMENTS](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SUMMARY EJECTMENT POST-JUDGMENT RELIEF AGREEMENT THAT ILLUSTRATES AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN A LANDLORD AND TENANT TO PERMIT THE TENANT TO REMAIN IN THE RENTAL UNIT UNDER CERTAIN TERMS AFTER A SUMMARY EJECTMENT JUDGMENT HAS BEEN ENTERED, TO REQUIRE THE LANDLORD TO FILE A MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM THE JUDGMENT AND A PROPOSED ORDER WITH THE COURT, AND TO DIRECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS TO CREATE AND MAKE AVAILABLE A FORM MOTION AND ORDER REFLECTING A SUMMARY EJECTMENT POST-JUDGMENT RELIEF AGREEMENT.*

Creates new GS 42-36.4 (Post-judgment relief agreements), which allows a landlord who has secured a judgment for possession of property in an eviction action to enter into an agreement with the tenant of the property to allow the tenant to retain or regain possession if the tenant fulfils the terms of the agreement. Protects the tenant from eviction under the judgment after they have satisfied the terms of the agreement. Establishes a procedure where the landlord must file a motion for relief of the judgment after the tenant fulfils the agreement, and required steps for approval of the proposed order attached to that motion. Creates penalties if the landlord does not file a motion and proposed order as required by the section.

Effective October 1, 2023.

Intro. by Longest, John, Morey, Gill.

GS 42

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[Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Administrative Office of the Courts, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing](#)

H 793 (2023-2024) [PUBLIC SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO ATTEND ANY SCHOOL WITHIN THE LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT IN WHICH THE STUDENT IS DOMICILED.*

Creates new GS 115C-366.5 (Open enrollment), which outlines a procedure for a parent or guardian of a student to request that the student be enrolled in a different local school than the one the student would be assigned to based on domicile under GS 115C-366. Requires each local board of education to adopt an open enrollment plan and outlines required provisions. Allows a student that is enrolled in a school under the process created by the section to remain enrolled without reapplying in subsequent years.

Requires local school administrative units to determine and publish on their websites their capacity to enroll students at each grade level under this section, and requires a wait list if no capacity is available. Clarifies that the new section does not require a local board of education to establish or offer any particular program at a school if it is not currently offered, or alter or waive any established eligibility criteria for participation at particular schools.

Establishes a procedure where a local school administrative unit may deny enrollment for a student under the section, and outlines acceptable reasons for denial. Also provides the denied student with an appeal process. Requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules establishing the appeals process for a denied student.

Effective when the act becomes law and applies beginning with the registration period for the 2024-25 school year.

Intro. by Bradford.

GS 115C

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

H 794 (2023-2024) **REFORM THE UNC BOG**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS THROUGH APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO PROHIBIT LOBBYISTS AND THE SPOUSES OF LOBBYISTS FROM SERVING AS MEMBERS ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.*

Amends GS 116-6, which provides for legislative election of the 24-member UNC Board of Governors (BOG) to staggered four-year terms. Now provides for 24 appointed members to be appointed to eight-year terms. Now includes eight gubernatorial appointees and sixteen legislative appointees (with eight upon recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and eight upon recommendation of the Speaker of the House), and sets forth qualifications of each appointee. Provides for staggering initial appointments between 2023 and 2025, with those appointed in 2023 appointed to only six-year terms. Eliminates requirements relating to procedures for legislative appointments to be selected from a slate of candidates. Maintains that terms begin July 1 of odd-numbered years. Bars serving more than one eight-year term, applicable to appointments made on or after January 1, 2017 (current law limits members to three four-year terms); maintains that partial terms do not count toward this cap. No longer provides for past members to serve as members emeritus, including Governors who later serve as members. Sets forth definitions for "historically black college or university" and "non-doctoral institution," as used in membership qualifications. Makes conforming changes to the caption. Makes conforming changes to GS 116-6.1 to refer to appointment of BOG members.

Amends GS 116-7 to prohibit lobbyists and spouses of lobbyists from being BOG members. Regarding vacancies of BOG members legislatively appointed, requires vacancies to be made pursuant to the general procedure for vacancies in legislative appointment pursuant to GS 120-122 (replacing current law that requires the electing chamber to elect a person to fill the vacancy by the adjournment sine die of the next regular NCGA session, and provides for the seat to remain unfilled until such election). Makes technical and conforming changes. Applies to BOG members appointed to a term beginning on or after the date the act becomes law.

Directs BOG members elected before January 1, 2023, to serve their full terms, with any vacancy before that time filled by legislative appointment as provided in GS 120-122 upon recommendation of the Speaker or the President Pro Tempore, as applicable.

Intro. by Longest, Prather, G. Brown.

GS 116

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**Education, Higher Education, Government, General
Assembly, State Agencies, UNC System, State Government,
Executive**

H 795 (2023-2024) **RIGHTS OF NATURE/HAW RIVER**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO RECOGNIZE AND PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE HAW RIVER ECOSYSTEM AND TO RECOGNIZE AND PROTECT THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA TO A HEALTHY HAW RIVER ECOSYSTEM.*

Enacts new Article 11, Rights of the Haw River Ecosystem Act, to GS Chapter 77 to recognize and protect the rights of the Haw River ecosystem and the right of the people of North Carolina to a healthy, thriving Haw River ecosystem. Defines *Haw*

River ecosystem to include both its mainstem and tributaries, and all species and ecosystems found in those areas or dependent on species and ecosystems found in the watershed. Defines *natural resource management agencies* (the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, the Department of Environmental Quality, and the Wildlife Resources Commission).

Enacts GS 77-148, specifying six non-exclusive rights of the Haw River ecosystem, including the right to full restoration, recovery, and preservation. Specifies that the rights of the Haw River ecosystem should not be interpreted to confer liabilities, duties, obligations, or responsibilities on the Haw River ecosystem except as expressly set forth in the Article. Recognizes the right of the people of the State to a healthy, flourishing Haw River ecosystem. Clarifies that the Article does not abrogate the collective or individual rights of indigenous people in the State, including members of tribes and bands identified in GS Chapter 71A. Enacts GS 77-151 directing the natural resource management agencies to take certain actions in implementing the act, including a baseline environmental assessment of the Haw River ecosystem in 2024 and full restoration of all areas of the Haw River ecosystem by June 30, 2028. Provides for civil enforcement of the act by the Attorney General, an action brought in the name of the Haw River Ecosystem by any citizen of the State. Sets forth rules for intervention and burdens of proof. Provides for civil penalties of up to \$10,000 for a single occurrence, or up to \$500 per day of a continuing occurrence, with each day constituting a separate offense, with triple damages for willful violations. Provides for strict liability for certain business entities and waives sovereign immunity.

Contains severability clause.

Intro. by Harrison, Autry, Morey.

GS 77

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[Environment, Environment/Natural Resources](#)

H 796 (2023-2024) [THE PATIENTS' RESTORATION OF RIGHTS ACT](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO ALLOW CLAIMS OF ACTION FOR WRONGFUL DEATH OR INJURY AGAINST A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ARISING AFTER MARCH 1, 2020, TO BE FILED IF OTHERWISE TIME-BARRED.*

Enacts new GS 90-21.19A (temporary civil authorization for injury or death in certain circumstances) that authorizes a patient or personal representative of a patient to bring an action for death or injuries alleged to have resulted from medical malpractice arising out of a health care provider's performance of or failure to perform professional services in a court of competent jurisdiction, if (1) the alleged death or injury arose on or after March 1, 2020, and (2) the alleged death or injury was not the direct result of the patient contracting COVID-19 (i.e., the disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus). Sunsets one year after the act becomes law. Effective from March 1, 2020, until one year after the act becomes law, GS 90-21.19A revives any civil action for a claim of wrongful death under GS Chapter 28A or medical malpractice claim under Article 1B of GS Chapter 90, or any other appropriate civil action brought under the laws of this State, otherwise time-barred under GS 1-15 or GS 1-17 as it existed immediately before the enactment of GS 90-21.19A.

Effective when the act becomes law and applies to claims that arose on or after March 1, 2020, and one year after the act becomes law.

Intro. by A. Jones.

GS 90

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

H 797 (2023-2024) [PROTECT BURDENED COMMUNITIES/ADVERSE IMPACTS](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE CONSIDERATION OF THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT OF CERTAIN FACILITIES PROPOSED TO BE LOCATED IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES, PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF PERMITS OR CERTIFICATIONS FOR SUCH FACILITIES.*

Creates new GS 143B-279.18 (Consideration of cumulative impacts required for permitting of facilities proposed to be located in burdened communities), which prohibits the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) from issuing a permit for a new or expanded facility in a burdened community (a census

tract that is ranked in the bottom 33% of the census tracts in the State for median annual household income) unless the requirements of the new statute are met. Requires an applicant for a permit in a burdened community to (1) prepare a report assessing the impact of the new facility or expanded facility on the community, (2) send the report to DEQ, the board of the local government, and the designated representative for the community at least 30 days before the public hearing, and (3) organize a public hearing at a location convenient to the burdened community and provide public notice as specified in the statute. Requires DEQ or EMC, as applicable, to wait 60 days after the public hearing before issuing a permit, and permits DEQ or EMC to deny the permit if it would constitute an unreasonable risk to the health of the residents or the environment of the burdened community. Requires DEQ or EMC to consider community support or lack thereof when deciding to approve the permit. Allows an applicant for multiple permits to comply with the statute one time, unless DEQ or EMC determines in its discretion that more than one public hearing is necessary due to the nature of the facility or expansion of existing facilities. Provides definitions applicable to the section. Effective and applicable to applications for permits submitted on or after January 1, 2024.

Requires DEQ to adopt rules implementing the new GS 143B-279.18 within 180 days of the effective date of the act, and to identify each burdened community in the State. Requires each unit of local government within a burdened community to identify a representative within 60 days after being identified by DEQ.

Amends GS 62-110.1 to add new subsection (d1), requiring the North Carolina Utilities Commission to coordinate with DEQ to consider the impact on any burdened community when acting on a certificate application for a facility generating over 10 megawatts of electricity, or the expansion of a facility that size. Permits the Utilities Commission to deny the certificate if the cumulative impacts constitute an unreasonable risk to the health of the residents or the environment of the burdened community. Provides definitions applicable to the subsection. Effective and applicable to application certificates submitted on or after January 1, 2024.

Intro. by Crawford, T. Brown, Harrison, G. Brown.

[GS 62, GS 143B](#)

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[Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, State Agencies, Department of Environmental Quality \(formerly DENR\), Public Enterprises and Utilities](#)

H 799 (2023-2024) [LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITS](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT ANNUAL AUDITS OF UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS BE CONDUCTED BY AN ACCOUNTANT CERTIFIED BY THE STATE AUDITOR AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS TO ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH FINANCIAL RECORD KEEPING.*

Amends GS 159-34 (annual independent audit of local governments) to change the entity that is certifying auditors from the Local Government Commission (LGC) to the State Auditor. Amends the process for selecting the auditor by requiring the State Auditor to solicit bids for conducting audit by sealed bids and by requiring the governing board to select the auditor from the sealed bids based solely on cost and time for completion of the audit and without information about the identity of the bidder. Requires the State Auditor to establish a process for certified public accountants and accountants to become certified to conduct annual audits under GS 159-34. Specifies that any certified public accountant or accountant certified to conduct annual audits may be removed for cause. Clarifies that the LGC may require the board of a unit of local government or public authority (currently, just refers to local government or public authority) that has been the subject of an investigative audit by the State Auditor to select the certified public accountant from a list of three individuals provided by the LGC for its annual audit, instead of the bid process described above. Requires the secretary to report annually to LGC and NCGA a list of units of local government and public authorities failing to complete and report to the LGC, in a timely fashion, two or more consecutive annual audits as required by GS 159-34. Makes technical changes and language gender neutral.

Amends GS 115C-447 (annual school independent audits) to change the entity certifying the auditor from the LGC to the State Auditor. Implements the sealed bid process described above, but requires the board of education (not the local government unit) to select the auditor from the sealed bids based on time and cost, as described above. Makes technical change and language gender neutral. Implements the same annual reporting requirement described above, but for local school administrative units. Authorizes the State Auditor to implement a process for certified public accountants and accountants to

become certified to conduct annual audits under GS 115C-447. Authorizes the LGC to issue rules and regulations for the purposes of improving the quality of auditing and the quality and comparability of reporting pursuant to GS 115C-447 or any similar section of the General Statutes.

Appropriates \$3.52 million to the NC Association of Regional Council of Governments in recurring funds to create a fiscal administrative program to implement specified goals related to bringing small local government and public authorities into compliance.

Effective July 1, 2023, and applies to annual audits conducted on or after that date.

Intro. by Winslow, Setzer, Penny, Zenger.

[APPROP, GS 115C, GS 159](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Office of State Auditor, Local Government](#)

H 800 (2023-2024) [PUBLIC SCHOOL PART-TIME ENROLLMENT](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ALLOW PART-TIME ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS THAT OTHERWISE ATTEND NONPUBLIC SCHOOL.*

Creates new GS 115C-364.1 (Admission for part-time students), allowing students that attend non-public schools to enroll part time in local public schools and charter schools, as long as the student is eligible for admission to the public schools under the applicable requirements. Establishes a system where the State Board of Education must allocate to the local school administrative unit or charter school an appropriate amount depending on the instructional time the part-time student is enrolled.

Amends GS 115C-47 to create new subdivision (68), requiring local boards of education to develop policies for students from non-public schools that enroll part time under the boards' jurisdiction. Requires the policy to be posted to the website of each board.

Amends GS 115C-218.45 to create new subsection (a1), allowing a student that attends non-public school to enroll in a charter school part-time in accordance with the new GS 115C-364.1. Requires each charter school to make information about part-time enrollment available on its website. Excludes part-time students from counting towards enrollment growth of the charter school under GS 115C-218.7.

Appropriates \$500,000 to the Department of Public Instruction from the General Fund for 2023-24 to be allocated to local school administrative units and charter schools to cover the administrative costs of implementing the act.

Appropriates \$270,000 in recurring funds to the Department of Public Instruction from the General Fund for 2024-25 to be allocated to local administrative units and charter schools to fund part-time students.

Effective July 1, 2023, and applicable to requests for part-time enrollment for the 2024-25 school year.

Intro. by Bradford, Willis, T. Brown.

[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 802 (2023-2024) [BIANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL SALES TAX HOLIDAY](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO REENACT THE SALES AND USE TAX HOLIDAY FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND TO EXTEND THE HOLIDAY TO THE FIRST WEEKEND IN JANUARY.*

Reenacts GS 105-164.13C, establishing a sales and use tax holiday, as it existed immediately before its repeal on July 1, 2014, with the following changes. In addition to the holiday established for the described period in August, adds a sales and use tax holiday for the listed school and sports supplies from 12:01 a.m. on the first Friday of January until 11:59 p.m. the following Sunday. Effective July 1, 2023, and applies to sales made on or after that date.

Intro. by Cervania.

GS 105

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education,
Government, Tax**

H 804 (2023-2024) **BODY-WORN CAMERA RECORDINGS**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE MOST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO WEAR AND ACTIVATE BODY-WORN CAMERAS DURING CERTAIN INTERACTIONS WITH THE PUBLIC, TO ESTABLISH A USE POLICY FOR BODY-WORN CAMERAS AND DASHBOARD CAMERAS, TO MODIFY ACCESS POLICIES FOR RECORDINGS CAPTURED BY BODY-WORN CAMERAS AND DASHBOARD CAMERAS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS*.

Enacts new Article 7 in GS Chapter 15A, Body-Worn Cameras and Dashboard Cameras, to provide the following.

New GS 15A-202 requires a law enforcement officer to wear and activate a body-worn camera during any recordable interaction. Defines *law enforcement officer* as any employee of a law enforcement agency who (1) is actively serving in a position with primary duties and responsibilities for the prevention and detection of crime or the general enforcement of the criminal laws of the State, (2) possesses the power of arrest by virtue of an oath administered under the authority of the State, and (3) is primarily assigned to patrol duties. Adds that for purposes of Article 7, the term also includes on-duty State correctional officers. Defines *body-worn camera* as an operational video camera provided by a law enforcement agency and affixed to a law enforcement officer's uniform and positioned in a way that allows the video camera to capture interactions the law enforcement officer has with the public. Requires the video camera to include a microphone or other mechanism for allowing audio capture. Provides the term does not include cameras privately owned and provided by a law enforcement officer. Defines *recordable interaction* as an interaction between a law enforcement officer, in his or her official capacity, and a member or members of the public, including an inmate or inmates of a State correctional facility. Provides the term includes traffic stops, arrests, searches, and interrogations not covered under GS 15A-211, interviews with victims and witnesses, and pursuits.

Requires a law enforcement officer to inform the person or people the law enforcement officer is interacting with that the interaction is being recorded, except when doing so would be unsafe, impractical, or impossible. Prohibits a law enforcement officer from deactivating a body-worn camera until (1) the conclusion of the recordable interaction; (2) the law enforcement officer has left the scene; (3) a supervisor, while being recorded, authorizes the law enforcement officer to deactivate the body-worn camera; or (4) an exception listed in subsection (b) authorizes deactivation. Requires the law enforcement officer to announce that he or she is deactivating the body-worn camera and the reasons for deactivating prior to deactivating. Directs the law enforcement officer to note in any incident report prepared after a recordable interaction that a recording was made.

Subsection (b) details six situations or places in which a law enforcement officer is not required to activate a body-worn camera: (1) interactions with confidential informants and undercover officers; (2) during routine, non-law enforcement related activities, including when a law enforcement officer is engaged in a personal conversation, when a law enforcement officer is using a restroom or bathroom, or when a law enforcement officer is dressing or undressing in a locker room or dressing room; (3) when a law enforcement officer is providing training or making a presentation to the public; (4) when entering a private residence under nonexigent circumstances, unless written or on-camera consent is given by the owner or the occupier of the residence; (5) when a law enforcement officer is conducting a strip search, unless written or on-camera consent is given by the person being strip searched; and (6) interactions with a victim or witness, unless written or on-camera consent is given by the victim or witness.

Subsection (c) requires a law enforcement officer to read, agree to, and sign a written waiver that consists of consent by the officer to be recorded by a body-worn camera and an acknowledgment of the requirements of this statute, and the related policies established under subsection (i) of the statute by the law enforcement agency employing the officer.

Subsection (d) permits a recording captured by a body-worn camera pursuant to the statute to be used as evidence in any relevant administrative, civil, or criminal proceeding, if the recording is otherwise admissible in the proceeding.

Subsection (e) provides for access to recording in accordance with GS 132-1.4A, as amended.

Subsection (f) requires a law enforcement agency to retain an original, unredacted recording captured by a body-worn camera for the later of (1) 60 days from the date of the recording; (2) the period specified by court order; or (3) 10 days from the date an administrative, civil, or criminal proceeding in which the records were used as evidence concludes.

Subsection (g) allows noncompliance with the provisions of the statute to be admissible as evidence to support claims made by a defendant in a criminal action or a party opposing the law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency in a civil action.

Subsection (h) requires a law enforcement agency to provide training to officers on how to operate a body-worn camera prior to the officer wearing and activating a body-worn camera.

Subsection (i) directs the Department of Justice to develop a model policy or policies for law enforcement agencies to use in implementing the statute. Requires the policy to include disciplinary action for failing to activate a body-worn camera as required in subsection (a), up to and including dismissal from employment. Permits the policy to include standards more stringent than those required under this statute.

Enacts GS 15A-203, Use of dashboard cameras in law enforcement vehicles, requiring a law enforcement officer to activate the dashboard camera, if the law enforcement vehicle is equipped, when engaging in a traffic stop, vehicle pursuit, vehicle search, or other interaction with the public that is within the range of the camera. Defines dashboard camera as a device or system installed or used in a law enforcement vehicle that electronically records images depicting activities that take place during a traffic stop, vehicle pursuit, vehicle search, and other interaction with the public that is within the range of the camera. Provides the term does not include body-worn cameras.

Requires a law enforcement officer to inform the person or people the law enforcement officer is interacting with that the interaction is being recorded, except when doing so would be unsafe, impractical, or impossible. Prohibits the officer from deactivating a dashboard camera until (1) the conclusion of the traffic stop, vehicle pursuit, vehicle search, or other interaction with the public; (2) the law enforcement officer has left the scene; (3) a supervisor, while being recorded, authorizes the law enforcement officer to deactivate the dashboard camera; or (4) an exception listed in subsection (b) authorizes deactivation. Requires the law enforcement officer to announce that he or she is deactivating the dashboard camera and the reasons for deactivating prior to deactivating. Directs the law enforcement officer to note in any incident report prepared after an interaction with the public that a recording was made using a dashboard camera.

Subsection (b) establishes that a law enforcement officer is not required to activate a dashboard camera in any of the places or situations listed in GS 15A-202, enacted above, to the extent that they are applicable.

Subsection (c) establishes that the requirements of GS 15A-202(c) through GS 15A-202(h) apply to the use of dashboard cameras under this statute.

Subsection (d) clarifies that the statute does not require the installation of a dashboard camera in a law enforcement vehicle.

Effective January 1, 2025.

Amends GS 132-1.4A (disclosure of law enforcement agency recordings) as follows. Amends provisions pertaining to court order regarding disclosure of a law enforcement record, specifies that if the person requesting disclosure of the recording is an immediate family member of a person whose death or serious bodily injury is depicted in the recording, a licensed attorney of an immediate family member of a person whose death or serious bodily injury is depicted in the recording, or a licensed attorney of a person whose serious bodily injury is depicted in the recording, the court must order the disclosure of the recording to that person. Enacts new subsection GS 132-1.4A(g1) allowing for local review and release of a law enforcement recording after 30 days upon a public and lawful vote as follows: (1) by a city or town council if the custodial law enforcement agency is a municipal police department under its authority; (2) by a county board of commissioners if the custodial law enforcement agency is a sheriff's office or other law enforcement agency in the county not under the authority of another local government unit. Exempts recordings from the State Highway Patrol or State Bureau of Investigation. Provides for in-camera review and for factors the local government may consider. Clarifies that the availability of release under new GS 132-1.4(g1) does not abate or impact other manners of disclosure authorized by GS 132-1.4. Makes conforming change to account for new GS 132-1.4(g1). Effective December 1, 2023, and applies to recordings made on or after that date.

Appropriates \$5 million from the General Fund to the Governor's Crime Commission (GCC) within the Department of Public Safety in nonrecurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and \$5 million in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to provide grants to law enforcement agencies for the purposes of purchasing and maintaining body-worn cameras. Specifies that a grant provided under the act will be matched on the basis of \$1 in grant funds for every \$5 in nongrant funds. Specifies that matching funds do not include other State funds. Specifies that the GCC cannot provide a grant until the grantee provides evidence of sufficient matching nongrant funds. Sets a maximum of \$100,000 for a grant award. Requires the GCC to develop guidelines and procedures for the administration and distribution of grants under the act. Effective July 1, 2023.

Makes conforming changes to GS 15A-220, GS 114-64, GS 143-318.11, GS 153A-436.1 and GS 160A-490.1 to account for new Article 7. Effective January 1, 2025.

Intro. by Brockman, Hawkins, Gill.

[APPROP, GS 15A, GS 114, GS 132, GS 143, GS 153A, GS 160A](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Records and Open Meetings, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of Public Safety, Local Government](#)

H 805 (2023-2024) [PREVENT ABUSIVE HOA FORECLOSURE PRACTICES](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION THROUGH MEDIATION OR ARBITRATION BEFORE A PARTY CAN BEGIN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING FILING A CLAIM OF LIEN, FOR CERTAIN UNIT OWNER ASSOCIATION DISPUTES AND CERTAIN LOT OWNER ASSOCIATION DISPUTES*.

Amends GS 47C-3-107.1 (procedures for fines and suspension of condominium privileges) to require that, unless the association agreement provides otherwise, the parties must engage in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) before instituting legal proceedings. Specifies that a party choosing to challenge a decision of the executive board, may, no later than 10 days after receiving notice of the decision, and prior to beginning legal proceedings, request in writing to the other party that the other party submit the claim to mediation or binding arbitration (i.e., ADR). Specifies that if neither party makes a timely request for ADR, the obligation for alternative dispute resolution is satisfied. Lists five matters that apply to claims for mediation and arbitration including the availability of legal proceedings if the parties don't invoke mediation or settle or for failure to abide by the settlement agreement, and that the party invoking ADR is responsible for all costs of the ADR.

Amends GS 47C-3-116 (pertaining to liens for sums due a condo association) to require that a party must comply with the ADR process described above before filing a claim of lien or otherwise beginning a legal proceeding. Provides for notice to unit owner of the right to request ADR as described above.

Amends GS 47F-3-107.1 (procedures for fines and suspension of planned community privileges or services) to set forth and require the same ADR proceeding as enacted in GS 47C-3-107.1. Similarly amends GS 47F-3-116 (pertaining to liens on a lot for sums due the association) to require that a party must comply with the ADR process described above before filing a claim of lien or otherwise beginning a legal proceeding. Provides for notice to lot owner of the right to request ADR as described above.

Applies to actions taken by an executive board after the act becomes law.

Intro. by Longest, Setzer, Liu.

[GS 47C, GS 47E](#)

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

H 807 (2023-2024) [MODIFY FIREARMS RETRIEVAL PROCESS IN DV CASES](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO MODIFY AND CLARIFY PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE RETRIEVAL OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, AND PERMITS SURRENDERED PURSUANT TO AN EX PARTE, EMERGENCY, OR PERMANENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER*.

Amends GS 50B-3.1, concerning the surrender of firearms upon issuance of an emergency or ex parte domestic violence protective order, by amending the conditions under which any surrendered weapons may be retrieved by the defendant, as follows. Currently weapons may be retrieved if the court does not enter a protective order when the ex parte or emergency order expires; instead, allows surrendered weapons and related items to be retrieved by any of the following methods: (1) upon court order after a finding that insufficient evidence exists to issue a permanent domestic violence protective order following a hearing in which both parties are present or in which the plaintiff fails to appear; (2) upon court order after the issuance of a permanent domestic violence protective order in which the court removes any requirement that the defendant surrender weapons and other related items to the sheriff, or upon the court's modification of a permanent domestic violence protective order that removes any requirement that the defendant surrender weapons and other related items to the sheriff; (3) upon court order following a hearing held on a motion for return; or (4) upon the determination of the sheriff that at least 30 days have passed following the expiration of the domestic violence protective order requiring the surrender of the weapons and other related items. Amends the process for the disposal of surrendered firearms to also trigger the process for the court to order the disposition of the firearms, ammunition, or permits, when the defendant or third-party owner does not retrieve those items within 60 days of the entry of the order granting the return of the items. Requires the proceeds from any sale of those firearms, ammunition, or permits, to be provided to the sheriff's office (was, the defendant if requested and ordered by the court) for any remaining storage fees, with remaining proceeds to be used for the sheriff's office's general use. Provides that if the court receives an application from the sheriff when the items have not been retrieved within 60 days of an order granting their return, then the judge may order any disposition of those items allowed by GS Chapter 50B, but does not allow ordering the sheriff to retain custody of the items solely for the purpose of retrieval by the defendant or third-party owner.

Makes the act effective when it becomes law and applicable (1) to firearms, ammunition, and permits surrendered on or after that date and (2) beginning 60 days after this act becomes law, to firearms, ammunition, and permits surrendered before the date this act becomes law.

Intro. by Carson Smith, Ward.

GS 50B

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Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Family Law, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management

H 809 (2023-2024) **HOSPITAL VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT ENACTING THE HOSPITAL VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT*.

Refers to the act as "The Hospital Violence Protection Act of 2023."

Adds new Part 3A, Hospital Violence Prevention Act, in Article 5 of GS Chapter 131E, providing as follows. Requires licensed hospitals that have an emergency department to implement a security plan with protocols to ensure at least one law enforcement officer (a sworn law enforcement officer or a special police officer duly authorized to carry a concealed weapon) is present at all times in the emergency department or on the same campus as the emergency department. Sets out the following components that must be included in the security plan: (1) training for law enforcement officers employed by the hospital that is appropriate for the populations served by the emergency department; (2) training for law enforcement officers employed by the hospital that is based on a trauma-informed approach to identifying and safely addressing situations involving patients, family members, or other persons who pose a risk of harm to themselves or others due to mental illness or substance use disorder or who are experiencing a mental health crisis; (3) safety protocols based on the listed standards and risks; (4) safety protocols that include the presence of at least one law enforcement officer in the emergency department or on the same campus as the emergency department at all times; and (5) training requirements for law enforcement officers employed by the hospital in the potential use of and response to weapons, defensive tactics, de-escalation techniques, appropriate physical restraint and seclusion techniques, crisis intervention, and trauma-informed approaches.

Requires the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to report annually to the Division of Health Services Regulation and the specified NCGA committee on the number of persons charged or convicted in the previous year under GS 14-34.6 (assault or affray on a firefighter, emergency medical technician, medical responder, and hospital personnel).

Effective October 1, 2023.

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services, by October 1, 2023, to notify all licensed hospitals of these requirements and provide information on how to report hospital injuries resulting from acts of violence to appropriate law enforcement.

Makes the AOC's first report due by December 15, 2023.

Intro. by Reeder, Miller, Pyrtle.

GS 131E

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Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Administrative Office of the Courts, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers

H 810 (2023-2024) **SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT PROVIDING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AN ALTERNATIVE SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE*.

Enacts new GS 143-166.4, providing as follows. Allows a sworn law enforcement officer employed by a State department, agency, or institution to elect to receive, beginning in the month in which the officer retires, either the special separation allowance under existing GS 143-166.41, or an annual separation allowance equal to 0.85% of the annual equivalent of the base rate of compensation at 30 years of creditable service. Also allows a sworn law enforcement officer employed by a local government employer to elect to receive, beginning in the month in which the officer retires, either the special separation allowance under existing GS 143-166.42, or an annual separation allowance equal to 0.85% of the annual equivalent of the base rate of compensation most recently applicable to the officer for each year of creditable service. To qualify, requires the officers to have completed: (1) at least 30 but no more than 35 years of creditable service; (2) at least five years of continuous service (as defined) as a law enforcement officer immediately preceding a service retirement. Sets out conditions under which the payments will cease. Provides for conditions under which reemployment by a local government employer will not stop these payments. Requires the governing body of each local employer to determine eligibility of employees for these benefits and requires payments to be made from available funds. Effective July 1, 2023.

Intro. by Pyrtle, Cotham, Miller, Moss.

GS 143

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Employment and Retirement, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Government, State Personnel, Local Government

H 811 (2023-2024) **ABOLISH CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE**. Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO ABOLISH CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE AND ESTABLISH MODIFIED COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE BY ALLOWING RECOVERY IF THE PLAINTIFF'S CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE IS LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO THE DEFENDANT'S NEGLIGENCE*.

Enacts GS 1-139.1 specifying that contributory negligence does not bar recovery in any action by any person or legal representative to recover damage for negligence resulting in death or injury to person or property if the contributory negligence was equal to or less than the negligence which must be established in order to recover from the party against whom recovery is sought. Makes conforming changes to GS 143-291 and GS 143-299.1 Amends GS 1B-2 to provide that in determining the pro rata shares of tort-feasors their relative degree of fault must be (was, must not be) considered.

Repeals GS 1-139, setting out the burden of proof in contributory negligence. Also makes conforming changes to the following to remove references to contributory negligence: GS 1A-1, GS 20-11, GS 20-126, GS 20-137.1, GS 20-137.4, GS 20-137.4A, GS 20-140.4, GS 20-141, GS 20-158, GS 20-158.1, GS 20-175.3, GS 95-229.12, GS 113-291.8, GS 143-291, GS 143-299.1, GS 143-300.1A, GS 1A-1, and GS 90-95.5.

Applies to claims arising on or after October 1, 2023.

Intro. by Longest, Logan, Morey, Harrison.

[GS 1, GS 1A, GS 1B, GS 20, GS 90, GS 95, GS 113, GS 143](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Civil Procedure, Motor Vehicle, Employment and Retirement](#)

H 821 (2023-2024) [EXPAND LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGE EXTENSIONS](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE EXTENSIONS AND RENEWALS OF LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHOSE LICENSES ARE REVOKED SOLELY FOR THE FAILURE TO PAY FINES, PENALTIES, OR COURT COSTS*.

Effective December 1, 2023, amends GS 20-24.1(f) which applies to individuals who have had driving licenses revoked for failure to pay fines. Allows extension or renewal of a limited driving privilege for up to one year at a time if the court finds the individual is making reasonable progress toward repayment of fines, penalties, or court costs that resulted in the revocation. Directs that court orders include written findings in support of an extension or renewal of a limited driving privilege.

Intro. by Reives.

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[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation](#)

H 829 (2023-2024) [WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH/WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH FOR WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENTS*.

Includes whereas clauses.

Appropriates \$17 million for 2023-24 from the General Fund to the Town of Wrightsville Beach to be used as title indicates. Effective July 1, 2023.

Intro. by Davis.

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Enterprises and Utilities](#)

H 830 (2023-2024) [WILMINGTON OPIOID QUICK RESPONSE TEAM](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PERMANENT OPERATION OF THE WILMINGTON OPIOID QUICK RESPONSE TEAM*.

Appropriates \$250,000 in recurring funds for 2023-24 from the General Fund the Department of Public Safety to be provided as a grant to the City of Wilmington to be used as title indicates. Effective July 1, 2023.

Intro. by Davis.

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Public Safety](#)

H 832 (2023-2024) [LOWER CAPE FEAR WATER AND SEWER AUTHY/FUNDS](#). Filed Apr 18 2023, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE LOWER CAPE FEAR WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY FOR WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENTS*.

Includes whereas clauses.

Appropriates \$25 million for 2023-24 from the General Fund to the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority to be used as title indicates. Effective July 1, 2023.

Intro. by Davis.

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Enterprises and Utilities](#)

H 838 (2023-2024) [SUPPORT FOR FAYETTEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT](#). Filed Apr 20 2023, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE FAYETTEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO UPGRADE AND EXPAND ITS TRAINING FACILITIES AND TO CREATE AND OPERATE A PUBLIC SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH CO-RESPONDER UNIT PILOT PROGRAM.*

Appropriates \$3 million for 2023-24 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety to be allocated as a grant to the Fayetteville Police Department to upgrade and expand its training facilities. Appropriates \$1 million for 2023-24 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety to be allocated as a grant to the Fayetteville Police Department to create and operate a public safety and mental health co-responder unit pilot program. Specifies that the funds do not revert until June 30, 2025.

Requires the Fayetteville Police Department to make an interim report by April 1, 2024, and a final report by April 1, 2025, to the specified NCGA committee on the use of funds appropriated in this act and on the progress of both the upgrade and expansion of its training facilities and the creation and operation of the pilot program.

Effective July 1, 2023.

Intro. by Charles Smith, Lucas, Wheatley, F. Jackson.

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

H 839 (2023-2024) [FUNDS FOR VETERANS PARK IN FAYETTEVILLE](#). Filed Apr 20 2023, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA VETERANS PARK IN FAYETTEVILLE.*

Appropriates \$3.5 million for 2023-24 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management for a directed grant to the City of Fayetteville to be used as title indicates. Effective July 1, 2023.

Intro. by Charles Smith, Lucas, Wheatley, F. Jackson.

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, Cultural Resources and Museums, State Agencies, Office of State Budget and Management](#)

H 840 (2023-2024) [FAYETTEVILLE CITY CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT FUNDS](#). Filed Apr 20 2023, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE FOR CITY CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS AND BEAUTIFICATION.*

Appropriates \$2.5 million for 2023-24 from the General Fund to the City of Fayetteville to be used as title indicates. Effective July 1, 2023.

PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 321 (2023-2024) **MEDICAL DEBT DE-WEAPONIZATION ACT**. Filed Mar 16 2023, *AN ACT TO ADOPT THE PRO-FAMILY, PRO-CONSUMER MEDICAL DEBT PROTECTION ACT TO SET TRANSPARENT PARAMETERS AROUND THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR IMPOVERISHED FAMILIES AND LIMIT THE ABILITY OF LARGE MEDICAL FACILITIES TO CHARGE UNREASONABLE INTEREST RATES AND EMPLOY UNFAIR TACTICS IN DEBT COLLECTION.*

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

Amends GS 131E-214.22 (definitions provision of the Medical Debt Protection Act [Act]) as follows. Amends definition of *extraordinary collection action* to specify that one of the required prongs of the legally binding agreement which requires that the debt buyer adhere to the agreement only pertains to financial assistance for emergency or medically necessary care.

Amends definition of *medical debt mitigation policy* (MDMP) to delete requirement that the policy include eligibility for financial assistance and to require that the policy contain (1) the method for applying for financial assistance for emergency or medically necessary care (was, financial assistance generally) and (2) provisions for publicity in line with the Act (prior version had no reference to the Act). Deletes definition of *household income*.

Amends GS 131E-214.24 (implementation of MDMP) by deleting provisions setting forth four categories of eligibility for patients to qualify for financial assistance under the MDMP based on household income and poverty level, with assistance ranging from no cost to discounted costs, applicable to any charges for health care services not covered by insurance and that would be otherwise billed to the patient. Deletes provisions detailing acceptable methods for establishing eligibility for financial assistance and providing authority to a health care facility (or facilities) to grant financial assistance notwithstanding the patient's failure to provide the acceptable documentation or can require other evidence of eligibility. Deletes provisions barring charging late fees or interest to patients who qualify for financial assistance. Deletes provisions requiring facilities and medical debt collectors to offer payment plans to qualifying patients of at least 24 months with payments never exceeding more than 5% of the patient's gross monthly income. Deletes provisions that bar prepayment and early payment fees or penalties. Makes organizational changes to account for deleted provisions. Requires if a patient submits an application for financial assistance, the large health care facility must determine the patient's eligibility within 30 days (was, 14 days) after the patient applies.

Amends GS 131E-214.27 (billing and collection rules) to delete language that would allowing a creditor for medical debt to garnish wages or State income tax returns if they had a duty to offset a State tax refund under GS Chapter 105A.

Amends GS 131E-214.29 (liability for medical debt) by deleting provisions making parents joint and severally liable for minor child's medical debt.

Amends GS 131E-214.33 (interest on medical debt) to delete exemption from the provisions of the calculations of that section if the patient is eligible for financial assistance under other provisions of the Act. Clarifies that the interest rate set forth in the section applies to judgments on medical debt notwithstanding any agreement or other provision of law to the contrary (was, just notwithstanding any agreement to the contrary).

Amends GS 131E-214.40 (annual reports) to change the due date for facilities to file their annual report/MDMP with the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) from July 1, 2023, to July 1, 2024. Clarifies that a facility need not submit a report only when the facility is not required to under GS 131E-214.14.

Makes organizational and technical changes to the Act.

Enacts GS 131E-274, pertaining to facility fees, as follows. Sets forth seven defined terms. Lists the following limitations on facility fees: (1) that no health care provider can charge, bill, or collect a facility fee unless the services are provided on a hospital's main campus or at a facility that includes an emergency department and (2) that regardless of where the services are provided, no health care provider can charge, bill, or collect a facility fee to outpatient evaluation and management services, or

any other outpatient, diagnostic, or imaging services identified by the Department. Requires the Department to annually identify services subject to the limitations on facility fees described above that may reliably be provided safely and effectively in non-hospital settings. Requires each hospital and hospital system to submit an annual report to the Department by July 1 of each year, which will be published on the Department's website. Lists six things that the report must include, such as the name and full address of each facility owned or operated by the hospital or health system that provides services for which a facility is charged or billed.

Specifies that any violation of the statute is considered an unfair and deceptive trade practice. Provides for an administrative penalty of not more than \$1,000 per occurrence to any health care provider that violates the section. Permits the Department to audit health care providers for compliance. Requires each health care provider to make available, upon written request of the Department or its designee, copies of any books, documents, records, or data necessary for the purposes of completing the audit until the expiration of four years after the furnishing of any services for which a facility fee was charged, billed, or collected. Effective October 1, 2023, and applies to facility fees charged on or after that date.

Requires the Department to adopt rules to implement this section by October 1, 2023.

Makes conforming changes to effective date to account for new organization of the bill. Specifies that new GS 131E-214.36 (debt forgiven by medical center) and GS 131E-214.38 (prohibition of waiver of rights) are effective October 1, 2023, and apply to agreements and contracts entered into, amended, or renewed on or after that date. Makes conforming changes to act's long title.

Intro. by Krawiec, Ford, Burgin.

[APPROP, GS 131E](#)

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S 411 (2023-2024) [STUDENTS IN HOME SCHOOL TAKE PSAT/AP](#). Filed Mar 29 2023, *AN ACT TO ALLOW STUDENTS IN HOME SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMS AND THE PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC ASSESSMENT TEST (PSAT)*.

Senate amendment to the 2nd edition makes the following changes.

Amends GS 115C-174.18 and GS 115C-565.1 to replace the PLAN precursor test to the ACT with the PreACT test. Further amends GS 115C-565 by amending the criteria for students enrolled in a home school to participate in the administration of the PSAT/NMSQT or PreACT test, or to take any AP course exam, offered by the local administrative unit that the student would be assigned to if the student attended public school to now require the student's parent to be charged the cost of the test by the local school administrative unit (was, the student's parent may be charged any fees required for administration of the test by the local school administrative unit).

Intro. by P. Newton, Daniel, Hise.

[GS 115C](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

S 743 (2023-2024) [TRANSFORMATIONAL INVESTMENTS IN NC HEALTH](#). Filed Apr 6 2023, *AN ACT MAKING TRANSFORMATIONAL INVESTMENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA'S HEALTH BY CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM (THE SYSTEM) TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A STATEWIDE HEALTH SYSTEM OF HIGH QUALITY; EXPANDING THE SYSTEM'S OPERATING AUTHORITIES AND PERSONNEL FLEXIBILITIES; AND MAKING NECESSARY CONFORMING CHANGES*.

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

Amends GS 116-350.10, pertaining to the a 24-member Board of Directors (Board) of the UNC Health System (System) as follows. Changes the composition of the Board from eight ex officio members to four ex officio members who are: the UNC President or designee, the CEO of the System, the Chancellor of UNC Chapel Hill, and the President of UNC Hospitals (was, eight ex officio members with same composition as set forth in repealed GS 116-37 by the act: certain administrators of either the UNC System, UNC Chapel Hill, UNC Faculty Physicians, or the UNC School of Medicine). Now provides for eight members at large appointed by the General Assembly with one appointed upon recommendation of the Speaker of the House annually, and one appointed upon recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate annually (was, sixteen members at large must be from the business and professional public at large who have special competence in business management, hospital administration, health care delivery, or medical practice or who otherwise have demonstrated dedication to the improvement of health care in North Carolina, and who are neither members of the Board of Governors, members of the board of trustees of a constituent institution of The University of North Carolina, nor officers or employees of the State). Specifies that 12 members at-large will be appointed by the UNC Board of Governors after consultation with the President of UNC and that three of those members must be appointed annually. Deletes provisions pertaining to initial terms. Deletes outdated language.

Amends new GS 116-350 (personnel) and GS 135-5.5 (pertaining to Teachers and State Employees Retirement System (TSERS) for employees of the UNC Health Care System) to change the triggering date for those employees who have the right to continued State employment/retirement benefits under certain conditions to November 1, 2023 (was, July 1, 2023). Makes conforming change to GS 135-5.5 to require the UNC Health Care System to continue to report the payroll of employees employed as of October 31, 2023, instead of June 30, 2023, to account for November 1 cutoff date.

Intro. by Hise, Krawiec.

GS 66, GS 116, GS 116D, GS 126, GS 131E, GS 135, GS 143, GS 143C, GS 146, GS 147

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ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 38: ENTRY FEES FOR HS INTERSCHOLASTIC EVENTS.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 93: ALLOW PRESERVE OPERATORS TO PURCHASE RABBITS.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House
Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate
Senate: Regular Message Received From House
Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 188: STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate
Senate: Regular Message Received From House
Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 193: VARIOUS COURT CHANGES 2023.-AB

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate
Senate: Regular Message Received From House
Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 219: CHARTER SCHOOL OMNIBUS.

House: Withdrawn From Com
House: Re-ref to the Com on Education - K-12, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 223: OSHR/VARIOUS SHRA CHANGES.

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

H 298: CRIMINAL FALSIFICATION OF MEDICAL RECORDS.

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

H 299: PERPETUAL CARE OF CERTAIN CEMETERIES.

House: Reptd Fav
House: Re-ref Com On Finance

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

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

H 319: VETERAN REGISTRATION PLATE MODIFICATIONS.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate
Senate: Regular Message Received From House
Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 365: REQUIRE THAT JURORS BE US CITIZENS.

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

H 374: RAFFLES/INCREASE REAL ESTATE PRIZE LIMIT.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate
Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 378: FIREFIGHTERS CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 407: NC SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 409: REGULATION OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

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

H 410: CREDIT UNION UPDATE.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

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

H 466: ALLOW TEMPORARY DWELLINGS DURING CONSTRUCTION.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On Finance

H 469: FORECLOSURES/EXTEND SERVICEMEMBER PROTECTIONS.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 471: STATE AUDITOR/INFO. SYSTEMS/CORRECTIVE ACTION.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

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

H 473: MODIFY LOW-SPEED VEHICLE DEFINITION.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 480: ADOPT DOC WATSON DAY.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Serial Referral To Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House Stricken

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 484: MENTAL HEALTH CONFIDENTIAL INFO. DISCLOSURE.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 513: ADOPT OSPREY AS STATE RAPTOR.

House: Reptd Fav

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

H 536: LOGGERHEAD TURTLE/STATE SALTWATER REPTILE.

House: Reptd Fav

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

H 556: TRANSLITERATOR LICENSING BOARD MODS.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 574: FAIRNESS IN WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 768: LLEA RETURN TO WORK FROM RETIREMENT.

House: Serial Referral To Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House Stricken

House: Withdrawn From Com

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

H 829: WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH/WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 830: WILMINGTON OPIOID QUICK RESPONSE TEAM.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 831: FILM SOUNDSTAGE GRANT PROGRAM.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 832: LOWER CAPE FEAR WATER AND SEWER AUTH'Y/FUNDS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 833: INCREASE MINORITY MALE TEACHERS/PROGRAM STUDY.

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 836: REENTRY REFORM/MODIFICATION.

House: Filed

H 837: MAKE NORTH CAROLINA MORE DEMENTIA-CAPABLE.

House: Filed

H 838: SUPPORT FOR FAYETTEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

House: Filed

H 839: FUNDS FOR VETERANS PARK IN FAYETTEVILLE.

House: Filed

H 840: FAYETTEVILLE CITY CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT FUNDS.

House: Filed

S 157: LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE MODIFICATION.

House: Added to Calendar

House: Added to Calendar

House: Amend Failed A1

House: Amend Failed A2

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

House: Ordered Enrolled

S 308: GUARDIANSHIP RIGHTS.

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

S 314: INSUFFICIENT FUND TAX PAYMENT FEE MOD.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 321: MEDICAL DEBT DE-WEAPONIZATION ACT.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary

S 357: VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE LAW REVISIONS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 384: CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS/SCHOOL BLDGS.

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

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

Senate: Amend Adopted A1

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Engrossed

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

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

S 531: DAM SAFETY LAW CLARIFICATION.

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

S 613: SEDIMENTATION BUFFER FOR TROUT WATERS.

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

S 631: FAIRNESS IN WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT.

Senate: Amend Tabled A1

Senate: Amend Tabled A2

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

S 636: SCHOOL ATHLETIC TRANSPARENCY.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 673: WATER AND WASTEWATER REGULATORY RELIEF ACT.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 743: TRANSFORMATIONAL INVESTMENTS IN NC HEALTH.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Finance

Senate: Sequential Referral To Pensions and Retirement and Aging Added After Finance

LOCAL BILLS

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

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 454: CONCORD/DISTRIBUTION OF ABC NET PROFITS.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 464: BEAUFORT COUNTY LOCAL MATTERS. (NEW)

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 477: HALIFAX-NORTHAMPTON AIRPORT AUTHORITY/LEASES.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 203: AUTHORIZE SKATEBOARD RESTRICTIONS/POLK CO.

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

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