

## The Daily Bulletin: 2025-02-04

### PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 43 (2025-2026) [DESIGNATE STATE BALLOON RALLY](#). Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT ADOPTING THE CAROLINA BALLOONFEST HELD IN THE CITY OF STATESVILLE AS THE OFFICIAL BALLOON RALLY OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.*

Includes whereas clauses.

Enacts GS 145-52, as title indicates.

**Intro. by Carver, Setzer, McNeely, Ross.**

[Iredell, GS 145](#)

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[Government, Cultural Resources and Museums](#)

H 44 (2025-2026) [GSC ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES](#). Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN CERTAIN CONTEXTS, PURSUANT TO A REVIEW DIRECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.*

Makes technical changes to GS 6-21.6 (concerning reciprocal attorneys' fees provisions in business contracts).

Makes organizational changes to GS 10B-5 (notarial qualifications). Makes conforming changes to GS 10B-5(b)(8) (listing of notarial requirements) as reorganized by the act to account for reorganization.

Makes the following further changes to GS 10B-5 as reorganized by the act. Removes requirement that a notarial commission application must be signed by the applicant in pen and ink, except for their initial application. Makes technical changes.

**Intro. by Davis.**

[GS 6, GS 10B](#)

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

H 45 (2025-2026) [GSC MORAL TURPITUDE/OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE](#). Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PROHIBITION ON DENYING LICENSURE BASED ON A DETERMINATION THAT A CONVICTION IS FOR A CRIME OF MORAL TURPITUDE, TO MAKE CORRESPONDING CHANGES TO OCCUPATIONAL AND STATE AGENCY LICENSURE STATUTES, AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.*

GS 93B-8.1 governs the use of criminal history records by state agency and occupational licensing boards. A board may not deny an applicant based on a determination that the person has been convicted of a crime of "moral turpitude," nor may a board automatically deny an applicant based on their criminal record, unless required to do so under federal law. A board can only deny licensure based on a criminal conviction "only if the board finds that the criminal conviction history is directly related to the duties and responsibilities for the licensed occupation or the conviction is for a crime that is violent or sexual in nature."

Amends GS 93B-8.1 by adding newly defined term, deny licensure or denies licensure, meaning to refuse to issue a license to an applicant, to refuse to renew the license of a licensee, or to revoke the license of a licensee. Also amends the definition of criminal history record to no longer require that the crime bear upon an applicant's or licensee's fitness to be licensed or disciplined.

Amends the following occupational licensing statutes to remove language that refers to denial of licensure based on a crime of moral turpitude and makes conforming changes to account for requirements of GS 93B-8.1B in rejecting an applicant for criminal history, if the statute covers rejection: GS 53-244.050 (registration application requirements for persons wanting to engage in the mortgage business or act as a mortgage loan originator); GS 53-244.060 (grounds for rejection of license or registration for persons wanting to engage in the mortgage business or act as a mortgage loan originator); GS 58-33-46 (insurance producers: suspension, probation, revocation, or nonrenewal of licenses); GS 58-58-215 (viatical settlement providers or brokers: license revocation or denial); GS 58-71-80 (bail bondsmen and runners: grounds for denial, suspension, probation, revocation, or nonrenewal of licenses); GS 143-151.56 (home inspector/inspections licenses: suspension, revocation, and refusal to renew license); GS 66-234 membership camping operators: registration requirements); GS 66-237 (salespersons of membership operating contracts: registration requirements); GS 74D-2 (Alarm Systems Licensing Act: license requirements); GS 74D-10 (Alarm Systems Licensing Board: appeals of suspension or revocation of licenses or registrations); GS 85B-3.2(auctioneer, apprentice auctioneer, or auction firm: criminal history record checks of licensure applicants); GS 85B-4 (license for auctioneer, apprentice auctioneer, or auction firm); GS 85B-8 (auctioneer, apprentice auctioneer, or auction firm: grounds for civil penalty, denial, suspension, or revocation of license); GS 89C-21 (disciplinary action by the Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors); GS 90-14 (disciplinary authority of the Medical Board); GS 90-41 (dentists: disciplinary action); GS 90-229 (dental hygienists: disciplinary measures); GS 90A-64 (Board of Environmental Health Examiners: suspensions and revocations of certificates); GS 90-113.44 (substance use disorder specialists: grounds for disciplinary action); GS 90-121.2 (Board of Examiners in Optometry: rules, discipline, suspension, revocation and regrant of certificate); GS 90-154 (Board of Chiropractic Examiners: grounds for professional discipline); GS 90-187.8 (Veterinary Medical Board: discipline of licensees); GS 90-202.8 (Board of Podiatry Examiners: revocation or suspension of certificate); GS 90-210.25 (Board of Funeral Service: licensing and permitting); GS 90-210.69 (Board of Funeral Service: enforcement of Article 13D of GS Chapter 90); GS 90-210.123 (Board of Funeral Service: licensing and inspection); GS 90-249.1 (Board of Opticians: disciplinary actions); GS 90-270.60 (Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board: discipline, including denial, revocation or suspension of license); GS 90-270.76 (Board of Occupational Therapy: suspension, revocation, and refusal to renew license); GS 90-270.103 (Board of Physical Therapy Examiners: grounds for disciplinary action); GS 90-270.148 (Psychology Board: disciplinary and remedial actions); GS 90-340 (Board of Licensed Mental Health Counselors: protection of the public); GS 90-363 (Board of Dietetics/Nutrition: suspension, revocation, and refusal to renew license); GS 90-390 (Board of Examiners of Fee-Based Pastoral Counselors: refusal, suspension, or revocation of certificate); GS 90-633 (Board of Massage and Body Work Therapy: disciplinary action); GS 90-659 (Respiratory Care Board: suspension, revocation, and refusal to renew a license); GS-742 (Behavior Analysis Board: denial, suspension, relinquishment, or revocation of licenses and other disciplinary and remedial actions); GS 90B-11 (Social Work Certification and Licensure Board: disciplinary procedure); GS 93A-6 (Real Estate Commission: disciplinary action); GS 93A-38 (Real Estate Commission: suspension, revocation, or denial of certification); GS 93A-54 (Real Estate Commission: disciplinary action under the NC Timeshare Act); GS 93D-13 (Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board: discipline, suspension, revocation licenses and registrations); GS 93E-1-12 (Real Estate Appraisal Board: disciplinary action); GS 106-65.26 (Pest Control Applicators, Structural Pest Control Committee, Department of Agriculture: qualifications for certified applicator and licensee); and GS 106-610 (Grain dealers, Department of Agriculture: grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of license).

Amends GS 20-294 by expanding the grounds for suspending motor vehicle dealer and manufacturer licenses to include convictions under GS 14-160.4 and GS 20-79.2 while removing GS 20-107; removes felonies involving moral turpitude. Makes conforming changes to GS 20-79.2.

Removes requirement that applicant for Athlete Agents share whether they have been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude and instead requires the applicant to share whether they have been convicted of any misdemeanor involving theft, fraud, or dishonesty or any felony in submitting an application under GS 78C-89. Makes conforming changes under GS 78C-90 (issuance, denial or renewal of applications for Athlete Agents by Secretary of State).

Removes reference to crime of moral turpitude as grounds for denial of licensure and specifies that GS 74D-6 (pertaining to the denial of a license or registration by the Alarms System Licensing Board) is subject to the requirements of GS 98B-8.1 and the other hearings requirement of the APA.

Amends GS 83A-15 to remove reference to the Board of Architecture and Interior Designers' power to deny a license or certificate of registration of an architect as well as references to crimes of moral turpitude as grounds constituting unprofessional conduct warranting in imposition of action against license, reprimand or civil penalty.

Removes reference to conviction of crime of moral turpitude in GS 87-47 as grounds for disciplinary action for persons subject to the requirements of the State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors and Surveyors and replaces that ground with

conviction of a crime that is violent or sexual in nature.

Amends GS 90-30 (pertaining to examination and licensing of applicants before the Board of Dental examiners) to (1) allow for clinical examinations either on live persons or an approved alternative method, including manikins that simulate human subjects (currently, just live persons) and (2) removes power of the dental board to refuse to grant a license to any person found guilty of a crime of moral turpitude, or gross immorality, or to any person addicted to the use of alcoholic liquors or narcotic drugs to such an extent, as, in the Board's opinion, would render them unfit to practice dentistry.

Amends GS 90-102.1 as follows. Removes reference to crime of moral turpitude as relevant to registration as a dog handler with limited use of controlled substances with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and clarifies that DHHS or the Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services can deny, suspend, or revoke a registration issued under GS 90-102.1 so long as it complies with the requirements of GS 98B-8.1, the other hearings requirement of the APA, and the other statutory requirements.

Amends GS 93B-1, which contains the definitions for GS Chapter 93B (Occupational Licensing Boards) by amending the professions for which the Department of Public Safety may issue licenses by allowing: (1) the Private Protective Services Board to issue licenses for Armored Car Service, Close Personal Protection, Courier Service, Digital Forensics Examiner, Electronic Countermeasures, and Special Limited Guard and Patrol (also removes Counter Intelligence licenses) and (2) the Alarm Systems Licensing Board to issue licenses for alarm systems business. Makes technical changes.

Makes technical, organizational, conforming, and clarifying changes. Makes language gender neutral and removes outdated language.

Effective October 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Davis.**

[GS 20](#), [GS 53](#), [GS 58](#), [GS 66](#), [GS 74D](#), [GS 78C](#), [GS 83A](#), [GS 85B](#), [GS 87](#), [GS 89C](#), [GS 90](#), [GS 90A](#), [GS 90B](#), [GS 93A](#), [GS 93B](#), [GS 93D](#), [GS 93E](#), [GS 106](#), [GS 143](#)

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**[Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing](#)**

H 46 (2025-2026) [MAKE HEALTHCARE AFFORDABLE](#). Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT TO DISCLOSE THE COST OF STATE GOVERNMENT HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES ON NORTH CAROLINA'S EMPLOYERS AND TAXPAYERS*.

Substantively identical to [S 24](#), filed 1/29/25.

Contains whereas clauses.

Part I

Enacts new GS 120-272 (legislation containing health benefit mandates). Defines *health benefit mandate* as a regulation impacting a health benefit plan or the State Health Plan that meets any of the following criteria:

1. Mandates that a health benefit plan or the State Health Plan provide coverage of any healthcare service, any specific treatment or set of treatments, or any prescription drug used for the treatment of any health, physical, mental, or behavioral condition.
2. Requires that a health benefit plan or the State Health Plan include coverage for any healthcare service or treatment by a provider or group of providers other than a physician licensed in this State.
3. Places requirements on any cost-sharing mechanism utilized by a health benefit plan or the State Health Plan, such as a copayment or deductible.
4. Regulates any health benefit plan or the State Health Plan cost-control process, including those that necessitate a healthcare provider obtain advance approval from an insurer before a specific service, treatment, or prescription benefit is delivered to the patient or utilized by the patient in order to qualify for coverage under the applicable plan.
5. Places a limit or requirement on a pharmacy benefits manager under Article 56A of GS Chapter 58.
6. Regulates the manner in which a health benefit plan or the State Health Plan provides coverage for a healthcare service, treatment, or prescription drug, regardless of whether the regulation is imposed upon a covered service that is provided by a healthcare provider that participates in the provider network of the health benefit plan.

Defines *health benefit plan*, *piece of legislation*, and *State Health Plan*. Requires that any piece of legislation containing one or more new health benefit mandates is required to also contain at least one provision that repeals at least the same number of health benefit mandates that are already in effect as of the date of the consideration of that piece of legislation prior to ratification of that legislation. Directs that any such legislation is required to also contain a provision appropriating recurring funds in the amount of the cost of that mandate to the Department of the State Treasurer and the State Health Plan or to any other relevant State agency prior to ratification. If any repeal of an existing health benefit mandate required to be contained in the legislation results in cost-savings to the State, then that cost-savings will have no impact on the amount required to be appropriated under this subsection.

Part II.

Expands the mandates applicable to the State Health Plan under GS 135-48.51 (coverage and operational mandates related to GS Chapter 58) so that a provision of GS Chapter 58 containing a health benefit mandate that first becomes effective on or after July 1, 2025, will apply to the State Health Plan as of the start of the next Plan year following the effective date of the health benefit mandate.

Effective 30 days after the act becomes law and applies to pieces of legislation considered by the General Assembly on or after that date.

**Intro. by K. Hall, Lambeth, Paré, Chesser.**

[GS 58](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Insurance, Government, General Assembly, State Agencies, Department of State Treasurer, State Government, State Personnel, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Insurance](#)

H 47 (2025-2026) [DISASTER RECOVERY ACT OF 2025 - PART I](#). Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE DISASTER RECOVERY ACT OF 2025 – PART I*.

Part I

Titles the act “The Disaster Recovery Act of 7 2025 – Part I.” Declares act’s intent that its appropriations and allocations are for maximum amounts necessary. Directs that savings must be effected where the total amounts appropriated or allocated are not required to implement the act. Defines *affected area* as the counties designated before, on, or after the effective date of the act under a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States under the Stafford Act (PL 93-288) as a result of Hurricane Helene. Also defines *Helene Fund* (the Hurricane Helene Disaster Recovery Fund established in Section 4.1 of SL 2024-51), and *SERDF* (the State Emergency Response and Disaster Relief Fund established in GS 166A-19.42). Specifies that Part II applies to North Carolina counties in the affected area, unless otherwise provided.

Part II

Directs the State Controller to transfer \$500 million from SERDF to the Helene Fund.

**Intro. by Greene, Bell.**

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

H 48 (2025-2026) [INCREASE UI MAX BENEFIT/2025 UI TAX CREDIT](#). Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT TO RATIFY THE GOVERNOR'S ACTION TO EXPAND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS DURING THE HELENE DISASTER, TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAWS, AND TO PROVIDE EMPLOYERS A TAX CREDIT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT TAX ON WAGES PAID IN 2025*.

Directs that any executive order issued by the Governor that purports to expand unemployment insurance benefits, whether those benefits will be paid from federal or State funds, is void ab initio unless the executive order is issued upon authority that is conferred expressly by an act enacted by the General Assembly or granted specifically to the Governor by Congress. Ratifies Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Executive Order No. 322 (concerning unemployment insurance related to Hurricane Helene beginning for weeks of unemployment starting on or after September 29, 2024), issued by the Governor on October 16, 2024, and concurred to by the Council of State. Terminates those provisions on March 1, 2025, as required by Section 3.1 of SL 2024-51 (extending the termination date of the statewide declaration of emergency issued by the Governor to March 1, 2025).

Increases the unemployment weekly benefit cap under GS 96-14.2 from \$350 to \$400 for claims filed on or after March 2, 2025.

Authorizes an employer tax credit for contributions to the Unemployment Insurance Fund for the calendar year 2025 under GS 96-9.2. Sets the credit amount as equal to the amount of contributions payable for wages paid during the fourth quarter of 2024 on the report filed by the employer on or before January 31, 2025. Provides for application of credit to the April 2025 report if the employer remitted the contributions with the January 2025 report. Requires the employer to file the report to receive the credit. States that if the amount of the credit exceeds the amount of contributions due on the report, the excess credit amount is considered an overpayment and will be refunded.

**Intro. by Howard, Brody, Warren, Setzer.**

GS 96

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**Employment and Retirement, Government, State Government, Executive**

H 49 (2025-2026) **FILIAL DEBT FAIRNESS ACT**. Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE STATE'S FILIAL RESPONSIBILITY LAW*.

Specifies that nothing in GS 14-326.1 (creating misdemeanor offenses for certain persons who fail to support their parents) should be construed as requiring a person to be liable or otherwise responsible for a debt contracted for or otherwise incurred by the person's parent or parents. Makes organizational changes.

**Intro. by Hastings, Lambeth, Reeder, Campbell.**

GS 14

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**Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Family Law, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure**

H 50 (2025-2026) **LEO SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE OPTIONS**. Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE OPTION FOR STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITH AT LEAST THIRTY YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE*.

Adds an additional separation allowance option (so that there are two in total) for State law enforcement officers (GS 143-166.41) and local law enforcement officers (GS 143-166.42) as follows. For officers meeting all of the following criteria, the annual special separation allowance to be paid is equal to 0.85% of the annual equivalent of the base rate of compensation at the time the officer attained 30 years of service multiplied by 30:

- The officer has completed 30 or more years of creditable service prior to attaining 62 years of age.
- The officer has completed at least five years of continuous service as a law enforcement officer immediately preceding the officer's service retirement. Any break in this required continuous service that is a result of disability retirement or disability salary continuation benefits will not adversely affect an officer's qualification to receive an allowance so long as the officer returned to service within 45 days after the disability benefits had ceased and is otherwise qualified to receive the allowance.

Specifies that if an officer meets the eligibility requirements for both additional separation allowance options, then the employer making the allowance payments will allow the officer to choose which of the two calculation formulas to use for that

officer's allowance. Provides that the election by the officer is a one-time, irrevocable election and must be made prior to the first allowance payment. Sets the additional separation allowance option described above as the default option if no election is made by the officer. Sets the cessation date for the additional separation allowance option for reasons other than death as the time when the officer has undergone a period of receiving the allowance that is the equivalent to the total of 62 years of age minus the age which the officer first completed 30 years of creditable service.

Adds defined terms *allowance*, *law enforcement officer*, *officer*, and *probation/parole officer* (G 143-166.41 only). Makes organizational, clarifying, and technical changes.

Applies to law enforcement officers retiring on or after July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Pyrtle, Miller, Chesser, Cotham.**

[GS 143](#)

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

H 52 (2025-2026) [PROTECT THOSE WHO SERVE & PROTECT ACT OF 2025](#). Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT ENACTING THE PROTECT THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT ACT OF 2025*.

Adds new GS 14-34.7A, making assault or battery on a public safety officer, law enforcement agency animal, or search and rescue animal by throwing, spraying, or otherwise projecting water or other substances a Class I felony offense, as follows. Directs that a person is liable under the statute when, unless covered under some other provision of law providing greater punishment, the person commits an assault or battery on either of the following by throwing, spraying, or otherwise projecting, or causing to be thrown, sprayed, or otherwise projected, water or any other substance at:

1. A public safety officer (i) while the public safety officer is discharging or attempting to discharge his or her official duties or (ii) because of the victim's status as a public safety officer.
2. A law enforcement agency animal or a search and rescue animal (i) while the animal is in the performance of its duty or (ii) because of the animal's status as a law enforcement agency animal or search and rescue animal.

Defines *public safety officer* to include any of ten listed officers, including a law enforcement officer, school employees or volunteers as defined in GS 143B-805, members of the NC National Guard or US military, firefighters, rescue squad workers, or emergency medical services personnel. Also defines *law enforcement agency animal* and *search and rescue animal*.

Incorporates new definition of *public safety officer* into GS 14-34.8 (criminal uses of laser device), GS 14-32 (felonious assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill or inflict serious injury), GS 14-34.5 (assault with a firearm on a public safety officer), GS 14-34.7 (assault or affray on a public safety officer), and GS 14-69.3 (arson resulting in serious injury to a public safety officer). Makes conforming changes.

Expands the grounds for culpability under: (1) GS 14-34.8 (criminal use of a laser device) and (2) GS 14-34.5 (assault with a firearm on public safety officer) to include instances where the conduct is engaged in because of a person's status as a public safety officer or an animal's status as a law enforcement agency animal or search and rescue animal (GS 14-34.8 only).

Clarifies that a person can only be punished under GS 14-32 (assault of a public safety officer) if no other provision of law applies providing a greater punishment.

Expands the grounds for culpability under GS 14-34.7 (assault or affray on a public safety officer) to include instances where the conduct is engaged in because of a person's status as a public safety officer. Expands the illegal conduct covered by the statute to include affray.

Expands the grounds for culpability under GS 14-69.3 (arson resulting in serious injury to a public safety officer or fire investigator) to include instances where the conduct is engaged in because of a person's status as a public safety officer or fire investigator. Clarifies that a person can only be punished under the statute if no other provision of law applies providing a greater punishment. Makes conforming changes.

Expands the grounds for culpability under: (1) GS 14-33(c)(4) (assault on State officers or employees [including officers and employees of political subdivisions of the State]) and (2) GS 14-34.2 (assaults with a firearm/other deadly weapon upon governmental officers or employees or a company or campus police officer) to include assaults that occur because of the victim's status as described in the statute.

Repeals GS 14-34.6 (assault or affray on a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, medical responder, and medical practice and hospital personnel). Makes conforming changes to GS 15A-266.3A(f)(4)(concerning DNA samples and required DNA analyses upon arrest for certain offenses) and GS 131E-88.3(a) (concerning AOC's annual reporting to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Service Regulation).

Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Hastings, Cotham, Miller, Pyrtle.**

**GS 14, GS 15A, GS 131E**

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**Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Administrative Office of the Courts, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Military and Veteran's Affairs**

H 53 (2025-2026) **INCREASE ACCIDENT THRESHOLDS/SAFE DRIVER PLAN**. Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE DAMAGE THRESHOLDS FOR ACCIDENTS DEFINED BY THE SAFE DRIVER INCENTIVE PLAN*.

Increases the property damages threshold for the following accidents defined under GS 58-36-75 (concerning at-fault accidents and certain moving traffic violations under the Safe Driver Incentive Plan); (1) from \$3,850 or more to \$5,975 or more for major accidents; (2) from damages ranging from \$2,300 to less than \$3,850 to damages ranging from \$3,570 to less than \$5,975 for intermediate accidents; and (3) from damages that are \$2,300 or less to \$3,570 or less for minor accidents. Applies to accidents occurring on or after October 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Warren, Humphrey, Scott.**

**GS 58**

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**Business and Commerce, Insurance, Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Transportation**

H 54 (2025-2026) **FUNDS FOR NC APSE**. Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS, INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES, OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES*.

Appropriates \$125,000 in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 biennium from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (Department), Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services, to be allocated as a grant to the NC Association of People Supporting Employment First (NC APSE) to develop and implement training programs for the Department, including online training modules, on the provision of evidence-based supported employment services for individuals in targeted populations, in order to assist these individuals with preparation for, identification of, and maintenance of integrated, paid, competitive employment. The Department is to make these training programs available throughout the state to (1) employers that have hired or are willing to hire individuals in targeted populations, (2) service providers of local management entities/managed care organizations, and (3) any other entity the Department determines will benefit from receiving this training. Defines *individuals in targeted populations*. Effective July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Huneycutt, Howard, Potts, Setzer.**

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

H 55 (2025-2026) **FUNDS FOR THE IGNITE PROGRAM**. Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE AUTISM SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA IGNITE PROGRAM*.

Appropriates \$250,000 in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 biennium from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services, to be allocated to The Autism Society of North Carolina, a nonprofit corporation, to support its IGNITE Program, which offers activities and education groups which foster independence and social interaction for young adults with autism transitioning into adulthood. Effective July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Huneycutt, Howard, Potts, Setzer.**

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

H 56 (2025-2026) **PUBLISH CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**. Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PUBLISH COMPENSATION AND POSITION INFORMATION FOR CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES*.

Requires each local board of education, by no later than August 15, 2025, and annually thereafter to publish and maintain listed information for each central office employee (defined) under GS 15-115C-320 (publication and inspection of certain records) including: (1) total compensation for each central office employee from all funding sources including at least salary, salary supplements and bonuses, reimbursements and allowances; (2) position title and description (including the date the employee's position was created and department where the position is located) for each central office employee; (3) the title of each central office employee position in the local school administrative unit and the number of positions associated with that title; and (4) for each department, unit, or office of the local school administrative unit, the number of central office employees located in that department, unit, or office along with the number of central office employees for each position title. Expands the type of information a local board of education has to maintaining for its employees to include current compensation (currently current salary), including salary supplements, bonuses, reimbursements and allowances. Makes technical and conforming changes.

**Intro. by Paré, Loftis, Zenger, Tyson.**

GS 115C

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education,  
Government, Public Records and Open Meetings**

H 57 (2025-2026) **ADOPT STATE VETERANS MUSEUM**. Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT ADOPTING THE VETERANS HISTORY MUSEUM OF THE CAROLINAS AS THE STATE'S VETERANS HISTORY MUSEUM*.

Includes whereas clauses. Enacts new GS 145-52 making the Veterans History Museum of the Carolinas in Transylvania County the State's official Veterans History Museum.

**Intro. by Clampitt, Blust, Goodwin.**

Transylvania, GS 145

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**Government, Cultural Resources and Museums, Military and  
Veteran's Affairs**



H 59 (2025-2026) [EXPAND ELDERLY/DISABLED HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION](#). Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT TO EXPAND THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION*.

Allows persons with an income for the preceding calendar year of not more than 80% of the applicable area median income (defined) for a household of two persons in the county in which the property is so long as the owner has owned and occupied the property as a permanent residence for the previous 15 consecutive years as an additional income ground for eligibility for the elderly or disabled property tax homestead exemption under GS 105-277.1. Increases the income eligibility limit from \$25,000 to \$48,000 starting in the taxable year beginning July 1, 2026. Makes conforming changes to account for new income grounds and year of income eligibility increase. Makes technical changes. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2026.

**Intro. by Paré, Cotham, Schietzelt, Echevarria.**

[GS 105](#)

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

H 60 (2025-2026) [MODERNIZE MEDICAID DENTAL RATES](#). Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT TO MODERNIZE MEDICAID DENTAL RATES*.

Contains whereas clauses. Appropriates \$52 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits (Division) for each year of the 2025-2027 biennium to be used to increase the Medicaid rates paid for dental services. Directs the funds to provide a State match of \$95 million in recurring federal funds during those years. Appropriates those federal dollars to the Division to be used as stated. Directs that the rate increases will be implemented as soon as practicable after July 1, 2025 (the effective date of the act).

**Intro. by Biggs, Lambeth, Potts, Cotham.**

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

H 61 (2025-2026) [ASSAULTS ON FIRST RESPONDERS](#). Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM AGAINST CERTAIN EMERGENCY, MEDICAL, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL*.

Amends GS 14-34.5 (assault with a firearm on a law enforcement, probation, or parole officer, or on a member of the North Carolina National Guard, or on a person employed at a State or local detention facility) as follows. Increases the punishment so that any person who commits an assault with a firearm upon the listed government employees while the employee is performing their duties is guilty of a Class B1 felony (was, Class D felony). Adds emergency medical technicians or other emergency health care providers, medical responders, firefighters, and telecommunicators employed by a law enforcement agency as types of government employees whose assault by a firearm would trigger liability under the statute. Specifies that GS 14-34.6 applies to assaults with use of a firearm to any person not already covered under GS 14-34.5. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2025.

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

[GS 14](#)

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**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Corrections (Sentencing/Probation), Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers**

## **PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS**

S 13 (2025-2026) [CLARIFY INSURANCE FEE REFERRAL CAP](#). Filed Jan 29 2025, *AN ACT CLARIFYING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS*.

Senate committee substitute to the 1st edition amends the effective date so that the act applies to any referral of personal lines insurance business (was, just referrals of insurance business) made on or after October 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Johnson.**

GS 58

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**Business and Commerce, Insurance**

S 47 (2025-2026) [STATE EMPS./NO PAYROLL DUES DEDUCTION](#). Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT REPEALING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PAYROLL DEDUCTION FOR PAYMENTS TO EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATIONS*.

Amends GS 143B-426.40A as the title indicates.

**Intro. by Hise, Johnson, B. Newton.**

GS 143B

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**Government, State Government, State Personnel**

S 48 (2025-2026) [ACCESS TO SPORTS AND EXTRACURRICULARS FOR ALL](#). Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT TO PERMIT STUDENTS WHO ATTEND A PUBLIC SCHOOL, PRIVATE SCHOOL, OR HOME SCHOOL WITHOUT AN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS PROGRAM IN A GIVEN SPORT OR PARTICULAR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT ACTIVITY AT A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL*.

Expands the enrollment and transfer requirements for participation in interscholastic activities under GS 115C-407.55(1)b. Allows public high school students who attend schools that do not offer a particular sport to participate in the sport at the public high school closest to the student's school which has a program in that sport, subject to the terms and conditions applicable to a regularly enrolled member of that school's student body. Also provides that a private school or home-schooled student may likewise participate in sports programs at the base public high school for the student's home address, or at the school closest to the base school if the base school does not offer the particular sport. Authorizes the public school providing an opportunity for students who attend other schools to participate in interscholastic athletics programs to charge a reasonable fee for participation to the student who is not enrolled in that school as established by the local board of education under GS 115C-47(6).

Makes a conforming change to GS 115C-47(6) regarding the administration of the fee charged to participating students in sports and other extracurricular activities.

Applies beginning with 2025-26 school year.

**Intro. by Hise, Ford, Galey.**

GS 115C

S 50 (2025-2026) [FREEDOM TO CARRY NC](#). Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT TO PROTECT A PERSON'S RIGHT TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN WITHOUT A PERMIT AND TO CONTINUE ALLOWING PERSONS TO ACQUIRE A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECIPROCITY OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON DESIRED.*

Amends GS 14-269, which prohibits carrying concealed weapons, to establish that the term weapon does not include a firearm for purposes of the statute. Makes conforming changes to eliminate subsections (a1) and (a2) pertaining to carrying a concealed handgun with a permit and the punishments set out for violations of those subsections in subsection (c). Makes further conforming changes to eliminate related defenses to prosecution under this statute. Adds new subsection (a3) to provide that the exceptions to the prohibition on carrying a concealed weapon listed in subsection (b) of the statute that include a condition that the person have a concealed carry permit require a person to have a concealed handgun permit issued in accordance with Article 54B of GS Chapter 14 or one considered valid under GS 14-415.24 (reciprocity for out-of-state handgun permits or licenses) to qualify as an exception.

Enacts Article 54C, Carrying Concealed Handguns, to establish that any person who is a US citizen and is at least 18 years old can carry a concealed handgun in North Carolina unless prohibited otherwise by law; violations are a Class 3 misdemeanor. Makes it unlawful for a person who meets any of the 14 specified criteria to carry a concealed handgun, including a person who is under indictment for a felony, or who is or has been adjudicated to be a danger to self or others due to mental illness or lack of mental capacity. Makes a violation of this prohibition a Class 2 misdemeanor for a first offense, and a Class H felony for a second or subsequent offense. Requires a person to carry valid identification when carrying a concealed handgun. Further, requires a person to disclose to any law enforcement officer that the person is carrying a concealed handgun when approached or addressed by the officer, and to display the proper identification upon the officer's request. Makes a violation of this subsection an infraction punishable in accordance with GS 14-3.1 (setting a penalty not to exceed \$100).

Prohibits carrying a concealed weapon, unless provided otherwise by law, (1) in an area prohibited by a rule adopted by the Legislative Services Commission under GS 120-32.1 concerning State legislative buildings and grounds, (2) in any area prohibited by 18 USC 922 or any other federal law, (3) in a law enforcement or correctional facility, or (4) on any private premises where notice is given by posting a conspicuous notice or statement by the person in legal possession or control of the premises that carrying a concealed handgun is prohibited. Makes a violation of this statute a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Amends GS 14-269.3 by amending the prohibition on carrying any gun, rifle, or pistol into an assembly where an admission fee has been charged, or into an establishment in which alcoholic beverages are sold and consumed, so that it now applies to any person consuming alcohol, or at any time while the person has remaining in the person's body any alcohol or in the person's blood a controlled substance previously consumed (was, applied to any person). Removes the exemptions to the prohibition.

Amends GS 14-269.4 to exempt a person carrying a concealed handgun from the prohibition on carrying weapons into certain State property and courthouses, so long as the firearm is in a closed compartment or container within the person's locked vehicle or in a locked container securely affixed to the person's vehicle (previously, exempted persons carrying a concealed handgun with a valid permit under GS 14-415.24, a concealed handgun permit considered valid under GS 14-415.24, or a person who is exempt from obtaining a permit under GS 14-415.25, who has a firearm in the locked vehicle as specified). Makes similar changes to exempt carrying a concealed handgun from the prohibition of possessing any dangerous weapons at parades or funeral processions (previously, exempted persons carrying a concealed handgun with a valid permit, a concealed handgun permit considered valid under GS 14-415.24, or is exempt from obtaining a permit under GS 14-415.25). Does not make changes to the clarification that a person may not carry a handgun on any premises where the person in legal possession or control of the premises has posted a conspicuous notice prohibiting the carrying of a concealed handgun on the premises in accordance with GS 14-415.11(c).

Amends GS 14-277.2 to exempt from the statute concealed carry of a handgun at a parade or funeral procession, no longer requiring the person to have a valid permit.

Amends GS 14-269.1 to include convictions under new GS 14-415.35(b) under the convicted offenses for which the presiding trial judge must order the confiscation and disposal of the deadly weapon referenced in the conviction, in the judge's discretion

as specified. Also establishes that this provision applies to a conviction of any offense in addition to those specified involving the use of a deadly weapon, including a firearm.

Amends GS 14-269.2, which prohibits the carrying of weapons on any kind of educational property or to a curricular or extracurricular school-sponsored activity, as follows. Amends subsection (i) to exempt employees who reside on the higher education institution or nonpublic post-secondary educational institution at which the person is employed, who in addition to meeting other specified qualifications, has a handgun on the premises of the employee's residence or in a closed compartment or container within the employee's locked vehicle located in a parking area of the property at which the person is employed and resides (previously, exempted persons carrying a concealed handgun with a valid permit or who is exempt from obtaining a permit under Article 54B of GS Chapter 14). Makes conforming changes to eliminate provisions concerning employees who are not authorized to carry a concealed handgun pursuant to Article 54B of GS Chapter 14. Makes identical changes to subsection (j) exempting employees of a public or nonpublic school who reside on the campus of the school at which the person is employed. Makes conforming changes to eliminate reference to concealed handgun permits in the exemption set out in subsection (k), which sets out parameters for how a handgun must be kept in a locked compartment within the person's locked vehicle.

Amends GS 14-401.24, which sets out the provisions for the unlawful possession and use of unmanned aircraft systems, to make a clarifying change to define the term weapon to include any object capable of inflicting serious bodily injury or death when used as a weapon, including a firearm.

Amends GS 14-409.40, which establishes the regulation of firearms as an issue of general statewide concern, to provide that nothing in this statute prohibits municipalities or counties from application of their authority under GS 14-415.35 (as enacted by this act).

Amends GS 14-415.4, which provides for the restoration of firearms rights, to direct the court to deny the petition to restore the firearms rights of any petitioner if the court finds the petitioner is under indictment for a felony (previously, if the court finds that the petitioner is under indictment for a felony or a finding of probable cause exists against the petitioner for a felony).

Enacts GS 14-415.10A to provide that the State of North Carolina is to continue to make a concealed handgun permit available, even though it is lawful to carry a concealed handgun without a permit under new GS 14-415.35, to any person who applies for and is eligible to receive a concealed handgun permit pursuant to Article 54B of GS Chapter 14, reasoning that a permit is convenient for purposes of reciprocity when traveling out of state and to make the purchase of a firearm.

Amends GS 14-415.11 to eliminate the provision that allows a military concealed handgun permittee to carry a concealed handgun during the 90 days following the end of deployment when that permittee's permit has expired during deployment.

Repeals GS 14-415.22 (the construction provisions of Article 54B of GS Chapter 14).

Amends GS 74E-6 to provide that company police officers have the authority to carry concealed weapons pursuant to and in conformity with new GS 14-415.35 in addition to GS 14-269(b)(4) and (5) if duly authorized by the superior officer in charge. Company police agencies can be a hospital, a State institution, or a corporation engaged in providing on-site police security personnel service for persons or property under GS 74E-2 that is certified by the Attorney General in accordance with The Company Police Act, GS Chapter 74E.

Amends GS 74G-6 to provide that campus police officers have the authority to carry concealed weapons pursuant to and in conformity with new GS 14-415.35 in addition to GS 14-269(b) if duly authorized by their campus police agency and by the sheriff of the county in which the campus police agency is located. Campus police agencies can be public educational institutions operating under the authority of the UNC Board of Governors or the State Board of Community Colleges and private educational institutions licensed by the UNC Board of Governors pursuant to GS 116-15 or that are exempt from licensure by the Board of Governors pursuant to GS 116-15(c) and certified by the Attorney General in accordance with The Campus Police Act, GS Chapter 74G.

Amends GS 113-136 to authorize inspectors and protectors of the Department of Environmental Quality to arrest for violations of new GS 14-415.35, subject to the direction of administrative superiors, relating to matters within the jurisdiction of the Department concerning the conservation of marine and estuarine resources and relating to matters within the jurisdiction of the Wildlife Resources Commission concerning boating and water safety, hunting and trapping, fishing, and activities in woodlands and on inland waters.

Applicable to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2025. Directs that prosecutions for offenses committed before December 1, 2025, are not abated or affected by the act, and the statutes that would be applicable but for the act remain applicable to those prosecutions.

**Intro. by Britt, Daniel, Settle.**

[GS 14, GS 74G, GS 113](#)

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

S 51 (2025-2026) [MAINTAIN NAIC ACCREDITATION OF DOI.-AB](#) Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT TO MAINTAIN NAIC ACCREDITATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BY IMPLEMENTING GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATION AND LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST REQUIREMENTS AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.*

Part I.

Enacts new GS 58-19-26 to require the ultimate controlling person of every insurer who is subject to registration to also file an annual group capital calculation report with the registration. Requires the report to be filed with the lead state commissioner. Sets out four categories of insurance holding company systems that are exempt from the filing requirement, including those that provide information to the lead state commissioner that meets the requirements for accreditation under the NAIC financial standards and accreditation program and whose non-US group-wide supervisor is not in a reciprocal jurisdiction but recognizes the group capital calculation as the worldwide group capital assessment for US insurance groups who operate in that jurisdiction. Sets out criteria that must be met for a non-US jurisdiction to recognize the group capital calculation and sets out criteria to use when determining whether the exemption applies. Despite the exemptions, requires the lead state commissioner to require filing of the group capital calculation for US operations of any non-US based insurance holding company system if the lead state commissioner determines that the filing is required for prudent oversight and solvency monitoring or for ensuring the competitiveness of the insurance marketplace. Allows the lead state commissioner to either (1) exempt the ultimate controlling person of an insurance holding company system from the filing requirement or (2) authorize the ultimate controlling person of an insurance holding company to file a limited group capital filing in lieu of the filing requirement if all of the following apply: (a) the insurance holding company system has annual direct written and unaffiliated assumed premium, including international direct and assumed premium, but excluding premiums reinsured with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and Federal Flood Program, of less than \$1 billion; (b) the insurance holding company system does not include insurers within its holding company structure that are domiciled outside of the US or one of its territories; (c) the insurance holding company system does not include banking, depository, or other financial entity that is subject to an identified regulatory capital framework within its holding company structure; (d) the insurance holding company system attests that there are no material changes in transactions between insurers and non-insurers in the group that have occurred since the last filing of an annual group calculation report, if any; and (e) the non-insurers within the insurance holding company system do not pose a material financial risk to the insurer's ability to honor policyholder obligations. Sets out requirements for resuming filings when an exemption no longer applies.

Enacts new GS 58-19-27, which requires the ultimate controlling person of every insurer subject to registration to be included in the NAIC liquidity stress test framework and file a report with the lead state commissioner detailing the results of a specific year's liquidity stress test if: (1) the insurer meets the scope criteria of that data year's NAIC liquidity stress test framework or (2) the insurer did not meet the scope criteria of that data year's liquidity stress test framework, but the lead state commissioner, in consultation with the NAIC Financial Stability Task Force or its successor, nonetheless determines the insurer should be included in the NAIC liquidity stress test framework for that data year. Requires the commissioner, in making this determination, to attempt to avoid the frequent inclusion or exclusion of insurers. Sets out requirements for the performance and reporting of results of the stress test. Allows the lead state commissioner, in consultation with the NAIC Financial Stability Task Force or its successor, to exempt an ultimate controlling person from these reporting requirements; sets out what must be considered in making such an exemption.

Enacts new GS 58-19-28 prohibiting, unless otherwise provided by law, the making, publishing, disseminating, circulating, or placing before the public, or causing it be done so directly or indirectly, in a publication, notice, electronic communication, or other specified communications available to the public, or in any other way as an advertisement, announcement, or statement containing a representation or statement with regard to the group capital calculation, group capital ratio, the liquidity stress test results, or supporting disclosures for the liquidity stress test of any insurer or any insurer group, or of any component derived in the calculation by any insurer, broker, or other person engaged in any manner in the insurance business. Sets out when announcements may be published in order to rebut a materially false or inappropriate statement.

#### Part II.

Amends GS 58-19-5, setting out terms used in the Insurance Holding Company System Regulatory Act to add and define the terms *group capital calculation*, *lead state commissioner*, *limited group capital filing*, *liquidity stress test*, *NAIC*, *NAIC liquidity stress test framework*, *reciprocal jurisdiction*, and *scope criteria*.

Amends GS 59-19-25 to specify that the statute's exemption on disclosing information on the registration statement if the information is not material for the purposes of the statute does not apply to the new statutes above. Makes additional conforming changes. Makes conforming changes to GS 58-19-15.

Amends GS 58-19-40 by setting out confidentiality requirements for information provided to the Department of Insurance under the new statutes. Specifies that documents, materials, or other information in the possession or control of the Department of Insurance that are obtained by or disclosed to the Commissioner or any other person in the course of an examination or investigation made under GS 58-19-35, and all information reported or provided to the Department pursuant to subdivisions (11a) and (11b) of GS 58-19-15(b), GS 58-19-25, GS 58-19-30, and GS 58-19-38 are recognized by this State as being proprietary and to contain trade secrets. Allows the Commissioner to share proprietary and trade secret documents with state, federal, and internal regulatory agencies, and the NAIC. Also allows those documents and others already listed to be shared with any third-party consultants designated by the Commissioner. Allows entering into written agreements with any third-party consultant designated by the Commissioner governing sharing and use of information provided under the Article and amends the conditions that must be met in those circumstances, including issues around confidentiality, ownership of information, prohibitions on storage of information, notice requirements, consent to intervention in judicial or administrative actions, and notification when sharing documents with a third-party consultant. Makes conforming changes.

#### Part III.

Effective January 1, 2026.

**Intro. by Johnson, Britt, Settle.**

GS 58

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**Business and Commerce, Insurance, Government, State Agencies, Department of Insurance**

## LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 51 (2025-2026) [SCHCALFLEX/ORANGE,CH-CAR,CASWELL/CC & ASSMNTS](#). Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO CASWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS, CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO CITY SCHOOLS, AND ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR*.

Amends GS 115C-84.2(d) to authorize local boards of education to align the calendar of schools in the local school administrative unit with the calendar of a community college serving the city or county in which the unit is located. Also amends GS 115C-174.12 to allow a local board of education that has implemented a school calendar that ends the fall semester before December 31 to administer assessments prior to the conclusion of that semester. Applies only to Caswell County Schools, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, and Orange County Schools. Applies beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

**Intro. by Price, Buansi.**

Caswell, Orange, GS 115C

H 58 (2025-2026) [EXTEND ELECTED OFFICIALS' TERMS/KITTRELL](#). Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWN OF KITTRELL FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS.*

Amends Section 3 of the Kittrell Town Charter, SL 1885-136, so that beginning at the regular municipal election in 2025 and quadrennially thereafter, the mayor and the commissioners will be elected for four-year terms.

**Intro. by Winslow.**

UNCODIFIED, [Vance](#)

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**Government, Elections**

### LOCAL/SENATE BILLS

S 46 (2025-2026) [LINCOLN/CATAWBA COMMON BOUNDARY LINE](#). Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN LINCOLN COUNTY AND CATAWBA COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY LINE THAT IS USED BY THE COUNTIES FOR TAXATION PURPOSES AND REFLECTED IN THE COUNTIES' GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS MAPS.*

Identical to [H 41](#), filed 2/3/25.

Sets the legal boundary line between Lincoln County and Catawba County as the recognized common boundary line used by those counties for taxation purposes and reflected in the counties' geographic information systems maps. Specifies that any completed county boundary survey delivered by the North Carolina Geodetic Survey (NCGS) in accordance with Article 3 of GS Chapter 153A in 2024 that is not consistent with the above provision is not binding upon Lincoln and Catawba counties and must not be used by either county as a common boundary between them. Requires the NCGS or its contractors, no later than 42 months after the date this act becomes effective, to locate, survey, mark, and map the boundary line described above, and requires Lincoln County to pay for this work. Requires that the survey plat be recorded in the office of the register of deeds of each county in the manner provided by law for the recordation of maps or plats and in the Secretary of State's office.

Requires on and after the effective date of this act, that all papers, documents, and instruments required or permitted to be filed or registered related to residents or property, be filed in the county where the property is located according to the boundary described above. Specifies that all public records related to residents and property located in areas affected by the establishment of the boundary line above that were filed or recorded before this act's effective date in the adjoining county must remain in the respective adjoining county where filed or recorded, and such records are valid public records as to the property and persons involved, even though they are recorded in an adjoining county where the property is not located as evidenced by the boundary above.

Protects Lincoln County and Catawba County, and any of their agents, employees, or appointed or elected officials from liability to any individual, group, organization, for-profit or not-for-profit business entity of any kind, or governmental entity or agency of any type or kind for any damages, costs, fees, or fines, and prohibits charging court costs for any recommendation, act, failure to act, or conduct related to the provisions of this act and/or the adoption of a fixed boundary line separating the two counties. Also prohibits any court action against and releases from liability Lincoln County and Catawba County and their officials, employees, and agents for any act or failure to act pursuant to the terms of this act.

**Intro. by Alexander.**

UNCODIFIED, [Catawba](#), [Lincoln](#)

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S 49 (2025-2026) [41ST SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 41ST SENATORIAL DISTRICT*.

Blank bill.

**Intro. by Theodros.**

[Mecklenburg](#)

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S 52 (2025-2026) [24TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 24TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT*.

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**Intro. by Britt.**

[Hoke, Robeson, Scotland](#)

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## ACTIONS ON BILLS

### PUBLIC BILLS

#### **H 31: MAKE ELECTION DAY A STATE HOLIDAY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref to the Com on State and Local Government, if favorable, Election Law, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

#### **H 34: ESTABLISH LARCENY OF MAIL OFFENSE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref to the Com on Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

#### **H 35: ESTABLISH MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

*House: Re-ref to the Com on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

#### **H 36: MAINTENANCE OF STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

#### **H 37: ENHANCE FIREFIGHTER BENEFITS & REPRESENTATION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

*House: Withdrawn From Com*



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

**H 43: DESIGNATE STATE BALLOON RALLY.**

*House: Filed*

**H 44: GSC ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 45: GSC MORAL TURPITUDE/OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 46: MAKE HEALTHCARE AFFORDABLE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 47: DISASTER RECOVERY ACT OF 2025 - PART I.**

*House: Filed*

**H 48: INCREASE UI MAX BENEFIT/2025 UI TAX CREDIT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 49: FILIAL DEBT FAIRNESS ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 50: LEO SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE OPTIONS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 52: PROTECT THOSE WHO SERVE & PROTECT ACT OF 2025.**

*House: Filed*

**H 53: INCREASE ACCIDENT THRESHOLDS/SAFE DRIVER PLAN.**

*House: Filed*

**H 54: FUNDS FOR NC APSE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 55: FUNDS FOR THE IGNITE PROGRAM.**

*House: Filed*

**H 56: PUBLISH CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION.**

*House: Filed*

**H 57: ADOPT STATE VETERANS MUSEUM.**

*House: Filed*

**H 59: EXPAND ELDERLY/DISABLED HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION.**

*House: Filed*

**H 60: MODERNIZE MEDICAID DENTAL RATES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 61: ASSAULTS ON FIRST RESPONDERS.**

*House: Filed*

**S 13: CLARIFY INSURANCE FEE REFERRAL CAP.**

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

**S 37: HERTFORD COUNTY RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

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

**S 43: WINDOW TINT/INSPECTION/APPROACH OF LEO.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*  
*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 47: STATE EMPS./NO PAYROLL DUES DEDUCTION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 48: ACCESS TO SPORTS AND EXTRACURRICULARS FOR ALL.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 50: FREEDOM TO CARRY NC.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 51: MAINTAIN NAIC ACCREDITATION OF DOI-AB**

*Senate: Filed*

**LOCAL BILLS**

**H 30: SCHCALFLEX/WS-F,STOKES,DAVDSN/AUG11 &AMP ASSMNTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*  
*House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*  
*House: Withdrawn From Com*  
*House: Re-ref to the Com on State and Local Government, if favorable, Education - K-12, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 32: CHINA GROVE EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*  
*House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*  
*House: Withdrawn From Com*  
*House: Re-ref to the Com on State and Local Government, if favorable, Election Law, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 33: SCHCALFLEX/YADKIN, DAVIE/CC.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*  
*House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*  
*House: Withdrawn From Com*  
*House: Re-ref to the Com on State and Local Government, if favorable, Education - K-12, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 51: SCHCALFLEX/ORANGE,CH-CAR,CASWELL/CC & ASSMNTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 58: EXTEND ELECTED OFFICIALS' TERMS/KITTRELL.**

*House: Filed*

**S 40: 16TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 41: 36TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 42: 21ST SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 44: 20TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 45: 50TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 46: LINCOLN/CATAWBA COMMON BOUNDARY LINE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 49: 41ST SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 52: 24TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Filed*

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