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PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 152 (2025-2026) [ACCESS TO TRANSCRANIAL MAGNETIC STIMULATION](#). Filed Feb 18 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FAIR REIMBURSEMENT OF TRANSCRANIAL MAGNETIC STIMULATION SERVICES UNDER HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS OFFERED IN THIS STATE.*

Enacts new GS 58-3-254 requiring insurers offering a health benefit plan in North Carolina that provides coverage for *transcranial magnetic stimulation* (as defined) to provide coverage for those procedures performed by a healthcare facility or properly licensed healthcare provider for whom ordering, performing, and supervising the treatment of depression and other mental disorders is within their scope of practice. Prohibits plans from penalizing any properly licensed healthcare provider or healthcare facility that properly submits a claim for services related to transcranial magnetic stimulation based on the medical specialty of the healthcare provider or healthcare facility submitting the claim. Adds that it is within the discretion of each insurer offering a health benefit plan in the State that provides coverage for transcranial magnetic stimulation to determine: (1) whether to cover transcranial magnetic stimulation procedures, (2) indications for which transcranial magnetic stimulation procedures must be covered, (3) requirements for coverage for transcranial magnetic stimulation procedures, and (4) reimbursement rates for transcranial magnetic stimulation procedures. Directs that reimbursement rates that differ based on the following are allowed and not considered to be a prohibited penalty: (1) a healthcare provider's participation or lack of participation in an insurer's network; (2) the location where the transcranial magnetic stimulation services are provided; or (3) the level of training, certification, or education of the healthcare provider, within that provider's medical specialty, that has provided the transcranial magnetic stimulation services. Specifies the penalties prohibited under the statute. Amends GS 135-48.51 by making new GS 58-3-254 applicable to the State Health Plan, but specifies that it is the Plan's discretion to determine all aspects of transcranial magnetic stimulation under GS 58-3-254(b). Applies to insurance contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after October 1, 2025.

Intro. by Huneycutt, Lambeth, Potts, Reeder.

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[Health and Human Services, Health, Health Insurance](#)

H 153 (2025-2026) [INCREASE VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION FEE](#). Filed Feb 18 2025, *AN ACT INCREASING THE FEE FOR PERFORMING A VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION.*

Increases the vehicle safety inspection fee from \$12.75 to \$29.15 and the vehicle safety and emissions inspection fee from \$23.17 to \$40.15, as set forth in GS 20-183.7. Effective October 1, 2025.

Intro. by Penny, Moss.

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

H 154 (2025-2026) [RECLAIM STATE ASSETS FROM NCINNOVATION](#). Filed Feb 18 2025, *AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE AND NCINNOVATION AND TO REQUIRE NCINNOVATION TO RETURN STATE FUNDS AND ASSETS.*

Requires the NCInnovation Fund (NCInnovation) to transfer, as if it had been dissolved, (1) all funds, other than excluded amounts and interest earned on excluded amounts and (2) all assets acquired with State funds back to the State upon consulting

with and upon the direction of, the State Controller. Directs the Controller to facilitate the return of those transferred funds and to deposit the funds into the General Fund. Specifies that the deposit of those funds into the General Fund is not a constitutional appropriation made by law. Requires the funds to remain unappropriated until a further appropriations act by the General Assembly. Sixty days after the act becomes law, repeals Article 76A of GS Chapter 143 (establishing NCInnovation as a way to provide grant funding and support services to public university applied researchers working on projects that have commercial applications).

Intro. by Warren, Blust, Howard, Johnson.

GS 143

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Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, UNC System, Office of State Controller, State Government, State Property, Public Enterprises and Utilities

H 156 (2025-2026) **INCREASE ACCESS FOR SMALL EMPLOYERS/INSURANCE**. Filed Feb 18 2025, *AN ACT INCREASING SMALL EMPLOYER ACCESS TO STOP LOSS, CATASTROPHIC, AND REINSURANCE COVERAGE*.

Amends GS 58-50-130 (required health care provisions of the Small Employer Group Health Insurance Reform Act) to allow certain insurers and carriers to provide stop loss, catastrophic, or reinsurance coverage to small employers who employ more than five eligible employees (was, small employers with 12 or more employees). Effective October 1, 2025, and applies to contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after that date.

Intro. by Paré, White, Humphrey, Tyson.

GS 58

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Business and Commerce, Insurance

H 157 (2025-2026) **STATE OF THE STATE INVITATION**. Filed Feb 18 2025, *A JOINT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR JOSH STEIN, TO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE*.

Requires the appointment of a committee of Representatives and Senators to invite Governor Stein to address a joint session of the House of Representative and Senate on March 12, 2025, at 7:00 pm. Invites cabinet members, members of the Council of State, Justices of the Supreme Court and judges of the Court of Appeals to attend the joint session.

Intro. by Bell.

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S 115 (2025-2026) **GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS**. Filed Feb 17 2025, *AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE*.

Senate amendment to the 1st edition changes the expiration date of the named appointee to the Special Superior Court Judge from January 1, 2032, to December 31, 2032.

Intro. by Rabon.

UNCODIFIED

S 117 (2025-2026) **GSC UNIFORM COMM. CODE/EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES**. Filed Feb 18 2025, *AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE TO GOVERN TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING CERTAIN EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.*

Part I.

Adds new Article 12, pertaining to Controllable Electronic Records, to GS Chapter 25 (the Uniform Commercial Code). Sets forth eleven defined terms. Specifies that GS Chapter 25, Article 9 (pertaining to secured transactions) prevails if there is a conflict between Article 12 and that article.

Applies new Article 12 to the acquisition and purchase of rights in a controllable account (defined) or controllable payment intangible (defined) of a purchaser and qualifying purchaser in the same way that the section applies to a controllable electronic record (defined). Sets forth rules to determine whether a purchaser of a controllable account or a controllable payment intangible is a qualifying purchaser. Provides for a shelter principle and purchase of limited interest; the rights of a qualifying purchaser in a controllable electronic record; a limitation of rights of the qualifying purchaser in other property; rules for notice; limitation on filing of an action related to a qualifying purchaser's purchase of a controllable electronic record; a general rule for control of a controllable electronic record, including through control of another person; and discharge of an account debtor on a controllable account or controllable payment intangible by paying certain persons.

Provides for rules for governing law, jurisdiction, citation and construction, including consumer laws.

Part II.

Makes technical, clarifying and organizational changes to the definitions set forth in GS 25-9-102 and conforming changes to account for new GS Chapter 25, Article 12 and removal of defined term *authenticate*. Adds new terms *assignee, assignor, beneficiary, control, controllable account, money, electronic money, tangible money, protected purchaser, qualified purchaser*. Modifies terms *account* and *chattel paper*. Removes defined terms *authenticate, electronic chattel paper, send in connection with a record or notification, tangible chattel paper*. Adds fourth category of exceptions (writings that evidence chattel paper) to defined term *instrument*.

Amends GS 25-9-104 (pertaining to control of deposit accounts) to increase the instances that would show that a secured party has control of a deposit account from three to four. Makes technical and conforming changes to account for removal of defined term *authenticated*.

Amends title of GS 25-9-105 to now pertain to control of electronic copy of record evidencing chattel paper (currently control of electronic chattel paper). Establishes a general rule for purchaser control of that electronic copy, including system requirements for one administrative copy along with one or more administrative copies.

Creates new GS 25-9-105.1, pertaining to control of electronic money, whether by one person, shared control, or control through another person.

Creates new GS 25-9-107.1 pertaining to control of controllable electronic records, controllable accounts, or controllable payment intangible by secured parties.

Creates new GS 25-9-107.2, establishing instances, including when a person has control under GS 25-9-104 (deposit accounts), GS 25-9-105 (electronic copies of records evidencing chattel paper), or GS 25-9-105.1 (electronic money) where no duty or requirement to acknowledge such control exists.

Amends GS 25-9-203, pertaining to attachment and enforceability of security interests, proceeds, including supporting obligations and formal requisites, as follows. Increases the conditions where a security interest is enforceable to include instances involving chattel paper where the secured party has possession and control pursuant to the debtor's security agreement. Makes technical and conforming changes to account for changes to defined terms, discussed above and new statutes.

Amends GS 25-9-204 (pertaining to after acquired property) to set forth three instances when the statute does not prevent a security interest from attaching. Makes technical changes.

Amends GS 25-9-208 (additional duties of secured party having control of collateral) to set forth additional duties pertaining to control of: (1) authoritative electronic copies of a record evidencing chattel paper and (2) authoritative electronic copies of an electronic document. Makes technical and conforming changes to account for new statutes and amended definitions.

Makes technical changes, organizational changes, and conforming changes to GS 25-9-209 (pertaining to the duties of a secured party if the account debtor has been notified of assignment) to account for amended definitions and new statutes.

Provides that the local law of a bank's jurisdiction governs perfection and priority of security interests in deposit accounts under GS 25-9-304 (law governing perfection and priority of security interests) even if the transaction does not bear any relation to the bank's jurisdiction. Makes technical changes.

Provides that when a local law governs perfection, the effect of perfection or nonperfection, and the priority of a security interest under GS 25-9-305 in uncertified securities, security entitlement or securities accounts, or a commodity contract/account even if the transaction does not bear any relation to the jurisdiction. Makes technical changes.

Adds new GS 25-9-306.1 (pertaining to the law governing perfection and priority of security interests in chattel paper) and GS 25-9-306.2 (pertaining to the law governing perfection and priority of security interests in controllable accounts, controllable electronic records, and controllable payment intangibles).

Amends GS 25-9-312 (perfection of security interest in certain types of documents) to set forth a rule of perfection for a security interest in electronic money. Makes technical and conforming changes.

Adds new GS 25-9-314.1 (pertaining to perfection by possession and control of chattel paper).

Amends GS 25-9-316 (effect of change in governing law) to include chattel paper and controllable electronic records in rules governing changes of jurisdiction. Makes technical and conforming changes.

Amends GS 25-9-317 (interests that take priority over or take free of security interest or agricultural lien) as follows. Sets forth instances when buyers of electronic documents, controllable electronic records, and controllable accounts and controllable payment intangibles take free of a security interest, which trump the statute's general rule pertaining to when buyers of certain collateral take free of a security interest. Makes technical and conforming changes.

Amends GS 25-9-323 (pertaining to future advances) to remove exceptions for buyers and lessees of goods in the ordinary course of business in instances where those persons takes the interest free of a security interest. Makes technical and conforming changes.

Adds new GS 25-9-326.1 (pertaining to priority of security interest in controllable account, controllable electronic record, and controllable payment intangible).

Amends rules pertaining to purchaser of chattel paper's priority over (1) a security interest in the chattel paper claimed merely as proceeds of inventory subject to a security interest and (2) a security interest in the chattel paper claimed other than merely as proceeds of inventory subject to a security interest under GS 25-9-330. Makes technical, clarifying, and conforming changes.

Amends rules pertaining to transfer of tangible money, electronic money, and transfers of funds from deposit accounts under GS 25-9-332. Makes technical and conforming changes.

Amends GS 25-9-406 (pertaining to discharge of account debtor; notification of assignment; identification and proof of assignment; restrictions on assignment of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, and promissory notes ineffective) to specify that its sections on (1) discharge of an account debtor, (2) the effect of notification, (3) rules governing when notifications are ineffective, (4) proof of assignment, and (5) provision stating that an account debtor may not waive or vary its option to certain forms of notice asking for less than the full amount of the installment or other periodic payment to assignee, do not apply to a controllable account or controllable payment intangible. Makes technical and conforming changes.

Specifies that *promissory note* includes a negotiable instrument that evidences chattel paper in GS 25-9-408 (pertaining to restrictions on assignments of promissory notes, health-care-insurance receivables, and certain general intangibles ineffective). Makes technical and conforming changes.

Makes technical, clarifying, and conforming changes to GS 25-9-207 (pertaining to the rights and duties of a secured party having possession or control of collateral); GS 25-9-210 (pertaining to requests for accounting); GS 25-9-301 (law governing perfection and priority of security interests); GS 25-9-310 (pertaining to when filing is required to perfect security interest or agricultural lien); GS 25-9-313 (pertaining to when possession by or delivery to secured party perfects a security interest without filing); GS 25-9-314 (perfection by control); GS 25-9-324 (priority of purchase-money security interests); GS 25-9-331 (priority rights and priority interests); GS 25-9-334 (priority of security interests in fixtures and crops); GS 25-9-341 (pertaining to a bank's rights and duties with respect to a deposit account); GS 25-9-404 (pertaining to rights acquired by assignee and claims and defenses against an assignee); and GS 25-9-509 (persons entitled to file a record).

Amends GS 25-9-513 as follows. Requires a demand from a debtor to be signed instead of authenticated.

Amends GS 25-9-601 by adding to the list of statutes under which a secured party in possession of collateral or control of collateral has rights and duties as provided under GS 25-9-207 (rights and duties of secured party having possession or control of collateral).

Amends GS 25-9-605 which sets out when a secured party does not owe a duty based on its status as a secured person, by adding an exception that sets out when a secured party owes a duty.

Amends GS 25-9-608 to require a demand be signed instead of authenticated.

Amends GS 25-9-611 to require the notification of disposition be signed instead of authenticated.

Amends GS 25-9-613 by modifying the content of the statutory form for "Notification of Disposition of Collateral." Sets out instructions for completing the form.

Amends GS 25-9-614 by modifying the content of the statutory form for "Notice of Our Plan to Sell Property." Sets out instructions for completing the form.

Amends GS 25-9-615 to require that a demand for proceeds be signed instead of authenticated.

Amends GS 25-9-616 by amending the definition of "request" so that it applies to records that have been signed instead of authenticated. Amends the options available when a debtor is entitled to a surplus or a consumer obligor is liable for a deficiency, to include requiring the secured party send an explanation after the disposition and before or when the secured party accounts to the debtor and pays any surplus or first makes demand in a record (was, makes written demand) on the consumer obligor after the disposition for payment of the deficiency, or within 14 days after receipt of a request. Changes references to a writing to an explanation.

Requires that transfer statements under GS 25-9-619 be signed instead of authenticated.

Requires that the following documents under GS 25-9-620 concerning (acceptance of collateral in full or partial satisfactions of obligations) be signed instead of authenticated: (1) notification of objection to the proposal; (2) consent of the secured party of the acceptance of collateral; (3) agreement of the debtor of the terms of the acceptance of collateral in partial satisfaction of the debt signed after default; (4) agreement of the debtor of the terms of the acceptance of collateral in full satisfaction of the debt signed after default when the listed conditions apply.

Amends GS 25-9-621 to require that a notification of a claim of an interest in the collateral be signed instead of authenticated.

Amends GS 25-9-624 to require that a waiver of disposition notification, waiver of mandatory disposition, and waiver of redemption right be signed instead of authenticated.

Amends GS 25-6-628 by adding in an exception to the limitation of liability under the statute.

Part III.

Amends GS 25-1-201, which sets out definitions that apply to GS Chapter 25, by amending the definition of *conspicuous*, *delivery*, *holder*, *person*, *send*, and *signed*. Amends the definition of *money* so that it excludes from an electronic record that is a medium of exchange recorded and transferable in a system that existed and operated for the medium of exchange before the medium of exchange was authorized or adopted by the government. Adds and defines the term *electronic*.

Makes conforming changes to account for new Article 12.

Amends GS 25-1-306 to refer to a signed record instead of an authenticated record.

Requires that the Revisor of Statutes redesignate subunits and make any necessary conforming changes in sections of Article 2 and 2A of GS Chapter 25 that are not amended by this act.

Amends GS 25-2-102 by amending the scope of Article 2, Sales.

Adds to the defined terms in GS 25-2-103: *contract for sale*, and *cover*.

Amends GS 25-2-106 by adding a definition of the term hybrid transaction.

Amends GS 25-2-201 to refer to a record of a contact instead of a writing. Makes conforming changes to GS 25-2-203, GS 25-2-205, and GS 25-2-209.

Amends GS 25-2-202 to refer to a record, instead of a writing, of a final expression of an agreement between parties.

Amends GS 25-2A-102 by amending the Scope of Article 2A, Leases, to include a hybrid lease.

Amends the definitions for Article 2A under GS 25-2A-103 by adding and defining by cross-reference the terms *chattel paper*, *hybrid lease*, and *purchase money lease*.

Amends GS 25-2A-107 to allow discharge of a claim or right arising out of an alleged default or breach of warranty by a waiver or renunciation in a signed record (was, signed and written) delivered by the aggrieved party.

Makes changes throughout statutes in Articles 2A and 4A by referring to records instead of writings.

Amends GS 25-3-104 by amending the conditions to be met in order for a promise or order to be considered a negotiable instrument.

Amends GS 25-3-105, concerning issue of instrument, by including as "issue," if agreed by the payee, the first transmission by the drawer to the payee of an image of an item and information derived from the item that enables the depository bank to collect the item by transferring or presenting under federal law an electronic check.

Amends GS 25-3-401, concerning signatures necessary for liability on an instrument, by removing the ways in which the signature may be made.

Amends GS 25-3-604 by adding that the obligation of a party to pay a check is not discharged solely by destruction of the check in connection with a process in which information is extracted from the check and an image of the check is made and, subsequently, the information and image are transmitted for payment.

Amends the definitions that apply to Article 4A (Funds Transfers) under GS 25-4A-103 by removing from the definition of payment order, one that is submitted electronically.

Amends GS 25-4A-201 to provide that a security procedure may impose an obligation on the receiving bank or the customer and may require the use of algorithms or other codes, identifying words, numbers, symbols, sounds, biometrics, encryption, call-back procedures, or similar security device. Also provides that requiring a payment order to be sent from a known email address, or telephone number is not by itself a security procedure.

Amends GS 25-4A-202 to require that payment orders be accepted and processed according to the bank's obligations.

Amends GS 25-4A-210 to allow a payment order to be rejected by the receiving bank by a notice of rejection transmitted to the sender orally or in a record (was, orally, electronically, or in writing).

Amends GS 25-4A-211 to allow a communication of the sender of a payment order cancelling or amending the order to be transmitted orally or in a record (was, orally, electronically, or in writing).

Changes the requirement under GS 25-4A-305(c) and (d) (liability for late or improper execution or failure to execute payment order) that recovery of additional damages must be provided for in an express written agreement of the receiving bank to an express agreement of the receiving bank, evidenced by a record.

Amends GS 25-5-104 to allow a letter of credit, confirmation, advice, transfer, amendment, or cancellation to be issued in any form that is a signed record (was, record that is authenticated by signature or in accordance with the agreement of the parties or

the standard practice).

Amends GS 25-5-116, concerning choice of law and forum by adding that a branch of a bank is considered to be located at the address indicated in the branch's undertaking and specifies how to determine the branch location when more than one address is indicated.

Amends GS 25-7-106, concerning the control of electronic document of title, as follows. Adds requirements to be met in order for a system to have satisfied the statute and a person to have control of an electronic document of title. Also sets out conditions under which a person has exclusive power. Provides that a power of a person is not shared with another person and the person's power is no exclusive if the specified conditions apply. Gives a person control of an electronic document of title even if another person has control of the document, in specified circumstances.

Amends the definition of terms used in Article 8, Investment Securities, in GS 25-8-102 by adding and defining by cross-reference the terms *controllable account*, *controllable electronic record*, and *controllable payment intangible*.

Amends GS 25-8-103 by adding that a controllable account, controllable electronic record, or controllable payment intangible is not a financial asset unless the following applies: any property that is held by a securities intermediary for another person in a securities account if the securities intermediary has expressly agreed with the other person that the property is to be treated as a financial asset.

Amends GS 25-8-106 by amending the conditions under which a purchaser is considered to have control of a security entitlement. Adds provisions related to a person's acknowledgment that they have control.

Amends GS 25-8-110 by adding when the local law of the issuer's jurisdiction or the securities intermediary's jurisdiction governs a specified matter or transaction.

Makes additional technical and conforming changes .

Part IV.

Amends the definitions in GS 44A-40, applicable to Article 4 (Self-Service Storage Facilities) by amending the definition of *independent bidder*, and *owner*.

Part V.

Sets out transitional provisions for UCC Amendments, including definitions to be used in Part V.

Provides that unless specified elsewhere, amended GS Chapter 25 Articles 9 and 12 apply to a transaction, lien, or other interest in property, even if the transaction, lien, or interest was entered into, created, or acquired before this act's effective date.

Provides for the continuing validity of transactions, liens, or interests in property that were entered into, created or transferred before the act's effective date and that were not previously governed by GS Chapter 25.

Provides that the act does not affect an action, cause, or proceeding commenced before the effective date of this act.

Sets out provisions that apply to security interests that are perfected before the act's effective date.

Sets out provisions that apply to security interests that are enforceable immediately before the act's effective date but where unperfected at that time.

Makes an action that is taken before the act's effective date that would have resulted in perfection of the security interest had the interest become enforceable before the act's effective date, effective to perfect a security interest that attaches under this act before the adjustment date.

Makes the filing of a financing statement before the act's effective date effective to perfect a security interest on the act's effective date to the extent the filing would satisfy the requirements for perfection under this act.

Make the taking of an action before this act's effective date sufficient for the enforceability of a security interest on the act's effective date if the action would satisfy the requirements for enforceability under this act.

Sets out provisions governing the determination of priority, established priorities, and the determination of certain priorities on the adjustment date. Also sets out provisions governing the priority of claims when priority rules of Article 9 do not apply.

Part VI.

Requires the Revisor of Statutes to print as annotations the published General Statutes all relevant portions of the Official Comments to the Uniform Commercial Code and all explanatory comments of the drafters as deemed appropriate by the Revisor.

Provides that the act becomes effective October 1, 2025.

Makes additional organizational, technical and clarifying changes throughout the act.

Intro. by Galey, B. Newton, Britt.

GS 25

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Business and Commerce, Courts/Judiciary, Civil

S 118 (2025-2026) [MILITARY VETERAN/REDUCE CCW PERMIT FEE](#). Filed Feb 18 2025, *AN ACT TO REDUCE THE CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FEES FOR A PERSON WHO WAS DISCHARGED HONORABLY OR UNDER GENERAL HONORABLE CONDITIONS FROM MILITARY SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.*

Sets the concealed handgun permit fee under GS 14-415.19 for veterans who were discharged honorably or under general honorable conditions from military service in the Armed Forces of the United States at the same reduced rate as a retired sworn law enforcement officer. Requires veterans to submit proof of conditions of discharge through a Form DD-214 or other documentation. Directs that the fee proceeds from such permits will also be remitted to the NC Department of Public Safety to cover the cost of performing the State and federal criminal record checks performed in connection with processing applications and for the implementation of the provisions of the Article.

Applies to applications for concealed handgun permits and renewals submitted on or after July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Lazzara, Sawyer, Daniel.

GS 14

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Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Military and Veteran's Affairs

S 120 (2025-2026) [REMOVE BARRIERS TO LABOR ORGANIZING](#). Filed Feb 18 2025, *AN ACT PROVIDING LABOR ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE UNABRIDGED RIGHT TO ENTER INTO LABOR AGREEMENTS AND REPEALING RESTRICTIONS ON LABOR ORGANIZING BY PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.*

Repeals GS 95-79, which made illegal (1) an agreement between an employer and any labor union or labor organization where persons who were not members are denied the right to work for the employer, where membership is a condition of employment, or where the union or organization acquires an employment monopoly in any enterprise or (2) any provision that conditions the purchase of agricultural products, the terms of an agreement for the purchase of agricultural products, or the terms of an agreement not to sue or settle litigation upon an agricultural producer's status as a union or nonunion employer or entry into or refusal to enter into an agreement with a labor union or labor organization. Amends GS 95-78 to make it the State's public policy that the right of persons to work must not be denied or abridged (was, denied or abridged on account of membership or non-membership in any labor union or labor organization or association). Also declares it to be public policy that the rights of labor organizations and associations to enter into labor agreements must not be denied or abridged.

Makes conforming deletions of GS 95-80 (prohibiting membership in labor organizations as a condition of employment) and GS 95-82 (prohibiting payment of dues as a condition of employment).

Amends GS 95-83 by making conforming and clarifying changes.

Repeals Article 12 of GS Chapter 95, concerning units of government and labor unions, trade unions, and labor organizations, and public employee strikes.

Intro. by Grafstein, Meyer, Murdock.

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[Agriculture, Employment and Retirement](#)

LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 151 (2025-2026) [SCHCALFLEX/WAKE/CC](#). Filed Feb 18 2025, *AN ACT TO ALLOW WAKE COUNTY SCHOOLS TO ALIGN THEIR SCHOOL CALENDAR WITH THE SCHOOL CALENDAR OF LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES*.

Under current law, GS 115C-84.2(d) provides authority to local boards of education to determine the opening and closing dates for public schools under GS 115C-84.2(a)(1). However, the local boards must comply with specified parameters for the opening and closing dates of public schools as provided in GS 115C-84.2(d). Subsection (d) also provides criteria under which the State Board of Education may waive those requirements upon a showing of good cause by a local board of education.

As the title indicates, permits the local board of education for Wake County Schools to align their calendar with the calendar of a community college serving in the city or county in which the school unit is located notwithstanding the requirements of GS 115C-84.2(d). Applies beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

Intro. by Paré, Longest, Dahle, Johnson-Hostler.

[Wake, GS 115C](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

H 155 (2025-2026) [SCHCALFLEX/WILKES,ALEXANDER/OPEN CAL](#). Filed Feb 18 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO WILKES COUNTY SCHOOLS AND ALEXANDER COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR*.

Under current law, GS 115C-84.2(d) sets the parameters within which local boards of education must determine the opening and closing dates of public schools under subdivision (a)(1) of this statute. Amends GS 115C-84.2(d) to provide the local boards of education for the Wilkes County and Alexander County Schools with additional flexibility in adopting their school calendars by removing the specified opening and closing dates. Applies beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

Intro. by Eddins.

[Alexander, Wilkes, GS 115C](#)

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S 116 (2025-2026) [RESTORE DOWN-ZONING AUTH./PITT CO](#). Filed Feb 18 2025, *AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN PITT COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES IN PITT COUNTY*.

Amends GS 160D-601(d), as amended by Section 3K.1 of SL 2024-57, as follows. Allows down-zoning amendments to be initiated by a local government without the written consent of all property owners whose property is the subject of the amendment. Removes prohibition on enacting such amendments without the written consent of the property owners whose property owners are subject to the amendment, but specifies that such amendments cannot be initiated or enforced without such written consent. Narrows the list of what is considered down-zoning under the statute by removing a zoning ordinance that

affects an area of land by creating any type of nonconformity on land not in a residential zoning district, including a nonconforming use, nonconforming lot, nonconforming structure, nonconforming improvement, or nonconforming site element. Applicable only to Pitt County and the municipalities located therein. Effective when the act becomes law and applies retroactively to December 11, 2024. Directs that any adopted ordinance affected by Section 3K.1 of SL 2024-57 will be in effect as it was on or before December 11, 2024.

Intro. by Smith.

Pitt, GS 160D

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Land Use, Planning and Zoning

S 119 (2025-2026) **CREEDMOOR ANNEXATIONS/DEANNEXATION**. Filed Feb 18 2025, *AN ACT TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CREEDMOOR AND TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CREEDMOOR.*

Section 1.

Adds 168 parcels, as described by references to the Granville County Tax Office Parcel ID Number to the corporate limits of the City of Creedmoor, effective June 30, 2025. Deems property in the described territory as of January 1, 2025, subject to municipal taxes for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

Section 2.

Removes one parcel, as described, from the corporate limits of the City of Creedmoor. Provides a savings clause for the validity of any liens of the City for outstanding ad valorem taxes or special assessments. Effective June 30, 2025. Deems property in the described territory as of January 1, 2025, no longer subject to municipal taxes for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Everitt.

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ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

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

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 02/25/2025

H 129: JUDGE JOE JOHN NONPARTISAN JUD. ELECTIONS ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 130: AGRICULTURE CROPS DISASTER RELIEF.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 131: REENACT SOLAR ENERGY TAX CREDIT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 133: NC FARMLAND AND MILITARY PROTECTION ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Commerce and Economic Development, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 134: PROHIBIT MISBRANDING OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Health, if favorable, Commerce and Economic Development, if favorable, Agriculture and Environment, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 135: MISBRANDING/CELL-CULTURED MEAT/ENV. ASSESS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Finance, if favorable, Health, if favorable, Commerce and Economic Development, if favorable, Agriculture and Environment, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 137: GABE TORRES ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 139: BABY BOXES/NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Judiciary 2, if favorable, Health, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 140: AUTHORIZE GULLAH GEECHEE HERITAGE TRAIL.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on State and Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 141: THE JOE JOHN REMEMBRANCE ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 142: IMPLEMENT ZERO-BASED BUDGETING.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Judiciary 3, if favorable, Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 144: ELECT SBE/SUPERINTENDENT AS SBE CHAIR.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 152: ACCESS TO TRANSCRANIAL MAGNETIC STIMULATION.

House: Filed

H 153: INCREASE VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION FEE.

House: Filed

H 154: RECLAIM STATE ASSETS FROM NCINNOVATION.

House: Filed

H 156: INCREASE ACCESS FOR SMALL EMPLOYERS/INSURANCE.

House: Filed

H 157: STATE OF THE STATE INVITATION.

House: Filed

S 104: SENATE BOG ELECTIONS.

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Adopted

S 105: CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES ACT.-AB

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 106: FUNDS/ON SLOW WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 107: JUDGE JOE JOHN NONPARTISAN JUD. ELECTIONS ACT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 109: VETERANS APPRECIATION ACT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 110: NORTH CAROLINA WORK AND SAVE.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 112: SCHOOL FINANCIAL FLEXIBILITY PILOT PROGRAM.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 113: REMOVAL OF SQUATTERS FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 114: FUNDS FOR PITT CO. BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 115: GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Amend Adopted A1

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Engrossed

S 117: GSC UNIFORM COMM. CODE/EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES.

Senate: Filed

S 118: MILITARY VETERAN/REDUCE CCW PERMIT FEE.

Senate: Filed

S 120: REMOVE BARRIERS TO LABOR ORGANIZING.

Senate: Filed

LOCAL BILLS

H 132: SCHCALFLEX/CUMBERLAND/OPEN CAL.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Education - K-12, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 136: TOWN OF FAITH/FOUR-YEAR TERMS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 138: SCHCALFLEX/GATES/CC.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Education - K-12, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 143: MAYSVILLE OCCUPANCY TAX.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 151: SCHCALFLEX/WAKE/CC.

House: Filed

H 155: SCHCALFLEX/WILKES,ALEXANDER/OPEN CAL.

House: Filed

S 108: 10TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 111: 15TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 116: RESTORE DOWN-ZONING AUTH./PITT CO.

Senate: Filed

S 119: CREEDMOOR ANNEXATIONS/DEANNEXATION.

Senate: Filed

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