

## The Daily Bulletin: 2024-05-02

### PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 10 (2023-2024) [REQUIRE SHERIFFS TO COOPERATE WITH ICE](#). Filed Jan 25 2023, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION DETAINERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO SEEK A COURT ORDER FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY.*

Senate amendment to the 3rd edition changes the date that the administrator or other person in charge of each county jail or other confinement facility specified in GS 162-62(e) must begin submitting an annual report to the NCGA Committee from October 1, 2024 to October 1, 2025.

**Intro. by D. Hall, B. Jones, Saine, Carson Smith.**

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**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services**

H 972 (2023-2024) [NCVETS TUITION SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM](#). Filed May 1 2024, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA VETERANS EDUCATION TUITION SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.*

Establishes the North Carolina Veterans Education Tuition Supplement (NCVETS) Program for 2024-25 to provide supplemental tuition assistance grant awards to eligible students enrolled at eligible postsecondary institutions, defined as UNC constituent institutions and community colleges located in the State. Requires administration by the UNC Board of Governors (BOG) and State Board of Community Colleges (State Board), as applicable. Sets eligibility criteria to include that the student be enrolled at an eligible institution for the 2024-25 academic year and receive post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, as defined, for that academic year of less than the full cost of tuition, excluding fees, necessary to attend the institution. Requires the BOG or State Board to award grants to eligible students to cover the additional tuition costs needed for enrollment after receipt of post-9/11 GI Bill benefits. Sets parameters for NCVETS Program grants, capping awards at 40% of the cost of tuition for the academic year at the applicable institution; reducing the award amount in the event the student receives any other scholarship or grant covering tuition costs so that the student's total scholarships and grants do not exceed the cost of tuition, excluding fees; and granting pro rata shares of the Program's available funds in the event there are insufficient funds appropriated to provide all eligible students the maximum award available. Directs the BOG and State Board to (1) adopt rules providing for the Program's administration and (2) report to the specified NCGA committee and division on the Program's implementation, as specified, by February 15, 2025. Effective July 4, 2024.

Appropriates \$555,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Fund to the BOG and \$75,000 in nonrecurring funds to the State Board for 2024-25 to provide NCVETS Program awards. Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Moss.**

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**Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, Military and Veteran's Affairs**

H 973 (2023-2024) [BAN PFAS IN FOOD PACKAGING](#). Filed May 1 2024, *AN ACT TO BAN INTENTIONALLY ADDED PFAS IN COVERED PRODUCTS, INCLUDING FOOD PACKAGING, COMPOSTABLE CONTAINERS, AND PACKAGING COMPONENTS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.*

Enacts GS 143-215.104LL to prohibit persons from knowingly manufacturing, selling, or offering for sale covered products that contain intentionally added PFAS in the State. Defines *PFAS* to mean perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. Defines *product* to mean any item manufactured, assembled, packaged, or otherwise prepared for sale to consumers, including components of the product, sold or distributed for personal, residential, commercial, or industrial use; excludes used products offered for sale or resale. Specifies that covered products include *food packaging*, as defined. Specifies that "intentionally added PFAS" can mean (1) PFAS added to a product or a product component that have a function or technical effect in the product, including those that constitute added chemicals or products thereof or (2) PFAS used or produced during the manufacture or processing of a product introduced into or onto the product, including any source of PFAS reasonably known to be present, such as mold release agents. Also defines *compostable*, *intentionally added PFAS*, *manufacturer*, *PFAS*, *product component*, and *product label*. Establishes a new requirement for manufacturers of covered products to provide persons that offer the products for sale with a certificate of compliance, which may be electronic, signed by an authorized representative of the manufacturer that states the product complies with the statute's requirements and that the product does not contain any intentionally added PFAS. Effective October 1, 2024.

Appropriates \$100,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Environmental Quality for 2024-25. Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Autry, Harrison, Butler, Cervania.**

[APPROP, GS 143](#)

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[Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Environmental Quality \(formerly DENR\), Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health](#)

H 974 (2023-2024) [SPCL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR AIRPORTS](#). Filed May 1 2024, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR AIRPORTS.*

Enacts GS 63-76, creating the Special Economic Development Fund for Airports (Fund) within the Department of Transportation (DOT) to be administered by the Division of Aviation. States that the Fund is to be used for airport capital improvements and to incentivize and retain economically strategic flights. Provides for Fund sources, uses, and limitations, capping capital improvement uses at 80% of the Fund's annual allocations; uses for incentivizing and retaining economically strategic flights at 17% of the Fund's annual allocations; and airport safety improvement uses, subject to DOT's determination that the lack thereof is inhibiting economic growth, at up to 20% of the Fund's annual allocations. Requires allocations from the Fund to not exceed 50% of the cost for airport improvements. Directs the Division to establish procedures and criteria and adopt rules for allocating funds. Requires the Division's procedures to include specified economic projections for projects determined by DOT and award Fund allocations to proposals with the greatest economic impact to the State, as determined in consultation with the Department of Commerce. Authorizes up to 3% of the Fund to be used for DOT's administration of the Fund. Requires the Division to submit an initial report to the specified NCGA committees and division by March 1, 2025, and annually thereafter by December 1, as specified.

Appropriates \$200 million in nonrecurring funds from the General Fund to the Special Economic Development Fund for Airports.

**Intro. by Reives, Carney, Belk, Ball.**

[APPROP, GS 63](#)

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Transportation](#)

H 975 (2023-2024) [SPCL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR RAIL](#). Filed May 1 2024, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR RAIL*.

Enacts GS 136-44.41, creating the Special Economic Development Fund (Fund) within the Department of Transportation (DOT) to be administered by the Division of Rail (Division). States the purpose of the Fund is primarily for rail construction, rail improvements, industry rail connections, railcar and locomotive acquisition, and railyard construction. Permits using funds for project preparation. Describes sources, uses, and cost-sharing requirements of the Fund, capping the annual allocations from the Fund that may be used for the State match on federal grant applications at 60%, and that may be used for project preparation uses at 30%. Directs the Division to establish procedures and criteria and adopt rules for allocating funds. Requires that the procedures include specified economic projections determined by DOT and award allocations to proposals with the greatest economic impact on the State, as determined by the Department of Commerce. Permits DOT to use up to 3% of the Fund for administration of the Fund. Directs the Division to submit an initial report to the specified NCGA committees and division by March 1, 2025, and annually thereafter by December 1, as specified.

Appropriates \$100 million in nonrecurring funds from the General Fund to the Fund.

**Intro. by Reives, Carney, K. Brown, Cervania.**

[APPROP, GS 136](#)

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Transportation](#)

H 976 (2023-2024) [WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM](#). Filed May 1 2024, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE STATE ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO SHARE EMPLOYMENT OUTCOME DATA WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGES, TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE EXPANSION OR CREATION OF NEW COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS IN UNDERSERVED COUNTIES, AND TO ESTABLISH A SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION PROGRAM*.

Part I

Enacts new Article 10, concerning Community College System Trust Funds, to GS Chapter 115D. Establishes the Workforce Development Trust Fund (WDTF) a nonreverting special fund in the North Carolina Community College System entitled the Community College State Endowment Trust Fund (CCSETF) to provide grants to community colleges within the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) for programs to improve student recruitment, instructor recruitment or retention, or fund new programs to respond to local workforce demands. Specifies that the CCSETF consists of funds appropriated to, or otherwise received by, the CCSETF and any interest accrued thereon. Directs that moneys in the CCSETF can only be used for distribution of grants as authorized by GS 115D-110. Designates the State Board of Community Colleges as the administrator of the CCSETF. Provides for a competitive grant application process for colleges within the NCCCS. Requires grant applications to have four required components, including the number of students expected to be served/enrolled, whether or not the proposal has been endorsed by the college's business advisory group, and the median wage of the college or program covered by the grant. Sets forth percentages for distribution, specifying that student recruitment, instructor recruitment, and new programs to respond to workforce demands each receive at least 30% of the funds distributed. Allocates up to 2.5% for administrative costs. Appropriates \$580 million from the General Fund to the Community College System Office (Office) in nonrecurring funds for the creation of the CCSETF.

Effective July 1, 2024.

Part II

Adds new GS 115D-82, requiring the Department of Commerce to share employment outcome data with the Office to the extent permitted by federal law. Applies to requests for employment outcome data received on or after the act becomes law.

Part III

Adds new GS 115C-238.54A (concerning cooperative innovative high schools funding based on county development tier designations), as follows. Designates three development tier areas mirroring the development tiers areas created by GS 143B-437 (defining a development tier one area is a county whose annual ranking is one of the 40 highest in the State. A development tier two area is a county whose annual ranking is one of the next 40 highest in the State. A development tier three area is a county that is not in a lower-numbered development tier.) Requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to allocate the following amounts from the cooperative innovative high school supplemental allotment to a local school administrative unit located in a development tier one area with a cooperative innovative high school that was approved by the State Board of Education (Board):

- \$740,000 in recurring funds for the first cooperative innovative high school approved by the Board.
- \$370,000 in recurring funds for each subsequent cooperative innovative high school approved by the Board.
- For a virtual cooperative innovative high school, requires DPI to allocate \$200,000 in recurring funds from the cooperative innovative high school supplemental allotment to the local school administrative unit for each fiscal year.
- For the Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience, requires DPI to allocate \$310,000 in recurring funds from the regional school supplemental allotment for the school for each fiscal year.

For development tier two areas, requires DPI to allocate the following amounts from the cooperative innovative high school supplemental allotment to a local school administrative unit located in a development area with a cooperative innovative high school that was approved by the Board:

- \$590,000 in recurring funds for the first cooperative innovative high school approved by the Board.
- \$295,000 in recurring funds for each subsequent cooperative innovative high school approved by the Board.
- For a virtual cooperative innovative high school, requires DPI to allocate \$200,000 in recurring funds from the cooperative innovative high school supplemental allotment to the local school administrative unit for each fiscal year.

For development tier three areas, requires DPI to allocate the following amounts from the cooperative innovative high school supplemental allotment to a local school administrative unit located in a development area with a cooperative innovative high school that was approved by the Board:

- \$550,000 in recurring funds for the first cooperative innovative high school approved by the Board.
- \$275,000 in recurring funds for each subsequent cooperative innovative high school approved by the Board.
- For a virtual cooperative innovative high school, requires DPI to allocate \$200,000 in recurring funds from the cooperative innovative high school supplemental allotment to the local school administrative unit for each fiscal year.

Appropriates \$40 million from the General Fund to DPI in recurring funds for the expansion of existing cooperative innovative high schools or the establishment of new cooperative innovative high schools in underserved counties.

Effective July 1, 2024

#### Part IV

Enacts new Article 6, pertaining to Short-Time Compensation to GS Chapter 96, as follows. Defines *affected unit*, *employer-sponsored training*, *normal weekly hours of work*, *short-time compensation benefits* (benefits), *short-time compensation employer*, and *short-time compensation plan or plan* (meaning an employer's written plan for reducing unemployment under which an affected unit shares the work remaining after its normal weekly hours of work are reduced). Requires any employer wanting to participate in the short-time compensation program to submit a signed short-time compensation plan to the Department of Commerce's (DOC) Division of Employment Security (DES). Allows DES to approve the plan only if eleven listed criteria are met. Provides a timeline by which DES must approve or disapprove of a plan, with reasons set forth in writing if the plan is not approved. Sets the term of a plan as beginning on the day of approval (its effective date) and ending at the end of the twelfth full calendar month after its effective date. Requires DES to monitor an employer's plan compliance. Allows DES to revoke a plan for good cause, including the employer's failure to comply with assurances provided in the plan such as that the aggregate reduction in hours is in lieu of layoffs.

Sets forth eligibility requirements for an individual to receive benefits if DES finds: (i) the individual is employed as a member of an affected unit in an approved plan that was approved before the week and is in effect for the week, (ii) the individual is able to work and is available for additional hours of work or for full-time work with the short-time employer, and (iii) the normal weekly hours of work of the individual are reduced by at least 10% but not by more than 40%, with a corresponding

reduction in wages. Prevents DES from denying benefits to a person who is otherwise eligible on the following grounds: (1) applying any other provision of GS Chapter 96 relating to availability for work, active search for work, or refusal to apply for or accept work from other than the short-time compensation employer of that individual and (2) because such individual is participating in an employer-sponsored training or a training under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to improve job skills when the training is approved by DOC.

Deems an individual unemployed for any week for which compensation is payable to the individual, as an employee in an affected unit, for less than the individual's normal weekly hours of work in accordance with an approved short-time compensation plan in effect for the week. Provides for a formula to calculate weekly benefits. Caps an individuals' total benefit as the amount that is their maximum entitlement. Except when the result is inconsistent with the other provisions of GS Chapter 96, specifies that short-time compensation benefits will be charged to the employment record of employers. Provides for the effect of the benefits on other programs including, unemployment compensation. Excludes seasonal, temporary, and intermittent (as all defined) employees from participation in the program. Directs that the program will be suspended if the State's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance falls below \$2 billion, as reported in the State Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Solvency Report (Solvency Report) issued each March by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Unemployment Insurance, Division of Fiscal and Actuarial Services. Suspension of the Program will cease when the Solvency Report indicates that the State's UI Trust Fund has been replenished to at least \$2 billion.

Applies to requests for employment outcome data received on or after the act becomes law.

**Intro. by Reives, Roberson, Clemmons, K. Brown.**

[APPROP, GS 96, GS 115C, GS 115D](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Employment and Retirement, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, Department of Commerce](#)

H 977 (2023-2024) [CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER ACCOUNTABILITY STUDY](#). Filed May 1 2024, *AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY AND REPORT ON CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.*

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to study the unmet health and resource needs of pregnant women in the State and the impact of crisis pregnancy centers on the ability of clients to obtain health care information and timely access to a comprehensive range of reproductive and sexual health care services in alignment with their needs and support their personal decision making. Defines "crisis pregnancy center" (center) as a nonprofit organization that is not a hospital, ambulatory surgical facility, or clinic that performs abortions, that holds itself out as a healthcare facility that provides care for pregnant women and other clients. Details 12 required components of the study, including (1) compiling a list of centers operating in the State that receive State-funded grants or direct appropriations; (2) the total amount of State and federal funds or subsidies each center received over the last five years; (3) the services provided and most common at each center; (4) the nature of the information provided to clients or potential clients at centers and the nature of the information included in centers' operational manuals, handbooks and guidelines relating to the provision of health services; and (5) the number of State-certified medical professionals on staff or volunteering at each center, the number of those providing medical services or counseling on site, and the information provided to clients about the presence of professional staff or volunteers. Requires DHHS to complete the study and report to the specified NCGA committee and division by May 1, 2025.

Appropriates \$250,000 in nonrecurring funds to DHHS for 2024-25 to complete the directed study. Authorizes DHHS to use the funds to hire a consultant to assist with the study and report.

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

[APPROP, STUDY](#)

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

H 978 (2023-2024) **LITTER REDUCTION ACT OF 2024**. Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO REDUCE ROADSIDE AND OTHER LITTERING AND TO ENCOURAGE RECYCLING BY REQUIRING A DEPOSIT ON BEVERAGE CONTAINERS AND REQUIRING REDEMPTION CENTERS TO ACCEPT RETURNED BEVERAGE CONTAINERS AND REFUND THE DEPOSITS.*

Enacts Part 2K to Article 9, GS Chapter 130A, titled *Beverage Container Deposits and Refunds*. Includes legislative findings and intent. Sets forth 26 defined terms. Defines "beverage" as any ready-to-drink liquid intended for human oral consumption, including alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, carbonated sodas and water, and noncarbonated drinks; excludes FDA-regulated drugs, infant formula, meal replacement liquids, or dairy products derived from animal milk. Defines "beverage container" as a prepackaged container designed to hold a beverage that is made of any material, including glass, plastic, and metal; excludes cartons, pouches, or aseptic packaging such as a drink box.

Effective April 1, 2025, charges the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) with administration of new Part 2K. Authorizes DEQ to adopt rules necessary or useful to implement and carry out its duties in Part 2K, and the Commission for Public Health (Commission) to adopt rules necessary or useful to implement the Part. Lists nine determinations DEQ must make by rule, including calculation methods for redemption and recycling rates for beverage containers and amounts of reusable beverage containers sold or refilled; information collection procedures and methods to monitor compliance with the Part's requirements; designation of environmental justice communities; and procedures for licensing redemption centers.

Mandates consumers pay a deposit when purchasing a beverage in a beverage container equal to the refund value, set at 10 cents for containers with a volume of at least 50 milliliters and not more than 3 liters, subject to adjustment by DEQ every five years, beginning with July 1, 2027, as specified. Effective April 1, 2025, requires beverage containers that contains a beverage sold or offered for sale in the State to emboss or imprint "North Carolina" or "N.C." on the product label or, if metal, on the top of the container, and the refund value of the container in sizing specified, as well as a UPC barcode to identify and validate participation in the refund program established in Part 2K.

Mandates retailers, defined to include vending machine operators with machines containing beverages in beverage containers, to pay deposits in the same amount set for refunds to consumers, to distributors when purchasing beverages and to receive consumer deposits at the time of sale. Requires retailers to post signage regarding nearby redemptions centers which meet specified operation criteria.

Prohibits distributors, as defined, from selling a beverage container in the State without registering the beverage container with DEQ prior to the sale on a form provided by DEQ which includes six described identifiers and any other information required by DEQ to enforce Part 2K, effective April 1, 2025. Authorizes DEQ to request distributors to provide a copy of the container label or picture of the container sold or offered for sale on which a deposit is initiated. Requires distributors to place deposits, in the same amount set for refunds to consumers, on all beverage containers sold, offered for sale, or distributed into the sale.

Requires DEQ to allow for the establishment, operation and licensure of redemption centers, which are required to accept all types of beverage containers and supplement the return of containers to dealers.

Requires dealers, as defined, to accept from a redeemer any empty beverage container that is made of the same material as that sold by the dealer at their place of business during any period the business is open for business. Directs dealers to pay a redeemer the set deposit value for each beverage container redeemed. Authorizes dealers to refuse beverage containers for described defects, such as the container is not clean or contains contaminants. Provides for redemption of the deposit value in legal tender, and permits the use of scripts or receipts from reverse vending machines to be exchanged for legal tender. Requires dealers to designate an area of their place of business to accept beverage containers for redemption.

Requires distributors to accept empty beverage containers from dealers and redemption centers of any kind sold, distributed, or offered for sale by the distributor in the State and pay the dealer or redemption center a handling fee set by DEQ and updated every five-years pursuant to specified criteria. Requires distributors to accept and redeem empty beverage containers from dealers and redemption centers. Deems dealers' failure to pick up empty beverage containers a violation of Part 2K. Permits groups of dealers to create or appoint a producer responsibility organization (501(c) or (d) organizations created by a group of distributors) to fulfill their obligations. Prohibits DEQ from delegating oversight, enforcement, and management authority under Part 2K. Requires DEQ to increase the handling fee by one cent three years after the effective date of the act if the described threshold for redemption points based on population is met.

Authorizes DEQ to approve procedures allowing for curbside recycling entities to be paid a processing payment (capped at the amount set for handling fees) for beverage containers collected, processed, stored, and delivered to distributors for recycling, subject to cleanliness, sorting, and baling standards. Excludes curbside collections from performance calculations required under Part 2K.

Details performance standards with respect to redemption of beverage containers and recycling of single-use containers, with percentage standards set for containers sold in the State in three phases, beginning July 1, 2026, July 1, 2028, and July 1, 2030, and ranging from 70% to 95% of containers sold. Requires DEQ to require distributors and producer responsibility organizations to work with dealers to develop a plan to ensure performance standards are met, with threshold percentages set for containers sold and those returned and refilled in two phases, beginning July 1, 2028, and July 1, 2030.

Details management requirements regarding deposits received by deposit initiators, including requiring the segregation of deposits in a deposit transaction fund maintained separately from other revenue, and limiting the use of deposits to pays refunds to consumers. Requires monthly remittance to DEQ of unredeemed deposits, determined as described. Provides for reimbursement for excess funds remitted.

Creates the Beverage Container Litter Reduction Account within DEQ, to be administered by DEQ, and consisting of unredeemed refund values remitted by distributors. Limits the funds in the Account to the administration of Part 2K and for a reserve for contingencies in a reasonable and prudent amount of up to \$1 million. Creates the Unredeemed Beverage Container Deposits Account within DEQ, to be administered by DEQ, to consist of the remaining balance of the Reduction Account after administrative and reserve expenses are made. Lists four permitted uses of the Deposits Account, including described litter abatement and recycling activities and public education programs.

Provides for a \$1,000 penalty for a person to sell or offer for sale beverages in containers not labeled or registered pursuant to the Part's requirements, or to make a report of a violation that is false. Authorizes DEQ to examine deposit initiator accounts and records, and access of penalty of 10% per year plus interest, for underpayments of refunds, and authorized penalties for late or continued unremitted payments.

Requires distributors to make quarterly reports to DEQ, beginning April 15, 2025, on the number of beverage containers sold, categorized as provided, and whether the container is reusable or single-use. Requires DEQ to annually report to the Environmental Review Commission, beginning by July 1, 2025, on nine summary points regarding the impact and cost of Part 2K, as well as any other information DEQ deems pertinent. Allows DEQ to require retailers, distributors, or certified redemption centers to provide compliance information to prepare the report.

Effective January 1, 2026.

Appropriates \$50,000 in recurring funds to DEQ for 2024-25 for administrative expenses in implementing the act. Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Alexander.**

[APPROP, GS 130A](#)

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies,  
Department of Environmental Quality (formerly DENR)**

H 979 (2023-2024) [MODIFY VARIOUS COURT COSTS AND FEES](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO DECREASE OR ELIMINATE VARIOUS COURT COSTS AND FEES*.

Reduces the costs for when a defendant is convicted or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or when costs are assessed against the prosecuting witness under GS 7A-304 from \$147.50 to \$125 in district court for support of the General Court of Justice and from \$154.50 to \$130 for the superior court. Removes the \$20 setup fee for installment plans and requirement that those fees be remitted to the State Treasurer. Effective October 1, 2024, and applies to court costs imposed and installment plans established on or after that date.

Removes the additional fees and court costs imposed for failure to wear a seatbelt under GS 20-135.2A so that a violator only has to pay a \$25.50 penalty. Effective October 1, 2024, and applies to infractions committed on or after that date.

Allows for fee waivers granted using the same requirements for waiving court costs to be applied for community service programs run by the Department of Adult Corrections under GS 143B-1483. Makes conforming changes. Effective October 1, 2024, and applies to fees assessed on or after that date.

**Intro. by Crawford, Alston, Harris, Prather.**

GS 7A, GS 20, GS 143B

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[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Court System](#)

H 980 (2023-2024) [MEDICAL INFORMATION/FOSTER CARE/MINORS](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO ALLOW PARENTAL ACCESS TO A MINOR'S MEDICAL RECORDS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES*.

Amends GS 90-20.10B, set forth in Part 3 of Article 1A, GS Chapter 90 pertaining to parental consent for the treatment of a minor. Prohibits health care practitioners from limiting or restricting a parent's access to a minor's or dependent's hard copy or electronic medical records without a court order, except as otherwise provided under federal law or Subchapter I of GS Chapter 7B, which governs juvenile abuse, neglect, dependency and termination of parental rights proceedings. Clarifies that the provision of medical records cannot delay or prevent the practitioner's treatment of a minor in a medical emergency. Amends GS 90-21.5, concerning certain medical health services for which a minor may consent, to add a new subsection to grant parents or guardians access to medical records for medical health services for which the minor consents under the statute's provisions in accordance with Part 3 of Article 1A, GS Chapter 90. Adds "medical record" as a defined term in GS 90-21.10A, defined by statutory cross-reference to GS 90-410(2). Makes conforming changes to the caption of Part 3, Article 1A, GS Chapter 90. Effective October 1, 2024.

Appropriates \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services for 2024-25 to implement the act. Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Loftis.**

APPROP, GS 90

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

H 981 (2023-2024) [FUNDS FOR CERTAIN PRESCHOOL-AGED YOUTH](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH GRANTS FOR PRESCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES*.

Appropriates \$5 million in recurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education (Division) to establish grants that, upon application, local educational agencies may apply to use to identify children two through five years of age who may have developmental disabilities. Requires the Division to develop and implement any criteria to use in awarding grants. Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Quick.**

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

H 982 (2023-2024) [FAITH IN MENTAL HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT IMPLEMENTING A PILOT PROGRAM TO INCREASE RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE USE SERVICE NEEDS*.



Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services (Division), to develop a pilot program that allows religious institutions to better respond to individuals in the community with mental health or substance use service needs. Specifies that the program will only be offered initially to religious institutions serving Vance County, Granville County, or both. Requires the Division to collaborate with local health departments and local management entity/managed care organization (LME/MCO) in those counties in developing the pilot program. Defines *mental health* and *religious institution*. Provides for three levels of Faith in Mental Health designations, which institutions may apply for: a basic designation, intermediate designation, and advanced designation. Lists criteria for each designation. Requires each participating institution to complete training deemed essential by the Division and to post the Faith in Mental Health designation on its website.

Requires the Division to develop the program application, award designations to religious institutions, and submit a report by no later than March 1 of each year to the specified NCGA Committee, on listed subjects, including the implementation and progress of the pilot program. Allows the Division to delegate the first two duties to a local health department but specifies that the Division retains ultimate responsibility for program eligibility.

Effective July 1, 2024, appropriates \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Division to be used to develop the pilot program. Permits the Division to allocate a portion of those funds to each religious institution with an approved application to offset participation costs. Allows the Division to set maximum funding awards allocated for each level of designation.

**Intro. by Sossamon, Winslow, Ross, Fontenot.**

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, Health and Human Services, Mental Health**

H 983 (2023-2024) **ORPHAN ROADS STUDY COMMITTEE**. Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO CREATE A STUDY COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN ROADS*.

Creates a 25-member Study Committee on Orphan Roads (Committee). Requires the Committee to: (1) study how many roads in North Carolina are orphaned, abandoned, or have no ownership; (2) recommend solutions to bring these roads up to code and maintained; (3) recommend solutions to slow and stop this from continuing; (4) recommend long-term solutions regarding road maintenance, funding, and road identification; and (5) recommend any legislative changes. Provides that the members will be appointed as follows:

- Three members of the House of Representatives chosen by the House Majority Leader.
- Three members of the Senate chosen by the Senate Majority Leader.
- Three members of the House of Representatives chosen by the House Minority Leader.
- Three members of the Senate chosen by the Senate Minority Leader.
- Four persons, chosen by the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, who have experience in road construction, maintenance, and transportation funding.
- Three persons, chosen by the Governor, who have experience in local government and local community organizations.
- Three members of the House of Representatives, chosen by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who have experience in local government and local community organizations.
- Three members of the Senate, chosen by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, who have experience in local government and local community organizations.

Provides for the organization of the Committee including three co-chairs appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, quarterly meetings, travel and subsistence expenses, and the ability to hire staff. Requires the Committee to report its findings and recommendations to the 2025 General Assembly by May 1, 2025. Specifies that the Committee terminates upon the filing of the report.

**Intro. by Majeed, Logan, Loftis, Clampitt.**

**STUDY**

H 984 (2023-2024) **REMOVAL OF SQUATTERS FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY**. Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO CREATE AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY FOR THE EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY*.

Enacts new Article 8, concerning the expedited removal of unauthorized persons from residential property in GS Chapter 42. Adds new GS 42-79, allowing a property owner or authorized agent to request from the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over where the residential property is located the removal of a person or persons unlawfully occupying that property if all of the following are met: (1) the requesting party is the property owner or the authorized agent of the property owner, (2) the property that is being occupied is a residential dwelling or property used in connection with a residential dwelling or is real property appurtenant to a residential dwelling, (3) an unauthorized person or persons have unlawfully entered and remain on or continue to reside in the private property, (4) the private property was not offered or intended as an accommodation for the general public at the time the unauthorized person entered, (5) the property owner or the authorized agent of the property owner has directed the unauthorized person or persons to leave the personal property, (6) the unauthorized person or persons are not tenants as defined in GS 42-59, (7) there is no pending litigation between the property owner and the unauthorized person or persons related to the residential property, and (8) no other valid rental agreement has been entered into or formed by the property owner and the unauthorized person or persons allowing them to occupy the private property. Defines unauthorized person as a person occupying private property who has no legal claim to the property and is not entitled to occupy it under a valid rental agreement signed by the property owner or their authorized agent and who is not otherwise authorized to occupy the property. It does not mean a tenant who holds over after the lease term has expired under GS 42-26.

Provides for an effective removal complaint form under GS 42-80, which must be filed with the municipal police department, or with the county sheriff's office or county police department if the property is not located within a municipality that is subject to the territorial jurisdiction of a county law enforcement agency. Requires the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), in consultation with the NC Sheriffs' Association and the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police, to develop the complaint form.

Specifies a process for verification of a complaint and removal of unauthorized persons by the law enforcement agency in new GS 42-81, as follows. Requires the agency to verify that the complainant is the property owner of record or authorized agent and appears entitled to relief. Gives the law enforcement agency 48 hours to remove the unauthorized person or persons from the private property. Gives the law enforcement agency the power to arrest persons for trespass, outstanding warrants, or other legal cause. Allows the law enforcement agency to charge a fee \$25/hour for standing by upon the owner's request while the owner changes locks and removes the authorized person's property. Indemnifies the law enforcement agency and property owner or their authorized agent from liability to any unauthorized person or other party for loss, destruction, or damage of personal property.

Provides for a remedy for wrongful removal including possession of the property and recovery of actual costs and damages incurred, statutory damages equal to triple the fair market rent of the residence, court costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees under new GS 42-82. Specifies that new Article 8 doesn't limit the rights of a property owner or limit the authority of a law enforcement officer to arrest an unauthorized person or persons for trespassing, vandalism, theft, or other crimes.

Effective October 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Bradford, Gillespie, Shepard, Iler.**

GS 42

H 985 (2023-2024) [FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS IN DISTRICT 119](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS IN HOUSE DISTRICT 119, TO MAKE CHANGES TO SMALL COUNTY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING, TO REMOVE LOCAL MINIMUM EFFORT REQUIREMENT FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING IN LOW-WEALTH COUNTIES, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT.*

Appropriates \$165,500 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) for 2024-25 to be used as a directed grant to the Town of Webster and allocated in specified amounts for purposes identified at Webster Park and Tuckasegee River.

Appropriates \$2,390,550 from the General Fund to OSBM for 2024-25 to be used as a directed grant to the Town of Bryson City and allocated in specified amounts for fire safety equipment and pedestrian crosswalk safety improvements identified. Appropriates \$10 million to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for 2024-25 to be allocated to the Water Infrastructure Fund and used to provide a grant to the Town of Bryson City for specified water and wastewater improvements associated with the proposed new Swain County Middle School campus.

Appropriates \$10 million from the General Fund to DEQ for 2024-25 to be allocated to the Water Infrastructure Fund and used to provide a grant to Swain County for replacement sewer lines serving Swain County High School.

Amends GS 115C-472.18, increasing the dollar allotment for eligible county school administrative units with an allotted ADM between 1,701 and 2,000 from \$1,729,400 to \$2.3 million. Appropriates \$3,309,480 in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for 2024-25 to implement these statutory changes.

Repeals GS 115C-472.17(f), which specifies the minimum effort required for low-wealth counties to receive supplemental funding for instructional and instructional support positions and personnel provided by the statute. Makes conforming changes to remove references to the subsection in GS 115C-472.17, as enacted by Section 7.3, SL 2023-134. Appropriates \$18.5 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to DPI for 2024-25 to implement these statutory changes.

Appropriates from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors to be allocated to UNC Asheville for 2024-25 \$17 million for the procurement and installation of up to three weather radar systems in locations throughout the State, and \$250,000 in recurring funds for their operation and maintenance. Directs UNC Asheville to report to the specified NCGA committee by February 15, 2034, on the costs of continued operation of the radar systems.

Appropriates \$9.35 million from the General Fund to DPI for 2024-25 to be allocated as a directed grant to Jackson County Public Schools for the purposes specified at Smoky Mountain High School.

Appropriates \$230,000 from the General Fund to OSBM for 2024-25 to provide a directed grant to Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry, Inc. to renovate and expand its facility.

Appropriates \$1.5 million from the General Fund to OSBM for 2024-25 to be allocated as a directed grant to the City of Brevard to be used in specified amounts for specified purposes at the Brevard Recreation Complex and the Brevard Fire Department, and for the City of Brevard Facility Study. Appropriates \$18 million to DEQ for 2024-25 to be allocated to the Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments Fund to provide a grant to the City of Brevard for the described Jumping Branch watershed improvements.

Appropriates \$925,954 from the General Fund to OSBM for 2024-25 to provide a directed grant to the Cedar Mountain Volunteer Fire Rescue, Inc. to be used in specified amounts to purchase a new engine and update equipment.

Appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to OSBM for 2024-25 to provide a directed grant to the Adults Working and Advocating for Kids' Empowerment, Inc. (AWAKE) for organization expenses.

Appropriates \$28.453 million from the General Fund to DPI for 2024-25 to be allocated as a directed grant to Transylvania County Public Schools and used for specified purposes for the StudyVille program, Brevard High School, and Rosman Elementary School. Appropriates \$54 million from the General Fund to DEQ for 2024-25 to be allocated to the Water Infrastructure Fund to provide a grant to the City of Brevard to be used in specified amounts for specified purposes at the City's wastewater treatment plant and Brushy Creek basin.

Appropriates from the General Fund to the Community College System Office to be allocated to Blue Ridge Community College for 2024-25: \$50 million for a new student center; \$8 million for a groundskeeping building and horticulture uses; \$40 million for a new classroom building; \$556,000 for an automated greenhouse; \$1 million to renovate the Bo Thomas Auditorium; and \$300,000 to renovate and provide equipment to the welding technology lab.

Appropriates \$1.55 million from the General Fund to OSBM for 2024-25 to provide a directed grant to the Town of Dillsboro to be used in specified amounts for water and sewer expansion and described improvements to Montieth Park.

Provides for nonrecurring appropriations to remain available until expended for the purposes specified by the act.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Clampitt, Rudow.**

[APPROP, Jackson, Swain, Transylvania](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, Department of Environmental Quality \(formerly DENR\), Department of Public Instruction, Office of State Budget and Management, Local Government](#)

H 986 (2023-2024) [UNC AI HUBS](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE HUBS AT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.*

Requires the UNC BOG, by no later than December 1, 2024, to select up to three UNC constituent institutions to serve as Artificial Intelligence (AI) Hubs in the State. Requires at least one AI Hub to be one of North Carolina's Public Historically Black Colleges and Universities or North Carolina's Historically American Indian University, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Specifies that each AI Hub will convene industry and academia to ensure that artificial intelligence (1) generates economic growth for the State of North Carolina and (2) protects the rights and liberties of the citizens of this State.

Appropriates from the General Fund to the UNC BOG the following sums for AI Hubs for the 2024-2025 fiscal year: (1) \$15 million in nonrecurring funds to be allocated equally among constituent institutions selected for an AI Hub, to establish AI Hubs, including necessary infrastructure, (directs that the funds will not be made available to a selected constituent institution until that institution matches 10% of the funds made available with non-State funds); (2) \$1 million in recurring funds to be allocated equally among each constituent institution selected for an AI Hub. Specifies that the funds will be used for operational support and personnel needed for the AI Hubs, including to establish an expert in residence position at each AI Hub.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Hawkins.**

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

H 987 (2023-2024) [FAFSA COMPLETION AS GRADUATION REQUIREMENT](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO MAKE COMPLETION OF THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.*

Amends GS 115C-83.31 (exit standards required by the State Board of Education for high school graduation), GS 115C-218.85 (charter schools), GS 115C-238.66 (regional schools), GS 116-239.8 (UNC laboratory schools), and Section 6(d) of SL 2018-32 (renewal schools) to require completion and submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) during the student's senior year unless the student's parent or guardian (if applicable) or, if the student is an emancipated minor, the

student completes a signed waiver certifying that the student understands what the FAFSA is and declines to complete it or the school's principal waives the requirement due to extenuating circumstances. Applies beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

Effective July 1, 2024, appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to be used to train, educate, and prepare public school units regarding the requirement of the act.

**Intro. by Hawkins.**

[APPROP, GS 115C, GS 116](#)

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

H 988 (2023-2024) [2024 RETIREMENT TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND OTHER CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND RELATED STATUTES.*

Amends the following statutes to correct reference to the Executive Director of the Retirement Systems Division so that the title is accurately reflected: GS 135-5 (benefits under the Teachers and State Employees Retirement System [TSERS]), GS 128-27 (benefits under the Local Government Employees Retirement System [LGERS]), GS 135-6 (TSERS-administration), GS 128-28 (LGERS-administration), GS 135-10.1 (failure of members to respond-TSERS), GS 128-32.1 (failure of members to respond-LGERS), GS 58-86-2 (NC Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers Pension Fund [FRSP] definitions), GS 58-86-6 (FSRP pension advisory panel), and GS 135-107 (optional retirement program under the State's disability income plan [DIP]).

Amends the death benefit plan for law enforcement officers under GS 128-27(11) to clarify that officers who are members of LGERS can participate and be eligible for group life insurance benefits under the Group Life Insurance Plan (currently, just states members are eligible for those benefits under the Plan).

Amends the following statutes to change references to final average compensation to average final compensation: GS 135-8 (financing-TSERS) and GS 128-30 (financing-LGERS).

Amends the following statutes to replaces references to 72 years of age with references to the applicable age under Section 401(a)(9)(C)(v) of the Internal Revenue Code: GS 135-5 (benefits-TSERS), GS 128-27 (benefits-LGERS), GS 135-74 (Internal Revenue Code compliance under the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System[JRS]), and GS 120-4.31 (Internal Revenue Code compliance under the Legislative Retirement System [LRS]).

Makes technical changes to GS 135-1(25) (definition of *teacher*-TSERS), GS 128-29(e) (selection of depositories under LGERS management of funds), and GS 135-48.10 (TSERS confidentiality provisions).

Amends GS 128-23(h) (original text refers to the statute as GS 123-23 but the provision does not appear in that statute), to specify that an ABC board that has ceased participating in LGERS as an inactive employer is not eligible to participate in LGERS.

Makes technical corrections, organizational and conforming changes, and/or language gender neutral.

**Intro. by Carson Smith.**

[GS 120, GS 123, GS 128, GS 135](#)

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**Employment and Retirement, Government, General Assembly,  
State Government, State Personnel, Local Government**

H 990 (2023-2024) [MENTAL HEALTH TRIAGE UNIT PILOT FOR LSAUS](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MENTAL HEALTH TRIAGE UNIT PILOT PROGRAM*.

Directs the State Board of Education (Board) to establish the Mental Health Triage Unit Pilot Program (Program) to fund at least one mental health triage unit (triage unit) in each participating local school administrative unit (LSA unit). Provides the Program will be administered for three fiscal years and end on June 30, 2027. Provides LSA units may apply to participate in the Program and directs the Board to select up to eight LSA units to participate based on:

- (1) The level of resources available to the LSA unit that will receive funds from the Program,
- (2) Overall impact on student mental health in the LSA unit, if the LSA unit were selected to participate, and
- (3) The history of sudden traumatic events in the LSA unit.

Provides that each LSA unit participating in the Program will receive \$250,000 in each year that funds are made available to establish a triage unit in the LSA unit. States the purpose of the triage unit is to provide mental health resources to students and to be on call during school hours to address student mental health emergencies. Directs participating LSA units to inform students and staff of the triage unit and any opportunities to learn about its purpose and function.

Directs the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the Center for Safer Schools, in cooperation with the Department of Public Safety, to establish standards and guidelines for the development, operation, and staffing of the triage units, including a requirement that the triage units be staffed by at least one school nurse, school social worker, and school counselor who is a licensed clinical mental health counselor.

Directs the Board to report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by March 15 of each year that the Program is funded, on the following:

- (1) The identity of each LSA unit that received funds under the Program, and
- (2) An assessment of the impact of the Program on the mental health of students in the participating LSA units.

Appropriates \$2 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to DPI for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to implement the Program.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by T. Brown, Prather, Ball, Alston.**

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

H 991 (2023-2024) [ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE PATH/CTE HIGH SCHOOL](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO STUDY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON AN ALTERNATIVE OR MODIFIED PATH TO LICENSURE*.

Requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), in consultation with the State Board of Community Colleges, by March 15, 2025, to study and report to the specified NCGA committee on recommendations on licensure requirements for Career and Technical Education (CTE) high school teachers. Sets out the purpose of the study and required study components.

Appropriates \$10,000 for 2024-25 from the General Fund to DPI for the study.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Johnson.**

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, Department of Public Instruction](#)

H 992 (2023-2024) [FUNDS/ALLIANCE OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA ALLIANCE OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS*.

Appropriates \$3 million for 2024-25 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management for a directed grant to the NC Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs Inc. for operational support. Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Quick.**

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

H 994 (2023-2024) [EST. YOUTH MENTORING COMM./MENTORING FUNDS](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON YOUTH MENTORING AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT YOUTH MENTORING INITIATIVES*.

Enacts GS 143B-394.40, establishing the 14-member NC Commission on Youth Mentoring (Commission) of the Department of Administration. Grants the Commission five duties, including establishing a grant program for specified mentoring organizations and annually reporting to the specified NCGA committees and division the number of grant applications, the grant recipients and amounts awarded, and the balance of funds remaining. Details member qualifications and terms, and provides for appointment of members by the Governor. Further provides for Commission meetings, vacancies, removal, compensation, staffing, and funding.

Appropriates \$1.5 million in recurring funds to the Department of Administration for the Commission for 2024-25 to be used to provide grants to mentoring organizations which meet the criteria established pursuant to new GS 143B-394.40.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Hawkins, A. Jones.**

[APPROP, GS 143B](#)

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Administration, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Child Welfare](#)

H 995 (2023-2024) [FUNDS FOR MATERNAL HEALTH PROGRAMS](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT MATERNAL HEALTH IN BLACK COMMUNITIES*.

Appropriates \$1.25 million for 2023-24 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management to be used for supporting maternal health in black communities by directing grants in equal amounts to: (1) Equity Before Birth, (2) Mobilizing African-American Mothers through Empowerment, (3) Momma's Village-Fayetteville, Inc., (4) Jace's Journey, Inc., and (5) Sistas 4 Sistas, Inc. Effective July 1, 2023.

**Intro. by Hawkins, von Haefen.**

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

H 996 (2023-2024) [STATE EMPLOYEES/GIVE 3-DAYS BEREAVEMENT LEAVE](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT PROVIDING UP TO THREE CONSECUTIVE WORKDAYS OF PAID BEREAVEMENT LEAVE TO STATE EMPLOYEES ON DEATH OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE*.

Enacts GS 126-8.7, requiring the State Human Resources Commission to adopt rules and policies to provide that a permanent, probationary, or time-limited full-time State employee be granted up to three consecutive workdays of paid bereavement leave, or a prorated amount of paid bereavement leave, on the death of any member of the employee's immediate family, defined to include a spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, grandparent, or grandchild, and step, half, and in-law relationships. Specifies criteria that must be included in the Commission's rules and policies, including requiring a requesting employees to submit a statement of the deceased's name and relationship to the employee and to establish a period of aggregated State service required before the employee is leave eligible. Specifies that the leave is available without exhaustion of the employee's earned and awarded leave, has no cash value upon termination, and cannot be used in calculating retirement benefits. Defines the scope of the the statute to include State agency, department, and institution employees, including UNC; public school employees; and community college employees. Directs the appropriate governing board, officer, or entity to adopt rules and policies to award paid bereavement leave to employees that are substantially equivalent to those adopted by the Commission.

Makes conforming changes to GS 126-5, effective July 1, 2024.

Appropriates \$2 million from the General Fund to the Reserve for Compensation Increases for 2024-25 to fund the leave authorized by the act.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Hawkins, Riddell, Alston, K. Baker.**

[APPROP, GS 126](#)

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[Employment and Retirement, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Government, State Personnel](#)

H 997 (2023-2024) [HONORING NC'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIL RIGHTS](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING MONUMENTS COMMEMORATING EVENTS AND PERSONS RELATING TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THE STATE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION TO PLACE MARKERS AT SITES ALONG NORTH CAROLINA'S CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL.*

Includes whereas clauses.

Authorizes the African American Heritage Commission (Commission) to study the feasibility of establishing monuments commemorating civil rights movement events in North Carolina and the State's citizens that contributed to the civil rights movement. Requires holding public hearings and requires the Commission to report to the specified NCGA committee by May 1, 2025, on the Commission's findings and recommendations for legislation.

Appropriates \$500,000 for 2024-25 from the General Fund to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, African American Heritage Commission, to aid in the Commission's work of placing markers, signage, and other memorials to commemorate significant cultural or historical importance relating to North Carolina's Civil Rights Trail.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Lofton, Quick.**

[APPROP, STUDY](#)

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H 999 (2023-2024) [HEALTHY AND SAFE STUDENTS IN EVERY SCHOOL](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL NURSE AND AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY OF NALOXONE NASAL SPRAY IN EVERY SCHOOL IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO MEET THOSE REQUIREMENTS.*

Identical to [S 801](#), filed 5/2/24.



Contains whereas clauses. Adds new Part 7, concerning health and safety requirements to Article 7B of GS Chapter 115C. Adds new 115C-77.1, requiring that each school within a public school unit has a school nurse available at all times during the instructional days. Allows governing bodies to hire full or part-time nurses or contract with third party services to provide nursing services. Appropriates \$89 million from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for 2024-25 to provide nurses as outlined above.

Adds new GS 115C-77.5 (concerning school supply of naloxone nasal sprays), requiring governing bodies of each public school unit to provide a supply of emergency naloxone nasal spray on school property for use by trained school personnel to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering from an opioid or fentanyl emergency during the school day and at school-sponsored events on school property. Provides for minimum amounts and storage locations. Specifies that school property does not include transportation to or from school for purposes of GS 115C-77.5. Defines naloxone nasal spray. Requires the principal to designate one or more personnel for training and annual retraining regarding the storage and use of naloxone nasal spray. Requires those persons to obtain a non-patient specific prescription for naloxone nasal spray. Requires the principal of each school to develop an emergency plan with four required components. Indemnifies a governing body of a public school unit; its members, employees, designees, agents, or volunteers; and a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner of the local health department from liability in civil damages to any party for any act authorized by GS 115C-77.5 or for any omission relating to that act unless that act or omission amounts to gross negligence, wanton conduct, or intentional wrongdoing. Appropriates \$350,000 from the Opioid Abatement Reserve to DPI in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to be allocated to public school units for the purchase of an initial school supply of naloxone nasal spray and to facilitate the training required.

Specifies that funds appropriated pursuant to the act supplement and do not supplant any funds from any source already provided for the same purposes. Effective July 1, 2024, and applies beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

**Intro. by Ball, Lambeth, Staton-Williams, White.**

[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 1000 (2023-2024) [PROTECT ACCESS TO IN VITRO FERTILIZATION](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO ACCESS ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF HEALTH BENEFITS, TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR MEDICAID MATERNAL SUPPORT SERVICES.*

Identical to [S 854](#), filed 5/2/24.

Enacts Article 10 to GS Chapter 90, titled Assisted Reproductive Technology. Bars the State or any political subdivision thereof from prohibiting, unreasonably limiting, or interfering with: (1) a patient's right to access assisted reproductive technology; (2) a health care provider's right to provide or assist with the provision of evidence-based information related to assisted reproductive technology; and (3) a health care provider's right to perform or assist with the performance of assisted reproductive technology. Defines "assisted reproductive technology" to mean all treatments or procedures that include the handling of human oocytes or human embryos, including in vitro fertilization, gamete intrafallopian transfer, and zygote intrafallopian transfer. Also defines "health care provider" and "health care service". Prohibits considering a fertilized human egg or human embryo that exists in any form outside of the uterus of a human body as an unborn fetus, an unborn child, a minor child, a natural person, or any other term connotating a legal human being. Specifies that the new Article does not prohibit the enforcement of health and safety laws related to the operation of health care facilities or the provision of health care services by health care providers.

Appropriates \$500,000 in recurring funds to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits for 2024-25 to be used to increase funding for Medicaid maternal support services (Baby Love program) and provide a State match to the specified amount of federal funding, also appropriated to the Division for the same purpose. Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Prather, Staton-Williams, Everitt, Alston.**

[APPROP, GS 90](#)

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H 1002 (2023-2024) [REQUIRE FINDINGS FOR CERTAIN INDIGENT APPEALS](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE JUDICIAL FINDINGS WHEN AUTHORIZING A PERSON TO APPEAL TO DISTRICT COURT FROM SMALL CLAIMS COURT AS AN INDIGENT AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS*.

Amends GS 7A-228 by adding the requirement that a superior or district court judge, magistrate, or clerk of superior court authorizing a person to appeal to district court as an indigent person to do at least one of the following: (1) make written findings including (i) all criteria listed in GS 1-110 (Suit as an indigent; counsel; suits filed pro se by prison inmates) that led to the authorization of the person to appeal to district court as an indigent and (ii) all information or evidence used to determine that one or more criteria in GS 1-110 existed; and (2) make written findings indicating (i) that authorization of the person to appeal to district court as an indigent was not based upon criteria listed in GS 1-110 16 and (ii) all information or evidence used to determine that the person would be authorized to appeal to district court as an indigent.

Requires the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to modify the specified form to meet these requirements.

Effective October 1, 2024.

Appropriates \$50,000 for 2024-25 from the General Fund to AOC to implement the changes to the form and to train judicial personnel and other stakeholders on the changes made by this act. Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Cunningham, Howard, Bradford.**

[APPROP, GS 7A](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Administrative Office of the Courts, Government, Budget/Appropriations](#)

H 1005 (2023-2024) [EVA'S ACT](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CRUELTY TO ANIMALS INCLUDES THE FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SPACE*.

Amends GS 14-360, concerning cruelty to animals, as follows. Expands upon the offense to also make it a Class 1 misdemeanor to deprive an animal of adequate space or to cause any animal to be deprived of the same. Adds and defines the terms adequate space, animal, freedom of movement, lawful hunt, and torture, torment, or cruelty. Adds to the exclusions from the offense under the statute the use of a dog in a lawful hunt. Makes additional clarifying changes. Makes organizational changes so that intentionally and maliciously are separately defined terms. Effective December 1, 2024, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Appropriates \$50,000 for 2024-25 to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for a public awareness campaign regarding the act's changes to animal cruelty laws. Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Longest, Ward, Dahle, Harrison.**

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

H 1011 (2023-2024) [HEALTHY STUDENTS - A NURSE IN EVERY SCHOOL](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL NURSE IN EVERY SCHOOL IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT BEGINNING IN THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR AND TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO MEET THAT REQUIREMENT*.

Identical to [S 814](#), filed 5/2/24.

Includes whereas clauses.

Amends GS 115C-47 to require local boards of education to ensure that each school within the unit is staffed by at least one full-time, permanent school nurse.

Amends GS 115C-12 to require the State Board of Education (State Board) to ensure that schools operating under the State Board's control are staffed by at least one full-time, permanent school nurse.

Amends GS 115C-150.12C, GS 115C-218.75, GS 115C-238.66, and GS 116-239.8 to require schools for the deaf and blind, charter schools, regional schools, and lab schools to staff at least one full-time, permanent school nurse.

Applies beginning with the 2024-25 school year.

Appropriates \$89 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction for 2024-25 to increase the School Health Personnel Allotment to be used to increase positions for school nurses to meet the act's requirements. Specifies that the funds are supplemental to funds provided for school nurses.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Everitt, Alston.**

[APPROP, GS 115C, GS 116](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Employment and Retirement, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Public Instruction, State Board of Education, Health and Human Services, Health](#)

H 1012 (2023-2024) [HOMES FOR HEROES](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO CREATE A HOMEBUYERS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS WHO WORK AS PUBLIC SERVANTS AND TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX CREDIT TO CERTAIN VOLUNTEER WORKERS FOR UNREIMBURSED BUSINESS EXPENSES*.

Identical to [S 827](#), filed 5/2/24.

Part I.

Directs the Housing Finance Agency (Agency) to establish a program under the Homeownership Fund to provide assistance, in the form of reimbursement or direct payment, to first-time homebuyers that are employed full-time as public servants in the State. Defines public servant as an active duty member or veteran, law enforcement officer, teacher, firefighter, or EMS personnel employed in the State. Defines first-time homebuyer. Provides for the lesser of \$25,000 or 10% of the purchase price for down payment assistance, mortgage insurance premium assistance, and closing costs. Allows for monthly mortgage insurance payment assistance for up to 60 months for any single first-time homebuyer. Authorizes the Agency to adopt, modify, or repeal rules and regulations to implement the act. Includes other defined terms.

Appropriates \$200 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Homeownership Assistance Fund for 2024-25 to be used to implement the act.

Effective July 1, 2024.

Part II.

Enacts GS 105-153.11 to create an income tax credit of up to \$5,000, or the amount of tax imposed for the taxable year calculated as described, for eligible firefighters and rescue squad workers for the amount of ordinary, reasonable business expenses related to their rescue work for which they are not reimbursed by the department or squad. Bars claiming the credit as both an eligible firefighter and an eligible rescue squad worker, defined to mean unpaid members of a volunteer fire

department or rescue or emergency medical services squad who attended at least 36 hours of drills or training and meetings, as specified. Effective for taxable years beginning January 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Everitt, Alston.**

[APPROP, GS 105](#)

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Records and Open Meetings, Public Safety and Emergency Management, Tax, Military and Veteran's Affairs](#)

H 1021 (2023-2024) [SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT ACT](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH A MENTAL HEALTH WORKER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.*

Identical to [S 826](#), filed 5/2/24.

Enacts new GS 115C-376.6, the School Mental Health Grant Program (Program), to be established by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Specifies that the Program's purpose is to increase student access to mental health support personnel in public school units. Defines mental health support personnel. Sets forth an application process, and authorizes DPI to set deadlines and application information. Requires DPI to award funds to selected public school units based on the need of the public school unit. In evaluating the need of the unit, DPI must prioritize the award of funds to units with a greater proportion of students who have limited or no access to mental health services, including students who do not have health insurance and students with disabilities. Requires public school units that receive Program funds to contract with mental health support personnel to provide mental health services in one or more schools in the unit. Specifies that the Program grants must supplement, not supplant, existing funds for mental health services. Starting on March 15 of each year funds are provided, sets annual reporting requirements to the specified NCGA committees on the Program, with four required prongs of information. Appropriates \$50 million from the General Fund to DPI in recurring funds for 2024-25 to provide grants for school mental health services in public school units. Allows DPI to use up to \$75,000 of the funds each year for Program administrative costs.

Enacts GS 116-209.47, the Mental Health Worker Loan Repayment Program (Repayment Program) to be administered by the State Education Assistance Authority (Authority). Specifies that the purpose of the Repayment Program is to provide loan repayment grants to eligible mental health workers to repay student debt held by the worker to the extent funds are made available for this purpose. Defines authority, eligible mental health worker, high-need area, program, and student debt. Authorizes the Authority to establish the following criteria for initial and continuing eligibility in the Repayment Program: (1) NC residency and graduation from a postsecondary constituent institution of UNC; (2) standards adopted by the Authority to ensure that only qualified potential recipients receive a grant; and (3) to the extent funds provided are insufficient to award forgivable loans to all interested applicants, authorizes the Authority to establish a lottery process for selection of grant recipients from among qualified applicants. Sets the award amount at 20% of each eligible mental health worker's student debt as of the date of his or her initial award. Provides for a distribution date. Sets a limit of five years for each recipient to receive an award of funds. Authorizes the Authority to adopt rules to implement the Repayment Program. Requires the Authority to submit a report to the specified NCGA committee by December 1, 2024, and every year thereafter so long as the Authority continues to award grants on grants awarded under the Repayment Program and recommendations to improve the Repayment Program and increase the number of eligible mental health workers in high need areas. Appropriates \$50 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors to allocate to the Authority for the 2024-25 fiscal year to establish the Repayment Program. Permits the Authority to retain \$500,000 for administrative costs. Effective July 1, 2024, and applies to applications for the disbursement of funds beginning in the 2024-25 fiscal year.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Everitt, Prather.**

[APPROP, GS 115C, GS 116](#)

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H 1023 (2023-2024) [FUNDS FOR NATIONAL BLACK THEATRE FESTIVAL](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE NATIONAL BLACK THEATRE FESTIVAL*.

Appropriates \$100,000 in nonrecurring funds for 2024-2025 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management to provide a directed grant to Winston-Salem to support the North Carolina Black Repertory Company's annual production of the National Black Theatre Festival. Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by A. Baker.**

APPROP, Forsyth

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, Cultural Resources and Museums, State Agencies, Office of State Budget and Management**

H 1024 (2023-2024) [NONCONSENSUAL BOOTING AND TOWING REFORM](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT REFORMING THE LAWS RELATED TO NONCONSENSUAL BOOTING AND TOWING*.

Enacts new Article 7C, Nonconsensual Booting and Towing, to GS Chapter 20. Provides for fourteen defined terms including, *tow*, *nonconsensual tow* (towing with the prior consent or authorization the owner or operator of the motor vehicle), and *boot*. Specifies that Article 7C doesn't apply to the towing of a vehicle at the direction of law enforcement or any other towing subject to Article 7A of GS Chapter 20 (concerning post-towing procedures). Adds new GS 20-219.40, requiring every nonconsensual towing business to obtain a permit from the Division of Motor Vehicles (Division) before operating in the State, which must be annually renewed. Provides for permit fees and permit forms. Requires the Division to issue or renew a permit if: (i) the application is complete and (ii) the applicant demonstrates the willingness and ability to comply with the requirements of the Article and other applicable laws. Provides for appeal of denial of initial or renewed permit. Specifies that engaging in the practice of nonconsensual booting or towing without a valid permit is an unfair trade practice.

Adds GS 20-219.45, requiring the Division to develop and maintain a searchable statewide database accessible to members of the public. Requires the database to allow members of the public to report suspected noncompliance with the Article, allows searches by vehicle number or license plate to access information pertaining to vehicles towed or booted without the owner or operator's consent, and allows for nonconsensual towing businesses to log in and to input information required information within six hours of nonconsensually towing or booting a vehicle. Sets out information that a nonconsensual towing business must put into the database within six hours of booting or towing.

Provides for required posting and display of signage for nonconsensual towing at parking lot entrances or areas where parking prohibitions apply in new GS 20-219.50 Prohibits a vehicle from being booted or nonconsensually towed on private property that does not have signs posted at the tie of the booting or towing and at least 24 hours prior. Violations of the statute constitute an infraction subject to a penalty of up to \$100. Permits courts to order restitution to the owner of nonconsensually towed or booted vehicle. Excludes owners of private residential property that consists of four or fewer residents from GS 20-219.50.

Adds new GS 20-219.55, listing towing and booting practices, including (1) that any vehicle removed removed from a parking lot or area on private property cannot be transported for storage more than 25 miles from the place of removal, unless there is no storage area within 25 miles from the place of removal that is suitably sized to store the motor vehicle; (2) barring occupied vehicles from being booted; (3) prohibiting nonconsensual towing businesses from impeding or blocking occupied vehicles not yet booted that are attempting to leave the parking lot; and (4) notice requirements for booting. Specifies that violations of GS 20-219.55 is an unfair trade practice.

Adds new GS 20-219.60, providing for nonconsensual towing fees (fees). Requires fees to be reasonable. Prevents a nonconsensual towing business from charging storage fees for: (1) personal property essential to the activities of daily living or cargo contained in a trailer or semitrailer, (2) days when the business is not open from at least 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Requires the business to wait one business day since the towed vehicle could first be recovered before charging a storage fee, unless it is open 24 hours per day. Requires a nonconsensual towing business to accept credit cards, debit cards and cash. Provides for a limit on payment processing fees. Specifies that charging a fee in violation of GS 20-219.60 is an unfair and deceptive trade practice.

Establishes an eight-member Towing and Recovery Commission (Commission) to annually establish the maximum fees that a nonconsensual towing business may charge for booting, towing, storage, and handing of personal property. Specifies membership requirements and appointing authorities. Provides for two-year terms commencing on January 1, 2025. Bars members from receiving compensation but specifies that they are entitled to be paid necessary subsistence and travel expenses. Authorizes the chair of the Commission to appoint another person with the same qualifications if a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Commission.

Authorizes the Division to adopt rules to implement the article.

Makes conforming change to GS 20-219.20 (concerning the requirement to give notice of vehicle towing) to account for new Article 7C.

Effective July 1, 2024, appropriates \$500,000 from the Highway Fund to the Division in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to be used to implement the act.

Effective December 1, 2024, and applies to activities occurring on or after that date.

**Intro. by Budd, Carson Smith, Pyrtle, Logan.**

[APPROP, GS 20](#)

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

H 1035 (2023-2024) [SUPPORT STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ACT](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS TO APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR ONGOING EXTRAORDINARY COSTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, INCLUDING FOR PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS IN SETTINGS OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL SYSTEM TO REDUCE THE USE OF MODIFIED DAY, HOMEBOUND, AND HOSPITALIZED PLACEMENTS, AND TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE MONITORING OF STUDENTS IN HOMEBOUND, MODIFIED DAY, AND HOSPITAL PLACEMENTS.*

Requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to establish a grant program for local school administrative units to apply for funds from the Special State Reserve Fund (SSRF) for children with disabilities, beginning with the 2024-25 fiscal year, to cover extraordinary costs of certain students with disabilities, including costs associated with the placement of students in private schools with approved nonpublic education programs providing special education in accordance with a student's individualized education program (IEP). Requires the program to provide funds for students with disabilities on an ongoing basis according to the students' IEPs. Specifies that the funds supplement and not supplant existing federal, State, and local funding for children with disabilities.

Allows a local school administrative unit to apply for grant funds for a student with disabilities served by the unit for extraordinary costs (as defined) associated with services provided to the student. Requires the unit to demonstrate that the total cost of the services equals or exceeds four times the State average per pupil expenditure for children with disabilities in the prior fiscal year. Requires that the student's IEP support the determination of the services. Grants are student-specific and follow the student for special education and related services provided within the State. Sets out documentation requirements. Allows for grant renewals. Requires reimbursement of 75% of the extraordinary costs and disburses funds quarterly.

Requires DPI to ensure that, if a student who is covered by grant funds is placed in a private school that has an approved nonpublic education program providing special education in accordance with a student's individualized education program (IEP), that the school is approved by DPI as adhering laws governing education services for students with disabilities and governing seclusion and restraint of students. Continues the local school administrative unit's liability for ensuring the student is receiving a free appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE) while the student is placed in the private school, and requires annual review of the student's IEP and any interim reviews requested by the student's parent or legal guardian for purposes of educational decision making. Sets out conditions to be met before the grant is renewed.

Appropriates \$1 million in recurring funds for 2024-25 from the General Fund to the SSRF for the grant program.

Requires DPI to report by March 15, 2025, to the specified NCGA committee on the amount of grant applications for the 2024-25 school year, amount of funds awarded, types of out-of-school system placements and service providers, and the type of extraordinary costs reimbursed.

Amends GS 115C-107.5 to add to the items that the State Board of Education must include in its annual report to the specified NCGA committee on children with disabilities, to also include a summary analysis of the following to be monitored and collected monthly by DPI on students with disabilities in each local school administrative unit: (1) the number of new and continued homebound placements; (2) the number of new and continued modified day placements; (3) the number of new and continued Home/Hospital, Separate Schools, and Residential placements; and (4) the number of new and continued PRTF placements. Sets out requirements for the data and report. Requires the report to be submitted beginning October 15, 2025.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Willis, Lofton, Bradford, Hawkins.**

**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 1040 (2023-2024) **ADDRESSING NC'S TEACHER CRISIS/NTSP**. Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INCREASE SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE NORTH CAROLINA NEW TEACHER SUPPORT PROGRAM.*

Contains whereas clauses.

Appropriates \$4 million from the General Fund to the UNC BOG in recurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal for the North Carolina New Teacher Support Program (NC NTSP) to enable additional qualifying new graduates of alternative licensure programs or educator preparation programs (EPPs) at UNC constituent institutions who are teaching in North Carolina public schools to participate in NC NTSP without cost to local school administrative units. Gives first priority for receipt of these funds to local school administrative units located in a county that is designated as a development tier one area in the annual ranking performed by the Department of Commerce. Lists four additional prongs of consideration for NC NTSP. Specifies that the local school administrative units for Anson County Schools, Greene County Schools, Guilford County Schools, Onslow County Schools, Public School of Robeson County, Scotland County schools, Wilkes County Schools, and Washington County Schools are eligible to receive funds. Directs that the funds appropriated above will be used in programs designed to address the specific and various needs of alternative licensure and traditional pathway EPP graduates who will begin their teaching careers in North Carolina public schools through a blended model of support, including ongoing professional development, participating in a beginning teacher summer hosted by NC NTSP, and an assigned instructional coach. Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Ball, von Haefen, Prather, G. Brown.**

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education,  
Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, UNC  
System**

H 1042 (2023-2024) **VET CARE FOR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT DOGS**. Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO REIMBURSE THE VETERINARY CARE OF RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT CANINES.*

Enacts Article 12I, "Retired Law Enforcement Canine Veterinary Care Reimbursements" to GS Chapter 143, to provide a system of veterinary care reimbursement for retired law enforcement canines in consideration of the hazardous public service they provided to the people of this State. Defines *correctional agency*, *law enforcement agency*, *retired law enforcement canine*, and *veterinary care*. Adds new GS 143-166.92 to provide for reimbursement of up to \$1,500 in reimbursement per year for veterinary care for a retired law enforcement canine provided in the year the application for reimbursement is submitted. Creates the Retired Law Enforcement Canine Fund (Fund) in the Department of Public Safety (DPS). Allows DPS to make

necessary rules and regulations for the administration of the provisions of new Article 12I, and have the authority to use up to 1% of monies received by the Fund for the purpose of administering the Fund. Specifies that all of DPS's decisions necessary for the administration of the Article, and its decisions, are final and conclusive and not subject to review or reversal except by the DPS Secretary or the Secretary's designee. Adds new GS 143-166.94, requiring DPS to keep records of applications received, application determinations, and all funds dispersed.

Adds new GS 143-166.95, specifying that the benefits provided above don't affect other benefits for retired law enforcement canines and that the benefits provided above are not affected by the provision of other benefits to retired law enforcement canines. Specifies that owners of retired law enforcement canines are not required to seek reimbursement for veterinary care under the Article and the failure to seek that reimbursement in a given year does not preclude an owner from seeking future reimbursement.

Appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Fund in recurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to be used in accordance with the provisions of the act.

Effective July 1, 2024, and applies to retired law enforcement canines retiring on or after that date.

**Intro. by Gillespie, Bradford, Greene, Logan.**

**APPROP, GS 143**

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**Animals, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of Public Safety**

H 1046 (2023-2024) **FUNDS/FORSYTH UNITED WAY/SUMMER LEARNING**. Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE UNITED WAY OF FORSYTH COUNTY TO FUND SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS*.

Appropriates \$250,000 for 2024-25 to the Office of State Budget and Management for a directed grant to The United Way of Forsyth County, Inc., to fund summer learning programs through various community agencies. Requires issuance of a Request for Proposals to contract with those community agencies. Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by A. Baker, K. Brown.**

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Office of State Budget and Management**

H 1049 (2023-2024) **FUNDS FOR SERVANT CENTER OF GREENSBORO**. Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE SERVANT CENTER, INC., TO SUPPORT HOMELESS AND DISABLED VETERANS IN THE CITY OF GREENSBORO*.

Effective July 1, 2024, appropriates from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management \$500,000 in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to The Servant Center, Inc., a nonprofit organization, to support homeless and disabled veterans in the City of Greensboro.

**Intro. by Quick.**

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations**

H 1051 (2023-2024) **INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL AND PREVENTION**. Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INVASIVE SPECIES IN NORTH CAROLINA*.



Identical to [S 834](#), filed 5/2/24.

Recodifies GS 113-129(10a) to GS 113-129(10b) in GS 113-129 (definitions relating to resources). Adds new GS 113-129(10a) defining invasive species as six listed species along with other exotic species regulated by the Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) under GS 113-292 and any other species not native to the State that the WRC, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DCAS), determines to be a threat to native ecosystems, a threat to introduce epizootic diseases to native species, or a risk to agriculture.

Adds new GS 113-292.1 pertaining to control of invasive species, as follows. Sets out findings. Requires the WRC to issue rules establishing open seasons and manner of take requirements in all 100 counties of the State for all invasive species that the WRC determines to be game animals or game birds. Specifies that seasons established must maximize opportunities for hunters and trappers to take invasive species. Requires the WRC to develop programs to encourage control of invasive species that the WRC finds are not game animals or game birds by State agencies, local governments, private landowners, hunters, and trappers. Repeals any local acts in conflict with GS 113-292.1 to the extent of the conflict.

Adds new GS 113-292.2, the Invasive Species Management Fund (Fund). Specifies that the new Fund consists of General Fund appropriations, gifts, grants, devises, funds contributed by non-State entities, and any other revenues or receipts of the WRC specifically allocated to the Fund by the act of the General Assembly. Specifies three uses of the fund. Authorizes the WRC to declare an invasive species emergency if it determines that an introduction of an invasive species to the State constitutes a significant threat to ecosystems, agriculture, and private property across the State. Provides for a process for the WRC to request emergency funds from the Fund. Requires that the WRC submit annual reports by no later than October 1, regarding activities completed or undertaken with financial support from the Fund to the specified NCGA committee and the Fiscal Research Division.

Appropriates \$5 million in recurring funds for the 2024-2025 from the General Fund to the WRC, to be allocated to the Fund.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Jeffers.**

[APPROP, GS 113](#)

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[Animals, Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services](#)

H 1052 (2023-2024) [LIVESTOCK VETERINARY CARE ACCESS/TELEMEDICINE](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE LIVESTOCK VETERINARY CARE ACCESS AND TELEMEDICINE PROGRAMS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES*.

Identical to [S 807](#), filed 5/2/24.

Includes legislative findings regarding access to veterinary services by livestock farmers in rural and economically distressed areas.

Appropriates \$3 million in recurring funds from the General Fund for 2024-25 to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) to establish the Livestock Veterinary Care Access Program (program) to provide support for the recruiting and retention of current and prospective veterinarians in areas of the State underserved for livestock veterinary services, in coordination with other similarly focused federal, State, or privately funded programs. Details possible program supports, including loan forgiveness programs, equipment cost-sharing, and subsidies for services provided to economically distressed or disadvantaged livestock farmers. Directs DACS to collect and maintain data on the time veterinarians receiving program support remain employed within the same or an adjacent county as the practice site selected for their service commitment. Directs DACS to annually report to the specified NCGA committee and division on the use of appropriated funds. Lists required content of the reports. States legislative intent to appropriate to the Program 0.05% of the total funds appropriated for the current operations and capital improvement needs of the State in the previous year's Appropriations Act.

Appropriates \$1 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to DACS for 2024-25 to partner with the College of Veterinary medicine at NC State to establish the Telemedicine for Livestock Health Program (Telemedicine Program) to provide financial support for information technology and personal services costs to provide telehealth support to livestock farmers in underserved and economically disadvantaged areas of the State, as specified. Permits DACS to contract with existing veterinary telehealth providers to carry out the Telemedicine Program. Directs DACS to annually report to the specified NCGA committee and division on the use of appropriated funds. Lists the required content of the reports.

Authorizes DACS to use up to 3% of the funds appropriated for technical and administrative support provides to the program and Telemedicine Program.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Jeffers.**

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**Animals, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies,  
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**

H 1057 (2023-2024) [SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADE PILOT](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A PILOT PROGRAM TO DEVELOP A NEW SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADE METRIC AND METHOD*.

Establishes the two-year School Performance Grade Update Pilot Program (program) to be implemented for a small group of public school units for the 2024-25 school year and all public school units for the 2025-26 school year. Describes the program's purpose and specifies that the information collected for the program does not replace other statutory requirements regarding school performance grading. Directs the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to develop criteria to be used for performance grades and make the criteria available to units within 30 days of the date the act becomes law. Directs DPI to make program applications available within 30 days of the date the act becomes law, with interested units required to submit an application within 30 days of the date they become available. Details selection of participants for the 2024-25 school year, including requiring the selection of one charter school and one local school administrative unit from each State Board of Education (State Board) region. Mandates participation in the program if selected and requires participating units to report school performance criteria, as determined by DPI, to DPI. Directs DPI to report to the specified NCGA committee by November 1, 2025, regarding program outcomes for the 2024-25 school year with specified required content and distribution of the report. Requires statewide participation for the 2025-26 school year and for all units to report school performance criteria to DPI. Directs DPI to submit a final report to the specified NCGA committee by November 1, 2026, on the program outcomes of the 2025-26 school year with specified required content, including recommend legislation to make the program permanent and replace the existing performance grade system. Requires distribution of the final report as specified. States legislative intent to make statutory changes based on the final report to issue a single school performance grade weighted as 50% student performance, 30% student growth, and 20% based on criteria determined by DPI resulting from the program outcomes.

Appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to DPI to implement the program.

**Intro. by Biggs, Willis, Elmore, Fontenot.**

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

## PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 508 (2023-2024) [2023 BUDGET TECH/OTHER CORRECTIONS. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Apr 3 2023, *AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER AMENDATORY MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER LEGISLATION*.

The conference report makes the following changes to the 3rd edition.

## Part I.

### Section 1.1

Amends GS 159-13.2, pertaining to project ordinances in the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act (LGBFCA). Makes language gender neutral. Adds defined terms *project ordinance* and *settlement project*. Replaces references to "local government" with references to "unit" throughout the section. Amends the definition of *grant project*. Allows units and public authorities to also budget for a settlement project (currently just allows for capital projects or grant projects) as part of their annual budget ordinances or a project ordinance. Makes technical and conforming changes. Makes technical and conforming changes to GS 159-11 (preparation and submission of budget and budget message) and GS 159-13 (adoption of budget ordinances).

Adds defined terms from GS 159-13.2, *grant projects* and *settlement projects*, to the listed fund classes in GS 159-26 (accounting systems under the LGBFCA). Replaces references to "local government" with references to "unit" throughout the section. Makes technical and organizational changes.

Amends GS 159-28 (budgetary accounting for appropriations) to include settlement projects as one of the obligations requiring the project ordinance to include an appropriation authorizing the obligation and requiring that an unencumbered balance remains in the appropriation sufficient to pay the sums obligated by the transaction. Makes technical changes. Clarifies that *project ordinance* refers to the defined term in GS 159-13.2. Adds settlement projects to those types of claims that may be presented against a local government.

### Section 1.2

Changes the amount listed for Title Fees – Transfer to Highway in Section 3.4 of SL 2023-134 from 1,500,0000 to 1.5 million.

### Section 1.3

Amends Section 5.3(b)(4) of SL 2023-134 (directed grants to nonstate entities) to remove provisions specifying that directed grants issued as part of the nonrecurring funds in the 2023-24 fiscal year don't revert until two years after the act becomes law.

Amends Section 5.1 of SL 2023-134 (unexpended directed grants appropriated in FY 2022-23 do not revert) to extend the deadline for expending funds under the section to June 30, 2024 (currently, June 30, 2023) and the time for the reversion to the end of FY 2024-25 (currently, FY 23-24).

Amends Section 5.1B of SL 2023-134 (unexpended directed grants appropriated in FY 21-22) to extend the deadline for expending funds under the section to March 31, 2025 (currently, March 31, 2024) and the time for the reversion to the end of FY 2024-25 (currently, FY 2023-24).

Effective June 30, 2024.

### Section 1.4

Revises Section 5.6(a) of SL 2023-134 (recapture of unused funds for disaster relief and recovery/mitigation/resiliency) to decrease the amount the State Controller transfers in remaining funds appropriated or allocated for the listed agencies, as referenced below, to the State Emergency Response and Disaster Relief Fund, from \$52,784,447 to \$51,513,650. Decreases the amount transferred to the NC Community College System from \$3,399,004 to \$2,128,207.

#### Section 1.4A

Changes the recipient in Section 5.6(f)(18) of SL 2023-134 (pertaining to emergency management pilot programs in Hyde County) from the Department of Public Safety (DPS), Division of Emergency Management (DEM), to the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM).

### Section 1.5

Repeals definition of *solid waste* for GS 130A-290(a)(35)h as enacted by SL 2023-134.

## Section 1.7

Adds the UNC Faculty Physicians Practice and an entity that merges with the UNC Health Care System and designated by its board of directors as a component unit to definition of *component unit* in GS 116-350(3), as enacted by Section 4.10(bb) of SL 2023-134 (pertaining to UNC Health Care system). Makes technical changes. Amends GS 116-350.5 as enacted by Section 4.10(b) of SL 2023-134 (UNC Health Care System) to include component units governed by the Board of the System. Includes component units, System affiliates, and persons as part of those system components where the Board can adopt policies making certain statutes applicable to each entity. Changes the times the Board is required to meet from every 60 days to four times per year under GS 116-350.10(c), as enacted by Section 4.10(b) of SL 2023-134. Expands the power of the Board of Directors under GS 116-350.15 enacted by Section 4.10(b) of SL 2023-134 to allow it to designate System counsel and legal staff to represent the State's interest at any commitment hearing, rehearing, or supplemental hearing held at the University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill or any other System location. Amends GS 116-350.60 as enacted by Section 4.10(b) of SL 2023-134 to include other component units of the System as a surviving unit of any merger pursuant to the section. Amends GS 116-350.100 as enacted by Section 4.10(b) of SL 2023-134 to clarify that the Board is authorized to establish a liability insurance program and to include component units and system affiliates under these with coverage. Expands covered conduct to include certain acts by individuals employed or otherwise affiliated with System component units or System affiliates. Makes clarifying and technical changes.

Amends the following provisions of the new/amended GS sections as enacted by Section 4.10 of SL 2023-134. Amends GS 135-5.6. (Employees of the University of North Carolina Health Care System) and GS 135-5.7 (Certain employees of East Carolina University) to provide that an individual hired by the UNC Health Care System/ Medical Faculty Practice Plan or the ECU Dental School Clinical Operations on or after January 1, 2024, who is a contributing member of the Retirement System or the Optional Retirement Program immediately prior to that individual's date of hire by the entity will, for the purposes of the section, be treated as having been employed as of December 31, 2023. If, at the time of entering eligible employment with the entity, that individual is a member of the Retirement System and was not previously offered an election to participate in the Optional Retirement Program, then that individual may elect to continue contributing membership in the Retirement System or to participate in the Optional Retirement Program. Exempts law enforcement officers employed by the UNC Health Care System from the employment deadlines for participation in the State retirement system. Specifies that provisions pertaining to partially contributory coverage do not apply to employees eligible to be enrolled in a health benefit plan offered by ECU or the UNC Health Care System under GS 135-48.40. Expands list of eligible participants in the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan to include employees of the UNC Health Care System. Makes technical changes. Effective retroactive to January 1, 2024.

Amends GS 116-360.35 to allow the ECU Chancellor to adopt policies for the Medical Faculty Practice Plan and ECU Dental School Clinical Operations.

Amends Section 4.10 of SL 2023-134 to provide that the funds are for a regional behavioral health facility, instead of hospital. Effective retroactively to July 1, 2023.

## Section 1.8

Notwithstanding any provision of Article 38B of GS Chapter 115C to the contrary, provides that Stokes County Schools will have the authority to submit an application for a grant from the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund. The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) cannot require the approval of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners for any grant application submitted and cannot allow Stokes County Public Schools to provide matching funds and to enter into any agreements in connection with a grant award. Expires June 30, 2026.

## Part II.

### Section 2.1

Amends Section 6.11(c) (vocational rehab pilot program) of SL 2023-134 so that the required report is submitted to the now specified NCGA committee.

#### Section 2.1A

Adds new Section 6.14 to SL 2023-134 reappropriating the \$9 million in nonrecurring funds to the Community Colleges Systems Office (CCSO) for the 2023-24 fiscal year that was to be allocated to Guilford Technical Community College to support its partnership with the North Carolina Federation of Advanced Manufacturing Education (NC FAME) to instead be

used to support the partnership with NC FAME and for capital expenses related to that partnership. Directs that the funds do not revert at the end of the 2023-24 fiscal year, but remain available until expended.

#### Section 2.2

Repeals Section 2 of SL 2022-59 (pertaining to remote academies and enacting Part 3A to Article 16 of GS Chapter 115C).

#### Section 2.4

Adds an annual report requirement from DPI to the specified NCGA committee to GS 115C-250.5 with five required prongs of information (homeless and foster student transportation grants).

#### Section 2.5

Changes the specified NCGA committee that DPI is required to report on the special needs pilot program under Section 7.53 of SL 2023-134.

#### Section 2.8

Adds the NC Youth Tobacco Survey to those protected information surveys listed in GS 115C-76.65, as amended by Section 7.81(b) of SL 2023-134.

#### Section 2.8A

Requires the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the NC Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission to establish initial and in-service educational and training standards for school resource officers. Adds new GS 115C-105.58, pertaining to school resource officers. Defines *school resource officers*, specifies that they can also be placed in nonpublic schools, and requires them to comply with training requirements. Requires both the training commissions listed above to amend their rules consistent with this section. Until such time that the amended rules required by this subsection become effective, specifies that school resource officers assigned to nonpublic schools by their employing agency shall be required to meet the training requirements pursuant to 12 NCAC 10B .0510 and 12 NCAC 09B .0313 for school resource officers assigned to public schools.

Amends GS 153A-103 (number of employees in the sheriffs' offices) to allow, in addition to the number of salaried employees fixed by the board of commissioners, each sheriff the number of school resource officers required to satisfy any agreements entered into under GS 162-26.5(b).

Amends the budget ordinance provisions of the LGBFCA to provide that if a sheriff or police chief executes an agreement to provide school resource officers pursuant to new GS 160A-288.5(b) or GS 162-26.5(b), respectively, and the governing board receives the funds pursuant to the agreement, the governing board must appropriate the funds for that purpose.

Adds new GS 160A-288.5, allowing police chiefs to provide school resource officers to public and nonpublic schools. Adds new GS 162-26.5, allowing sheriffs to provide school resource officers to public and nonpublic schools.

#### Section 2.8B

Amends the College of Educational Opportunities Program (Program) for eligible students with intellectual and developmental disabilities provisions of Section 8.8, SL 2023-134. Requires NCSU and UNC to prioritize admission of applicants 22 years of age and older beginning with the 2024-25 fiscal year. Lowers the eligibility age to 18 beginning with the 2024-25 fiscal year. Specifies that the \$3 million in operating funds allocated to NCSU don't revert at the end of FY 2023-24 but instead remain until the end of FY 2024-25, for the purposes specified in the act.

#### Section 2.8C

Amends GS 115C-158.10(a), as enacted by Section 7.13(b) to require any high school student who does not already have a career development plan to complete the plan within 90 days of enrollment in school. Prohibits promoting a student from 8th (was, 7th) grade until a plan is created. Effective July 1, 2024, and applies beginning with the 2024-25 school year.

#### Section 2.8D

Amends Section 39.2(e) of SL 2021-180 to include contractors in the definition of *local government employee*. Specifies that the amendment does not authorize payment of any new or additional bonuses and applies only to bonuses paid before the

enactment of the section. Retroactive to July 1, 2021.

#### Section 2.8E

Changes the effective dates of new Article 9C to GS 115C, the amendments to GS 115C-51, GS 162-5, GS 138-5, GS 150B-1, and repealed provisions of SL 2013-247 and SL 2013-360 to May 1, 2024, and except as otherwise provided by law, applicable beginning July 1, 2024, to the North Carolina School for the Deaf and the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf. Specifies that beginning May 1, 2024, the boards of trustees for the North Carolina School for the Deaf, the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf, and the Governor Morehead School for the Blind, respectively, may adopt policies, enter into contracts, including employment contracts other than renewals expiring prior to July 1, 2024, and otherwise engage in any power or duty authorized by Article 9C of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes for any action that is effective on or after July 1, 2024. Effective May 1, 2024, to facilitate these actions DPI is authorized to provide access to existing employment records and student records for the purposes of enrollment in the North Carolina School for the Deaf, the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf, and the Governor Morehead School for the Blind, respectively.

#### Section 2.10

Amends Section 8.16 of SL 2023-134 as follows. Specifies that one of the authorized uses of the \$20 million appropriation to the NC Collaboratory (NCC) is for a voluntary takeback (was, buyback) program for stocks of PFAS-containing AFFF owned or stored by local fire departments. Changes the entity responsible for conducting a water supply fluoridation study and report from the Commission for Public Health to the Secretaries' Science Advisory Board. Makes conforming changes.

#### Section 2.11

Amends Part VIII of SL 2023-134 by adding new section requiring the \$3.5 million appropriation to the UNC BOG for the 2023-24 fiscal year to be allocated to the NCC to study the use of artificial intelligence in improving non-confidential patient information instead be used to study the use of artificial intelligence.

#### Section. 2.12

Amends Part VIII of SL 2023-134 by adding new section directing that the \$10 million in nonrecurring funds appropriated from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund to the UNC BOG for each year of the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium to be allocated to UNC at Pembroke (UNC-P) to provide support for new healthcare-oriented programs at UNC-P to meet regional workforce demands will instead be used to meet regional workforce demands by providing support for the development of new and the growth of existing healthcare-oriented programs at UNC-P.

#### Section 2.16

Applying beginning with scholarship awards for the 2024-2025 academic year, amends GS 116-282 (need-based scholarship amounts for students attending private institutions of higher education) to change of one the award criteria from expected family contribution to demonstrated need of the student.

### Part III.

#### Section 3.2A

Extends duration of the Adult Care Home (ACH) Accreditation Pilot Program set forth in Section 9E.6 of SL 2021-180, as amended, from two to three years. Increases the grant program funding to cover the cost of providing outcome data for up to 150 Pilot ACH's (currently, 75 Pilot ACH's). Extends the deadline for the Sheps Center to submit its interim report to the specified NCGA committee from July 31, 2024, to July 31, 2025. Extends the pilot program's termination date from August 1, 2024, to August 1, 2025. Makes technical and organizational changes.

#### Section 3.2B

Amends Section 9G.6 of SL 2023-134 as follows. Clarifies that Monarch, a nonprofit corporation located in Stanly County, is the entity responsible for providing services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through its division, UMAR (currently lists UMAR as the entity). Clarifies that the appropriation for the above services is notwithstanding any contrary provisions in the Committee Report referenced in Section 43.2 of the act. Makes technical and conforming changes.

#### Section 3.3

Corrects statutory citations in GS 122C-115.6(a) and G.S. 122C-115.6(c)(1), as enacted by Section 9G.7A(a1) of SL 24 2023-134 (pertaining to county realignment under Medicaid) to include GS 108D-46 (consideration of county requests for prepaid Medicaid health plans). Repeals GS 108A-54.3A(a)(2a), effective July 1, 2022.

### Section 3.5

Retroactive to January 1, 2024, amends the effective date for the new required toxicology screenings in child deaths listed in Section 9h.7(d) of SL 2023-134 so that it only applies to child cases initiated after January 1, 2024 (currently, applies to child cases pending or initiated after January 1, 2024).

### Section 3.5A

Amends Section 9H of SL 2023-134 (pertaining to the funds appropriated for the establish a county-operated regional autopsy center in Union County), as follows. Sets forth a schedule by when the regional autopsy center will expand to the schedule's listed counties (Anson, Cabarrus, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Rowan, Stanly, and Union). The earliest addition date on the schedule is the date the regional autopsy center becomes operational for Union County and the latest date on the schedule being June 30, 2026 (Gaston County). Directs that the service area of the regional autopsy center funded will extended to the following counties as close to the schedule as reasonably practicable, provided that Union County does not experience (i) a delay in receiving the State funds allocated, (ii) a supply chain disruption in the construction industry that impacts the operation of the regional autopsy center funded by this section, or (iii) difficulty hiring staff l essential to the operation of the regional autopsy center. Requires that the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) and Union County amend their contract to add each county listed above along with expected date each is to be serviced by the regional service center. Specifies that Union County will be reimbursed for the additional counties. Directs that if Union County determines that a delay in the schedule is warranted for any of the reasons listed above, then Union County and the OCME must jointly determine an alternative schedule for adding the affected counties to the service area of the regional autopsy center. Makes technical and conforming changes. Changes the date of reporting requirements so that Union County must submit reports every six months after December 1, 2024. Adds the listed counties above to the report recipients. Requires the report to explain any delays in the schedule and to include one of the reasons listed above along with the alternative schedule. Terminates the reporting requirement on the date the regional autopsy center has added all of the listed counties to its service center.

### Section 3.6

Amends the effective date of the changes to Article 14 of GS Chapter 7B, GS 7B-2902 (pertaining to disclosure in child fatality or near fatality cases) so that they are effective January 1, 2025, except for GS 73-1413.5 (new provisions pertaining to participation in the National Fatality Review Case Reporting System) which will be effective on July 1, 2025. Effective October 3, 2023.

### Part IV.

### Section 4.2

Amends and adds to the previous edition's Section 4.2 as follows.

Amends Section 12.2(e) to require that \$11 million of the \$69.6 allocated to the Cabarrus County Water and Sewer Authority be used for projects at the Muddy Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant and \$1.5 million be used for the north Kannapolis primary water loop project.

Allows funds allocated in Section 12.2(e), to be used as follows. Those allocated to Catawba County may be used for any water or wastewater project. Those allocated to Currituck County may be used for any water or wastewater infrastructure project. Those allocated to Mount Pleasant may be used for the purchase of water filtration equipment for public water system customers. Those allocated to Eureka are instead allocated to the Wayne County Development Alliance. Those funds provided to Rockingham County and to Stoneville are transferred to OSBM for grants to those local governments for five specified water and wastewater projects; specifies that these funds do not revert. Those allocated to Craven County under Section 12.2(f) for a backup generator for the water plat are allocated instead to the First Craven Sanitary District.

### Section 4.3

Amends GS 143-215.107F by making a clarifying change. Makes the section applicable to retroactively to the adoption and enforcement of standards relating to control of emissions from new motor vehicles or new motor vehicle engines on or after

October 3, 2023.

#### Section 4.5

Amends Section 10.6 of SL 2021-180, concerning the allocation of funds to Reinvestment Partners for its Produce Prescription Program by removing the provision that limited individuals to three months of food assistance.

#### Section 4.6

Amends GS 143-215.28A to make the application processing and compliance fee applicable to the processing of applications for approval for the alteration or breach of dams. Makes conforming changes. Amends the calculation of the fee to include an engineer's actual costs instead of estimated costs. Applies retroactively to application for the construction, repair, alteration, breach, or removal of a dam received on or after October 10, 2023.

#### Section 4.7

Repeals GS 143-215.52(c), which set out requirements that applied when applying Part 6, Floodway Regulation, to airport projects.

Repeals GS 143-215.56(i), which a permit to be granted for the use of an eligible flood hazard area in connection with an airport project for which an airport authority received a no-rise certificate for that airport project where there is no local government that has a clearly demonstrated statutory authority to issue such a permit for the airport project for the use of a flood hazard area under Part 6.

Enacts new GS 143-215.57A, providing as follows. Deems an airport project permitted for use of an eligible flood hazard area if the applicable airport authority has received a no-rise certificate for that airport project, and the no-rise certificate has been accepted by the Department. Prohibits requiring an additional permit or authorization for an airport project deemed permitted. Sets out applicable definitions. Effective retroactively to October 10, 2023.

#### Section 4.8

Amends Section 12.2(f) of SL 2023-134 to allow funds remaining from the grant to Hookertown for the repayment of a USDA loan to be used by the town for water or wastewater projects.

#### Section 4.9

Amends Section 10.7(a) of SL 2023-134 by adding farmers in Haywood County to those receiving funding from the Agriculture Cost Share Program for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control.

#### Section 4.10

Amends Section 10.2(b) of SL 2023-134 by amending the allowable uses of funds allocated to the North Carolina Agricultural Manufacturing and Processing Initiative by giving grants to agriculture manufacturing facilities instead of to local governments and nonprofit economic development entities for the creation or expansion of agricultural manufacturing facilities. Does, however, allow for grants to a local government providing infrastructure for agricultural manufacturing facilities.

#### Section 4.13

Amends Section 12.11 of SL 2023-134 by adding the follow. Requires the Department of Environmental Quality, by July 1, 2025, to submit to the EPA a proposed North Carolina State Implementation Plan amendment based on the changes to the air permitting program set out in the section.

Makes Section 12.11 effective on the first day of a month that is 60 days after the DEQ Secretary certified that the EPA has approved the amendment. Specifies that the section applies to applications for new air permits and for modifications of existing permits received on or after the effective date.

Effective retroactively to July 1, 2023.

#### Section 4.14

Amends GS 121-7.8, by correcting a cross-reference.



#### Section 4.15

Amends Section 14.5(c) of SL 2023-134 to require that of the funds allocated, that the amount necessary for the Saluda Grade Tails Conservancy to provide earnest money deposit toward the purchase of the Saluda Grade rail corridor, as well as related assessment, due diligence, and transaction costs (was, earnest money deposit only), up to \$2 million, will be provided as soon as possible. Also corrects a cross-reference.

Amends Section 14.7(f)(2) of SL 2023-134 by correcting an internal cross-reference.

#### Section 4.16

Specifies that funds appropriated by SL 2022-74 to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for a directed grant to the NC Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation pursuant under Section 10.3 for cost share assistance to swine farmers for the installation of anaerobic digesters to produce biogas, do not revert and remain available until June 30, 2026. Effective June 30, 2024.

#### Section 4.17

Makes the following additional changes to the Title V air permitting bonus program (previously in Section 4.3 of the act).

Amends the definition of major modification applicable to Section 12.17 of SL 2023-134 so that it is a significant modification, as defined in 15A NCAC 02Q .0516. Defines meteorologist to mean a quality employee that is the primary reviewer of the dispersion modeling analysis of air quality impacts associated with a new or modified emissions source submitted in support of a Title V Air Permit application. Adds that if a qualifying employee is reviewing an air application that requires a construction and operation permit, they are only eligible for a bonus for the processing and reviewing of the construction and operation permit prior to construction, regardless of the option to file a subsequent application required within 12 months after commencing operation to modify the construction and operation permit to meet the specified requirements.

#### Part V.

##### Section 5.1

Amends GS 7A-133 by eliminating the satellite courts for Robeson County. Effective January 1, 2025.

##### Section 5.2

Amends GS 7A-60 by decreasing by one the number of full-time assistant district attorneys for Wake County, so it is now 44, for Cumberland County so it is now 25, for Mecklenburg County so it is now 61, for Forsyth County so it is now 27, for Randolph County it is now 10, and for Cherokee/Clay/Graham/Haywood/Jackson/Macon/Swain counties so it is now 15.

Adds new (a3) which gives the North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys authority to assign assistant district attorney positions to specific counties to serve as special assistant US attorneys. Limits the number of positions subject to this position to six.

Amends Section 39.6 of SL 2023-134, concerning the salaries of assistant district attorneys effective July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024, by adding that an assistant district attorney assigned to a county under new (a3) is treated as an assistant district attorney of the judicial district where the county is located.

#### Part VI.

##### Section 6.1

Amends the changes to the directed grants that are to be allocated by OSBM found in the 3rd edition as follows.

No longer requires that the \$100,000 directed grant to Wilson Pregnancy Center, Inc., for capital needs and security upgrades instead be provided to the Wilson County School: Her Pride Afterschool Mentoring Program. No longer requires that the \$4 million directed grant to Burke County for capital improvements or equipment for fire departments instead be provided for Emergency Medical Services.

Adds the following changes.

- Requires the \$1 million directed grant to Davidson-Davie Community College Foundation, Inc., for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for capital improvements, including construction of a regional training and distribution center, instead be provided to Davidson-Davie Community College.
- Requires the \$325,000 directed grant to Gaston County for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to be used by the Gaston County Sheriff's Office to purchase or upgrade safety equipment instead be provided in the specified amounts to the Gaston County Sheriff's Office and to the Gaston County Police Department for a mobile command unit.
- Allows the \$1 million grant to Johnston Community College for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for capital improvements or equipment at the STEAM building to also be used for other improvements.
- Requires the \$6.5 million directed grant to Mayland Community College for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to develop a YMCA in Spruce Pine to instead be provided to Mayland Community College Foundation, Inc.
- Allows the \$15 million directed grant to North Carolina's Eastern Alliance Corporation for 2023-2024 for capital improvements or equipment for STEM educator training to also be used for other purposes related to the work of the organization to grow the economy of eastern North Carolina.
- Requires the \$100,000 directed grants to Pender County Christian Services, Inc., for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for Meals on Wheels and to Willard Outreach Organization for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for Meals on Wheels to instead be provided as a directed grant to Pender Alliance Council to be used for capital projects.
- Requires the \$100,000 directed grant to Randolph County Schools for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for athletic facilities at Providence Grove High School to be used for athletic facility upgrades at schools in Randolph County.
- Expands the allowable uses for the directed grant to Robeson County – Animal Control so it can also be used for animal vaccinations and enrichment toys.
- Requires the \$350,000 directed grant to the Rocky Mount Area Wesleyan College Foundation, Inc. for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to support a nursing program instead be provided to the North Carolina Wesleyan University for the University's nursing program.
- Requires that the \$800,000 directed grant to the Town of Banner Elk for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to demolish the former Cannon Memorial Hospital building and remove asbestos containing materials be used by the Town for a public purpose.
- Requires the \$7,350,000 directed grant to the Town of Fair Bluff for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to be used for various purposes to remain available to the Town until the grant funds are expended for the allowed purposes.
- Requires the \$300,000 directed grant to the Town of Pollocksville for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to be used for a mobile medical unit to instead be used by the Town for a public purpose.
- Allows the \$750,000 directed grant to the Young Men's Christian Association of the Triangle Area, Inc. for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for capital improvements or equipment at the East Triangle YMCA to instead be used for any purpose at the East Triangle YMCA.
- Requires the \$5 million directed grant to the Eastern Carolina Young Men's Christian Association, Inc., for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to fund a community pool project with Onslow County, the City of Jacksonville, and Onslow County Schools to instead be provided to the New River Young Mens Christian Association Onslow, Inc.
- Requires the directed grant to the Friends of the Overmountain Victory Trail in the \$200,000 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to instead be provided to OVNCST-Friends.
- Requires the \$250,000 directed grant to the Greater Fair Bluff Chamber of Commerce for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for development to remain available until the grant funds are expended.
- Requires the \$500,000 directed grant to the Wildlife Resources Commission for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for capital improvements related to parking and bathroom facilities at Rhodes Pond to instead be provided to Cumberland County.
- Requires the \$350,000 directed grant to the Town of China Grove for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for capital improvements or equipment for downtown, to instead be used for capital improvements or equipment in the Town's westside neighborhood.

- Requires that the \$30,000 directed grant to Innovative Community Schools and Services, LLC for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for The School of Hope for autism to instead be provided to the Hope School for Autism.
- Requires the \$210,000 directed grant to the Town of Bear Grass for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for capital improvements or equipment at the Yucca House, Inc. facility instead be used by the Town to purchase equipment and to make capital improvements at another building for the Town's office and storage.
- Requires the \$40,000 directed grant to the Dan River Basin Association for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for capital improvements or equipment at the Chinqua-Penn Walking Trail instead be provided to The North Carolina Agriculture Foundation, Inc.
- Requires the \$4.5 million directed grant to Hayden-Harman Foundation for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for capital improvements or equipment for the Washington Street enhancement and High Point Collaborative to instead be used for capital improvements or equipment for the Washington Street enhancement and to support the High Point Collaborative.
- Requires that the \$50,000 directed grant to the Holly Springs Youth Orchestra for the 2023-2024 fiscal year t instead be provided to the Town of Fuquay-Varina for school safety initiatives.
- Requires budgeted receipts from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund to provide \$5 million in additional funds to Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine for each fiscal year of the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium to instead be provided to RegenMed Development Organization.

Requires that of the \$4 million appropriated to the OSBM– Special Appropriations for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to Cleveland County for cultural projects and programming, that \$500,000 be used for the specified purposes.

Requires that \$1 million of the funds appropriated to the OSBM– Special Appropriations for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to the Town of Clayton for capital improvements or equipment at the Clayton Senior Community Center be used instead for property acquisition, construction, capital improvements, or equipment for a community senior center or a community civic center.

Requires that \$3 million appropriated to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to Purple Heart Homes, Inc., be appropriated instead to the Office of State Budget and 35 Management – Special Appropriations to provide a directed grant to Purple Heart Homes, Inc., for the purpose provided in Section 33.11 of S.L. 2023-134. Specifies that the remaining provisions of Section 33.11 of S.L. 2023-134 continue to apply to Purple Heart Homes, Inc.

#### Section 6.2

Amends GS 84-18.1, as amended, to cap a district bar membership fee at \$90 (was, the fee is \$90).

#### Section 6.3

Amends GS 58-21-85, concerning surplus lines tax, by referring to the due date for premium receipts tax for surplus lines licensees (was insurers). Amends GS 58-58-120 by requiring a notice of life insurance payments due that must be sent before forfeiture to be sent a person's last known address (was, address in this State).

#### Section 6.4

Amends statutes throughout Article 31, Insuring State Property, Officials and Employees, of GS Chapter 58 by transferring duties and powers from the Commissioner of Insurance to the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Recodifies GS 58-78A-16 as GS 58-31-41.

Amends statutes throughout Part 1, Public Education Property, of Article 31A of GS Chapter 58 by transferring duties and powers related to insurance of public education property from the Commissioner of Insurance to the State Fire Marshal.

Amends GS 58-31A-60 by giving the State Fire Marshal, instead of Commissioner of Insurance, powers related to catastrophic insurance coverage for school athletes.

Amends GS 58-32-1 by placing the Public Officers and Employees Liability Insurance Commission within the Office of the State Fire Marshal instead of the Department of Insurance; makes conforming changes.

Amends GS 58-78A-1 by making the Office of the State Fire Marshal also responsible for ratings and inspections, and grants and governmental services.

Amends GS 143-135.26 by correction statutory cross-references.

Amends GS 143-345.11, concerning approval of plans for State buildings, by assigning specified powers and duties to the State Fire Marshal instead of the Commissioner of Insurance.

Amends GS 143-138 to require test results for electrical and mechanical equipment to be filed with the Department of Insurance instead of Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Amends GS 143-139 by correcting a statutory cross-reference.

Amends GS 143-140.1 to require appeals on matters pertaining to alternative design construction or methods to be heard by the Engineering and Building Codes Division of the Department of Insurance (was, the Department of Insurance Engineering Division). Makes conforming changes. Requires the State Fire Marshal, instead of the Commissioner of Insurance, to adopt related rules.

#### Section 6.5

Repeals Section 24.1(b) and (c) of SL 2022-74, which concern a directed grant to Dare County for making a forgivable loan to the qualified private partner selected by the County to construct affordable housing units in accordance with the County's longstanding master development plan to increase workforce housing. Repeals Section 24.8 of SL 2023-134, which set out requirements that applied to all construction of buildings and infrastructure under the agreement entered into for this partnership.

#### Part VII.

##### Section 7.1

Amends Section 38.4 of SL 2023-134 to require that for the duration of the pilot program where the State Highway Patrol, the State Bureau of Investigation, and the Division of Emergency Management are deemed stand-alone entities in all matters related to information technology, and shall autonomously manage their own respective information technology infrastructure and all associated services, that the State Highway Patrol and Division of Emergency Management continue to use personnel from the Department of Public Safety to perform technology purchasing and procurement.

##### Section 7.2

Adds new Section 38.9 to S.L. 2023-134 which allows funds appropriated in the act to the Government Data Analytics Center to also be used to support modernization within NC Healthconnex. Reverts unexpended funds on June 30, 2025.

#### Part VIII.

##### Section 8.4

Amends Section 39.28A of SL 2023-134 by waving any penalty payment assessed (was, payment determined to be owed) under GS 135-8(f)(3) related to reporting requirements of employee and employer contributions by Gaston County Public Schools for January 1, 2022-June 30, 2023.

#### Part IX.

##### Section 9.1

Amends Section 40.8 of SL 2023-134, as proposed in the 3rd edition, as follows. Adds the following. Requires the \$575,000 transferred to the Office of State Budget and Management to provide funds to the Town of Gibsonville for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and \$425,000 for the 45 2024-2025 fiscal year to be used for capital improvements or equipment for the police department shall instead be transferred to the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund to be disbursed to the Town for the described purposes. Requires the \$5 million allocated to Brunswick County for the 2023-2024 fiscal year instead be provided as separate grants of \$1 million five specified entities. Requires that the grants and funds allocated from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund and the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund described as being provided to the Katie Blessing Foundation, a nonprofit in Mecklenburg County, to be used to build a new pediatric and adolescent behavioral health facility.

Amends Section 40.1 to allow funding for the Givens Performing Arts Center to be used for replacement or renovation (was, renovation only).

Amends Section 40.17, as amended by adding: (1) the \$450,00 allocated to Cleveland Community College for the 2021-2022 fiscal year must instead be allocated as a grant to Cleveland County for a new law enforcement training driving pad for Cleveland Community College; (81) the \$1.5 million provided to Cleveland Community College for the 2021-2022 fiscal year may also be used for renovation, new construction, and equipment.

Part X.

Section 10.1

Amends GS 20-4.05, which concerns the DMV's authority to charge transaction fees on electronic payments by adding that the statute applies to transactions completed in person, through the world wide web, or through any other means of electronic access. Effective July 1, 2024.

Section 10.2

Adds a new section 41.20 to SL 2023-134 which replaces: (1) Fund Code 1332, referenced for funds appropriated to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for State Retirement Contributions, with Fund Code 0871; (2) Fund Code 7031, referenced for funds appropriated to the DOT for Safety and Risk Management Equipment, with Fund Code 7185; and (3) Fund Code 7070, referenced for Multi-State Highway Planning Funds, with Fund Code 7811.

Section 10.3

Repeals Section 41.14(a) of SL 2023-134 which extended the duration of drivers license to 16 years and allowed licenses to be renewed remotely no matter how they were previously renewed.

Section 10.4

Repeals the requirement to submit an implementation status report in October of 2023 on the creation of 14 maintenance and construction tech III positions at DOT.

Section 10.5

Specifies that the requirement to submit an annual S-line rail corridor reconstruction project status report begins June 30, 2024 (was, October 1, 2023).

Section 10.6

Adds a new section to SL 2023-134 allowing up to \$1 million of the funds in Fund Code 7830 for the New Hanover Airport Authority to be used for general capital improvements and other needs.

Section 10.7

Amends Section 41.4 of SL 2022-74 by extending by one year the date by which an airport allocated funds under Section 4.7 must expend or encumber those funds.

Section 10.8

Allows the Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County (Board) to terminate and dissolve the Lincoln-Lincoln County Airport Authority (Authority). Sets out actions the Board may order the Authority to take in the event of termination related to the transfer of property and assigning of executory contracts. Repeals specified local acts if the Authority is terminated and dissolved and allows the County to operate the airport as a public enterprise.

Part XI.

Section 11.1

Amend GS 105-187.94, as enacted in Section 42.19 of SL 2023-134, by excluding from the excise tax, for-hire ground transport service provided as public transportation on behalf of a state agency, specified governmental entity, or a local board of education. Applies to for-hire ground transport services on or after July 1, 2025.

## Section 11.2

Amends GS 105-122, as amended, to provide that for a C corporation, the tax rate is \$1.50 per \$1,000 of its tax base with a maximum of \$500 for the first \$1 million of the corporations tax base. Amends GS 105-120.2, as amended, by making a conforming change to the privilege tax. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, and applicable to the calculation of franchise tax reported on the 2024 and later corporate tax return.

## Section 11.3

Amends GS 105-154.1(a1), as enacted by Section 42.21(b) of SL24 2023-134, by extending the time for which a partnership may elect to have the income tax Article imposed on the partnership for any taxable period covered by the return so that the amended return is due by July 1, 2024.

## Section 11.4

Amends GS 105-113.36A(f), as amended to provide that if a person liable for the tobacco tax cannot produce to the Secretary's satisfaction documentation of the cost price, weight, count, or volume of the items subject to tax, based on the applicable tax imposed, the Secretary may determine a value based on: (1) the cost price, weight, count, or volume of comparable items, or (2) the average of the actual price paid by the person liable for the tax for the item over the 12 calendar months before January 1 of the year in which the sale occurs. Applies to sales or purchases on or after July 1, 2025.

## Part XII.

Effective July 1, 2023, unless otherwise provided.

Deletes the following provisions from the 3rd edition.

Removes the amendments to GS 153A-145.11(a)(1) and GS 160A-205.6(a)(1) which changed the scope of a local government's authority to restrict, tax, charge a fee, prohibit, or otherwise regulate auxiliary containers under those statutes to only prohibit these local government entities from restricting the use or sale of an auxiliary container (instead of use, disposition, or sale).

Deletes the changes to Section 8A.6(s) of SL 2023-134 which would have delayed the date by which the State Board of Education must adopt emergency rule related to early graduation.

Deletes the changes to Section 11.19 of SL 2021-180 which changed funding allocations if the Economic Investment Committee awards a Job Development Investment Grant for a qualifying project to a manufacturer in Randolph County while the county is classified as a development tier one area.

Deletes the proposed changes to Section 35.1 of SL 2023-134 which would have changed the effective date of the increase in the lobbying fee.

Deletes the changes to GS 126-6.3 concerning temporary employment needs of Cabinet and Council of State agencies.

Deletes the proposed new section in Part XL of SL 2023-134 which would have allowed OSBM to use up to \$1 million for up to five temporary positions to assist in the administration of grants and other funding allocations from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund.

Amends the act's long title.

## Intro. by Hise.

APPROP, Avery, Bladen, Catawba, Cleveland, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Edgecombe, Gaston, Haywood, Hyde, Jones, Lincoln, Martin, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Stokes, GS 7A, GS 17C, GS 17E, GS 20, GS 58, GS 84, GS 105, GS 113A, GS 115C, GS 116, GS 121, GS 126, GS 130A, GS 131E, GS 135, GS 143, GS 153A, GS 159, GS 160A, GS 162

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**and Economic Development, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Environment, Aquaculture and Fisheries, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Ethics and Lobbying, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, Department of Adult Correction, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Department of Environmental Quality (formerly DENR), Department of Insurance, Department of Public Instruction, Department of Transportation, Office of State Budget and Management, State Board of Education, Tax, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Health Insurance, Public Health, Mental Health, Social Services, Adult Services, Child Welfare, Public Assistance, Military and Veteran's Affairs, Public Enterprises and Utilities, Transportation**

S 794 (2023-2024) **FUNDS FOR VSO IN JONES COUNTY**. Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A PART-TIME VETERAN SERVICES OFFICER IN JONES COUNTY*.

Appropriates \$30,000 for 2024-25 from the General Fund to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs as title indicates. Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Jackson, Lazzara.**

APPROP, Jones

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, Military and Veteran's Affairs**

S 796 (2023-2024) **FUNDS FOR SMITHVILLE COMMUNITY COALITION**. Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE SMITHVILLE COMMUNITY COALITION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE HISTORICALLY AFRICAN AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOOD KNOWN AS SMITHVILLE IN THE TOWN OF CORNELIUS*.

Appropriates \$3 million for 2024-25 to the Office of State Budget and Management for a directed grant to Smithville CommUNITY Coalition Inc. as title indicates. Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Marcus, Sawyer.**

APPROP, Mecklenburg

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Office of State Budget and Management**

S 797 (2023-2024) **MODIFY THE RATE REDUCTION TRIGGERS**. Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE INCOME TAX RATE REDUCTION TRIGGER TO FUND NORTH CAROLINA'S FUTURE*.

Amends GS 105-153.7 (individual income taxes) to increase the individual income tax rate imposed after 2025 from 3.99% to 4% of the taxpayer's NC income. Changes when the rate reduction trigger to when during a fiscal year the recommended Savings Reserve Balance has been met, and if both the revenue adequacy trigger and the recession indicator trigger have been met, then the applicable tax rate for that tax year and subsequent tax years will be equal to the greater of: (1) the prior taxable year's rate decreased by 0.25% or (2) 2.49%. (Currently, trigger applies if total General Fund revenue (defined) in a fiscal year set out in listed schedule exceeds the trigger amount indicated for that fiscal year, then the applicable tax rate for the indicated

and subsequent tax years will be equal to the greater of (i) the prior taxable year's rate decreased by 0.50% or (ii) 2.49%).  
Deletes schedule of trigger amounts for FY 2025-26 through FY 2033-33.

Requires the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) and the Fiscal Research Division (FRD) of the General Assembly to annually jointly calculate the conditions necessary to trigger a rate reduction. Requires OSBM and FRD to report the results of the calculations to the Department of Revenue and the specified NCGA committees by no later than October 1 of each year.

Adds new GS 143C-4-12, pertaining to revenue adequacy and recession indicator triggers. Sets out calculations for meeting the revenue adequacy trigger and the recession indicator trigger. Specifies that revenue adequacy is met if it is greater than the recession indicator trigger.

Effective for tax years beginning on January 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Chaudhuri.**

[GS 105, GS 143C](#)

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S 798 (2023-2024) [STATE SURPLUS VEHICLE REPAIR](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT REQUIRING STATE AGENCIES TO DONATE SURPLUS STATE VEHICLES TO NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE AUTO REPAIR PROGRAMS AND TO DIVIDE SALES PROCEEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THIS ACT.*

Enacts GS 143-64.07, requiring State-owned vehicles deemed surplus property to be repaired at a North Carolina community college with a specified auto-repair program. Directs the State Surplus Property Agency to sell the vehicle and divide the proceeds equally between the agency that owned the vehicle and the community college that completed the repair.

Adds "motor vehicle" and "motor vehicle repair" to GS 143-64.02, which sets forth defined terms for surplus property laws in Article 3A, defining the terms by statutory cross-reference to GS Chapter 20.

Appropriates \$25,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Fund to the Community College System Office for 2024-25.  
Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by McInnis.**

[APPROP, GS 143](#)

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, State Government, State Property](#)

S 800 (2023-2024) [COMM. COLLEGES/MENTAL HEALTH/TUITION WAIVER](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS AND PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS IN MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY EMS OR RESCUE AND LIFESAVING DEPARTMENTS MAY RECEIVE A WAIVER OF TUITION AND REGISTRATION FEES WHEN ATTENDING COMMUNITY COLLEGE.*

Amends GS 115D-5(b)(2)(d) (list of organizations that receive community college tuition waivers for courses that support the organization's training needs and that are on a specialized list) to include municipal and county departments whose primary responsibility is to: (1) embed mental health clinicians in 911 call centers to assist in directing and providing appropriate resources to calls for service and (2) pair mental health clinicians, peer support specialists, and other trained professionals with first responders to respond to calls for service, as part of municipal, county, or State EMS or rescue and lifesaving departments covered by the statute. Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Woodard.**

[GS 115D](#)



S 801 (2023-2024) **HEALTHY AND SAFE STUDENTS IN EVERY SCHOOL**. Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL NURSE AND AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY OF NALOXONE NASAL SPRAY IN EVERY SCHOOL IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO MEET THOSE REQUIREMENTS*.

Contains whereas clauses. Adds new Part 7, concerning health and safety requirements to Article 7B of GS Chapter 115C. Adds new 115C-77.1, requiring that each school within a public school unit has a school nurse available at all times during the instructional days. Allows governing bodies to hire full or part-time nurses or contract with third party services to provide nursing services. Appropriates \$89 million from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for 2024-25 to provide nurses as outlined above.

Adds new GS 115C-77.5 (concerning school supply of naloxone nasal sprays), requiring governing bodies of each public school unit to provide a supply of emergency naloxone nasal spray on school property for use by trained school personnel to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering from an opioid or fentanyl emergency during the school day and at school-sponsored events on school property. Provides for minimum amounts and storage locations. Specifies that school property does not include transportation to or from school for purposes of GS 115C-77.5. Defines *naloxone nasal spray*. Requires the principal to designate one or more personnel for training and annual retraining regarding the storage and use of naloxone nasal spray. Requires those persons to obtain a non-patient specific prescription for naloxone nasal spray. Requires the principal of each school to develop an emergency plan with four required components. Indemnifies a governing body of a public school unit; its members, employees, designees, agents, or volunteers; and a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner of the local health department from liability in civil damages to any party for any act authorized by GS 115C-77.5 or for any omission relating to that act unless that act or omission amounts to gross negligence, wanton conduct, or intentional wrongdoing. Appropriates \$350,000 from the Opioid Abatement Reserve to DPI in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to be allocated to public school units for the purchase of an initial school supply of naloxone nasal spray and to facilitate the training required.

Specifies that funds appropriated pursuant to the act supplement and do not supplant any funds from any source already provided for the same purposes. Effective July 1, 2024, and applies beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

**Intro. by Adcock.**

**APPROP, GS 115C**

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

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S 805 (2023-2024) **MAKE STATE EMPLOYMENT GREAT AGAIN**. Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT AWARDDING TO STATE EMPLOYEES A FIVE PERCENT APPRECIATION PAY INCREASE IN THE 2024-2025 AND 2025-2026 FISCAL YEARS AND A ONE-TIME FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR BONUS IN THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR AND PROVIDING A TWO PERCENT COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR RETIREES OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM*.

Identical to [H 934](#), filed 4/30/24.

Defines state employee to mean a full-time or part-time permanent employee employed in a State agency, department, or institution of the legislative, judicial, or executive branches of State government (including The University of North Carolina System and the North Carolina Community Colleges System) employed on June 30, 2024, through June 30, 2025. Directs that the term does not include employees of (1) local boards of education; (2) local community colleges; or (3) schools operated by the Departments of Health and Human Services, Public Safety, or Adult Correction, or by the State Board of Education who are paid based on the Teacher Salary Schedule.

Establishes a Reserve for Appreciation Increases in the General Fund (Appreciation Reserve) in recognition of the valuable contribution made by State employees. Directs the Appreciation Reserve to fund the following in two phases over the next two fiscal years: (1) a one-time bonus in the amount of \$5,000 to be awarded to each State employee in Phase I, in appreciation for their continued commitment and efforts, effective July 4, 2024, and (2) a moderate and equitable 5% across-the-board pay raise for State employees, effective on July 4, 2024, for Phase I and on July 4, 2025, for Phase II. Specifies that appreciation increases are in addition to any salary adjustment otherwise allowed or provided by law. Provides for salary and pay schedule adjustments by the Office of Statement Budget and Management or by the employing unit to reflect the salary changes enacted by the act. Specifies that eligible employees will receive an appreciation increase notwithstanding any maximum salary ranges. Provides that the increase will be prorated and equitable for part-time State employees.

Effective July 1, 2024, appropriates to the Appreciation Reserve the sum of \$766,878,331 in recurring funds and the sum of \$443,069,680 in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-25 fiscal year, to be funded as follows: (1) Requires the State Controller to transfer to the Appreciation Reserve from the unappropriated balance remaining in the General Fund for the 2024-25 fiscal year the sum of \$221,000,503 and (2) requires the State Controller to transfer to the Appreciation Reserve, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of: (1) \$125 million from the Savings Reserve and (2) \$863,947,508 from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund. Directs that funds in the Appreciation Reserve are not subject to GS 143C-1-2(b) (pertaining to appropriations reversions) and will remain available for Phase II payments in the 2025-26 fiscal year. Provides for the Appreciation Reserve to be eliminated when the funds are fully expended.

Effective July 4, 2024, amends GS 135-5 (concerning the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System [TSERS]), GS 135-65 (concerning the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System [JRS]), and GS 120-4.22A (concerning the Legislative Retirement System [LRS]) to provide a 2% increase in the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2023, or a prorated amount for those whose retirement commenced after July 1, 2023 (TSERS and JRS) or January 1, 2024 (LRS), but before June 30, 2024, as determined by the respective Board of Trustees. Appropriates \$100 million from the General Fund to the Reserve for Retiree Cost-of-Living Adjustments for the 2024-25 fiscal year to implement the increases.

Effective July 1, 2024, except as otherwise provided.

**Intro. by Smith.**

[APPROP, GS 120](#)

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[Employment and Retirement, Government, Budget/Appropriations, General Assembly, State Government, State Personnel](#)

S 807 (2023-2024) [LIVESTOCK VETERINARY CARE ACCESS/TELEMEDICINE](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE LIVESTOCK VETERINARY CARE ACCESS AND TELEMEDICINE PROGRAMS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES*.

Includes legislative findings regarding access to veterinary services by livestock farmers in rural and economically distressed areas.

Appropriates \$3 million in recurring funds from the General Fund for 2024-25 to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) to establish the Livestock Veterinary Care Access Program (program) to provide support for the recruiting and retention of current and prospective veterinarians in areas of the State underserved for livestock veterinary services, in coordination with other similarly focused federal, State, or privately funded programs. Details possible program supports, including loan forgiveness programs, equipment cost-sharing, and subsidies for services provided to economically distressed or disadvantaged livestock farmers. Directs DACS to collect and maintain data on the time veterinarians receiving program support remain employed within the same or an adjacent county as the practice site selected for their service commitment. Directs DACS to annually report to the specified NCGA committee and division on the use of appropriated funds. Lists required content of the reports. States legislative intent to appropriate to the Program 0.05% of the total funds appropriated for the current operations and capital improvement needs of the State in the previous year's Appropriations Act.

Appropriates \$1 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to DACS for 2024-25 to partner with the College of Veterinary medicine at NC State to establish the Telemedicine for Livestock Health Program (Telemedicine Program) to provide financial support for information technology and personal services costs to provide telehealth support to livestock farmers in underserved and economically disadvantaged areas of the State, as specified. Permits DACS to contract with existing veterinary telehealth providers to carry out the Telemedicine Program. Directs DACS to annually report to the specified NCGA committee and division on the use of appropriated funds. Lists the required content of the reports.

Authorizes DACS to use up to 3% of the funds appropriated for technical and administrative support provides to the program and Telemedicine Program.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Smith.**

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

S 809 (2023-2024) [EXPAND WORKFORCE HOUSING](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO EXPAND WORKFORCE HOUSING BY PROVIDING CURRENT AND ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE HOUSING TRUST FUND.*

Includes whereas clauses.

Appropriates \$30 million for 2024-25 from the General Fund to the NC Housing Trust Fund to be used in accordance with the purposes in GS Chapter 122E (the North Carolina Housing Trust and Oil Overcharge Act). Amends GS 161-11.5, which sets out the three required uses of the \$6.20 collected from each fee paid to the register of deeds for the registering and filing of instruments in general that are not otherwise provided for under GS 161-10 and for registering or filing any deed of trust or mortgage, as follows: (1) decreases the amount that is to be credited to the General Fund as nontax revenue from 20% to 18.5% and (2) adds a new distribution to the NC Housing Trust Fund of 1.5%.

Amends GS 105-228.30 to require that 33% of the proceeds from a county's excise tax on instruments conveying real property that are to be remitted to the Department of Revenue (an amount equal to one half of the proceeds, less refunded taxes and administrative expenses) be credited to the NC Housing Trust Fund, with the remainder credited to the General Fund (was, all credited to the General Fund).

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Smith, Grafstein.**

[APPROP, GS 105, GS 161](#)

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Tax, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Public Assistance](#)

S 810 (2023-2024) [HOMEBUYER FAIRNESS & PROTECTION ACT](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF DUE DILIGENCE FUNDS ALLOWED IN RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING COALITION TO BE USED TO SUPPORT HOMEBUYER EDUCATION SERVICES IN THIS STATE.*

Enacts new Article 4, Unenforceable Real Estate Transaction Charges, in GS Chapter 22B, consisting of new GS 22B-30, providing as follows. Prohibits a seller of residential real property from requiring, as a condition of accepting an offer to purchase the property, due diligence funds (as defined) in an amount exceeding 1% of the purchase price contained in the offer to purchase. Voids any provision in a contract specifying an amount in excess of this amount. Makes the seller liable for court costs and attorneys' fees in an action to recover due diligence funds specified in a contract provision rendered void and unenforceable under this statute. Effective October 1, 2024.

Appropriates \$10 million for 2024-25 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management to be allocated as a grant to the North Carolina Housing Coalition, Inc., to support homebuyer education. Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Smith, Grafstein.**

[APPROP, GS 22B](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Office of State Budget and Management](#)

S 812 (2023-2024) [STUDENT TAX REDUCTION \(STAR\) ACT](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE TAX BURDEN ON STUDENT DEBT RELIEF*.

Amends GS 105-153.5(c2) (pertaining to decoupling adjustments in determining modifications to adjusted gross income) to delete decoupling provision related to discharge of certain student loans. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Smith, Grafstein.**

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S 813 (2023-2024) [CREATE DEPT. OF HOUSING AND COMM. DEVELOPMENT](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT*.

Identical to [H 925](#), filed 4/30/24.

Establishes the Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) as a cabinet-level department containing the Division of Operations, the Division of Community Development, the Division of Housing and the Policy and Legislative Office.

Amends GS 143B-2 making the Department subject to the Executive Organization Act of 1973. Amends GS 143B-6 making the Department a principal department.

Amends GS 126-5 listing the Department among those which the Governor may designate positions that are exempt from the NC Human Resources Act.

Enacts new Article 17, Department of Housing and Community Development in GS Chapter 143B, providing as follows.

Establishes the Departments and sets out its structure. States the Department's mission as: (1) partner with communities in this State to develop economic potential of communities and residents; (2) provide training and certification for building officials; and (3) invest in housing and community development projects in this State to assist low- to moderate-income residents.

Establishes the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Community Development as the head of the Department.

Establishes the 9-member North Carolina Board of Housing and Community Development to advise the Secretary and to assist in the mission of the Department. Sets out membership appointment power, sets terms at two years and provides for filling vacancies.

Appropriates \$30 million in recurring funds for 2024-25 from the General Fund to the Department. Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Smith, Grafstein, Robinson.**

[APPROP, GS 143](#)

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies](#)

S 814 (2023-2024) [HEALTHY STUDENTS - A NURSE IN EVERY SCHOOL](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL NURSE IN EVERY SCHOOL IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT BEGINNING IN THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR AND TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO MEET THAT REQUIREMENT.*

Includes whereas clauses.

Amends GS 115C-47 to require local boards of education to ensure that each school within the unit is staffed by at least one full-time, permanent school nurse.

Amends GS 115C-12 to require the State Board of Education (State Board) to ensure that schools operating under the State Board's control are staffed by at least one full-time, permanent school nurse.

Amends GS 115C-150.12C, GS 115C-218.75, GS 115C-238.66, and GS 116-239.8 to require schools for the deaf and blind, charter schools, regional schools, and lab schools to staff at least one full-time, permanent school nurse.

Applies beginning with the 2024-25 school year.

Appropriates \$89 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction for 2024-25 to increase the School Health Personnel Allotment to be used to increase positions for school nurses to meet the act's requirements. Specifies that the funds are supplemental to funds provided for school nurses.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Grafstein, Batch, Garrett.**

[APPROP, GS 115C, GS 116](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Employment and Retirement, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Public Instruction, State Board of Education, Health and Human Services, Health](#)

S 816 (2023-2024) [REENACT EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO REENACT THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.*

Reenacts GS 105-151.31, which sunset on January 1, 2014, concerning the earned income tax credit an individual could claim under section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code. Sets the earned income tax credit at 5% (previously, 4.5% for taxable year 2013 and 5% for all other taxable years). Repeals the reenacted statute effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2028. Effective January 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Grafstein, Smith, Batch.**

[GS 105](#)

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S 817 (2023-2024) [RESTORE EDUCATOR LONGEVITY](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO RESTORE LONGEVITY PAYMENTS FOR EDUCATORS.*

Repeals Section 9.1(d) of SL 2014-100, which established that annual longevity payments for educators are built into their salary schedules.

Sets the rates for annual longevity payments for teachers and instructional support personnel for 2024-25 at: 1.5% of base salary for 10-14 years of State service; 2.25% of base salary for 15-19 years of State service; 3.25% for 20-24 years of State service; and 4.5% for base salary for 25 or more years of State service. Requires payment in one lump sum.

Requires that longevity payments for principals and assistant principals be provided to State employees under the Human Resources Act for 2024-25.

Appropriates \$140,300,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction for 2024-25 to restore longevity payments pursuant to the act.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Grafstein, Smith, Garrett.**

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S 818 (2023-2024) [RESTORE MASTER'S PAY FOR TEACHERS & AMP ISP](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO REINSTATE EDUCATION-BASED SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL*.

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

Requires that for 2024-25, the State Board of Education policy TCP-A-006, as it was in effect on June 30, 2013, is to be used to determine if teachers and instructional personnel are paid on the "M" schedule and whether they receive a salary supplement for academic preparation at the six-year or doctoral degree level.

Appropriates \$8 million in recurring funds for 2024-25 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to reinstate education-based salary supplements for teachers and instructional support personnel according to this act.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Grafstein, Smith, Garrett.**

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S 819 (2023-2024) [SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST OMNIBUS](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO ENACT PROVISIONS RELATED TO IMPROVING THE NUMBER AND QUALITY OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS IN NORTH CAROLINA*.

Provides for salary supplements to school psychologists for the 2024-25 fiscal year to be provided in addition to any salary received under the teacher salary schedule, as follows: (1) \$650 per month and (2) for school psychologists who have a National Certified School Psychologist Credential, 12% of their monthly salary. Appropriates \$8.1 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for the compensation increase.

Enacts GS 115C-316.6, the school psychologists grant program, to provide funds to public school units for signing bonuses to recruit school psychologists subject to the following conditions: (1) DPI must prioritize the award of funds to public school units without a full-time psychologist at the time the application is submitted; (2) no individual bonus can be greater than \$5,000; (3) the school psychologist must agree to remain employed in the public school unit for at least one year; and (4) grants must be used to supplement, not supplant, State or non-State funds already used for these services. Sets forth application requirements and instructs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop criteria and guidelines for the administration of the grants. By no later than April 1, 2025, and annually thereafter in years where funds are awarded, requires the superintendent of DPI to report to the specified NCGA committee and division on the grant program. Appropriates \$1.7 million in recurring funds for 2024-25 from the General Fund to DPI for the grant program.

Enacts GS 115C-316.7 requiring DPI to establish an internship program for school psychologists in public school units. Sets forth stipend and field supervisor compensation. Appropriates \$5 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to DPI for the internship program.

Appropriates \$5 million in nonrecurring funds from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to be allocated to Appalachian State University (ASU) to host a virtual school psychology training program at the ASU campus in Hickory, North Carolina.

Appropriates \$1.6 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors for the 2024-25 fiscal year to be allocated to five specified constituent institutions to support the school psychology programs at those institutions with the goal of doubling the number of school psychologists produced.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Grafstein, Batch, Garrett.**

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, UNC System, Department of Public Instruction, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Mental Health](#)

S 825 (2023-2024) [GO BIG FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE AN ONGOING, INCREASED SOURCE OF FUNDS ABOVE THE BASE BUDGET FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA PREKINDERGARTEN (NC PRE-K) PROGRAM AND THE NORTH CAROLINA PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, INC., TO RAISE THE BASE REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR NC PRE-K SITES BY THREE PERCENT FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT TO CERTAIN EARLY EDUCATION TEACHERS AND DIRECTORS.*

Appropriates the following amounts in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education (Division), to increase funding for the North Carolina Prekindergarten (NC Pre-K) program: (1) \$87,877,017 for 2024-25; (2) \$104,582,345 for 2025-26; (3) \$121,287,673 for 2026-27; (4) \$137,991,673 in 2027-28; and (5) \$154,695,673 for 2028-29 and in subsequent fiscal year thereafter. Requires for the 2024-25 fiscal year, that the Division raise the base reimbursement rates for child care centers, public schools, and Head Start Centers participating in the NC Pre-K program by 3%.

Appropriates the following amounts from the General Fund to the Division to increase funding for the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc: (1) \$167,013,453 for 2024-25; (2) \$187,013,453 for 2025-26; (3) \$207,013,453 for 2026-27; (4) \$227,013,453 for 2027-28; and (5) \$247,013,453 for 2028-29.

Appropriates from the General Fund to the Division \$267,013,453 for 2029-30 and each subsequent fiscal year thereafter.

Effective July 1, 2024.

Enacts new GS 105-153.11 providing an income tax credit for eligible early education teachers or directors with the amount of the credit a sum of two amounts that vary depending on years of service uninterrupted by more than six months and on education level obtained. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and repealed effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2028.

**Intro. by Smith, Batch, Garrett.**

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

S 826 (2023-2024) [SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT ACT](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH A MENTAL HEALTH WORKER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM*.

Enacts new GS 115C-376.6, the School Mental Health Grant Program (Program), to be established by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Specifies that the Program's purpose is to increase student access to mental health support personnel in public school units. Defines mental health support personnel. Sets forth an application process, and authorizes DPI to set deadlines and application information. Requires DPI to award funds to selected public school units based on the need of the public school unit. In evaluating the need of the unit, DPI must prioritize the award of funds to units with a greater proportion of students who have limited or no access to mental health services, including students who do not have health insurance and students with disabilities. Requires public school units that receive Program funds to contract with mental health support personnel to provide mental health services in one or more schools in the unit. Specifies that the Program grants must supplement, not supplant, existing funds for mental health services. Starting on March 15 of each year funds are provided, sets annual reporting requirements to the specified NCGA committees on the Program, with four required prongs of information. Appropriates \$50 million from the General Fund to DPI in recurring funds for 2024-25 to provide grants for school mental health services in public school units. Allows DPI to use up to \$75,000 of the funds each year for Program administrative costs.

Enacts GS 116-209.47, the Mental Health Worker Loan Repayment Program (Repayment Program) to be administered by the State Education Assistance Authority (Authority). Specifies that the purpose of the Repayment Program is to provide loan repayment grants to eligible mental health workers to repay student debt held by the worker to the extent funds are made available for this purpose. Defines authority, eligible mental health worker, high-need area, program, and student debt. Authorizes the Authority to establish the following criteria for initial and continuing eligibility in the Repayment Program: (1) NC residency and graduation from a postsecondary constituent institution of UNC; (2) standards adopted by the Authority to ensure that only qualified potential recipients receive a grant; and (3) to the extent funds provided are insufficient to award forgivable loans to all interested applicants, authorizes the Authority to establish a lottery process for selection of grant recipients from among qualified applicants. Sets the award amount at 20% of each eligible mental health worker's student debt as of the date of his or her initial award. Provides for a distribution date. Sets a limit of five years for each recipient to receive an award of funds. Authorizes the Authority to adopt rules to implement the Repayment Program. Requires the Authority to submit a report to the specified NCGA committee by December 1, 2024, and every year thereafter so long as the Authority continues to award grants on grants awarded under the Repayment Program and recommendations to improve the Repayment Program and increase the number of eligible mental health workers in high need areas. Appropriates \$50 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors to allocate to the Authority for the 2024-25 fiscal year to establish the Repayment Program. Permits the Authority to retain \$500,000 for administrative costs. Effective July 1, 2024, and applies to applications for the disbursement of funds beginning in the 2024-25 fiscal year.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Smith, Batch, Grafstein.**

[APPROP, GS 115C, GS 116](#)

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S 827 (2023-2024) [HOMES FOR HEROES](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO CREATE A HOMEBUYERS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS WHO WORK AS PUBLIC SERVANTS AND TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX CREDIT TO CERTAIN VOLUNTEER WORKERS FOR UNREIMBURSED BUSINESS EXPENSES*.

Part I.

Directs the Housing Finance Agency (Agency) to establish a program under the Homeownership Fund to provide assistance, in the form of reimbursement or direct payment, to first-time homebuyers that are employed full-time as public servants in the State. Defines public servant as an active duty member or veteran, law enforcement officer, teacher, firefighter, or EMS personnel employed in the State. Defines first-time homebuyer. Provides for the lesser of \$25,000 or 10% of the purchase price



for down payment assistance, mortgage insurance premium assistance, and closing costs. Allows for monthly mortgage insurance payment assistance for up to 60 months for any single first-time homebuyer. Authorizes the Agency to adopt, modify, or repeal rules and regulations to implement the act. Includes other defined terms.

Appropriates \$200 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Homeownership Assistance Fund for 2024-25 to be used to implement the act.

Effective July 1, 2024.

Part II.

Enacts GS 105-153.11 to create an income tax credit of up to \$5,000, or the amount of tax imposed for the taxable year calculated as described, for eligible firefighters and rescue squad workers for the amount of ordinary, reasonable business expenses related to their rescue work for which they are not reimbursed by the department or squad. Bars claiming the credit as both an eligible firefighter and an eligible rescue squad worker, defined to mean unpaid members of a volunteer fire department or rescue or emergency medical services squad who attended at least 36 hours of drills or training and meetings, as specified. Effective for taxable years beginning January 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Smith, Batch.**

[APPROP, GS 105](#)

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Records and Open Meetings, Public Safety and Emergency Management, Tax, Military and Veteran's Affairs](#)

S 830 (2023-2024) [YOUNG FAMILIES INVESTMENT ACT](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE APPRENTICESHIP PILOT PROGRAM AND TO REDUCE PARENT COPAYMENTS FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE*.

Appropriates \$250,000 in recurring funds from the General Fund for 2024-25 to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education (Division) to establish a two-year child development apprenticeship pilot program. Requires the Division to establish the pilot to provide on-the-job learning and coursework, specialized training with a one-on-one mentor, and classroom-based instruction that may result in college credit. Directs the Division to establish the pilot in at least two child development centers, one in the piedmont region and one in the eastern region. Requires the Division to submit progress reports to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services by December 31 of each year, with a final report due December 31, 2026.

Amends Section 9D.3(b) of SL 2023-134 to reduce the basis of gross family income for fees from families required to share in cost of child care to 5%. The law currently establishes the basis as 10% of gross family income.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Smith, Batch, Garrett.**

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S 831 (2023-2024) [MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS SALES TAX EXEMPTION](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO EXEMPT MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS FROM THE SALES TAX*.

Amends GS 105-164.13 to exempt menstrual products from retail sales and use tax, as title indicates. Adds definition of menstrual products to the definitions provisions set forth in GS 105-164.3. Effective October 1, 2024, and applies to sales

made on or after that date.

**Intro. by Marcus, Mayfield, Hunt.**

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S 832 (2023-2024) [2024 SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO PROTECT NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS FROM HARMFUL TOXINS IN DRINKING WATER BY REQUIRING THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO ESTABLISH MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVELS FOR CHEMICALS THAT ARE PROBABLE OR KNOWN CARCINOGENS OR ARE OTHERWISE TOXIC AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THOSE ACTIVITIES.*

Requires the Commission for Public Health (Commission) to do the following no later than October 15, 2024. Requires the Commission to begin rulemaking to establish maximum contaminant levels (MCLs), as that term is defined under GS 130A-313 (the North Carolina Clean Water Act), for probable or known carcinogens and other toxic chemicals likely to pose a substantial hazard to public health. Requires the Commission to establish MCL's for the following five contaminants: (1) per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS); (2) perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA); (3) perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS); (4) Hexavalent chromium (chromium-6); and (5) 1,4-Dioxane. Also requires considering establishing MCLs for any other contaminants for which at least two other states have set MCLs or issued guidance.

Directs the Commission to review certain materials during rulemaking, and annually review these materials thereafter to determine if the MCL's should be modified. Specifies that the MCL's must be protective of public health including vulnerable subpopulations such as pregnant and nursing mothers, infants, and children, which state MCLs shall not exceed any MCL or health advisory established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Effective July 1, 2024, appropriates \$6 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services for 2024-25 to carry out the act's requirements. Allows using the funds to establish up to 37 FTE positions.

**Intro. by Smith, Batch, Garrett.**

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[Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health, Public Enterprises and Utilities](#)

S 834 (2023-2024) [INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL AND PREVENTION](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INVASIVE SPECIES IN NORTH CAROLINA.*

Recodifies GS 113-129(10a) to GS 113-129(10b) in GS 113-129 (definitions relating to resources). Adds new GS 113-129(10a) defining *invasive species* as six listed species along with other exotic species regulated by the Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) under GS 113-292 and any other species not native to the State that the WRC, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DCAS), determines to be a threat to native ecosystems, a threat to introduce epizootic diseases to native species, or a risk to agriculture.

Adds new GS 113-292.1 pertaining to control of invasive species, as follows. Sets out findings. Requires the WRC to issue rules establishing open seasons and manner of take requirements in all 100 counties of the State for all invasive species that the WRC determines to be game animals or game birds. Specifies that seasons established must maximize opportunities for hunters and trappers to take invasive species. Requires the WRC to develop programs to encourage control of invasive species that the WRC finds are not game animals or game birds by State agencies, local governments, private landowners, hunters, and trappers. Repeals any local acts in conflict with GS 113-292.1 to the extent of the conflict.

Adds new GS 113-292.2, the Invasive Species Management Fund (Fund). Specifies that the new Fund consists of General Fund appropriations, gifts, grants, devises, funds contributed by non-State entities, and any other revenues or receipts of the WRC specifically allocated to the Fund by the act of the General Assembly. Specifies three uses of the fund. Authorizes the

WRC to declare an invasive species emergency if it determines that an introduction of an invasive species to the State constitutes a significant threat to ecosystems, agriculture, and private property across the State. Provides for a process for the WRC to request emergency funds from the Fund. Requires that the WRC submit annual reports by no later than October 1, regarding activities completed or undertaken with financial support from the Fund to the specified NCGA committee and the Fiscal Research Division.

Appropriates \$5 million in recurring funds for the 2024-2025 from the General Fund to the WRC, to be allocated to the Fund.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Smith, Batch.**

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[Animals, Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services](#)

S 835 (2023-2024) [PROTECT WHISTLEBLOWER LEOS FROM RETALIATION](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT PROTECTING FROM RETALIATION LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS THAT REPORT THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE OR OTHER IMPROPER OR UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS*.

Amends GS 15A-401 (Arrest by law-enforcement officer) by creating new subsection (d2) (Protection from Retaliation), which protects law enforcement officers who report what they believe to be excessive use of force under subsection (d1) (Duty to Intervene and Report Excessive Use of Force) from termination or retaliation. Makes filing a knowingly false report under subsection (d1) a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Creates new GS 17C-17, which obligates a criminal justice officer in the line of duty to attempt to intervene and prevent (1) violations of federal, state, city, or county laws, ordinances, or regulations; (2) fraud; (3) misappropriation of state, city, or county resources; (4) activity that poses a substantial danger to public health and safety; or (5) gross mismanagement including waste of public monies or the abuse of authority. Also obligates a criminal justice officer to report any conduct they reasonably believe falls into categories (1) through (5) within 72 hours, even if they did not intervene. Protects a criminal justice officer who files a report under this section from termination or retaliation. Makes filing a knowingly false report under the section a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Creates new GS 17E-17, which extends the same obligations and protections to justice officers and contains text effectively identical to the new GS 17C-17.

Appropriates a total of \$1000,000 for 2024-25 from the General Fund to the Department of Justice, \$50,000 to be allocated to the Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and \$50,000 to the Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission to train criminal justice officers regarding the changes in this act.

Effective and applicable to offenses and retaliatory actions taken on or after December 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Batch, Grafstein, Smith.**

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S 836 (2023-2024) [NC STATE HIGHWAY PATROL RETENTION ACT](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION INCREASES TO MEMBERS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL*.

Identical to [H 928](#), filed 4/30/24.

Appropriates \$41,218,080 for each year of the 2023-25 biennium from the General Fund to the Reserve for Compensation Increases, effective July 1, 2024, to establish pay rates for the State Highway Patrol (SHP), asset out in the act.

Requires, effective July 1, 2024, that SHP employees be paid based on the established experience based or rank-based schedules. Salaries range from \$56,000 to \$105,000 for experience ranging from 0 years to 8+ years. Salaries range from \$120,750 to \$224,612 for ranks ranging from Sergeant to Colonel.

**Intro. by Batch, Smith, Grafstein.**

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S 841 (2023-2024) [STATE EMPLOYEES/GIVE 3-DAYS BEREAVEMENT LEAVE](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT PROVIDING UP TO THREE CONSECUTIVE WORKDAYS OF PAID BEREAVEMENT LEAVE TO STATE EMPLOYEES ON DEATH OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE*.

Identical to [H 996](#), filed 5/2/24.

Enacts GS 126-8.7, requiring the State Human Resources Commission to adopt rules and policies to provide that a permanent, probationary, or time-limited full-time State employee be granted up to three consecutive workdays of paid bereavement leave, or a prorated amount of paid bereavement leave, on the death of any member of the employee's immediate family, defined to include a spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, grandparent, or grandchild, and step, half, and in-law relationships. Specifies criteria that must be included in the Commission's rules and policies, including requiring a requesting employees to submit a statement of the deceased's name and relationship to the employee and to establish a period of aggregated State service required before the employee is leave eligible. Specifies that the leave is available without exhaustion of the employee's earned and awarded leave, has no cash value upon termination, and cannot be used in calculating retirement benefits. Defines the scope of the the statute to include State agency, department, and institution employees, including UNC; public school employees; and community college employees. Directs the appropriate governing board, officer, or entity to adopt rules and policies to award paid bereavement leave to employees that are substantially equivalent to those adopted by the Commission.

Makes conforming changes to GS 126-5, effective July 1, 2024.

Appropriates \$2 million from the General Fund to the Reserve for Compensation Increases for 2024-25 to fund the leave authorized by the act.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Murdock.**

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[Employment and Retirement, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Government, State Personnel](#)

S 842 (2023-2024) [STUDY STATE EMPLOYEE BEREAVEMENT LEAVE/FUNDS](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY BEREAVEMENT LEAVE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES*.

Identical to [H 961](#), filed 5/1/24.

Requires the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) to study the need for bereavement leave for State employees, including consideration of relevant data from the Office of State Human Resources, and report findings and legislative proposals to the

2025 General Assembly.

Appropriates \$25,000 from the General Fund to the NCGA for 2024-25 to fund the study.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Murdock.**

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, General Assembly, State Government, State Personnel**

S 845 (2023-2024) **COMMUNITY SAFETY ACT**. Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN POLICIES AND STANDARDS SURROUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS*.

Identical to [H 953](#), filed 5/1/24.

Part I.

Requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to alert law enforcement agencies to available grant funds and assist law enforcement agencies with drafting and submitting grant proposals and applications. Appropriates \$1 million in recurring funds for 2024-25 from the General Fund to DOJ to hire grant writers to assist law enforcement agencies with the above described grant proposals and applications. Effective July 1, 2024.

Part II.

Appropriates \$1 million in recurring funds for 2024-25 from the General Fund to DOJ to award grants to law enforcement agencies for initiatives supporting community policing. Effective July 1, 2024.

Part III.

Appropriates \$1.5 million in recurring funds for 2024-25 from the General Fund to DOJ to be used for grants: (1) provided to law enforcement agencies to be awarded to law enforcement officers exhibiting exemplary service and (2) awarded to law enforcement agencies for meeting racial or gender diversity benchmarks, as established by DOJ. Caps grant awards at \$10,000. Effective July 1, 2024.

Part IV.

Amends GS 15A-401(d)(2), which sets out when a law-enforcement officer is justified in using deadly physical force, by making the following changes. Adds that the use of deadly force includes strangleholds, lateral vascular neck restraints, carotid restraints, or any other tactics that restrict oxygen or blood flow to the head or neck. Requires in all circumstances in which a law-enforcement officer uses force of any kind, that a law-enforcement officer use the minimum amount of force reasonably necessary to accomplish the law-enforcement action and attempt to use de-escalation tactics. Effective October 1, 2024.

Requires the Attorney General, in consultation with the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association and the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police, to develop uniform use-of-force policies that may be adopted by all law enforcement agencies in the state. Requires the policies to be submitted to the specified NCGA committee by December 1, 2024, published on DOJ's website, and distributed digitally to all law enforcement agencies in the state.

Part V.

Amends GS 17C-6 to also give the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and GS 17E-4 to give the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission the power to establish a minimum age requirement of 21 for qualification for entry level employment. Effective January 1, 2025.

Amends GS 17C-13 and GS 17E-12 to give those same Commissions access to a person's misdemeanor conviction records and allow the Commission to deny, suspend, or revoke a person's certification based solely on that person's conviction of four or more misdemeanors, regardless of whether they were expunged. Effective January 1, 2025, and applies to officers hired on or after that date and officers employed on or after that date who are convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor on or after that date.

Part VI.

Appropriates \$2 million in recurring funds for 2024-25 from the General Fund to DOJ for grants to law enforcement agencies to temporarily provide partial or total funding for detective or other investigative law enforcement positions, in order to aid in the investigation of person crimes that would constitute a charge of a Class D felony or higher. Effective July 1, 2024.

Part VII.

Includes a severability clause.

**Intro. by Batch, Grafstein, Smith.**

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Justice](#)

S 847 (2023-2024) [SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN POLICIES AND STANDARDS SURROUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS*.

Identical to [H 952](#), filed 5/1/24.

Part I.

Requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to alert law enforcement agencies to available grant funds and assist law enforcement agencies with drafting and submitting grant proposals and applications.

Appropriates \$200,000 in recurring funds for 2024-25 from the General Fund to DOJ to hire two full-time grant writers and mental health officers.

Effective July 1, 2024.

Part II.

Appropriates \$300,000 in recurring funds for 2024-25 from the General Fund to DOJ to award grants to law enforcement agencies for initiatives supporting community policing and funding for mental health officers. Effective July 1, 2024.

Part III.

Appropriates \$750,000 in recurring funds for 2024-25 from the General Fund to DOJ to be used for grants: (1) provided to law enforcement agencies to be awarded to law enforcement officers, including mental health officers, exhibiting exemplary service and (2) awarded to law enforcement agencies for meeting racial or gender diversity benchmarks, including the hiring of mental health officers. Caps grant awards at \$15,000. Effective July 1, 2024.

Part IV.

Amends GS 15A-401(d)(2), which sets out when a law-enforcement officer is justified in using deadly physical force, by making the following changes. Adds that the use of deadly force includes strangleholds, lateral vascular neck restraints, carotid restraints, or any other tactics that restrict oxygen or blood flow to the head or neck. Requires in all circumstances in which a law-enforcement officer uses force of any kind, that a law-enforcement officer use the minimum amount of force reasonably necessary to accomplish the law-enforcement action and attempt to use de-escalation tactics. Effective October 1, 2024.

Requires the Attorney General, in consultation with the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association and the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police, to develop uniform use-of-force policies that may be adopted by all law enforcement agencies in the state. Requires the policies to be submitted to the specified NCGA committee by December 1, 2024, published on DOJ's website, and distributed digitally to all law enforcement agencies in the state.

Part V.

Amends GS 17C-6 to also give the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and GS 17E-4 to give the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission the power to establish minimum:

(1) age requirement of 21 for qualification for entry level employment; (2) mental health screening protocols that must be met to qualify for entry level employment and retention, to include a psychological screening within one year prior to certification; and (3) annual mental health screening protocols. Effective January 1, 2025.

Amends GS 17C-13 and GS 17E-12 to give those same Commissions access to a person's misdemeanor conviction records and allow the Commission to deny, suspend, or revoke a person's certification based solely on that person's conviction of four or more misdemeanors. Effective January 1, 2025.

Appropriates \$1 million in recurring funds for 2024-25 from the General Fund to DOJ for grants to law enforcement agencies to pay for the mental health screenings required by this part, and for mental health officers. Effective July 1, 2024.

Part VI.

Appropriates \$2 million in recurring funds for 2024-25 from the General Fund to DOJ for grants to law enforcement agencies to temporarily provide funding for detective or other investigative law enforcement positions, including mental health officer positions, in order to aid in the investigation of person crimes that would constitute a charge of a Class D felony or higher. Effective July 1, 2024.

Part VII.

Includes a severability clause.

**Intro. by Batch, Smith, Grafstein.**

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S 849 (2023-2024) [INCREASE SAFE USE OF FIREARMS](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER TO RESTRICT TEMPORARILY A PERSON'S ACCESS TO FIREARMS IF THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE PERSON POSES A DANGER OF PHYSICAL HARM TO SELF OR OTHERS, TO PROMOTE GUN SAFETY BY STRENGTHENING THE LAW GOVERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS, TO REQUIRE UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS, TO MAKE THE STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION RESPONSIBLE FOR PISTOL PURCHASE PERMITS, TO REINSTATE THE PERMIT REQUIREMENT TO PURCHASE A PISTOL FOR PRIVATE SALES, AND TO EXEMPT FIREARM SAFETY AND STORAGE ITEMS FROM THE SALES TAX.*

Part I.

Reenacts GS 14-402 and makes the following changes. Makes it illegal for any private person (was, person, firm, or corporation) to sell, give away, or transfer, or to purchase or receive a pistol from a person other than a federally licensed firearm dealer (was, any pistol, without indicating the source), without a pistol purchase permit from the State Bureau of Investigation (was, sheriff of the county where the purchaser resides) or a valid concealed handgun permit. Defines private person as a person, firm, or corporation who is not a federally licensed firearm dealer acting in accordance with federal law. Makes an exception to the prohibition on receiving a pistol through the mail for a person with documentation demonstrating that they are a federally licensed firearm dealer.

Amends GS 14-403 to make the State Bureau of Investigation, instead of the sheriff, responsible for issuing pistol purchase permits. Makes conforming changes to GS 14-404 and no longer requires consultation with the North Carolina Sheriff's Association in developing the permit application form. Makes conforming changes to GS 14-405 and 14-407.1. Makes conforming changes to GS 14-408.1 and also replaces references to "licensed dealers" with "federally licensed firearm dealers."

Reenacts GS 14-315(b1)(1), which includes as a defense to the prohibition on selling or giving a firearm to a minor that the person shows that the minor produced an apparently valid permit to receive the weapon.

Reenacts GS 122C-54(d2) to give the State Bureau of Investigation access to records of involuntary commitment for mental health or substance abuse treatment for background checks under GS 14-404.

Part II.

Adds new Article 53D, Universal Background Check, to GS Chapter 14, providing as follows. Prohibits a federally licensed firearm dealer from selling, transferring, or delivering a firearm to a private person without conducting a background check that includes verifying the private person's identity by examining a government-issued identification card and conducting a check through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. Makes it illegal for the following person to possess a firearm: (1) under an indictment or information for, or has been convicted in any state or in any court of the United States of, a felony (other than an offense pertaining to antitrust violations, unfair trade practices, or restraints of trade); (2) fugitive from justice; (3) unlawful user of or addicted to marijuana or any depressant, stimulant, or narcotic drug; (4) adjudicated mentally incompetent or has been committed to any mental institution; (5) alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States; (6) discharged from the US Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions; (7) has renounced his or her US citizenship; (8) subject to a court order that was issued after a hearing of which the person received actual notice, and at which the person had an opportunity to participate, that restrains the person from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner or child of the intimate partner, or engaging in other conduct that would place an intimate partner in reasonable fear of bodily injury to the partner or child, and that includes a finding that the person represents a credible threat to the physical safety of the intimate partner or child, or by its terms explicitly prohibits the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the intimate partner or child that would reasonably be expected to cause bodily injury. Makes it illegal for a federally licensed firearm dealer to sell, transfer, or deliver a firearm to another person if the background check reveals that possession by the person would violate the law or if the dealer knows or has reason to know that the person is prohibited from possessing a firearm. Makes it a Class F felony for a federally licensed firearm dealer to sell, transfer, or deliver a firearm to a person in violation of this Article, or any person to provide materially false information to the dealer with the intent of illegally obtaining a firearm.

Makes it illegal for a private person to transfer a firearm to another without conducting a background check through a federally licensed firearm dealer and the firearm dealer verifying that the transfer is not illegal. Defines transfer. Sets out exceptions for transactions involving specified family members and guardians. Violations are a Class F felony. Applies to transfers of firearms occurring on or after December 1, 2024.

#### Part III.

Amends GS 14-315.1 by increasing the penalty for a person who resides with a minor to leave a firearm in a condition that it can be discharged and in a manner that the person knew or should have known that an unsupervised minor would be able to gain access to the firearm, from a Class 1 misdemeanor to a Class D felony. Adds a Class D felony for a person residing with an unauthorized person to own or possess a firearm and store or leave it without securely locking it or rendering it incapable of being fired, if the unauthorized person accesses the firearm and: (1) possesses it in violation of the specified law; (2) exhibits it in a public place in a careless, angry, or threatening manner; (3) causes personal injury or death that is not in self-defense; or (4) uses the firearm in the commission of a crime. Defines unauthorized person as one who is not authorized to purchase a firearm under State or federal law. Makes conforming changes. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2024.

#### Part IV.

Enacts new GS Chapter 50E, the Extreme Risk Protection Orders Act, providing a court procedure for concerned citizens and law enforcement to obtain an order temporarily restricting a person's access to firearms in situations where a person poses a significant danger of harming themselves or others by possessing a firearm. Includes related legislative findings. Sets out defined terms applicable to the Chapter.

Allows either a family or household member or a law enforcement officer or agency to file a verified petition in district court for an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) in any county authorized by the venue provisions set out in GS 1-82 (most commonly where the plaintiff or defendant resides). Defines family or household member to be (1) a person related by blood, marriage, or adoption to the respondent; (2) a dating partner of the respondent; (3) a person who has a child in common with the respondent; (4) a domestic partner of the respondent; (5) a person who has a biological or legal parent-child relationship with the respondent, including stepparents, stepchildren, grandparents, and grandchildren; and (6) a person who is acting or has acted as the respondent's legal guardian. Sets out information required in the petition, including: (1) a factual allegation that the respondent poses a danger of physical harm to self or others (and in the case of an ex parte ERPO, poses an imminent danger of physical harm to self or others) by having in his or her care, custody, possession, ownership, or control a firearm; (2) an identification of the number, types, and locations of firearms under the respondent's custody or control; (3) an identification of any existing protection order governing the respondent; and (4) an identification of any pending legal action between the petitioner and the respondent. Requires an ERPO petition to be accompanied by a written statement made by a witness that



states specific facts supporting the allegation in the petition along with the witness's name and relationship to the petitioner, or an audio and visual recording of the incident the petitioner is using as the basis for the ERPO.

Clarifies that a petition for an ERPO can be granted without delay regardless of whether there is pending action between the petitioner and the respondent. Provides for a petitioner to use the substitute address designated by the Address Confidentiality Program when filing documents required by new Chapter 50E. Prohibits the assessment of court costs or attorneys' fees for filing or service of an ERPO petition or service of any ERPOs, except for sanctions for violations regarding signing and verification of the pleadings under GS 1A-1, Rule 11. Authorizes electronic filing of all documents filed, issued, registered, or served in an action under new Chapter 50E.

Requires a summons be issued and served no later than five days prior to the date set for the full ERPO hearing, with the ERPO petition, any ex parte ERPO that has been issued and the notice of hearing on the ex parte ERPO, and a description of an ERPO attached. Directs the clerk of court to effect service through the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Sets forth the required information that must be included in an ERPO, including (1) a statement of the grounds supporting its issuance; (2) the date and time the ERPO was issued and when it expires; (3) whether a mental health or chemical dependency evaluation of the respondent is required; (4) the court's address where a responsive pleading can be filed; (5) a description of the relinquishment and retrieval requirements for firearms, ammunition, and related permits of the respondent; (6) a description of the process for seeking termination of the ERPO; and (7) a statement that violation of the ERPO is a Class A1 misdemeanor.

Details the parameters of issuing an ex parte ERPO without service or notice. Requires the court to find by clear, cogent, and convincing evidence that the respondent poses an imminent danger of causing physical injury to self or others by having in his or her custody a firearm before a judge or magistrate can issue an ex parte ERPO. Provides that the chief district court judge can designate for each county at least one judge or magistrate to be reasonably available to issue ex parte ERPOs when the court is not in session. Authorizes hearings to consider ex parte relief to be held by video conference.

Details the parameters of issuing a full ERPO, including a hearing on the petition no later than 10 days from either the date an ex parte ERPO was issued, if applicable, or the date the petition was filed. Allows for one continuance of no more than 10 days unless all parties consent or good cause is shown. Permits issuance of a full ERPO when (1) the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the respondent poses a danger of causing physical injury to self or others by having in his or her custody a firearm, (2) process was proper, and (3) notice of hearing was proper.

Requires the respondent to immediately surrender to the sheriff possession of all firearms, ammunition, and permits in the custody or control of the respondent upon service of an ERPO, or within 24 hours of service at a time and place specified by the sheriff in the event weapons cannot be surrendered at the time the ERPO is served. Requires the sheriff to issue receipt at the time of surrender or seizure, and file receipt with the court within 48 hours after issuing the receipt. Provides for a warrant to be issued for failure to surrender firearms. Allows the sheriff to charge the respondent a reasonable fee for the storage of any firearms and ammunition taken pursuant to an ERPO. Provides for retrieval if the ex parte ERPO expires and the court does not enter a full ERPO. Otherwise, requires the respondent to file a motion for retrieval within 90 days after an ERPO expires, whereby surrendered firearms, ammunition, and permits must be returned to the respondent within 30 days of the motion unless the court finds the respondent is otherwise precluded from owning or possessing a firearm pursuant to state or federal law. Provides for motion for return by a third party. Authorizes disposal of surrendered firearms that have not been or cannot be returned as specified.

Sets the duration of an ex parte ERPO to be from its effective date to the date the hearing is held, or if a hearing is not held or a continuance not granted, no more than 10 days from its issuance. Requires a full ERPO to be effective for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year. Provides for renewal of any ERPO by the petitioner one or more times prior to its expiration, providing the initial requirements are satisfied and there has been no material change in the circumstances since its issuance. Limits the granting of renewals to open court.

Details the process of terminating an ERPO, with the respondent limited to submitting one motion for termination for every 12-month period the full ERPO is in effect. Requires the court to set a hearing no sooner than 14 days and no later than 30 days from the date of service upon the petitioner. Requires the respondent to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that he or she does not pose a danger of causing physical injury to self or others by having a firearm in his or her custody or care.

Requires the clerk to provide same day notice of ERPO issuance to the sheriff. Requires the sheriff to promptly enter the ERPO into the National Crime Information Center registry; update the orders in the registry upon modification, termination, renewal,

or dismissal; and provide 24/7 access to the orders to the courts. Also requires a copy of the ERPO be issued promptly to and retained by the municipal police department. Provides for notice to the respondent if he or she was not present when the ERPO was issued, and for notice to third parties where applicable.

Makes it a Class A1 misdemeanor for any person to possess, purchase, or receive, or attempt to possess, purchase, or receive, a firearm, ammunition, or permits to purchase or carry concealed firearms for so long as an effective ERPO is entered against that person.

Makes it a Class 2 misdemeanor for any person to knowingly make a false statement when petitioning for an ERPO, and for any person to knowingly make a false statement to law enforcement that an ERPO remains in effect.

Clarifies that the remedies provided in new GS Chapter 50E are not exclusive, and that the Chapter does not affect the ability of law enforcement to remove a firearm or permit from any person, or conduct any search and seizure for firearms, pursuant to other lawful authority.

Specifies that Chapter 50E does not impose any criminal or civil liability on any person or entity for acts or omissions related to obtaining an ERPO.

Amends GS Chapter 15C, providing for the inclusion of petitioners for an ERPO in the Address Confidentiality Program. Makes conforming changes.

Amends GS 14-415.4 to require a court to deny a petition to restore the petitioner's firearm rights if the court finds an ex parte or full ERPO has been issued pursuant to GS Chapter 50E or a similar out-of-state or federal order has been issued against the petitioner and the court order is still in effect.

Directs the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to develop the appropriate forms to implement the processes set out in new GS Chapter 50E.

Effective December 1, 2024.

Part V.

Amends GS 105-164.3, the definitions that apply to GS Chapter 105, Article 5, Sales and Use Tax, by defining firearm safety equipment to mean an enclosure or a device, other than one that is part of the design of a firearm, that is intended to prevent access to, or unintentional or unauthorized use of, the firearm.

Amends GS 105-164.13 to exempt firearm safety equipment from sales tax.

Applies to sales made on or after October 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Batch, Garrett, Grafstein.**

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[Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Administrative Office of the Courts, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, Tax](#)

S 850 (2023-2024) [COASTAL PLAIN RESILIENCE AND ECO. PROS. ACT](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.*

Appropriates the following sums from the General Fund to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for these listed purposes:

- \$1.71 million recurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to DEQ's Division of Coastal Management (DCM) for two full-time positions to staff the Resilient Coastal Communities Program and to provide grant funding for specified projects;
- \$470,000 recurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to DCM for five full-time positions in the Coastal Habitat Assessment Program;

- \$990,000 recurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year for six full-time positions to continue implementation of the Flood Resiliency Blueprint;
- \$1.210 million recurring funds and \$500,000 in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year for eight full-time positions pertaining to customer service, grant administration, and technical assistance to businesses;
- \$600,000 recurring funds and \$10,000 in nonrecurring funds to the Division of Marine Fisheries for the 2024-2025 fiscal year for five full-time marine patrol officer positions;
- \$400,000 recurring funds and \$550,000 in nonrecurring funds to the Division of Air Quality for the 2024-2025 fiscal year for three full-time positions to staff the mobile air quality monitoring unit;
- \$3.15 million in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to fund overtopping studies for all remaining high and intermediate hazard dams in the State;
- \$1.5 million in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to be used for the 10% cost-share required for Superfund cleanups on the National Priority List sites and to pay the operating and maintenance costs associated with those Superfund cleanups;
- \$4,010,000 recurring funds and \$590,000 in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to staff 24 full-time positions to assist DEQ in addressing the emerging compounds (including PFAS) issue in the State;
- \$2 billion in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year for the Water Infrastructure Fund to be allocated to the Drinking Water Reserve and the Wastewater Reserve to provide project construction grants for public water systems and wastewater systems. Specifies that the limits set forth in GS 159G-369(c) (concerning grant limits pertaining to water infrastructure) do not apply to grants awarded from these funds.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Batch, Smith, Grafstein.**

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**Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Environmental Quality (formerly DENR), Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health**

S 854 (2023-2024) [PROTECT ACCESS TO IN VITRO FERTILIZATION](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO ACCESS ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF HEALTH BENEFITS, TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR MEDICAID MATERNAL SUPPORT SERVICES.*

Enacts Article 10 to GS Chapter 90, titled *Assisted Reproductive Technology*. Bars the State or any political subdivision thereof from prohibiting, unreasonably limiting, or interfering with: (1) a patient's right to access assisted reproductive technology; (2) a health care provider's right to provide or assist with the provision of evidence-based information related to assisted reproductive technology; and (3) a health care provider's right to perform or assist with the performance of assisted reproductive technology. Defines "assisted reproductive technology" to mean all treatments or procedures that include the handling of human oocytes or human embryos, including in vitro fertilization, gamete intrafallopian transfer, and zygote intrafallopian transfer. Also defines "health care provider" and "health care service". Prohibits considering a fertilized human egg or human embryo that exists in any form outside of the uterus of a human body as an unborn fetus, an unborn child, a minor child, a natural person, or any other term connotating a legal human being. Specifies that the new Article does not prohibit the enforcement of health and safety laws related to the operation of health care facilities or the provision of health care services by health care providers.

Appropriates \$500,000 in recurring funds to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits for 2024-25 to be used to increase funding for Medicaid maternal support services (Baby Love program) and provide a State match to the specified amount of federal funding, also appropriated to the Division for the same purpose. Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Marcus, Grafstein, Murdock.**

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies,  
Department of Health and Human Services, Health and  
Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers,  
Public Health**

S 855 (2023-2024) [FUND DRUG TREATMENT/MENTAL HEALTH COURTS](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CREATE AND SUPPORT LOCAL JUDICIALLY MANAGED ACCOUNTABILITY AND RECOVERY COURTS*.

Appropriates \$4.2 million in recurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts to support the work of the North Carolina Judicially Managed Accountability and Recovery Court Program in creating and sustaining local judicially managed accountability and recovery courts that focus on individuals suffering due to various forms of substance abuse.

Appropriates \$4.2 million in recurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts for the creation and funding of new and existing judicially managed accountability and recovery courts serving those with one or more mental health diagnoses. Requires the courts to recommend mental health treatment plans for individuals served by the programs and monitor their progress.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Mohammed.**

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**Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Administrative Office of the  
Courts, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Health and  
Human Services, Health, Public Health, Mental Health**

S 857 (2023-2024) [HOME WARRANTY REGULATORY REFORM](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO PLACE CONSUMER PROTECTIONS AROUND HOME SERVICE AGREEMENTS*.

Identical to [H 957](#), filed 5/1/24.

Creates protections related various agreements, including newly defined term service agreements, that apply to all of Article 43 (pertaining to service agreements) in GS Chapter 66 [hereinafter Article 43], as follows.

Recodifies GS 66-372(b) (currently titled as the definitions provisions to the miscellaneous requirements for motor vehicle and home appliance service agreement companies) as to new GS 66-369.1 (definitions), which now applies to all of Article 43. Defines consumer and covered items. Changes the definition of service agreements to an agreement between a consumer and a service agreement company in which a consumer agrees to pay a set fee or premium, and may agree to pay a deductible, in exchange for a service provider promising to repair, replace, or maintain a set list of covered items. This term includes agreements where the service provider facilitates but does not actually perform the repair, replacement, or maintenance of a covered item and agreements where a service provider reimburses the consumer for obtaining their own repair, replacement, or maintenance. (Currently, just specifies that it includes motor vehicle and home appliance agreements). Expands entities included in a service agreement company to include a person, other than an insurer licensed to write liability insurance under Article 7 or 16 of GS Chapter 58, that issues service agreements. (Currently, just specifies that it includes motor vehicle and home appliance agreements). Makes organizational changes.

Recodifies subsections (a), (c), (d), the remainder of (e), (f), (h), (i), (j), and (l) of GS 66-372 as subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i), respectively, of GS 66-369.2 (now entitled Miscellaneous requirements for service agreements) and makes the following changes to new GS 66-369.2. Specifies that the statute's requirements apply to all service agreements in Article 43. Makes organizational, technical, and conforming changes. Requires service agreements to contain a list of covered items.

Recodifies GS 66-373 as GS 66-369.3 (insurance policy requirements) to require each person or company subject to Article 43 (currently, subject to GS 66-373) to now maintain insurance with an insurer authorized to write liability insurance under Articles 7.16.21 or 22 of GS Chapter 58 (currently, just need to have coverage under an authorized insurer). Amends the scope of GS 66-369.3 so that it applies to GS 58-1-15, GS 58-1-20, and Article 43 (currently applies to GS 58-1-15, GS 58-1-20, GS 66-370, GS 66-371, and GS 66-374).

Amends GS 66-371 (pertaining to home service agreements [currently, home appliance service agreement companies]) as follows. Expands Article 43's scope to all home service agreements in the State. (Currently, section applies to all home appliance service agreement companies soliciting business in the State.) Defines home service agreements as a service agreement for a set list of appliances and systems in a residence, regardless of whether the agreement is titled as a contract, home warranty, extended home warranty, home appliance warranty, or other.

In addition to the general requirements pertaining to a service agreement set forth above, requires home service agreements to contain four required elements, including a list of covered items, detailed descriptions of covered losses or damages and exclusions, and a statement of the purchaser's rights. Requires home service agreement companies to provide an electronic or paper copy of the agreement to the consumer at time of signing, maintain a list of company-approved vendors available to perform services and allow a consumer to use one of those vendors, and ensure that the repair, replacement, or maintenance requested under the agreement is completed or scheduled for completion within five business days of a consumer's claim for any covered item that is necessary for heating, air-conditioning, or the functioning of a bathroom if there is only one bathroom in the residence. Makes conforming changes. Deletes defined terms home appliance and home appliance service agreement.

Recodifies GS 66-372(e)(2) as GS 66-370(a2), and further amends GS 66-370 as follows. Defines motor vehicle. Expands Article 43's scope to all motor vehicle service agreements in the State. (Currently, section applies to all motor vehicle service agreement companies soliciting business in the State.) Defines motor vehicle service agreement as including (1) any contract or agreement indemnifying a consumer against loss caused by a motor vehicle failure (defined) that is listed in the agreement or providing for the repair of a motor vehicle failure that is listed in the agreement; and (2) a contract or agreement to reform or to indemnify a consumer for certain repairs, including dents, key fobs, and other services that may be approved by the Commissioner of Insurance if not inconsistent with Article 43. Specifies that the general requirement set forth in GS 66-369.2 above, apply to motor vehicle service agreements. Makes technical and organizational changes. Deletes defined terms set forth in GS 66-370(b).

Effective October 1, 2024, and applies to service agreements entered into on or after that date.

Appropriates \$50,000 in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Justice to be allotted to the Office of the Attorney General to enforce Article 43, as amended by the act. Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Mohammed.**

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[Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection, Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Insurance](#)

S 859 (2023-2024) [REDIRECT CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER FUNDS](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT REDIRECTING FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, FOR CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS TO INSTEAD BE USED TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF EVIDENCE-BASED MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH PROGRAMS; AND ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDS.*

Effective July 1, 2024, directs that funds appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health (Division), in the sum of \$6.25 million in recurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year for allocation to the Carolina Pregnancy Care Fellowship, a nonprofit organization, will instead be used to support the expansion of evidence-based programs and services administered by DHHS that support maternal and infant health. Section 9H.11 of SL 2023-134 (pertaining to the Carolina Pregnancy Care Fellowship) is repealed effective July 1, 2024.

Adds new GS 131E-269.5 (reporting requirements for crisis pregnancy centers [CPP's]) requiring CPP's that are a recipient or subrecipient of any amount of State financial assistance to submit a report to DHHS and the specified NCGA committee within 60 days after the end of the fiscal that the CPP received assistance. Lists eleven required components of the report, including: an explanation of all services provided at the center and what services were most frequently sought at the center, broken down by location if the center conducts business or provides services at more than one location; an explanation of whether the center enrolls women in any public benefits programs or connects women to other services and, if so, identification of which programs and services; the nature of information provided to clients or potential clients at the center and an explanation of whether the center has operational manuals, handbooks, or guidelines related to the provision of services to clients; and a description of any health or other information the center collects from women accessing the services of the center, how the center stores and uses medical and other client records, and whether the medical records are in compliance with federal and State law governing medical privacy. Defines *CPP*, *fiscal year*, *state financial assistance*, and *state funds*. Applies to any CPP that receives State financial assistance on or after July 1, 2019.

**Intro. by Marcus, Grafstein, Murdock.**

[APPROP, GS 131E](#)

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

S 863 (2023-2024) [SMALL BUSINESS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO ALLOW SMALL BUSINESSES TO ELIMINATE STATE INCOME TAXES ON A PORTION OF REVENUE IF USED FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES*.

Amends GS 105-153.5 (modifications to adjusted gross income) as title indicates. Adds to subsection (b) (other deductions) new subdivision (7a) allowing small businesses, as defined, to deduct a percentage of revenue used for capital expenditures, also defined, the percentage of which is determined by the amount of adjusted gross income. Adds to subsection (c) (additions to adjusted gross income) new subdivision (7a) requiring a taxpayer to include the amount deducted in a prior taxable year pursuant to (b)(7a) if the amount was withdrawn and not used to pay for capital improvements.

Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Smith, Batch, Garrett.**

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

S 864 (2023-2024) [SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT GRANT](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST SMALL BUSINESSES ADVERSELY IMPACTED BY COVID-19*.

Includes whereas clauses. Appropriates \$250 million from the General Fund to the Department of Commerce (Department) for 2024-25. Provides that the funds remain available for the act's purpose to provide grants to small businesses to offset the economic harm following the COVID-19 pandemic. Creates the COVID-19 Small Business Recovery Grant Program (Program) to be administered by the Department to provide a one-time grant to each qualifying business. Limits businesses that qualify under the Program to an entity that (1) is subject to income tax under Article 4, GS Chapter 105, (2) has annual receipts for the 2019 tax year of \$8 million or less, and (3) suffered a reduction of at least 25% in sales tax collections resulting from the pandemic for the 2020 tax year when compared to the 2019 tax year. Provides for the Department to accept applications during a time frame and on a form it prescribes until appropriated funds are fully awarded. Caps awards at the lesser of (1) \$250,000 or (2) the amount of reduction in sales tax collections of the qualifying business resulting from the pandemic for the 2020 tax year. Caps total awards under the Program at \$250 million. Requires the Department to verify the business's qualifications with the Department of Revenue, and authorize necessary disclosures. Conditions awards on the business continuing operations for at least six months following receipt, with the Department authorized to clawback amounts for any portion of that time the grantee does not maintain operations.

Amends GS 105-153.5 to allow a taxpayer to deduct from their adjusted gross income the amount granted to the taxpayer during the taxable year under the Program. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and expires for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Smith, Batch, Garrett.**

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**Business and Commerce, Government,  
Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and Emergency  
Management, State Agencies, Department of Commerce, Tax**

S 865 (2023-2024) **STUDY CELL PHONE USE IN SCHOOLS**. Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON VARIOUS CELL PHONE POLICIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS*.

Requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the NC School Boards Association (Association), the UNC Schools of Public Health and Education, and the Friday Institute for Educational Innovation at NCSU, to study cell phone policies in public school units. Requires DPI to collect, and with the above listed entities, analyze the following information from public school units: (1) whether the policy is implemented by the governing board of the public school unit or at the individual school level; (2) what the cell phone policy is, and specifically if the school uses any of the following policies: (i) complete ban on cell phone use or possession at school, (ii) storage of cell phones in a secure location during the instructional day, or (iii) no cell phone restrictions; (3) the impact of the policy on learning; (4) the impact of the policy on cyberbullying; (5) the impact of the policy on school safety; and (6) a catchall, authorizing any other information DPI or consultant agencies deem relevant to the study. Requires the Friday Institute to report the results of the study to the specified NCGA committee.

Appropriates \$5,000 for 2024-25 from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors to be allocated to the Friday Institute to conduct the study and issue the report required by this act.

**Intro. by Chaudhuri, Burgin.**

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

S 868 (2023-2024) **GOVERNOR'S BUDGET**. Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE*.

Identical to [H 962](#), filed 5/1/24.

Due to the fact that Governor Cooper's proposed budget was released on April 24, 2024, and has been available to the public in advance of the filing of H 962, we will not be including a summary of the bill version of his budget. For the content of the bill, please follow the link to the bill on the General Assembly's site above. Further information on the Governor's proposed budget can also be found on the Office of State Budget and Management's website at: [https://www.osbm.nc.gov/governors-budget-recfy2024-25/download?attachment\(link is external\)](https://www.osbm.nc.gov/governors-budget-recfy2024-25/download?attachment(link is external)).

**Intro. by Jackson, Hise, Lee.**

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Government,  
Executive**

Enacts new Article 6H, Baby Bond Program Trust Fund, in GS Chapter 147, providing as follows.

Sets out the NCGA's policy and definitions that apply to the new Article. Defines eligible individual as an infant born on or after January 1, 2024, who: (1) is born to a parent who is a State resident or establishes residence in this State within six months of the infant's birth and (2) resides in a household with an annual household income that does not exceed 200% of the federal poverty level. Creates the Baby Bond Program Trust Fund (Fund) in the Department of State Treasurer, administered by the Baby Bond Program Trust Fund Board of Trustees (Board). Requires the Fund to be administered to (1) establish and fund individual accounts in the amount of \$2,000 and (2) to enable contributors to save funds and increase the likelihood of the account holder's future financial success. Sets out requirements for setting up individual accounts for eligible individuals and for notifying parents of the account. Authorizes the Board to accept, hold, invest, and disburse contributions, and interest earned on such contributions, from contributors as trustees of the Fund. Requires the Board to hold all contributions to the Fund, and any earnings, in the Fund and invest the contributions. Prohibits distributing funds from an individual account before the account holder is 18 (or earlier if needed to pay for qualified tuition expenses only); sets out additional requirements for distributing funds from individual accounts, including that the holder be an NC resident. Sets out when an account is considered abandoned. Requires annual reports to account holders. Requires notifying the public about the Fund.

Establishes the six-member Board for oversight of the general administration and proper operation of the Fund and to determine investment strategy for the Fund. Sets terms at three years and provides for the filling of vacancies. Sets out the Board's seven duties. Requires the Board to determine and document in an investment policy statement an appropriate investment strategy for the Fund containing one or more forms of investment or strategies for investment from which account owners may select. Requires authorizing the State Treasurer to be responsible for engaging and discharging investment managers and service providers, including contracting and contract monitoring, to implement the investment strategy established by the Board. Requires amounts in individual accounts to be invested according to the account owner's election of one or more of the Board-approved strategies. Sets out additional provisions governing forms of investment. Provides Board members immunity from civil liability for acts or failure act arising out of service on the Board, except in specified circumstances, including when the person derived an improper personal financial benefit. Requires the Board to report annually to the specified NCGA committee.

Allows the Board to delegate authority to the State Treasurer to develop and perform all functions necessary and desirable to: (1) administer the Fund to meet and comply with the requirements of this act, (2) implement the investment strategy established by the Board, and (3) provide such other services as the State Treasurer deems necessary to facilitate participation in the Fund. Authorizes the State Treasurer to obtain the services of investment managers, investment advisors, service providers, or program managers as is necessary for the proper administration, marketing, and investment of the Fund. Allows the Treasurer to establish fees in amounts necessary to offset costs of the program and lists costs that may be paid from the Fund. Prohibits considering account distributions as income for any State benefits eligibility program that limits eligibility based on income.

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to give information and assistance to the State Treasurer and enter into a data-sharing agreement with the State Treasurer to implement this act.

Authorizes the State Treasurer and DHHS to adopt rules necessary to implement this act.

Requires the State Treasurer to begin transferring one-time deposits and accepting contributions by February 15, 2025.

Requires the Board to be organized immediately after a majority of the members have been qualified or appointed and have taken the oath of office. Sets the initial Board member terms to expire on June 30, 2027.

Appropriates \$10 million from the General Fund to the Department of State Treasurer for 2024-25 for purposes consistent with this act.

**Intro. by Meyer, Salvador, Murdock.**

[APPROP, GS 147](#)

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



S 874 (2023-2024) [COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER GRANTS FOR LARCS](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO AWARD ADDITIONAL GRANTS TO LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND NONPROFIT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS FOR THE PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF LONG-ACTING REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTIVES.*

Identical to [H 954](#), filed 5/1/24.

Amends Section 4.1 of SL 2023-14 as follows. Appropriates \$3.5 million in recurring funds for 2023-24 and \$8.5 million in recurring funds for 2024-25 (was, \$3.5 million in each year of the 2023-25 fiscal biennium) from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, to be used to award grants to local health departments and nonprofit community health centers for the purchase and provision of long-acting reversible contraceptives for underserved, uninsured, or medically indigent patients. Effective retroactively to July 1, 2023.

**Intro. by Batch, Smith.**

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Public Health](#)

S 878 (2023-2024) [WORKING FAMILIES ACT](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT REDUCING PARENT COPAYMENTS FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE, REENACTING THE CHILD TAX CREDIT, INCREASING THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE TO FIFTEEN DOLLARS PER HOUR ON LABOR DAY 2024 AND GRANTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FLEXIBILITY TO SET A HIGHER LOCAL MINIMUM WAGE, INCREASING THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMIT FOR THE PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD CIRCUIT BREAKER, CREATING A HOMEBUYERS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS WHO WORK AS PUBLIC SERVANTS, AND ENACTING THE NORTH CAROLINA PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT TO HELP WORKING FAMILIES AND CREATING THE EMPLOYER GRANT FUND TO OFFSET COSTS INCURRED BY EMPLOYERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.*

Section 1

Amends Section 9D.3(b) of SL 2023-134 by reducing the amount families must pay for subsidized child care from 10% to 7% of gross family income. Effective July 1, 2024.

Section 2

Amends GS 105-153.10, which provides for the the state child tax credit. Defines qualifying child by reference to the Internal Revenue Code (Code). Eliminates the provisions which require the taxpayer to be permitted a federal tax credit as a qualifying condition to the state child tax credit. Increases the credit amount, ranging from \$125 to \$250 depending on filing status (was, \$100 to \$125). Updates the statutory cross-reference regarding the calculation of state taxable income. Prohibits married individuals who file separate returns from collectively claiming more than the maximum credit allowed under a joint return. Eliminates the provision that prohibits the credit allowed from exceeding the amount of individual income tax imposed by the Part 2, Article 4, for the taxable year reduced by the sum of all credits allowed, excluding payments made by or on behalf of the taxpayer. Instead, enacts new provisions that allow the credit to exceed the amount of individual income tax imposed for the taxable year reduced by the sum of all credits allowable, and requires the Secretary of the Department of Revenue to issue a refund of the excess to the taxpayer. Provides for refunds and computation of allowable credits, with nonrefundable credits subtracted before refundable credits. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

Section 3

Amends GS 95-25.3, effective Labor Day, September 2, 2024, by increasing the minimum wage from \$6.15 to \$15 per hour. Also allows a local government to adopt an ordinance establishing a higher local minimum wage.

#### Section 4

Amends GS 105-277.1B by increasing the limit on the income eligibility for the property tax homestead circuit breaker from 150% to 180% of the income eligibility limit. Effective for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

#### Section 5

Directs the Housing Finance Agency (Agency) to establish a program under the Homeownership Fund to provide assistance, in the form of reimbursement or direct payment, to first-time homebuyers that are employed full-time as public servants in the State. Defines public servant as an active duty member or veteran, law enforcement officer, teacher, firefighter, or EMS personnel employed in the State. Defines first-time homebuyer. Provides for the lesser of \$25,000 or 10% of the purchase price for down payment assistance, mortgage insurance premium assistance, and closing costs. Allows for monthly mortgage insurance payment assistance for up to 60 months for any single first-time homebuyer. Authorizes the Agency to adopt, modify, or repeal rules and regulations to implement the act. Includes other defined terms.

Appropriates \$150 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Homeownership Assistance Fund for 2024-25 to be used to implement the act.

Effective July 1, 2024.

#### Section 6

Enacts new GS Chapter 96A, to be cited as the "North Carolina Paid Family Leave Insurance Act." Sets forth 15 defined terms applicable to the Chapter. Deems family and medical leave benefits provided under the terms of the Chapter payable beginning January 1, 2025, to covered individuals, defined as any person who submits an application and meets the monetary eligibility criteria set forth in GS 96-14.1(b) (regarding unemployment benefit claims) or is self-employed, elects coverage, and meets the requirements of new GS 96A-13, and meets the administrative requirements of the new Chapter and rules adopted thereunder, who meet one of five requirements, including: (1) is caring for a new child during the first year after birth, adoption, or child placement; (2) is caring for a family member with a serious health condition; (3) has a serious health condition; (4) is caring for a covered service member, as defined, who is the covered individual's next of kin or other family member; and (5) because of any qualifying exigency leave (as defined) arising out of the fact that the family member of the covered individual is on active duty or has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty in the Armed Forces. Defines family member, next of kin, and serious health condition. Specifies maximum duration of benefits based on eligibility requirement, ranging from 12 weeks to 26 weeks. Provides for payment within two weeks of filing a claim and every two weeks thereafter. Details parameters regarding the determination of payment amounts, with the maximum benefit permitted to be 100% of the statewide average weekly wage, and the minimum benefit set at \$100 per week, unless the covered individual's average weekly wage is less than the amount of that full wage. Bars payment for less than eight hours of leave taken in one work week.

Beginning on January 1, 2025, requires an employer to remit contributions to the Paid Family and Medical Leave Fund (Fund), at a rate annually fixed by the Assistant Secretary of the Division of Employment Security (DES). Provides for the setting of contribution rates for 2024 and 2025, and 2026 and subsequent years. Defines employer to include individuals, partnerships, associations, corporations, business trusts, legal representatives, any organized group, the State, political subdivisions of the State and any State or local agency or government instrumentality; excludes the federal government. Requires self-employed individuals electing coverage to make employer contributions as specified. Bars deducting more than 50% of the contribution required from that employee's wages.

Authorizes the covered individual to opt to take paid family and medical leave on an intermittent or reduced leave schedule with prorated benefits, subject to total leave permitted by the Chapter, employer operations, and notice requirements.

Provides for the covered individual's restoration by the employer to the position held by the covered individual upon expiration of family and medical leave as when the leave commenced, or a position with equivalent seniority, status, employment benefits, pay, and other terms and conditions of employment. Requires employers to maintain health benefits the covered individual had prior to leave for the leave duration, with the covered individual required to continue required applicable contributions. Details employer liability for violation of these protection provisions, including damages for compensation denied or lost with interest and liquidated damages, or actual monetary losses sustained up to a sum of 12 weeks of wages or salary of the employee, and equitable relief. Allows for an action for damages to be brought in any federal or State court by one or more employees against an employer for or on behalf of the employees or the employees and others similarly situated.

Provides for the award of costs of the action, such as reasonable attorneys' fees and expert witness fees. Establishes a two-year statute of limitations, with a three-year statute of limitations for willful violations.

Bars prohibiting the exercise of or interfering with the exercise of rights protected by the Chapter. Prohibits retaliatory personnel actions or otherwise discriminating against a person for exercising protected rights under the Chapter. Includes a non-exhaustive list of rights protected under the Chapter to which the anti-retaliation provisions apply. Prohibits employers from counting leave taken under the Chapter as an absence that can lead to or result in an adverse employment action. Makes these provisions applicable to persons who allege violations in good faith. Provides for the liability provisions regarding employment protections to apply to the anti-retaliation provisions.

Provides for concurrent leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). Provides for concurrent or coordinated payments and leave for disability or family care leave under a collective bargaining agreement or employer policy subject to written notice. Provides for the effect of such agreements and policy on an individual's rights and an employer's duties under the Chapter.

Provides for notice by the employer upon hiring and annually thereafter and when leave under the Chapter is requested or anticipated, stating rights and terms under the Chapter, benefit amounts, benefit procedures, Chapter protections, and rights to bring an action or file a complaint. Also requires posting of the notice in languages specified. Authorizes the Assistant Secretary to adopt rules establishing additional notice requirements. Requires employees to provide notice to their employer as soon as practicable of their intention to take leave under the Chapter.

Directs the Assistant Secretary to establish a system for appeal of denied leave under the Chapter. Provides for judicial review of leave benefits after an aggrieved party has exhausted administrative remedies established by the Assistant Secretary. Directs the Assistant Secretary to implement confidentiality procedures for claims filed and appeals taken.

Mandates disqualification from benefits for a period of one year for willfully falsifying or misrepresenting material facts or willfully failing to report a material fact to obtain Chapter benefits. Provides for DES to seek repayment of benefits resulting from material misrepresentation or claim rejection following benefit payment. Authorizes the Assistant Secretary to waive all or some of the amount where recovery would be against equity or good conscience.

Requires self-employed persons electing coverage to do so for an initial period of at least three years, effective upon filing written notice with the Assistant Secretary and agreeing to supply necessary income information. Provides for coverage withdrawal by self-employed persons.

Directs DES to establish and administer a family and medical leave insurance program and collect employer contributions under the Chapter. Requires DES to begin receiving and paying Chapter claims by January 1, 2025. Provides for application content and procedures. Requires DES to notify an employer within five business days of a claim filed under the Chapter. Provides for information sharing subject to the individual's consent. Deems files and records of individuals under the Chapter confidential, with the individual or authorized representative authorized to review the records or receive information from the records upon presentation of the individual's signed authorization. Directs the Department of Commerce to adopt necessary implementing rules for the Chapter.

Provides for notice upon filing a claim if the IRS determined benefits to be subject to federal income tax.

Creates the Fund within the custody of DES solely to pay Chapter benefits, with expenditure authority restricted to the Assistant Secretary or a designee. Authorizes investment actions with excess funds by DES.

Creates the Employer Grant Fund to offset employer costs of the program if they demonstrate the need for financial assistance. Specifies that the Fund consist of appropriations from the General Fund and unconditional and unrestricted donations from public agencies and private sources. Requires the Department of Commerce to adopt rules to administer the fund.

Establishes an annual reporting requirement for DES to report to the NCGA, beginning January 1, 2026, on projected and actual program participation by leave purpose, gender of the beneficiary, premium rates, fund balances, outreach efforts, and family members for whom leave was taken to provide care, as applicable.

Directs DES to conduct a public education campaign, with outreach information available in specified languages.

Encourages DES to use State data collection and technology to the extent possible and to integrate the program with existing State policies.

Includes a severability clause.

Requires implementing rules to be adopted by October 1, 2023.

Appropriates \$30 million for 2024-25 from the General Fund to the Department of Commerce, Employer Grant Fund, to offset employer costs of the Paid Family Medical Leave Act. Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Grafstein, Batch, Garrett.**

[APPROP, GS 95, GS 96A, GS 105](#)

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Employment and Retirement, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of Commerce, Tax, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Child Welfare, Military and Veteran's Affairs](#)

S 886 (2023-2024) [EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO CREATE AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY FOR THE EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS FROM RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY BY THE SHERIFF; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR WILLFUL AND WANTON DAMAGE TO THE RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY OF ANOTHER; TO PROHIBIT THE FRAUDULENT RENTAL, LEASE, OR ADVERTISEMENT FOR SALE OR LEASE OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY; AND TO REQUIRE THAT ALL LEASE AGREEMENTS BE IN WRITING.*

Identical to [H 966](#), filed 5/1/24.

Enacts new Article 8, concerning the expedited removal of unauthorized persons from residential property in GS Chapter 42. Adds new GS 42-79, allowing a property owner or authorized agent to request from the sheriff where the residential property is located the removal of a person or persons unlawfully occupying that property if all of the following are met: (1) the requesting party is the property owner or the authorized agent of the property owner, (2) the property that is being occupied includes a residential dwelling, (3) an unauthorized person or persons have unlawfully entered and remain on or continue to reside in the residential property, (4) the property owner or the authorized agent of the property owner has directed the unauthorized person or persons to leave the residential property, (5) the unauthorized person or persons are not residents as defined in GS 42-59, (6) the unauthorized person or persons are not tenants as defined in GS 42-59, (7) there is no pending litigation between the property owner and the unauthorized person or persons related to the residential property, and (8) no other valid rental agreement has been entered into or formed by the property owner and the unauthorized person or persons.

Defines unauthorized person as a person occupying residential property who has no legal claim to the property and is not entitled to occupy it under a valid rental agreement and who is not otherwise authorized to occupy the property. It does not mean a tenant who holds over after the lease term has expired under GS 42-26.

Provides for an effective removal complaint form under GS 42-80. Requires the Administrative Office of the Courts, (AOC) in consultation with the NC Sheriffs' Association, to develop the complaint form. Effective July 1, 2024, appropriates from the General Fund to the AOC \$10,000 for 2024-25 to develop the complaint form.

Specifies a process for verification of a complaint and removal of unauthorized persons by the sheriff in new GS 42-81, as follows. Requires the sheriff to verify that the complainant is the property owner of record or authorized agent and appears entitled to relief. Gives the sheriff 24 hours to remove the unauthorized person or persons from residential property. Gives the sheriff the power to arrest persons for trespass, outstanding warrants, or other legal cause. Indemnifies sheriff and property owner or their authorized agent from liability to any unauthorized person or other party for loss, destruction, or damage of personal property.

Provides for a remedy for wrongful removal including possession of the property and recovery of actual costs and damages incurred, statutory damages equal to triple the fair market rent of the residence, court costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees under new GS 42-82. Specifies that new Article 8 doesn't limit the rights of a property owner or limit the authority of a law enforcement officer to arrest an unauthorized person or persons for trespassing, vandalism, theft, or other crimes.

Effective December 1, 2024, and applying to offenses committed on or after that date, amends GS 14-127 (willful and wanton injury to real property), to make it a Class H felony in those instances where a person willfully and wantonly damages, injures, or destroys the residential real property of another, and that damage, injury, or destruction results in damages valued at \$1,000 or more, unless the conduct is covered under another provision of law providing greater protection.

Adds new GS 14-117.8 (concerning fraudulent investments and transactions involving residential real property) making it a Class C felony to rent or lease residential real property to another person knowing that the renter or lessor has no lawful ownership in the property or leasehold interest in the property, unless the conduct is covered under another provision of law providing greater punishment. Makes it a Class H felony to list or advertise residential real property for rent, lease, or sale knowing that the purported renter, lessor, or seller has no legal title or authority to rent, lease, or sell the property, unless the conduct is covered under another provision of law providing greater punishment. Effective December 1, 2024, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Amends GS 22-2 (contracts for sale of land and leases) so that its requirements that the agreement is in writing and signed applies to all land contracts and leases (currently, applies to instruments exceeding in duration three years from the making thereof). Effective when it becomes law and applies to rental agreements and leases entered into on or after that date.

**Intro. by Moffitt, Sawyer, Hanig.**

[APPROP, GS 14, GS 22, GS 42](#)

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

S 895 (2023-2024) [PARENTS' AND STUDENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS HELD BY PARENTS RELATED TO THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR MINOR CHILD AND TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS HELD BY STUDENTS RELATED TO THEIR OWN EDUCATION*.

Repeals SL 2023-106, which enacted the Parents Bill of Rights codified as new GS Chapter 114A; established parental guide and notice requirements for public schools codified as new Article 7B of GS Chapter 115C; and parental authorization requirements for the treatment of minors codified as new Part 3, Article 1A, GS Chapter 90.

Enacts Article 29F in GS Chapter 115C (GS 115C-407.80), codifying ten statutory rights of a parent related to the upbringing, education, healthcare, and mental health of their minor child:

- To access and review all education records, as authorized by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, relating to his or her child.
- To make healthcare decisions for his or her child, unless otherwise provided by law, including Article 1A of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes, governing treatment of minors.
- To have access to transparent data about school and district academic performance data.
- To have access to information, data, and statistics as to the successes, shortcomings, or failures of each school his or her child is allowed to attend.
- To know the nutrition facts of his or her child's meals.
- For his or her child to have a fully resourced classroom with the tools and technology to deliver curriculum requirements as required by the North Carolina Constitution.
- To receive timely notification of information related to his or her child's health, well-being, and education.
- To know of threats to his or her child's safety, whether to the child individually or to the school or local school administrative unit as a whole.
- To have his or her child diagnosed and served by the education system for any learning disabilities that may affect the child's educational outcomes.
- To be able to sit in his or her child's class, so long as it is within reasonable limits set by the local school administrative unit.

Enacts Article 29G to GS Chapter 115C (GS 115C-407.85), codifying fourteen statutory rights of a student related to their own education:

- A learning environment in which discrimination in all forms is not tolerated by the public school unit or school administration, school police or security personnel, or students.
- A feeling of safety and comfort at school, including sufficient protections and resources for the public school and school unit, including physical and mental protections for students and staff.
- Teachers and other school personnel who follow special plans that affect the student's educational settings, such as individualized educational plans, 504 plans, and other accommodations.
- Extracurricular and after-school programs, the means and access to these programs, and to request new clubs.
- Information, resources, and support to prepare them for life after high school, including access to college readiness counselors and vocational counselors.
- A fully resourced classroom with the tools and technology to deliver curriculum requirements as required by the North Carolina Constitution.
- Affordable and nutritious food, including an option for breakfast and lunch.
- Due process, transparency within the discipline process, and freedom from searches of personal property without reasonable cause.
- Access to gang violence prevention, peer-based mediation, and substance abuse programs on campus.
- To organize, and have the opportunity to organize, themselves and be represented by their peers in important school decision-making processes.
- Self-representation in school district or charter school meetings and notification of school district or charter school meeting times and places and to organize collectively.
- Adequate access and encouragement to use mental health and substance abuse services in educational settings and to be given resources to other outside mental health and substance abuse services.
- Access and the means to participate in school during emergencies, such as an epidemic or pandemic, natural disaster, national security threat, or other unforeseen event, including access to technology for online learning, mental health services, nutritional services, and college or career readiness support.
- To access a copy of the public school unit's student bill of rights and to seek changes to those rights when such changes will improve the learning environment.

Both bills of rights apply beginning with the 2024-25 school year.

Appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction for 2024-25 to conduct a public awareness campaign of the enumerated rights in the act. Effective July 1, 2024.

**Intro. by Grafstein, Batch, Garrett.**

[APPROP, GS 115C](#)

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

## LOCAL/SENATE BILLS

[S 772 \(2023-2024\) COMM. COLL. TRUSTEE TERMS/REGION 3](#). Filed Apr 29 2024, *AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES*.

Senate amendment modifies the directive in the 1st edition relating to the term of office for the member to be elected to the Sandhills Community College Board of Trustees. Requires that the additional term of office for the member elected by the Hoke County Board of Commissioners in 2024, in accordance with election procedures set forth in GS 115D-12, as amended by Section 6.10(n) of SL 2023-134, expires June 30, 2027 (previously, required the county board to elect one trustee to a three-year term, beginning July 1, 2024, set to expire June 30, 2027).

**Intro. by Sawrey, Lee.**

[Bladen, Chatham, Duplin, Greene, Hoke, Johnston, Pender, Pitt](#)

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[Education, Higher Education](#)

S 776 (2023-2024) [COMM. COLL. TRUSTEE TERMS/REGION 2](#). Filed Apr 29 2024, *AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES*.

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

Notwithstanding GS 115D-13 (pertaining to terms of office of the trustees of the boards of trustees for the State's community colleges) as amended by Section 6.10(o) of SL 2023-134, adds the following revision to the terms of office for the Board of Trustees of Southwestern Community College. For the term elected by the Macon County Board of Commissioners prior to the act becoming law and whose term expires on June 30, 2025, requires the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to elect one trustee to a four-year term starting on July 1, 2025, and that the term expires on June 30, 2029.

**Intro. by Jarvis, Corbin, Moffitt.**

[Cherokee, Clay, Davidson, Davie, Graham, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Swain](#)

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[Education, Higher Education](#)

S 793 (2023-2024) [JONES ABC PROFIT DISTRIBUTION TO BE ANNUAL](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE JONES COUNTY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD MAY MAKE ANNUAL RATHER THAN QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTIONS OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE ABC SYSTEM*.

Applicable only to Jones County and the Jones County Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board, as follows. Allows the Jones County ABC Board to make annual distributions of revenue under GS 18B-805 by September 30 each year. (Currently, must make quarterly distributions.) Makes conforming changes.

**Intro. by Jackson.**

[Jones, GS 18B](#)

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[Alcoholic Beverage Control](#)

S 795 (2023-2024) [48TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 48TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT*.

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**Intro. by Moffitt.**

[Henderson, Polk, Rutherford](#)

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S 799 (2023-2024) [VACANCY FILLING FOR TOWN OF STANLEY](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES OCCURRING ON THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF STANLEY ARE FILLED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM*.

Identical to [H 916](#), filed 4/25/24.

Amends Section 9 of SL 1911-233, as amended, as follows. Provides that vacancies on the Stanley Town Council will be filled by appointment of the remaining members of the council for the remainder of the unexpired term, notwithstanding GS 160A-63's provisions pertaining to municipal vacancies. (Currently, Town Council elects members to fill vacancies.) Deletes provisions pertaining to the Town Council's (1) ability to elect members to fill any and all vacancies (either elective or

appointive offices) that occur during their time in office; and (2) election and terms of police chief, assistant policemen, town clerk, sanitary officer, city attorney and other town officers deemed necessary to promote the general welfare of the people by the board of aldermen. Makes technical changes. Applies to vacancies occurring after the act becomes law.

**Intro. by Overcash.**

[Gaston](#)

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S 887 (2023-2024) [32ND SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 32ND SENATORIAL DISTRICT.*

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**Intro. by Lowe.**

[Forsyth](#)

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## ACTIONS ON BILLS

## PUBLIC BILLS

### **H 10: REQUIRE SHERIFFS TO COOPERATE WITH ICE.**

*Senate: Amend Adopted A1*

*Senate: Amend Tabled A2*

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

*Senate: Engrossed*

### **H 237: CRIMINAL LAW REVISIONS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

### **H 495: AGGREGATION OF MULTIPLE FINANCIAL CRIMES.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

### **H 591: RESTITUTION/SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINOR.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

### **H 823: ELIMINATE SCHOOL CHOICE WAITLISTS. (NEW)**

*Senate: Amend Tabled A1*

*Senate: Amend Tabled A2*

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

### **H 834: JUV CAPACITY/TRANSFER/INTERROG/CONFIDENTIAL. (NEW)**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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



**H 942: SHALOM ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 943: REGIONAL COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FUNDS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 944: SAFETY FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY 49 & EASTWAY DRIVE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 945: FUNDS FOR VOICES TOGETHER.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 946: VOICES TOGETHER/ELEMENTARY EDUCATION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 947: VOICES TOGETHER/MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 948: FUNDING VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 949: COASTAL PLAIN RESILIENCE AND ECO. PROS. ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 950: FOSTER CARE SERVICES/FUNDS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 951: FUNDS FOR CW WILLIAMS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 952: SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 953: COMMUNITY SAFETY ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 954: COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER GRANTS FOR LARCS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 955: FUNDS FOR DISCOVERY PLACE REGIONAL MUSEUM.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 957: HOME WARRANTY REGULATORY REFORM.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 958: WORKERS RIGHTS ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 959: VARIOUS CHANGES TO HOMEOWNERS' ASSOC. LAWS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 960: SOUND BASIC EDUCATION FOR EVERY CHILD.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 961: STUDY STATE EMPLOYEE BEREAVEMENT LEAVE/FUNDS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 962: GOVERNOR'S BUDGET.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 963: AGGIE ACADEMY LEARNING LAB/FUNDS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 964: FUNDS FOR CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG LIBRARY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 965: UNC INTRASTATE ATHLETIC COMPETITION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 978: LITTER REDUCTION ACT OF 2024.**

*House: Filed*

**H 979: MODIFY VARIOUS COURT COSTS AND FEES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 980: MEDICAL INFORMATION/FOSTER CARE/MINORS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 981: FUNDS FOR CERTAIN PRESCHOOL-AGED YOUTH.**

*House: Filed*

**H 982: FAITH IN MENTAL HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM.**

*House: Filed*

**H 983: ORPHAN ROADS STUDY COMMITTEE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 984: REMOVAL OF SQUATTERS FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY.**

*House: Filed*

**H 985: FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS IN DISTRICT 119.**

*House: Filed*

**H 986: UNC AI HUBS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 987: FAFSA COMPLETION AS GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 988: 2024 RETIREMENT TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 989: RETIREMENT SERVICE PURCHASE REWRITE PART III.**

*House: Filed*

**H 990: MENTAL HEALTH TRIAGE UNIT PILOT FOR LSAUS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 991: ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE PATH/CTE HIGH SCHOOL.**

*House: Filed*

**H 992: FUNDS/ALLIANCE OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 993: OPS MORATORIUM/OPS & AMP PESA ACCOUNTABILITY.**

*House: Filed*

**H 994: EST. YOUTH MENTORING COMM./MENTORING FUNDS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 995: FUNDS FOR MATERNAL HEALTH PROGRAMS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 996: STATE EMPLOYEES/GIVE 3-DAYS BEREAVEMENT LEAVE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 997: HONORING NC'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIL RIGHTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 998: BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE/SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 999: HEALTHY AND SAFE STUDENTS IN EVERY SCHOOL.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1000: PROTECT ACCESS TO IN VITRO FERTILIZATION.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1001: RIGHT TO USE CONTRACEPTION ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1002: REQUIRE FINDINGS FOR CERTAIN INDIGENT APPEALS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1003: JT CAUCUS FOR IDD/OMNIBUS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1004: AI STUDY COMMITTEE/FUNDS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1005: EVA'S ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1006: REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANS. AUTHORITY SERVICE AREA.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1007: REGIONAL PLANNING FUNDING.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1008: RURAL AND DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY ECO. DEV. GRANTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1009: LOC. GOV. ECO. DEV. CAPACITY DISTRESS FUNDING.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1010: MODERNIZE CERTAIN MEDICAID PROVIDER RATES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1011: HEALTHY STUDENTS - A NURSE IN EVERY SCHOOL.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1012: HOMES FOR HEROES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1013: TEACHER LICENSE RECIPR. & DMV ADD'L LANGUAGES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1014: SIXTH & NINTH GRADE ACADEMY PILOT/FUNDS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1015: FUNDS/GREENSBORO'S TENNIS COURTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1016: GAMBLING EDUCATION.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1018: ECON. DEV. MODIFICATIONS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1020: RETIREMENT ADMIN. CHANGES ACT OF 2024.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1021: SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1022: DHHS TRANSITIONAL HOUSING STUDY.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1023: FUNDS FOR NATIONAL BLACK THEATRE FESTIVAL.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1024: NONCONSENSUAL BOOTING AND TOWING REFORM.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1025: ADDITIONAL FUNDS - HOUSING TRUST FUND.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1026: FUNDS FOR NC COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER ASSN.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1027: REVISE SUSPENSION & PARENTAL NOTICE POLICIES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1028: WORKFORCE HOUSING LOANS-PRECONSTRUCTION COSTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1029: RIGHT TO TRY INDIVIDUALIZED TREATMENTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1030: QUALITY CARE FOR MOTHERS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1031: REDUCE BARRIERS TO COLLEGE COMPLETION.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1032: ACADEMIC TRANSPARENCY.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1033: TAXPAYER ACCOUNTABILITY/CRISIS PREGNANCY CTRS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1034: NONJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF TIMESHARE LIENS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1035: SUPPORT STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1036: AI TASK FORCE/FUNDS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1037: END PREDATORY TOWING FEES AND PRACTICES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1038: DIABETES EDUCATION FOR PARENTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1039: RESTORE LEA SALES TAX BENEFIT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1040: ADDRESSING NC'S TEACHER CRISIS/NTSP.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1041: BUSINESS MICROLOAN PROGRAM.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1042: VET CARE FOR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT DOGS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1043: IGNITION INTERLOCK VIOLATION/EXTEND PERIOD.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1044: COUNTY TIER DESIGNATION STUDY BILL.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1045: ENHANCE TEACHER PIPELINE/INCREASE TF PROGRAM.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1046: FUNDS/FORSYTH UNITED WAY/SUMMER LEARNING.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1047: DRIVE RECOMMENDATIONS/TEACHER DIVERSITY.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1048: HBCU/HMSI OMNIBUS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1049: FUNDS FOR SERVANT CENTER OF GREENSBORO.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1050: FOOD INSECURITY GRANTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1051: INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL AND PREVENTION.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1052: LIVESTOCK VETERINARY CARE ACCESS/TELEMEDICINE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1053: SEA TURTLE PROTECTION ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1054: EMPOWER SMALL/SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1055: WORKING FAMILIES AND SMALL BUSINESSES ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1056: PA LICENSURE INTERSTATE COMPACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1057: SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADE PILOT.**

*House: Filed*

**S 508: 2023 BUDGET TECH/OTHER CORRECTIONS. (NEW)**

*Senate: Conf Report Adopted*

*Senate: Ordered Enrolled*

**S 565: REMOVING BARRIERS TO JOBS AND HOUSING.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 777: FUNDS FOR AMM/URBAN MINISTRIES CLINICS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 778: FUNDS FOR NC READING SERVICE.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 780: FAYETTEVILLE PWC/WATER AND WASTEWATER FUNDS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 781: FUNDS FOR FAYETTEVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 782: FUNDS FOR C.W. WILLIAMS COMMUNITY HEALTH CTR.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 783: FUNDS FOR TOWN OF HOPE MILLS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 785: ZERO-BASED BUDGETING.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 786: ADD PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS TO MEDICAID HASP.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 787: REDEFINE HOSPICE FACILITIES/LICENSURE & AMP CON.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 788: PROHIBIT PROP BETS ON COLLEGE/AMATEUR SPORTS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 789: NC HEALTH BENEFITS EXCHANGE IMPLEMENTATION.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 790: STATE BAR REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 791: STUDY & ABATE OCULAR MELANOMA/FUNDS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 792: CREATE PUBLIC APP. FOR REPORTING THREATS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 794: FUNDS FOR VSO IN JONES COUNTY.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 796: FUNDS FOR SMITHVILLE COMMUNITY COALITION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 797: MODIFY THE RATE REDUCTION TRIGGERS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 798: STATE SURPLUS VEHICLE REPAIR.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 800: COMM. COLLEGES/MENTAL HEALTH/TUITION WAIVER.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 801: HEALTHY AND SAFE STUDENTS IN EVERY SCHOOL.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 802: C-PACE PROGRAM.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 803: HOMES OF HOPE ADOPTION TAX CREDIT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 804: EXPAND PUBLIC NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 805: MAKE STATE EMPLOYMENT GREAT AGAIN.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 806: COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 807: LIVESTOCK VETERINARY CARE ACCESS/TELEMEDICINE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 808: RIGHT TO USE CONTRACEPTION ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 809: EXPAND WORKFORCE HOUSING.**

*Senate: Filed*



**S 810: HOMEBUYER FAIRNESS & PROTECTION ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 811: AGE WITH DIGNITY ACT (CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT).**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 812: STUDENT TAX REDUCTION (STAR) ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 813: CREATE DEPT. OF HOUSING AND COMM. DEVELOPMENT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 814: HEALTHY STUDENTS - A NURSE IN EVERY SCHOOL.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 815: NC PAID FAMILY INSURANCE ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 816: REENACT EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 817: RESTORE EDUCATOR LONGEVITY.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 818: RESTORE MASTER'S PAY FOR TEACHERS & ISP.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 819: SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST OMNIBUS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 820: SCHOOL WORKERS FAIR PAY ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 821: TRAIN INFRASTRUCTURE ACCELERATION ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 822: CHILD CARE OMNIBUS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 823: KELLIN FOUNDATION HOPE HUB FUNDS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 824: GUILDFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS MISC. FUNDING.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 825: GO BIG FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 826: SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 827: HOMES FOR HEROES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 828: CHILD PROTECTION & DEEPFAKE PROHIBITION ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 829: BRIGHT BEGINNINGS CHILD CARE ACCESS/SUPP. ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 830: YOUNG FAMILIES INVESTMENT ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 831: MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS SALES TAX EXEMPTION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 832: 2024 SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 833: MAIN STREET RESILIENCE ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 834: INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL AND PREVENTION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 835: PROTECT WHISTLEBLOWER LEOS FROM RETALIATION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 836: NC STATE HIGHWAY PATROL RETENTION ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 837: MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR MILITARY VETERANS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 838: MOMNIBUS 2.5.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 839: STATE EMPLOYEES/GIVE LEAVE FOR PREGNANCY LOSS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 840: FUNDS FOR LACTATION CNSLT. PROGRAMS AT HBCUS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 841: STATE EMPLOYEES/GIVE 3-DAYS BEREAVEMENT LEAVE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 842: STUDY STATE EMPLOYEE BEREAVEMENT LEAVE/FUNDS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 843: THE FREEDOM FROM FENTANYL ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 844: MIDDLE CLASS MOMENTUM ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 845: COMMUNITY SAFETY ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 846: PROTECT OUR SCHOOLS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 847: SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 848: PROTECT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 849: INCREASE SAFE USE OF FIREARMS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 850: COASTAL PLAIN RESILIENCE AND ECO. PROS. ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 851: KEEP TRANQ OFF OUR STREETS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 852: NC UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECK ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 853: OPS MORATORIUM/OPS & PESA ACCOUNTABILITY.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 854: PROTECT ACCESS TO IN VITRO FERTILIZATION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 855: FUND DRUG TREATMENT/MENTAL HEALTH COURTS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 856: MODIFY EMERGENCY JUDGE PROVISIONS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 857: HOME WARRANTY REGULATORY REFORM.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 858: BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE/SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 859: REDIRECT CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER FUNDS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 860: EMPOWER SMALL/SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 861: REPEAL SERVICE TAX.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 862: TIER ONE COUNTY ASSISTANCE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 863: SMALL BUSINESS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 864: SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT GRANT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 865: STUDY CELL PHONE USE IN SCHOOLS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 866: WETLANDS PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 867: SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION MIN REQS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 868: GOVERNOR'S BUDGET.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 869: BABY BOND TRUST FUND.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 870: FLAGS AT EVERY SCHOOL.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 871: RIGHT TO TRY INDIVIDUALIZED TREATMENTS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 872: FAILURE TO STOP FOR SCHOOL BUS/EVIDENCE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 873: END BOOK BANS ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 874: COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER GRANTS FOR LARCS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 875: TOTAL MATERNAL CARE ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 876: QRIS MODERNIZATION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 877: GREATER ACCESS TO FERTILITY MEDICATION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 878: WORKING FAMILIES ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 879: PA LICENSURE INTERSTATE COMPACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 880: NO DEEPPAKES IN ELECTION COMMUNICATION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 881: RESTORE THE AMERICAN DREAM.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 882: INSURANCE CONSUMER PROTECTION STUDY.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 883: INCREASED SECURITY - NONPUBLICS & AMP DAY CARES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 884: FUNDS/WATER FILTRATION GRANTS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 885: PARENTAGE PROTECTION FOR FAMILIES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 886: EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 889: PROTECTING FIRST RESPONDERS ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 890: HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 891: HBCU/HMSI OMNIBUS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 892: STUDENT VOTER ID GRANT PROGRAM/CCS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 893: GUARDING FREEDOMS & PUBLIC SAFETY ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 894: REVISE LAW ON SALE & RESALE OF TICKETS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 895: PARENTS' AND STUDENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 896: INVESTING IN NORTH CAROLINA ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 897: RURAL BROADBAND INITIATIVE ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 898: FUNDS/FORSYTH SHERIFF'S OFFICE RTIC.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 899: DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING PARITY.**

*Senate: Filed*

**LOCAL BILLS**

**H 956: TOWN OF PINEVILLE/COMPENSATE AUXILIARY POLICE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 1017: EVEN-YR. ELECTIONS/CITY OF JACKSONVILLE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1019: MCDOWELL COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX MODIFICATIONS.**

*House: Filed*

**S 764: COMM. COLL. TRUSTEE TERMS/REGION 4.**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

**S 769: COMM. COLL. TRUSTEE TERMS/REGION 1.**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

**S 772: COMM. COLL. TRUSTEE TERMS/REGION 3.**

*Senate: Amend Adopted A1*

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

*Senate: Engrossed*

**S 776: COMM. COLL. TRUSTEE TERMS/REGION 2.**

*Senate: Amend Adopted A1*

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

*Senate: Engrossed*

**S 784: CURRITUCK COUNTY/EMINENT DOMAIN.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 793: JONES ABC PROFIT DISTRIBUTION TO BE ANNUAL.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 795: 48TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 799: VACANCY FILLING FOR TOWN OF STANLEY.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 887: 32ND SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 888: EXTEND BOUNDARIES/CLEVELAND CTY SANITARY DIST.**

*Senate: Filed*

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