

## The Daily Bulletin: 2023-09-28

### PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 432 (2023-2024) [PRINCIPAL LICENSURE CHANGES](#). Filed Mar 21 2023, *AN ACT TO UPDATE PRINCIPAL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND TO DEVELOP A PORTFOLIO-BASED ASSESSMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.*

AN ACT TO UPDATE PRINCIPAL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND TO DEVELOP A PORTFOLIO-BASED ASSESSMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. SL 2023-125. Enacted September 28, 2023. Section 1 applies beginning July 1, 2024. The remainder is effective September 28, 2023.

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

[STUDY, GS 115C, GS 116A](#)

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

### PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 189 (2023-2024) [FENTANYL DRUG OFFENSES AND RELATED CHANGES. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Mar 1 2023, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FINE IMPOSED ON PERSONS CONVICTED OF TRAFFICKING IN HEROIN, FENTANYL, OR CARFENTANIL; TO MODIFY THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION TO INCLUDE THE UNLAWFUL DELIVERY AND INGESTION OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THAT PROXIMATELY CAUSES THE DEATH OF A PERSON AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENTS FOR A PERSON WHO COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION; TO ADD POSSESSION OF LESS THAN ONE GRAM OF ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO THE LIST OF OFFENSES FOR WHICH LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION APPLIES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; TO CREATE THE TASK FORCE ON ENFORCEMENT OF FENTANYL AND HEROIN DRUG VIOLATIONS; AND TO MAKE CERTAIN AUTOPSY LAW CHANGES.*

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FINE IMPOSED ON PERSONS CONVICTED OF TRAFFICKING IN HEROIN, FENTANYL, OR CARFENTANIL; TO MODIFY THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION TO INCLUDE THE UNLAWFUL DELIVERY AND INGESTION OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THAT PROXIMATELY CAUSES THE DEATH OF A PERSON AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENTS FOR A PERSON WHO COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION; TO ADD POSSESSION OF LESS THAN ONE GRAM OF ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO THE LIST OF OFFENSES FOR WHICH LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION APPLIES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; TO CREATE THE TASK FORCE ON ENFORCEMENT OF FENTANYL AND HEROIN DRUG VIOLATIONS; AND TO MAKE CERTAIN AUTOPSY LAW CHANGES. SL 2023-123. Enacted September 28, 2023. Effective December 1, 2023, except as otherwise provided.

**Intro. by McInnis, Britt, Lazzara.**

[STUDY, GS 14, GS 90, GS 130A](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management](#)

S 615 (2023-2024) **ADOPTION LAW/NOTARY CHANGES/GUARDIANSHIP RTS. (NEW)** Filed Apr 5 2023, *AN ACT TO ALLOW ADULT ADOPTEES TO BE ADOPTED BY A FORMER STEPPARENT, THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN REDACTION RESTRICTIONS FROM ADOPTION HOME STUDIES, AND THE EXPANSION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OPTIONS FOR AGENCY RELINQUISHMENTS FOR ADOPTION, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CORRECTIONS TO THE NOTARY LAWS, TO UPDATE THE GUARDIANSHIP ACCOUNTING STATUTE TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN TIMING ELECTIONS AND EXTENSIONS, TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO PREVENT THE ABUSE OR MISUSE OF AUTHORITY GRANTED TO AN AGENT IN A POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE GUARDIANSHIP PROCESS AND TO IMPROVE JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GUARDIANS OF THE PERSON.*

AN ACT TO ALLOW ADULT ADOPTEES TO BE ADOPTED BY A FORMER STEPPARENT, THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN REDACTION RESTRICTIONS FROM ADOPTION HOME STUDIES, AND THE EXPANSION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OPTIONS FOR AGENCY RELINQUISHMENTS FOR ADOPTION, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CORRECTIONS TO THE NOTARY LAWS, TO UPDATE THE GUARDIANSHIP ACCOUNTING STATUTE TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN TIMING ELECTIONS AND EXTENSIONS, TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO PREVENT THE ABUSE OR MISUSE OF AUTHORITY GRANTED TO AN AGENT IN A POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE GUARDIANSHIP PROCESS AND TO IMPROVE JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GUARDIANS OF THE PERSON. SL 2023-124.

Enacted September 28, 2023. Effective September 28, 2023, except as otherwise provided.

**Intro. by Galey, Barnes, Krawiec.**

GS 10B, GS 32C, GS 35A, GS 48

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**Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Family Law, Juvenile Law, Abuse, Neglect and Dependency, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Adult Services**

S 749 (2023-2024) **NO PARTISAN ADVANTAGE IN ELECTIONS.** Filed Jun 12 2023, *AN ACT TO REVISE THE STRUCTURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, TO REVISE THE EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO SENATE BILL 512 OF THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING, AND TO AMEND THE TIME FOR CANDIDATES AND VACANCY APPOINTEES TO FILE STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS.*

The Governor vetoed the act on September 28, 2023. The Governor's objections and veto message are available here: <https://webservices.ncleg.gov/ViewBillDocument/2023/7382/0/S749-BILL-NBC-11457>.

**Intro. by Daniel, P. Newton, Hise.**

GS 163

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**Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, Elections, General Assembly, State Agencies, Secretary of State, State Board of Elections, State Government, Executive, Local Government, Transportation**

## ACTIONS ON BILLS

## PUBLIC BILLS

**H 432: PRINCIPAL LICENSURE CHANGES.**

*House: Signed by Gov. 9/28/2023*

*House: Ch. SL 2023-125*

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

*Senate: Signed by Gov. 9/28/2023*

*Senate: Ch. SL 2023-123*

**S 615: ADOPTION LAW/NOTARY CHANGES/GUARDIANSHIP RTS. (NEW)**

*Senate: Signed by Gov. 9/28/2023*

*Senate: Ch. SL 2023-124*

**S 749: NO PARTISAN ADVANTAGE IN ELECTIONS.**

*Senate: Vetoed 09/28/2023*

**No local actions on bills**

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