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PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 38 (2023-2024) [EDUCATION OMNIBUS CHANGES. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Jan 31 2023, *AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO EDUCATION LAWS.*

Senate amendment to the 3rd edition adds the following new content.

Part VIII.1

Section 8.1

Amends GS 143-64.03 (concerning the powers and duties of the State agency for surplus property) to allow UNC to enter into agreements with one or more vendors to trade-in any technological equipment purchased from the vendor or to allow a vendor to buy back any technological equipment even if the equipment was not purchased from that vendor. Makes conforming changes. Requires UNC to keep records of the type and quantity of technological equipment and the name of the vendor subject to each agreement discussed above. Changes UNC's requirement from keeping track of the number of computer equipment distributed to keeping track of the number of computers distributed. Changes UNC's reporting deadline to the specified NCGA committee from December 1 annually to March 1 annually.

Intro. by Pyrtle, Saine, Moss, Miller.

[GS 115C](#), [GS 116](#), [GS 143](#), [GS 143C](#)

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H 207 (2023-2024) [DISCIPLINE CHANGES. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Feb 23 2023, *AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR WRITTEN ACCOUNTS FOR INCIDENTS THAT MAY RESULT IN SHORT-TERM OR LONG-TERM SUSPENSIONS AND TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE SHORT-TERM SUSPENSION PROCESS.*

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

Amends proposed GS 115C-390.2(h1) to no longer limit the eye-witness account to those provided by school personnel or the student subject to discipline. Allows the witness account to be written or oral, but requires the principal or their designee to reduce an oral account to writing. Requires the account to be provided by the end of the school day following the day the principal or their designee is given notice of the incident (was, within 24 hours of the incident) and specifies that nothing prohibits the principal or designee from accepting any detailed eyewitness account after that date.

Intro. by Elmore, Clemmons, Torbett.

[GS 115C](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

H 228 (2023-2024) [REV. LAWS TECH., CLARIFYING, & ADMIN. CHNGS.](#) Filed Feb 28 2023, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE MEDICAID HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT STATUTES, AND TO UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF A THRESHOLD EXCLUSION, AND TO INCREASE THE BOND DEBT LIMIT FOR THE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY.*

Senate amendment #2 to the 5th edition, as amended, adds the following.

Amends GS 122A-8 by increasing the Housing Finance Agency's bond debt limit from \$3 billion to \$12 billion. Makes conforming changes to the act's long title.

Intro. by Bradford, Setzer, Kidwell, Wray.

GS 20, GS 24, GS 105, GS 108A, GS 122A

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Alcoholic Beverage Control, Banking and Finance, Business and Commerce, Corporation and Partnerships, Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, State Agencies, Department of Revenue, Department of Transportation, Tax, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Transportation

H 263 (2023-2024) **2023 APPROPRIATIONS ACT**. Filed Mar 2 2023, *AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS.*

House amendments make the following changes to the 2nd edition.

Part IV. Other Availability and Appropriations

Section 4.10 ARPA Temporary Savings Fund Grant Correction

Amendment #21 reduces the \$70 million in nonrecurring funds for FY 2024-2025 appropriated from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund (Fund) for Justice Involved Populations by \$3 million. Appropriates \$3 million from the Fund in nonrecurring funds for FY 2024-2025 to OSMB to provide a directed grant to the Boys Club of Wake County, Inc. to provide funds to boys and girls clubs across the State to implement programs that improve the motivation, performance, and self-esteem of youth and other initiatives that would be expected to reduce gang participation, school dropout, and teen pregnancy rates.

Part VIII. The UNC System

Part 8.13 Tuition Waiver for Survivors of Fallen Probation Officers

Amendment #25 expands the tuition waiver for UNC constituent institutions under GS 115B-2 to include survivors of fallen probation officers and spouses and certain children of permanently disabled probation officers as a direct result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty. Makes conforming changes to GS 115B-5 (proof of eligibility) and GS 115B-1 (definitions). Applies beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year.

Part XI-B. Central Management and Support

Section 9B.2 Advisory Council on Rare Diseases

Amendment #24 makes the following changes to Taylor's Law Establishing the Advisory Council on Rare Diseases (Part 6 of Article 1B of GS Chapter 130A). Amends GS 130A-33.65 by changing the location of the Advisory Council from within the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Changes the number of the Advisory Council to 19 members and removes the appointing authority of the Dean of the School of Medicine at UNC-Chapel Hill. Instead, allows the DHHS Secretary to appoint 15 members in line with the qualifications listed in the statute.

Amends the appointed membership as follows:

- increases number of physicians from one to two;
- removes rare disease survivor, rare disease foundation, parent of childhood rare disease survivor, and medical researcher appointees;
- removes appointees who are chairs of the NCGA Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, or their designees;
- decreases the number of researchers from State academic research institutions to one receiving any grant funding for rare disease research (currently one representative per State institution receiving any such grant funding);
- adds the following appointees:

- o one hospital administrator, or the hospital administrator's designee, representing a hospital in the State that provides care to persons diagnosed with a rare disease;
- o two persons age 18 or older who have been diagnosed with a rare disease; two persons age 18 or older who are, or were previously, caregivers to a person diagnosed with a rare disease;
- o one representative of a rare disease patient organization that operates in the State;
- o one pharmacist licensed and practicing in this State with knowledge and experience regarding drugs used to treat rare diseases;
- o one representative of the life sciences, biotechnology, or biopharmaceutical industry that either focuses on research efforts related to the development of therapeutic products for persons diagnosed with a rare disease or has demonstrable understanding of the path to commercialization of such products;
- o two representatives of a health benefit plan or health insurer, at least one of whom is a representative of a North Carolina Medicaid Managed Care health plan;
- o one genetic counselor with experience providing services to persons diagnosed with a rare disease or caregivers of persons diagnosed with a rare disease;
- o one member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- o one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
- o one member appointed by the Governor.

Provides for terms for each of the initial appointed representatives and term limits of three consecutive terms, except that the initial physician members and initial member representing a rare disease patient organization can serve up to four terms. Thereafter, directs that members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor will serve for a term of two years and members appointed by the Secretary will serve for a term of two, three, or four years as determined by the chair of the advisory council. Provides for filling vacancies, member removal, and selection of a chair by a majority vote. Requires that the Advisory Council meet at least quarterly (currently, just need to meet). Makes technical and conforming changes.

Amends GS 130A-33.66, pertaining to the Advisory Council's powers and duties as follows. Specifies that the Advisory Council should advise the Governor, the DHHS Secretary, and General Assembly on all of the following, in addition to powers already listed in the statute: coordination of statewide efforts to increase public awareness and understanding of rare diseases, identification of policy issues related to rare diseases and the advancement of policy initiatives related to rare diseases at the State and federal levels, and the appropriation of State funds to facilitate increased public awareness of and improved treatment for rare diseases. Requires the Advisory Council to, in consultation with certain medical schools, other educational institutions with specified programs, and hospitals in the State that provide services to persons with rare diseases, develop resources or recommendations regarding quality of and access to treatment and services available within North Carolina for persons diagnosed with a rare disease. Now requires the Advisory Council to advise and consult with DHHS and other specified boards and panels in developing recommendations, resources, and programs relating to the diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases. Now requires the Advisory Council to identify additional relevant areas for the advisory council to study and evaluate. Makes technical changes.

Requires DHHS to use funds available to it to cover the administrative costs of the Advisory Council.

Part XII. Environmental Quality

Section 12.10 PFAS Remediation and Prevention Funding

Amendment #21 amends Amendment #6 by deleting the phrase "Used by the Department of Commerce" in reference to equipment and lab services and replacing it with the phrase "transferred to the Department of Environmental Quality to be used."

Part XXXIII. Military and Veterans Affairs

Section 33.3 Renovate Fayetteville State Veterans Home

Amendment #21 appropriates from the cash balance of the North Carolina Veterans Home Trust Fund, Budget Code 63050, to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs \$34.8 million in nonrecurring funds to begin making necessary renovations to the Fayetteville State Veterans Home with the goal of reopening the Home not later than June 30, 2026.

Intro. by Arp, Saine, Lambeth.

APPROP, STUDY, Cleveland, Jones, Nash, Union, Wake, GS 1C, GS 7A, GS 14, GS 17C, GS 17E, GS 18B, GS 18C, GS 20, GS 53, GS 58, GS 62, GS 65, GS 66, GS 74F, GS 90, GS 105, GS 106, GS 108A, GS 110, GS 115B, GS 115C, GS 115D, GS 116, GS 117, GS 120, GS 121, GS 122A, GS 126, GS 127A, GS 130A, GS 135, GS 136, GS 143, GS 143A, GS 143B, GS 143C, GS 145, GS 147, GS 150B, GS 153A, GS 160A, GS 163, GS 164, GS 166A

Agriculture, Alcoholic Beverage Control, Banking and Finance, Business and Commerce, Insurance, Occupational Licensing, Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Motor Vehicle, Court System, Administrative Office of the Courts, Criminal Justice, Corrections (Sentencing/Probation), Criminal Law and Procedure, Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction, Community and Economic Development, Property and Housing, Education, Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Environment, Energy, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, APA/Rule Making, Budget/Appropriations, Cultural Resources and Museums, General Assembly, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, Department of Administration, Department of Adult Correction, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Department of Commerce, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (formerly Dept. of Cultural Resources), Department of Environmental Quality (formerly DENR), Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Information Technology, Department of Insurance, Department of Justice, Department of Labor, Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, Department of Public Instruction, Department of Public Safety, Department of Revenue, Department of State Treasurer, Department of Transportation, Office of Information Technology Services, Office of State Auditor, Office of State Budget and Management, Office of State Controller, Secretary of State, State Board of Education, Office of State Human Resources (formerly Office of State Personnel), State Government, Executive, State Personnel, State Property, 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, Lottery and Gaming, Military and Veteran's Affairs, Nonprofits, Public Enterprises and Utilities, Transportation

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Senate committee substitute replaces the content of the 1st edition with AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE. We will not be including a summary of the Appropriations Act. For the content of the bill, please follow the View NCGA Bill Details link.

Intro. by Hardister, Pickett, Blackwell, Hawkins.

APPROP, Chatham, Randolph, GS 65, GS 115C, GS 143B

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Agriculture, Business and Commerce, Insurance, Courts/Judiciary, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Education, Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Elections, General Assembly, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, Department of Insurance, Department of Public Instruction, Department of Public Safety, Department of State Treasurer, Department of Transportation, Office of State Auditor, Office of State Budget and Management, Office of State Controller, Secretary of State, State Government, Executive, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Insurance, Social Services, Child Welfare, Public Assistance, Military and Veteran's Affairs

H 563 (2023-2024) **HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLES/CON SUB CHANGES. (NEW)** Filed Apr 4 2023, *AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS, TO IMPOSE AN EXCISE TAX ON THOSE PRODUCTS, TO BAN THOSE PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS, TO PLACE TIANEPTINE, XYLAZINE, AND KRATOM ON THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS, TO CREATE NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSES FOR EXPOSING A CHILD TO A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT, AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN EDUCATION ABOUT OPIOIDS.*

Senate committee substitute to the 6th edition adds the following content and makes conforming changes to the act's titles.

Part IX

Enacts new Article 5H to GS Chapter 90, to be cited as the "NC Compassionate Care Act," requiring the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to issue "registry identification cards" to persons who qualify as qualified patients or designated caregivers under the Article's provisions. Sets forth legislative findings, the purpose of the Act, and defined terms for the Article.

Establishes an 11-member Compassionate Use Advisory Board (Advisory Board), consisting of seven gubernatorially appointed members and four legislatively appointed members, appointed for up to two four-year terms. States member qualifications. Provides for meetings, vacancies, and member expenses. Grants the Advisory Board authority to approve adding a debilitating medical condition to those defined by the Article by majority vote of members present and voting, and requires the Advisory Board to meet at least twice per year to review petitions and add debilitating conditions. Requires initial appointments to be made within 45 days of the date the act becomes law and staggers initial terms.

Sets standards for physicians issuing written certification of debilitating medical conditions under the Article. Requires physicians to complete a ten-hour continuing medical education course on prescribing cannabis and an annual three-hour supplemental medical education course thereafter. Requires maintaining records of compliance for six consecutive years with permitted inspection by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or the NC Medical Board or its agents. Establishes a requirement for physicians to register written certifications in the medical cannabis registry database electronically, and limits issuance to patients with whom the physician has a bona fide physician-patient relationship. Includes patient screening and patient education requirements. Requires physicians to have a physical office in the state to conduct in-

person exams. Requires physicians to reevaluate patients as needed to determine the efficacy of the use of cannabis as a treatment for the patient's medical condition, at least quarterly in the first year and annually thereafter, with the Medical Cannabis Production Commission (Commission, as established below) authorized to set shorter reevaluation intervals or in-person exam requirements. Sets requirements for checking patients' prescription history. Requires physicians to update the medical cannabis registry database within 48 hours after any change is made to the original written certification. Charges DHHS with monitoring written certifications and referring cases to the NC Medical Board or SBI as appropriate. Requires DHHS, upon request, to provide information in the medical cannabis registry database to the North Carolina Medical Board (Medical Board). Prohibits physicians from evaluating patients on the site of a medical cannabis center and from advertising their ability to issue written certifications. Prohibits physicians who provide written certifications from being employed by or have any direct or indirect economic interest in a supplier or independent testing laboratory, or profiting from a patient obtaining a written certification, aside from visit fees. Authorizes the Commission to adopt rules regarding physicians and the issuance of written certifications.

Specifies criteria and procedures for DHHS's issuance or renewal of registry identification cards. Provides for limited issuance of registry identification cards to minors. Details required card information; notice requirements for information changes; and DHHS's authority to deny, suspend or revoke cards. Directs DHHS to adopt implementing rules and to establish requirements for card issuance that include six specified components, which must include setting a limit on the number of written certifications a physician may issue; requires adoption within 270 days of the date the act becomes law. Requires registry identification cardholders or supplier registry identification cardholders to carry the card(s) and valid identification whenever the cardholder is carrying cannabis or cannabis-infused products. Also requires a cardholder approached or addressed by an officer to display both the registry identification card/supplier registry identification card and valid identification.

Requires DHHS to create a secure, confidential, electronic medical cannabis registry database of all qualified patients and designated caregivers to whom DHHS has issued cards, consisting of the name, address, and photo of the cardholder; the name, address, and hospital affiliation of the physician that issued the respective written certification; a photo of the cardholder; the adequate supply of cannabis or cannabis-infused product prescribed to the cardholder; and the prescribed delivery method for the cannabis or cannabis-infused product for the cardholder. Allows law enforcement to contact DHHS to confirm a cardholder's identity if the law enforcement agency is unable to verify the registry identification cardholder by using the medical cannabis verification system. Deems card applicants' information confidential and not public record, with limited exceptions for authorized DHHS employees and law enforcement. Makes it a Class 2 misdemeanor for any person (including a State or local employee) to breach confidentiality of such protected information, punishable by a civil penalty of up to \$1,000. Specifies that the provisions do not prevent DHHS from notifying law enforcement of falsified or fraudulent information submitted with a card application.

Establishes the 11-member Medical Cannabis Production Commission (Commission) with oversight of medical cannabis supplier licensing and licensee discipline. Requires approval of licensee applications upon recommendation by DHHS, as described, by majority vote of members present and voting. Details Commission membership with some members appointed by the Governor and legislature, terms, leadership, vacancies, removal, quorum, and member expenses. Details disciplinary authority. Gives the Commission the power to approve applications for medical cannabis supplier licenses upon recommendation of DHHS by a majority vote of those present and voting. Details DHHS's process for evaluation of applications and referral to the Commission. Limits number of licenses that can be approved by the Commission to ten. Limits the amount of medical cannabis centers owned by each supplier to not more than eight. Suppliers must also operate at least one medical cannabis center in a Tier 1 county (i.e., the 2024 County Tier Designations published by the Department of Commerce according to the specified statute). Requires that the Commission must also consider the following criteria in awarding licenses: (1) requires giving priority to any supplier who commits to establishing a medical cannabis center in more than one Tier 1 county and (2) requires giving priority to a supplier who commits to establishing the eight allowed medical cannabis centers in a way that demonstrates a commitment to ensuring the equitable distribution of medical cannabis centers throughout the State in order for registry ID card holders to access an adequate supply of cannabis and cannabis-infused products, while preventing an overconcentration of medical cannabis centers in any one area (allows considering county population in making this determination).

Gives the Commission, in consultation with the NC Medical Care Commission, the authority to adopt implementing rules to establish qualifications and requirements of licensure, for production by a supplier, and for proper regulation of medical cannabis centers and cannabis product facilities operated by suppliers; ensure equitable distribution of medical cannabis centers across the State; and establish civil penalties for minor violations. Includes member disqualifications concerning conflicts of interest as an owner or employee of a licensed medical cannabis supplier or testing lab, or as a qualified patient, a designated

caregiver, or physician issuing written certifications. Adds that the rules become effective when adopted and pursuant to the provisions of GS Chapter 90. Requires initial appointments to be made within 45 days of the date the act becomes law and staggers initial terms.

Directs the Commission to establish a medical cannabis supply system to provide a safe, regulated supply of cannabis appropriate for medical use by qualified patients that are valid cardholders; ensure statewide access to safe and affordable cannabis to cardholders; establish a system that is well-regulated and financially viable; and to generate revenue sufficient for the Commission to verse and DHHS to maintain and operate the system. Directs the Commission to adopt regulatory rules that consist of at least 14 specified components, such as security, sanitation, storage and transportation requirements. Directs the Commission to establish, maintain, and control a computer software tracking system that traces cannabis from seed to sale and allows real time, 24-hour access by DHHS, the Commission, and any State or local enforcement agency to data from all production facilities, medical cannabis centers, and testing labs. Details further requirements of the tracking system. Explicitly requires medical cannabis suppliers to use the tracking system or integrate its own system with the system established by the Commission. Authorizes the Commission to contract to establish the tracking system, so long as the vendor does not have a direct or indirect financial interest in a medical cannabis supplier or testing lab. Allows for legislative appropriations to establish the system, but states the NCGA's intent that the operation be funded by authorized fees.

Establishes criteria for licensing medical cannabis suppliers to (1) grow, cultivate, produce, or sell cannabis or cannabis-infused products; (2) operate a business to produce cannabis or cannabis-infused products; or (3) establish or operate a medical cannabis center for the sale of cannabis, cannabis-infused products, and paraphernalia relating to the administration of cannabis to qualified patients and designated caregivers who hold valid registry identification cards. Requires suppliers to begin cultivation within 120 days of receiving a license and begin selling cannabis or cannabis-infused products in medical cannabis centers within 270 days of initiating cultivation. Includes criminal history check requirements. Specifies licensure disqualifications, including being less than 21, or having served a sentence of any of the listed felonies within the previous five years. States sales and supply restrictions of licensees. Establishes monthly fees and reporting requirements for licensees. Authorizes DHHS to impose fines of up to \$10,000 on suppliers for certain enumerated violations, including improperly disclosing confidential patient information or failing to maintain required records. Authorizes the Commission to require financial audits at cost to the supplier. Provides for criminal immunity for licensed medical cannabis suppliers and their employees, agents, or principal, as specified, excluding conduct described in four instances, such as delivering cannabis to and individual that the person knows is not a qualified patient or designated caregiver or a licensed provider.

Provides civil and criminal immunity for a registry identification cardholder for purchasing or possessing cannabis for medical use if the quantity does not exceed an "adequate supply" for the patient as determined by their physician and the cannabis or cannabis-infused product is contained in packaging bearing the label required by GS 90-113.132. *Adequate supply* is defined by the act as an amount, as determined by the qualified patient's physician, of usable cannabis derived solely from an intrastate source that is possessed by a qualified patient, or collectively possessed by a qualified patient and the qualified patient's designated caregiver, in an amount that does not exceed what is reasonably necessary to assure the uninterrupted availability of cannabis for a period of 30 days, in any form recommended by the qualified patient's physician for the purpose of alleviating the symptoms or effects of the qualified patient's debilitating medical condition. Provides for exclusion of the weight of other ingredients infused or added to cannabis for consumption or use by a qualified patient in determining whether the patient is in possession of an amount that exceeds the patient's adequate supply. Prohibits law enforcement from considering a qualified patient or designated caregiver's possession or use differently than any other lawful possession or use of a controlled substance so long as the possession or use complies with the Article.

Specifies that the new Article does not authorize a registry identification cardholder to engage in the smoking of cannabis or the vaping of cannabis for medical use in seven places identified by the act, including (1) in a public place or a place open to the public, (2) in any place of employment, (3) in a vehicle, or (4) in or within 1,000 feet of the property line of a church, child care facility, public school or nonpublic school, community college or UNC facility or grounds. Provides further specifications relating to smoking or vaping near a child care facility or community college or UNC facility or grounds. Makes smoking or vaping cannabis in violation of these prohibitions an infraction punishable by a fine of up to \$25.

Makes it a Class G felony to manufacture, sell, deliver, or possess with intent to manufacture, sell, or deliver cannabis in violation of this Article at a medical cannabis center or production facility. Makes it a Class H felony to create, sell, deliver, or possess with intent to sell or deliver counterfeit cannabis in violation of this Article at a medical cannabis center or production facility. Makes it a Class A1 misdemeanor to possess an amount of cannabis up to 1 1/2 ounces in violation of this Article, at a medical cannabis center or production facility. Makes it a Class H felony to possess an amount of cannabis that exceeds 1 1/2

ounces in violation of this Article, at a medical cannabis center or production facility. Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor to provide DHHS with false or misleading information in relation to a registry identification card or license. Makes it a Class 1 felony for any person who has been issued a valid registry identification card who is found to be in possession of cannabis in violation of this Article. Adds that if a person is convicted of a violation of GS 90-95(h)(1) (trafficking in marijuana), and it is found that the offense was committed at a medical cannabis center or production facility or with cannabis from a medical cannabis center or production facility, then the person must be sentenced at a felony class level one class higher than the principal felony for which the person was convicted, and an additional 12 months will be added to the mandatory minimum sentence. Prohibits sentencing at a level higher than a Class C felony. Requires an indictment or information for the felony to allege the facts that qualify the offense for an enhancement under this provision. Provides that one pleading is sufficient for all felonies that are tried at a single trial. Makes it a Class 3 misdemeanor to possess cannabis or a cannabis-infused product, other than in a closed retailer's container as packaged, in a passenger compartment of a vehicle in a public vehicular area or on a public street or highway. Makes it a Class 2 misdemeanor to enter or attempt to enter a licensed medical cannabis center where cannabis or a cannabis-infused product is sold, or to obtain or attempt to obtain cannabis or a cannabis-infused product, or to obtain or attempt to obtain permission for such a purchase, by using or attempting to use a fraudulent or altered registry identification card. Specifies that these new penalties can be imposed in addition to any other penalties provided by law.

Requires DHHS to establish a web-based verification system allowing DHHS personnel, State and local law enforcement personnel, and medical cannabis centers to enter a registry identification card number to determine whether the number corresponds with a current, valid registry identification card. Limits the information that the system may disclose to eight specified items. Specifies who may have access to the system. Requires before cannabis or cannabis-infused products are dispensed to a registry identification cardholder that a medical cannabis center employee access the system and determine that: (1) the registry identification card presented at the medical cannabis center is valid; (2) each person presenting a registry identification card is the person identified on the card; (3) the amount to be dispensed would not cause a qualifying patient to exceed the limit on obtaining no more than an adequate supply of cannabis or cannabis-infused products during any thirty-day period; (4) the cannabis to be dispensed complies with the delivery method; and (5) after making the determinations required in (3), but before dispensing cannabis or cannabis-infused products to a registry identification cardholder, a medical cannabis center employee must enter specified information into the system on the amount of the product, who it is dispensed to, date and time it is to be dispensed, and the dispensing center's registry identification number.

Requires DHHS to perform annual inspections of the premises of licensees, including any production facility or medical cannabis center. Establishes security measures and inspection requirements of suppliers, production facilities, and medical cannabis centers, including requiring suppliers to implement security measures adopted by the Commission in consultation with the SBI, and subjecting production facilities and medical cannabis centers owned and operated by a supplier to random inspection by DHHS and the SBI in accordance with rules adopted by the Commission.

Establishes hour, location, and age restrictions for medical cannabis centers. Prohibits licensed medical cannabis centers from selling cannabis or cannabis-infused products between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Bars locating a medical cannabis center within 1,000 linear feet of the property line of a church, child care facility, public school or nonpublic school, or community college or UNC facility or grounds. Limits entry to individuals who are qualified patients, designated caregivers, and persons whose job duties require their presence in the medical cannabis center. Requires employees to be 21 or older. Prohibits consuming cannabis or cannabis-infused products on the site of the medical cannabis center. Prohibits cannabis, cannabis-infused products, and paraphernalia from being visible to the public from the outside of the medical cannabis center. Authorizes the Commission to establish rules to allow the delivery of cannabis, cannabis-infused products, and paraphernalia used to administer cannabis products by medical cannabis centers to the home of a qualified patient or designated caregiver.

Requires DHHS to establish standards for and license up to five independent testing labs to test cannabis and cannabis-infused products that are to be sold in this State. Requires an independent testing lab to analyze a representative sample before the sale or transfer to a medical cannabis center by a production facility; requires the lab to report the results of all required testing to DHHS and the Commission. Makes an independent testing lab responsible for selecting, picking up, and testing samples. Requires DHHS to adopt rules to establish certain standards related to testing, lab licensing, and lab fees, as well as remedial actions that may be taken for samples which do not meet the established standards. Includes disqualifications for owners or employees of a supplier, production facility, or medical cannabis center.

Establishes advertising restrictions as follows. Requires the production facility or medical cannabis center logo, advertising, and signage to be tasteful, respectful, and medically focused; prohibits it from appealing to minors or containing cartoon-like figures or attempts at humor. Prohibits suppliers from using marijuana leaves or cannabis slang on their signs, logos, packaging

or structures, as well as prohibiting the use of neon in signs, logos, packaging, or on structures. Requires suppliers to submit logos or signs to DHHS for review. Requires medical cannabis centers to only use signs that include its name, logo and hours of operation. Establishes prohibited advertisements by suppliers and centers, such as distributing handbills in public areas. Authorizes the Commission to take action against a licensee or retailer who engages in nonconforming signage or advertising. Establishes parameters for medical cannabis center websites. Requires production facilities and medical cannabis centers owned and operated by a supplier to have a discreet, professional appearance compatible with existing commercial structures or land uses in the immediate area. Requires DHHS to consult with the Commission to adopt rules to define and monitor standards for centers' names, signage, and logo.

Requires suppliers to safely package and accurately label cannabis or cannabis-infused products and requires items sold at a medical cannabis center to be properly labeled and in child-resistant packaging. Prohibits labels from including strain names and requires labels to include at least 10 specified items, including the name of the medical cannabis center, the percentage of tetrahydrocannabinol and the percentage of cannabidiol within a profile tolerance range of 10%, and the length of time it takes for the product to take effect. Requires cannabis products to be placed in child-resistant packaging before leaving the medical cannabis center. Requires DHHS to adopt rules that accomplish three specified objectives, including establishing restrictions on the forms and appearance of edible cannabis-infused products in order to reduce their appeal to minors.

Requires the destruction and disposal of (1) production center cannabis by-product, cannabis scrap, and harvested cannabis not intended for distribution to a medical cannabis center or independent testing lab, and (2) cannabis and cannabis-infused products that are not sold to qualifying patients by medical cannabis centers. Requires keeping documentation of the destruction or disposal for at least one year and requires a record of the date of destruction and the amount destroyed. Requires a medical cannabis center to also destroy all unused cannabis products that are returned to the center by a formerly qualifying patient who no longer qualifies or by the former qualifying patient's caregiver.

Expresses legislative intent that the NC Collaboratory undertake scientific research regarding the administration of cannabis or cannabis-infused products as a part of medical treatment and directs the Collaboratory to create the North Carolina Cannabis Research Program. Details parameters for the research and includes immunity for the Collaboratory and its partners to possess, transport, test, and dispose of cannabis within the scope of its research.

Establishes the North Carolina Medical Cannabis Program Fund within DHHS to ensure there are funds to carry out DHHS's responsibilities under this Article. Requires revenues in excess of the amount needed to implement, administer, and enforce the Article to be distributed to the General Fund annually.

Appropriates system revenues from license fees and monthly revenue fees to the Commission, with three authorized uses, with priority to costs associated with establishing and operating the regulated medical cannabis supply system. Provides for revenues in excess of the authorized uses to be annually transferred to the General Fund.

Requires DHHS, in consultation with the Commission and Advisory Board, to report annually on the effectiveness of the medical cannabis program and any recommended changes. Sets out nine items that must be included in the report, while protecting the identity of specified individuals and entities. Requires the report to be submitted to the specified NCGA committees annually by October 1, beginning in the first year in which cannabis or cannabis-infused products are sold in medical cannabis centers. Authorizes DHHS to develop surveys for qualified patients, and the Commission to require completion of the survey by the patients.

Provides for construction of the Article. Provides a severability clause.

Amends GS 105-164.13 to exempt from sales tax cannabis or cannabis-infused products sold by a medical cannabis center to a registry identification cardholder.

Amends GS 106-121 (definitions under Food, Drugs, and Cosmetics Act) to exclude cannabis and cannabis-infused products manufactured by a production facility or sold by a medical cannabis center from the definition of the terms drug and food.

Effective December 1, 2024, amends GS 15A-974, regarding the exclusion or suppression of unlawfully obtained evidence. Adds new subsection (a1) to bar the suppression of evidence obtained as the result of a search that was supported by probable cause at the time of the search solely on the basis that either: (1) a subsequent determination that a substance believed to be a controlled substance at the time of the search was not a controlled substance; or (2) a subsequent determination that the presence of a controlled substance at the time of the search was not a violation of law. Applies to motions filed on or after December 1, 2024.

Amends GS 90-87 to exclude from the defined term marijuana, an adequate supply of cannabis for medical use in compliance with new Article 5H.

Makes conforming changes to GS 90-94.

Part X

Adds new GS 90-12.8 requiring a practitioner to do the following when prescribing a Schedule II controlled substance as medication: (1) provide information regarding all of the following to each patient receiving the prescription: the potential dangers of opioids, overdose prevention, and the availability and use of a drug approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration as an opioid antagonist for the complete or partial reversal of opioid-induced respiratory depression; (2) provide this information to one or more persons designated by the patient receiving the prescription or, for minors, to the minor's parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis. Defines *practitioner* as: (1) a physician, dentist, optometrist, veterinarian, scientific investigator, or other person licensed, registered or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to or to administer a controlled substance so long as such activity is within the normal course of professional practice or research in this State or (2) a pharmacy, hospital or other institution licensed, registered, or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to or to administer a controlled substance so long as such activity is within the normal course of professional practice or research in this state.

Requires pharmacists to do the following when dispensing a Schedule II controlled substance: (1) provide the information described above in electronic or paper form and (2) post signage in conspicuous place containing the information described above.

Specifies that nothing in this statute creates a private right of action against a practitioner who fails to follow the statute's requirements, or limits a practitioner's liability for negligent diagnosis or treatment of a patient, as allowed under applicable State or federal law.

Exempts practitioners providing hospice services and veterinarians engaged in veterinary medicine at a specified location from the provisions of the act.

Effective December 1, 2025.

Part XI

Specifies that prosecutions for offenses committed before the effective date of the act are not abated or affected by the act, and the statutes that would be applicable but for the act remain applicable to those prosecutions.

Contains a severability clause.

Intro. by McNeely, Sasser, Cotham, Fontenot.

[APPROP, GS 15A, GS 18B, GS 18D, GS 90, GS 105, GS 106, GS 115C, GS 116](#)

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THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS, TO CREATE NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSES FOR EXPOSING A CHILD TO A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT, AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN EDUCATION ABOUT OPIOIDS.

Senate amendments make the following changes to the 7th edition.

Amendment #1 makes the following changes.

Part IX

Section 9

Increases the membership of the Medical Cannabis Production Commission (Commission) under GS 90-113.118 from eleven to thirteen members by adding a pharmacist appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Speaker of the House and a medical doctor with five years' experience practicing in an emergency room appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Directs that the pharmacist appointee's term will expire on June 30 of any year evenly divisible by four and the doctor appointee's term will expire on June 30 of any year that follows by two years a year evenly divisible by four.

Amendment #3 makes the following changes.

Part I

Section 1

Amends the sales restriction on hemp-derived consumable products under GS 18D-101(a)(4) by changing the amount of concentration in the consumable product to .3% on a dry weight basis of delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol (was, dry weight basis total combined). Amends the sales restriction on hemp-derived consumable products under GS 18D-101(a)(6) by adding those that are not contained in child-proof packing as a violation of statute.

Amends the offenses involving the manufacture and distribution of hemp-derived consumable products under GS 18D-103(a)(3) by changing the amount of concentration in the consumable product to .3% on a dry weight basis of delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol (was, dry weight basis total combined).

Amends the testing requirement prior to distribution under GS 18D-104(b) so that cannabinoids cannot exceed a concentration of .3% on a dry weight basis of delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol (was, .3% total combined).

Amends the additional packing requirements under GS 18D-105(a)(2) so that the list of ingredients/allergens and analysis information can be accessed via a QR code (was, code). Specifies that *vaporization* under the additional inhalable product restrictions under GS 18D-105(c2) includes the heating of hemp-derived oil to release aerosolized hemp-derived cannabinoids. Requires that a license issued under Article 1 of GS Chapter 18D be annually renewed (previously, gave discretion as to annual renewal) under GS 15D-105(d).

Part IV

Section 6

Changes the effective date of the act's changes to GS 90-94 (schedule VI controlled substances) from December 1, 2024 to June 1, 2025. Specifies the provision applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Intro. by McNeely, Sasser, Cotham, Fontenot.

[APPROP, GS 15A, GS 18B, GS 18D, GS 90, GS 105, GS 106, GS 115C, GS 116](#)

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H 593 (2023-2024) [VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS \(NEW\)](#). Filed Apr 10 2023, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW*.

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

Makes organizational changes and adds the following.

Section 2

Amends GS 130A-50, concerning the election and terms of office of sanitary district boards, to require a sanitary district board (board), for the purpose of electing members of the board, to adopt single-member residency districts in which only a person residing in a district is eligible as a candidate in the election for the seat apportioned to that district, but candidates must be elected at large by the qualified voters of the entire sanitary district. Requires the district boundaries to be adopted in a resolution following a public hearing. Requires the most recent federal decennial census data to be used as the basis of population for establishing the districts and requires the districts to be revised as needed after each census. Requires board members to serve staggered terms. Applies only to a sanitary district lying wholly within a county with more than 17 municipalities lying wholly within that county.

Requires the resolution establishing the district boundaries to be adopted by December 1, 2024, and specifies that the boundaries will remain in effect until after the return of the 2030 census, at which time they must be revised.

Section 3

Amends SL 2023-134 by adding Columbus and Tryon to the recipients of the \$2,304,878 allocation. Amends Section 4.2(h) of SL 2024-1 to require the funds that were allocated from Columbus and Tryon to be transferred to OSBM for a grant to those two towns for repayment of debt incurred for construction of a water or wastewater project.

Section 4

Enacts new GS 130A-70.2 to allow a sanitary district board (board) to extend the boundaries of the district to include all of the contiguous corporate areas of any municipality adopting a resolution requesting inclusion. Requires the board to hold a public hearing as soon as practicable after receiving the resolution. Also requires establishing the new boundaries, if expanded, by resolution after the hearing. Requires the boundary change effective date, as determined by the board, to coincide with the start of a fiscal or calendar year. Requires the board to file a copy of the resolution, upon the expansion of the boundaries, and a map of the new boundaries with the county board of elections.

Applies to any resolution from a municipality received by a board on or after January 1, 2024.

Makes conforming changes to the act's titles.

Intro. by Gillespie.

[Macon, Polk, GS 130A](#)

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H 900 (2023-2024) [SUBSTITUTE CERTAIN CIHS PARTNERS/WAKE](#). Filed Apr 24 2024, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONTINUED RECOGNITION OF THE WAKE YOUNG MEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AND THE WAKE YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AS COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPROVE THE SUBSTITUTION OF A NEW PARTNER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THOSE SCHOOLS, AND TO REGULATE TOBACCO PRODUCTS*.

Senate committee substitute to the 2nd edition deletes the appropriation provided for tuition payments for cooperative innovative high schools and adds the following new content.

Amends GS 14-313, governing youth access to tobacco products. Replaces the term *tobacco derived product* with the term *alternative nicotine product*, defined as any noncombustible product that contains natural or synthetic nicotine but does not contain tobacco and intended for human consumption. The term excludes vapor products or FDA-regulated products. Makes conforming changes throughout to refer to alternative nicotine products. Adds and defines *consumable product*, *FDA, Secretary* (Secretary of the Department of Revenue), and *timely filed premarket tobacco application*. Removes outdated language regarding the removal of vending machines distributing various tobacco and vapor products. Bars local governments from regulating the sale, distribution, display or promotion of alternative nicotine products on or after December 1, 2024. Requires the Secretary to certify and list on a directory vapor products and consumable products eligible for retail sale in the State pursuant to new Part 3, Article 4, GS Chapter 143B (Part 3). Sets penalties for violations of the certification requirements for consumable products and vapor products in new Part 3. Penalties for violations by retailers, distributors, or wholesalers include warnings and mandatory reinspections, fines, license suspensions and revocations, and product seizure, forfeiture and destruction. Penalties for manufacturers include daily fines. Makes it a misdemeanor offense for a manufacturer to falsely represent any information required by a certification form. Makes enforcement costs recoverable by the State. Deems repeated violations a deceptive trade practice under GS Chapter 75.

Enacts Part 3 of Article 4, GS Chapter 143B (Part 3), requiring manufacturers of vapor products and consumable products sold for retail in the State to annually execute and deliver a certification to the Secretary, beginning March 1, 2025. Defines 8 terms by statutory cross reference to GS 14-313, as amended. Details required certification criteria and requires an initial processing fee of \$2,000, with a renewal fee of \$500. Provides for certification form content and confidentiality of commercial or financial information. Requires manufacturers to notify the Secretary within 30 days of any material change to the certification. Requires the Secretary to develop, maintain, and make publicly available a directory listing all manufacturers that have provided compliant certifications. Details required directory content, including categories and flavors of products, and lists manufacturers excluded from the directory due to certification deficiencies. Requires the Secretary to make monthly updates to the directory and establish a process to inform licensed retailers, distributors, and wholesalers of the directory's publication and updates. Provides a process for removal from the directory that includes 30 days' notice and an opportunity to cure deficiencies.

Prohibits the retail sale of consumable products or vapor products not included in the directory, beginning the later of May 1, 2025, or the date the Department of Revenue first makes the directory available. Allows retailers 60 days from the first date the directory is available for inspection to sell or remove and return products that were in its inventory and not included in the directory, and distributors and wholesalers the same period to remove those products which are intended for ultimate retail sale from their inventory. Requires manufacturers not registered to do business in the State and importers of foreign manufacturers to have a registered agent. Details required information to be provided to the Secretary for registered agents and the duty of manufacturers to give notice prior to termination of their authority and appointment of a new agent. Authorizes unannounced compliance checks of retailers, distributors and wholesalers that sell or distribute consumable products or vapor products to be performed by the Secretary or its designee, which can include local law enforcement. Allows for persons to report observed violations to the Secretary. Requires annual publication of compliance check results, with results publicly available upon request.

Directs the Secretary to adopt implementing rules. Provides for fees and penalties under GS 14-313 and Part 3 to be used by DOR for processing certifications, operating and maintaining the directory, and enforcement. Directs the Secretary to annually report, beginning January 31, 2026, to the NCGA on the directory and its contents, administration revenue and expenditures, and enforcement actions.

Makes changes to GS 14-313 and new Part 3 effective December 1, 2024.

Makes organizational changes. Changes the act's titles.

Intro. by Paré, Crawford, Liu, Cervania.

GS 14, GS 143B

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Senate amendment to the 3rd edition makes the following changes. Upon removal of a manufacturer or its products from the public directory under GS 143B-245.12, allows retailers 30 days to either sell that retailer's products that were in its inventory as of the day of removal or to remove those products from inventory and return them to the distributor or wholesaler from whom the products were purchased for a refund (was, could only sell products in inventory).

Intro. by Paré, Crawford, Liu, Cervania.

GS 14, GS 143B

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Business and Commerce, Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies, Department of Public Instruction, Department of Revenue, State Board of Education, Health and Human Services, Health

H 971 (2023-2024) [HUMAN TRAFFICKING CHANGES. \(NEW\)](#) Filed May 1 2024, *AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO DEVELOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING, REQUIRING LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS, ACCOMMODATION FACILITATORS, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS FOR VACATION RENTALS TO IMPLEMENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING, INCREASING THE PUNISHMENT FOR A FIRST OFFENSE OF SOLICITING A PROSTITUTE, MODIFYING LAWS RELATED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AND MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF VICTIM IN THE CRIME VICTIM'S COMPENSATION ACT.*

Senate committee substitute to the 3rd edition makes the following changes.

Amends proposed Article 24, Human Trafficking Public Awareness in Lodging Establishments as follows.

Amends proposed GS 130A-511 by also requiring lodging establishments to keep a training log with the name of the employee, training date, and name of the approved course. Requires that log to be available to the Department of Labor when requested and requires records for each employee to be retained for at least three years after the employee leaves employment. Also amends the timing of the required initial training by now requiring that employees of lodging establishments and third-party contractors that begin employment on or after July 1, 2025 (was, January 1, 2025), to complete training within 60 days of first providing services; those employed before July 1, 2025 (was, January 1, 2025), must complete the training by June 30, 2027 (was, December 31, 2026). Makes the same changes to the deadlines for the initial training for individuals working with vacation rental property and accommodation facilitators for vacation rentals under GS 42A-39. Makes conforming changes. Also amends GS 42A-39 to require that an accommodation facilitator's report to the Department of Labor on the methods used to notify property managers of the statute's requirements and their required compliance, be submitted with 30 days of request (was, report annually beginning by January 1, 2026).

Changes the deadline for the Department of Labor to make the training program available electronically to no later than July 1, 2025 (was, no later than January 1, 2025).

Removes the appropriations to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and Department of Labor.

Changes the effective date of new GS 130A-511 and new GS 42A-39 from January 1, 2025, to July 1, 2025.

Adds the following new content.

Section 5

Amends GS 14-43.17, which keeps confidential and excludes from public record the name, address, or other information that could lead to the identity of a victim, alleged victim or their immediate family member as follows.

Provides that except as provided in new subsection e, the statute does not apply to records that have been made part of a court file in the custody of the General Court of Justice unless the court has entered an order to seal a document. Adds new (e) which allows a victim or alleged victim in a criminal case, or their parent, guardian, or counsel if they are under age 18, to file a motion for victim confidentiality in the criminal case with the trial court in which the case was most recently pending. Requires for cases that have not yet been disposed that the court set the hearing date for the motion within 5 days of its filing; for those that have previously been disposed, requires a hearing date to be set for the motion within 20 days business days of the motion's filing. Gives the victim, State, and defendant the right to be heard at the hearing. Sets out five issues the court must consider in ruling on the motion, including the negative impacts on the victim if the motion is denied or upon the State or defendant if the motion is granted, and the press' and public's right of access to criminal case files. Provides that if the victim's motion is granted, they retain all of the protections given to victims under the statute, but nothing restricts the court, State, or defendant from accessing this information during the pendency of the case or for the purposes of appeal. Limits the motion to information within the file of the criminal case pursuant to which the motion was filed and requires specifying which information will be confidential. Requires the AOC Director to develop policies and practices for effectuating court orders granting these motions; sets out requirements for these policies and practices.

Specifies that AOC is not liable for damages for acts or omissions for its employees tasked with implementing this statute, unless there is gross negligence.

Applies to victims of crimes occurring on or after October 1, 2024.

Section 6

Amends GS 50-13.1 by expanding upon the convictions that must be disclosed by a person instituting an action or proceeding for custody, to also include a human trafficking offense, involuntary servitude offense, sexual servitude offense, and sexual exploitation of a minor, in addition to the already listed sexually violent offense. Requires these disclosures when the action or proceeding is pursuant to GS Chapter 50 or otherwise (was, in an action or proceeding for custody ex parte). Adds that any person instituting an action or proceeding for custody who has been granted or denied custody of any minor child in any jurisdiction must disclose that fact in the pleadings. Where a nonparty is seeking custody of a minor or being given custody of a minor in a consent order, the nonparent must attest in the pleading or consent order that nothing of value has been paid, given, offered, or promised in exchange for the minor child. Effective December 1, 2024.

Section 7

Enacts new GS 143-805, providing as follows.

Defines public agency as (1) all State agencies and offices of the members of the Council of State, including all boards, departments, divisions, constituent institutions of UNC, community colleges, and other units of government in the executive branch; (2) units of local government; (3) public authorities; and (4) public school units. Prohibits public agencies, the judicial branch, and the legislative branch, from allowing its employees to view pornography on the agency/branch's network. Prohibits public agencies, judicial branch, and legislative branch from allowing an employee, elected official, or appointee to view pornography on a device owned, leased, maintained, or otherwise controlled by that agency/branch. Prohibits public agencies from allowing a student of that public agency to view pornography on a device owned, leased, maintained, or otherwise controlled by that agency. Sets out definitions for device, material, network, pornography, and sexual activity.

Requires each public agency and the judicial and legislative branches to adopt a policy governing the use of networks and devices they own, lease, maintain, or control, including disciplinary actions that will be taken for violations. Requires the policies to be adopted by October 1, 2024.

Excludes from these prohibitions employees or officials engaged in seven listed activities in the course of their official duties, including: investigating or prosecuting crimes, offering or participating in law enforcement training, or performing actions related to other law enforcement purposes; identifying potential security or cybersecurity threats; and conducting or participating in an externally funded research project at one of the UNC constituent institutions.

Specifies that the statute does not apply to the user of an authorized account paying for use of communications services under Article 16A, Public Enterprises, of GS Chapter 160A.

Requires each public agency to report annually to the State Chief Information Officer on the number of incidences of unauthorized viewing or attempted viewing of pornography on that public agency's network; whether or not the unauthorized viewing was by an employee, elected official, appointee, or student of that public agency; and whether or not any of the unauthorized viewing was on a device owned, leased, maintained, or otherwise controlled by that public agency. Requires the State Chief Information Officer to compile the information and report to the specified NCGA committee.

Requires any employee, elected official, or appointee of a public agency with pornography saved to a device owned, leased, maintained, or otherwise controlled by that public agency to remove, delete, or uninstall the pornography by August 15, 2024; requires the same of any student of a public agency and legislative or judicial branch employees, elected officials, or appointees. Specifies that this does not apply to an official or employee engaged in any of the activities listed in GS 143-805 in the course of that official's or employee's official duties.

Amends GS 14-456 (Class 1 misdemeanor for willfully and without authorization denying or causing the denial of computer, computer program, computer system, or computer network services to an authorized user) and GS 14-456.1 (Class H felony for any person to willfully and without authorization deny or cause the denial of government computer services) by excluding from those statutes the denial of pornographic viewing a required by new GS 143-805.

Requires the State Chief Information Officer to publish recommendations for appropriate viewing of pornography for the purposes authorized in GS 143-805(d) by August 15, 2024.

Section 8

Requires the Division of Social Services, Department of Health and Human Services, to consult with the State Human Trafficking Commission, then expand, further develop, and implement trainings on human trafficking to provide guidance to county child welfare staff, county social services attorneys, county social services directors, and all social services staff. Specifies that the training and guidance may include, but is not limited to: (1) incorporation of training in all state Learning Management Systems, biannual webinars, and other regularly scheduled training calls; (2) training of County Departments of Social Services attorneys biannually at regularly scheduled conferences; and (3) inclusion of training in County Departments of Social Services Directors biannual regional meetings and ongoing regular monthly meetings.

Section 9

Amends GS 74G-2 to give a certified campus police agency access to the Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Automated Data System, unless contrary to any federal law, regulation or requirement, upon (1) request of the agency and (2) compliance with the requirements established by the GDA for access to that system. Applies to requests for access made on or after July 1, 2024.

Section 10

Enacts new GS 122A-22.1 to exclude from public records documents, papers, letters, photos, or any other information given to or compiled by the House Finance Agency for the purposes of financing housing for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

Section 11

Amends GS 15B-2 to define victim, as it is used in the Crime Victim's Compensation Act, to also include a person who suffers economic loss or substantial emotion distress proximately caused by criminally injurious conduct. Applies to victims of crimes occurring on or after October 1, 2024.

Makes organizational change and conforming changes to the act's titles.

Intro. by Crutchfield, Reeder, Arp, Sasser.

GS 14, GS 15B, GS 42A, GS 50, GS 74G, GS 122A, GS 130A, GS 143

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

Section 5

Amends GS 14-43.17(victim confidentiality) to remove carve out for court orders to seal documents or parts thereof in a court file in exception to confidentiality provisions under GS 14-43.17. Limits motions for victim confidentiality to those criminal cases arising under Article 10A (pertaining to human trafficking) of GS Chapter 14 (was, any criminal case). Allows victims to file such motions either in the criminal case with the trial court in which the case was pending, in addition to the trial court where the case was most recently pending. Extends time for court to set a hearing from five business days from filing to ten business days from filing. Removes requirement that court direct moving party to notify the State and defendant of the motion and hearing, and puts onus on the movant to do so. Removes requirement that the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) develop policies and practices for effectuating court orders granting motions for victim confidentiality under GS 14-43.17. Extends immunity under the section to Clerks of Superior Court and removes carve out for gross negligence.

Section 7

Extends deadline for State employees and officials to remove pornography on State devices from August 15, 2024, to January 1, 2025. Extends deadline for State Chief Information Officer to publish recommendations for appropriate viewing of pornography for the purposes authorized by GS 143-805(d), as enacted by the act from August 15, 2024, to January 1, 2025, and for public agencies, the judicial branch and legislative branch to adopt the policy required by GS 143-805(c) to no later than January 1, 2025 (was, October 1, 2024).

Changes the effective date to October 1, 2024 (was, effective when it became law).

Intro. by Crutchfield, Reeder, Arp, Sasser.

GS 14, GS 15B, GS 42A, GS 50, GS 74G, GS 122A, GS 130A, GS 143

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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.*

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Intro. by Carson Smith.

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

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H 989 (2023-2024) [RETIREMENT SERVICE PURCHASE REWRITE PART III](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT TO RECODIFY AND STANDARDIZE THE LAWS RELATING TO SERVICE PURCHASES, INCLUDING BY MAKING TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND CONFORMING CHANGES, UNDER THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.*

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Intro. by Carson Smith.

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H 1020 (2023-2024) [RETIREMENT ADMIN. CHANGES ACT OF 2024](#). Filed May 2 2024, *AN ACT MAKING ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND RELATED STATUTES.*

AN ACT MAKING ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND RELATED STATUTES. SL 2024-8. Enacted June 6, 2024. Effective June 6, 2024, except as otherwise provided.

Intro. by Carson Smith.

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S 88 (2023-2024) **VARIOUS ELECTIONS CHANGES (NEW)**. Filed Feb 9 2023, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE COUNTY BOARDS TO CHALLENGE BALLOTS OF INELIGIBLE VOTERS DUE TO DEATH OR FELONY CONVICTION; TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN ADVERTISEMENTS PORTRAYING MISLEADING OR FALSE CONTENT; TO REQUIRE SIGNATURE VERIFICATION FOR EXECUTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS BEFORE THE BALLOT IS ACCEPTED BY COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, BEGINNING IN 2025; TO EXPAND THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR SIGNATURE VERIFICATION ON EXECUTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS THROUGH THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION; AND TO DELAY THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ALTERATIONS TO FORMS OF GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING ENACTMENT OF A LOCAL ACT.*

Senate committee substitute replaces the contents of the 1st edition in its entirety with the following. Makes conforming changes to the act's titles.

Section 1

Amends GS 163-182.5 (concerning canvassing votes) so that prior to 5:00 pm on the third business day before the canvass meeting, the county board of elections, must, in a uniform manner, review official records (defined) of the names of residents of the State who are deceased and who are serving felony sentences and compare those records to the records of voters who cast a ballot during early voting or cast an absentee ballot in the county. The county director of elections, or his or her designee must challenge the ballot, whether cast during early voting or by absentee ballot, of any voter identified through these records who was not eligible on the day of the election by reason of death or felony conviction.

Section 2

Adds *generative artificial intelligence (AI)* to definitions provision GS 163-278.38Z (governing disclosure requirement for media adverts). Increases the basic disclosure requirements for all political advertisements to include in any ad created in whole or in part with the use of generative AI if the generated content appears to depict a real person performing an action that did not actually occur, was created to injure candidate or deceive regarding a ballot issue, or provides false or misleading information to a voter, that the sponsor discloses the use of generative AI. The advertisement must bear the legend or include the statement: "The content in this advertisement has been edited or created in whole or in part with the use of generative AI." In television advertisements, this disclosure must be made by visual legend. Includes failure to include any required statement or bear a required legend as one of the violations of the statute that constitutes a Class 1 misdemeanor. Effective July 1, 2024, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Section 3

Requires the State Board of Elections (Board) to require that county board of election use signature verification software to check the signatures of voters noted on executed absentee ballots before they are accepted by county boards under GS 163-231 (concerning transmission of voted absentee ballots to the county board of elections). Effective July 1, 2025, and applies to elections held on or after that date.

Section 4

Amends Section 48 of SL 2023-140 to extend the pilot program on signature verification on executed mail-in absentee ballots to the 2024 general election. Directs that for the 2024 primary, the selected county boards of elections must conduct the signature matching for all mail-in absentee ballots that were counted by the county board during that primary. For the 2024 general election, the selected county boards of elections must conduct the signature matching for all mail-in absentee ballots as the applications are approved by the county board. Extends the Board's reporting deadline from May 1, 2024 to January 29, 2025. Makes conforming changes.

Section 5

Adds new GS 153A-65 (counties) and GS 160A-112 (cities), concerning limits on each local government entity's authority to modify the structure of its governing board to specify that it may only exercise such authority if the alteration is effective the election subsequent to the return of the next federal decennial census after the effective date of the local act. Amends GS 153A-3 (effect of Chapter on local acts) to specify that the statute does not apply to any local act altering any of the optional

structures set forth in GS 153A-58 (optional structures of county government). Amends GS 160A-3 (general laws supplementary to charters) so that the statute is not applicable to any local act altering any of the optional structures set forth in GS 160A-101(4)-(8) (concerning terms, number of members, mode of election, elections, and selection of mayor of the town council). Applies to local acts enacted on or after the date the act becomes law.

Intro. by Daniel, P. Newton, Hise.

[GS 153A, GS 160A, GS 163](#)

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

S 124 (2023-2024) [PREDATORY ROOFING/INS. REBATE REFORM. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Feb 16 2023, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE A CANCELLATION PERIOD FOR RESIDENTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR CONTRACTS, TO PERMIT CERTAIN INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES RELATED TO GIFTS, REBATES, AND SERVICES OFFERED FOR FREE OR FOR LESS THAN MARKET VALUE, AND TO PLACE A CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS.*

AN ACT TO PROVIDE A CANCELLATION PERIOD FOR RESIDENTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR CONTRACTS, TO PERMIT CERTAIN INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES RELATED TO GIFTS, REBATES, AND SERVICES OFFERED FOR FREE OR FOR LESS THAN MARKET VALUE, AND TO PLACE A CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS. SL 2024-11. Enacted June 20, 2024. Effective October 1, 2024.

Intro. by Johnson.

[GS 14, GS 58](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection, Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing](#)

S 630 (2023-2024) [VARIOUS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS \(NEW\)](#). Filed Apr 5 2023, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE FOR CITIZENS-ONLY VOTING; TO REQUIRE ALL VOTERS TO PRESENT PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BEFORE VOTING, NOT JUST THOSE PRESENTING TO VOTE IN PERSON; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAXIMUM TAX RATE ON INCOMES CANNOT EXCEED FIVE PERCENT.*

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

Amends the provisions amending the North Carolina Constitution to allow only a citizen of the United States who is 18 years of age to vote at any election in the State by requiring that the election on the approval of the amendment be conducted in accordance with GS Chapter 163 (was, ballots, voting systems, or both may be used in accordance with GS Chapter 163).

Makes clarifying changes to the certification steps and effective date.

Adds the following new content and makes conforming organizational changes to the act.

Subject to approval by voters at the statewide election on November 5, 2024, amends Section 2 of Article VI of the North Carolina Constitution to require all voters (was, only voters offering to vote in person) to present photo identification before voting. If approved, effective upon certification by the State Board of Elections.

Subject to approval by voters at the statewide election on November 5, 2024, amends Section 2 of Article V of the North Carolina Constitution by lowering the cap on income tax from 7% to 5%. If approved, effective upon certification by the State Board of Elections and applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

Makes conforming changes to the act's titles.

Intro. by B. Newton, Overcash, Daniel.

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LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 1064 (2023-2024) [VARIOUS LOCAL PROVISIONS III \(NEW\)](#). Filed May 7 2024, *AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL ACTS*.

Senate committee substitute to the 1st edition replaces the prior edition in its entirety with the following and makes conforming changes to the act's titles.

Section 1

Amends the Charter of the Town of Bermuda Run, Section 2 of SL 1999-94 as follows. Changes the election of town officers to a nonpartisan plurality method under GS 163-292 (currently elected using nonpartisan primaries as set forth in GS 163-294).

Removes the Town Council's powers to appoint Town officers and employees and to fix salaries, prescribe bonds, and require oaths. Gives the Town Manager all the powers and duties of a chief administrator prescribed in GS 160A-148 and the provisions of the Charter, including the power to appoint and suspend or remove all Town officers and employees not elected by the people and whose appointment or removal is not otherwise provided for by law in line with general personnel rules as the Town Council may adopt, except the Town Attorney. Requires the Town Manager, instead of Town Council, to appoint a Town Clerk. Changes the requirement for the Town to increase its property taxes to requiring the affirmative vote of the majority of qualified voters (was, majority of residents) participating in a referendum. Makes technical and clarifying changes.

Section 2

Applicable only Statesville Regional Airport, amends GS 160A-272 (lease or rental of property) to extend the allowable lease term from ten years to 35 years maximum. Makes conforming changes. Repeals SL 1987-883 (allowing Statesville to lease airport property for up to 20 years) and SL 1998-102 (extending that term to 25 years). Applies to leases entered into or renewed after the date that the act becomes law.

Section 3

Amends Section 2.8 of the Charter of the Town of Southern Pines, SL 1981-352, as amended, so that any ordinance or action having the effect of an ordinance can be finally adopted by a majority of the Town Council members on its date of introduction. Makes technical changes.

Section 4

Amends Section 6.1 of the Charter of the Town of Wrightsville Beach, SL 1989-611, as amended, to allow proposed ordinances to be submitted to the Board of Alderman by petition signed by registered voters equal to at least 35% of the total number of registered voters residing within the Town of Wrightsville Beach at the time of the last regular municipal election (was, 35% of the voters voting in the last preceding regular election). Amends the timing of the special election, if held, so that it is on a date authorized by GS 163-287(a), setting requirements for special elections called by a county, municipality, or special district (was, within six months, unless a general election is fixed within six months thereafter). Makes organizational, conforming, and clarifying changes.

Amends Section 6.5 of SL 1989-611 to require that the petition only be signed by registered voters (was, legal voters) and no longer requires the petition to include the person's age and length of residence in the town. Makes conforming changes.

Section 5

Shifts elections for the Jackson County Board of Education (Board) from the primary election date to the general election date. Specifies that the elections will use the nonpartisan plurality method provided in GS 163-292. Repeals SL 1961-314 (pertaining to the establishment of precincts and the election of the Board and filling of vacancies thereof), SL 1973-553 (containing (1) outdated language pertaining to an appointee of the Board and (2) updates on the filling of vacancies to the Board), and SL 1991-170. Specifies that members will be elected from five single-member residency districts to four-year staggered terms. Requires those districts to be the same as the districts used in 2022 and 2024 if the Board does not choose to modify those

districts upon return of the 2030 federal decennial census. Effective the first Monday in December 2026, and directs that the 2026 elections and elections thereafter be conducted accordingly.

Section 6

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

Section 7

Amends Section 4 of SL 2023-32 (concerning the Polk County Board of Education) to requires that six members be elected from residency districts and that one member be elected at-large (which is taken from the Town of Tryon's two-member residency district). Makes conforming changes. Applies to elections held in 2026 and thereafter.

Section 8

Amends Section 5 of SL 2000-9 to give the Foothills Regional Airport Authority the power to erect and construct, operate, own, lease, control, or regulate, or to grant to others, for a period not to exceed 50 years, the right to operate on any airport premises hotels or places of accommodation, industrial or manufacturing facilities, aircraft hangars, aircraft maintenance and repair facilities, and other similar facilities which are directly related to aeronautical activities or to the maintenance or furnishing of air terminal services. Makes conforming changes. Applies to leases entered into or renewed on or after the act becomes law.

Section 9.1

Amends Section X of the Town of Bethania's Charter (SL 1995-74) so that the Town officers are elected on a partisan basis (was, nonpartisan plurality) as provided in GS 163-291 (partisan primaries and elections). Requires regular municipal elections to be held in odd-numbered years and conducted in line with the State's uniform municipal election laws. Applies to elections held in 2025 and thereafter.

Section 9.2

Amends Section 4.2 of the Charter of the Village of Clemmons (Section 7 of SL 1985-437) so that all elections are conducted using the partisan basis (was, nonpartisan plurality) as provided in GS 163-291. Amends Section 4.1 to require regular municipal elections to be conducted in line with the State's uniform municipal election laws. Applies to elections held in 2025 and thereafter.

Section 9.3

Amends Sections 9 and 10 of the Charter of the Town of Kernersville (SL 1989-381) to change the election of the Mayor and Board of Alderman to the partisan basis (was, nonpartisan plurality) as provided in GS 163-291. Removes provisions concerning the filing fee and method of filing. Makes conforming changes. Applies to elections held in 2025 and thereafter.

Section 9.4

Amends Section 4-1 of the Charter of the Town of Lewisville (SL 1991-116) so that the governing body is elected on a partisan basis (was, nonpartisan plurality) as provided in GS 163-291. Requires regular municipal elections to be conducted in line with the State's uniform municipal election laws. Applies to elections held in 2025 and thereafter.

Section 9.5

Amends Section 4 of the Charter of the Town of Rural Hall (SL 1973-1100) so that municipal officers are elected on a partisan basis (was, nonpartisan plurality) as provided in GS 163-291. Applies to elections held in 2025 and thereafter.

Section 9.6

Amends Section 6.1 of the Charter of the Village of Tobaccoville (SL 1991-232) so that village officers are elected on a partisan basis (was, nonpartisan plurality) as provided in GS 163-291. Applies to elections held in 2025 and thereafter.

Section 9.7

Amends Section 4 of the Charter of the Town of Walkertown (SL 1983-936) so that municipal officers are elected on a partisan basis (was, nonpartisan plurality) as provided in GS 163-291. Applies to elections held in 2025 and thereafter.

Section 10

Amends Section 2 of SL 1961-112, as amended, so that all vacancies on the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education are filled in accordance with GS 115C-37.1 (election of vacancies on local boards of education on a partisan basis). Makes conforming change to GS 115C-37.1. Applies to vacancies occurring on or after the act becomes law.

Intro. by Miller.

Burke, Caldwell, Davie, Forsyth, Iredell, Jackson, Jones, Moore, New Hanover, Polk, GS 18B, GS 115C, GS 160A

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ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 38: EDUCATION OMNIBUS CHANGES. (NEW)

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Withdrawn From Cal

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Amend Adopted A1

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Engrossed

Senate: Special Message Sent To House

House: Special Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub

H 155: TITLES FOR OFF-ROAD VEH./LOW SPEED VEH. INSP. (NEW)

House: Concurred In S Com Sub

House: Ordered Enrolled

H 198: DOT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES.-AB

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Placed On Cal For 06/26/2024

H 199: DMV PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES.-AB

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Withdrawn From Cal

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

H 207: DISCIPLINE CHANGES. (NEW)

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Amend Adopted A1

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Engrossed

Senate: Special Message Sent To House

House: Special Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub

H 223: OSHR/VARIOUS SHRA CHANGES.

House: Ratified

House: Pres. To Gov. 6/20/2024

H 228: REV. LAWS TECH., CLARIFYING, & ADMIN. CHNGS.

Senate: Amend Adopted A2

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Engrossed

Senate: Special Message Sent To House

House: Special Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub

H 263: 2023 APPROPRIATIONS ACT.

House: Amend Failed A22

House: Amend Failed A23

House: Amend Adopted A21

House: Amend Adopted A24

House: Amend Adopted A25

House: Passed 3rd Reading

House: Ordered Engrossed

House: Special Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Special Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 317: ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2023 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (NEW).

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

H 495: REVISE MONEY LAUNDERING/RETAIL CRIME. (NEW)

House: Ratified

House: Pres. To Gov. 6/20/2024

H 556: TENANCY IN COM/E-NOTARY/SMALL CLAIMS CHANGES. (NEW)

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Withdrawn From Cal

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Special Message Sent To House

House: Special Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub

H 563: HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLES/CON SUB CHANGES. (NEW)

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Withdrawn From Cal

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Amend Adopted A1

Senate: Amend Tabled A2

Senate: Amend Adopted A3

Senate: Amend Tabled A4

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

H 593: VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS (NEW).

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

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

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

H 690: NO CENTRL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY PMTS TO STATE. (NEW)

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

H 834: JUVENILE JUSTICE MODIFICATIONS. (NEW)

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Placed On Cal For 06/26/2024

H 900: SUBSTITUTE CERTAIN CIHS PARTNERS/WAKE.

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Withdrawn From Cal

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Amend Adopted A1

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Engrossed

Senate: Special Message Sent To House

House: Special Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub

House: Special Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub

H 912: 2024 UNC SELF-LIQUIDATING CAPITAL PROJECTS.

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Ordered Enrolled

H 971: HUMAN TRAFFICKING CHANGES. (NEW)

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Withdrawn From Cal

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Amend Adopted A1

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Engrossed

Senate: Special Message Sent To House

Senate: Special Message Sent To House

House: Special Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub

H 988: 2024 RETIREMENT TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

House: Signed by Gov. 6/20/2024

House: Ch. SL 2024-9

House: Ch. SL 2024-9

H 989: RETIREMENT SERVICE PURCHASE REWRITE PART III.

House: Signed by Gov. 6/20/2024

House: Ch. SL 2024-10

H 1020: RETIREMENT ADMIN. CHANGES ACT OF 2024.

House: Signed by Gov. 6/20/2024

House: Ch. SL 2024-8

S 88: VARIOUS ELECTIONS CHANGES (NEW).

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

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

S 90: SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND TRANSITION. (NEW)

Senate: Special Message Received For Concurrence in H Com Sub

Senate: Placed On Cal For 06/24/2024

S 124: PREDATORY ROOFING/INS. REBATE REFORM. (NEW)

Senate: Signed by Gov. 6/20/2024

Senate: Signed by Gov. 6/20/2024

Senate: Ch. SL 2024-11

Senate: Ch. SL 2024-11

S 166: 2024 BLDG. CODE REGULATORY REFORM. (NEW)

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Placed On Cal For 06/24/2024

S 319: CAPTIVE INSURANCE REVISIONS/ONLINE AUCTIONS. (NEW)

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

House: Special Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Special Message Received For Concurrence in H Com Sub

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

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

S 355: NORTH CAROLINA FARM ACT OF 2024. (NEW)

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Failed Concur In H Com Sub

S 425: HHS OMNIBUS. (NEW)

Senate: Special Message Received For Concurrence in H Com Sub

Senate: Special Message Received For Concurrence in H Com Sub

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

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

S 559: ENABLE CERTAIN CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ELECT SHP. (NEW)

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Placed On Cal For 06/24/2024

S 630: VARIOUS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS (NEW).

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

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

S 790: STATE BAR REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

Senate: Ratified
Senate: Pres. To Gov. 6/20/2024

S 910: CONFIRM JAMES C. GILLEN/INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.

Senate: Ratified
Senate: Ch. Res 2024-1

LOCAL BILLS

H 5: LOCAL CHANGES OMNIBUS. (NEW)

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

H 909: VARIOUS LOCAL PROVISIONS I. (NEW)

Senate: Reptd Fav
Senate: Withdrawn From Cal
Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar
Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

H 911: VARIOUS LOCAL PROVISIONS II. (NEW)

Senate: Reptd Fav
Senate: Withdrawn From Cal
Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar
Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

H 1061: CREEDMOOR/ANNEXATION & DEANNEXATION.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com
Senate: Re-ref to State and Local Government. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 1064: VARIOUS LOCAL PROVISIONS III (NEW).

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