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PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 159 (2025-2026) [ORPHAN ROADS MAINTENANCE PROGRAM GRANT](#). Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ORPHAN ROADS MAINTENANCE PROGRAM GRANT*.

Creates the Orphan Roads Maintenance Program Grant Fund within the Department of Transportation (DOT), for the improvement of subdivision streets that don't meet the DOT standards for addition to the State highway system or multiple street system for maintenance.

Appropriates \$75 million to the DOT from the Highway Fund for 2025-26 to establish the Orphan Roads Fund.

Requires the Secretary of Transportation to establish procedures and adopt rules for awarding funds to counties or municipality from the orphan roads fund, and provides applicable requirements to be incorporated into the rules, including a local funding match.

Effective July 1, 2025. Repealed effective June 30, 2030, and then the DOT must transfer any unused funds to the Highway Fund.

Intro. by Winslow, Tyson.

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Transportation, Local Government, Transportation](#)

H 160 (2025-2026) [JOEL H. CRISP SUDEP AWARENESS LAW](#). Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE'S AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS TO COMPILE AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON SUDDEN UNEXPECTED DEATH IN EPILEPSY INFORMATION TO HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND PROVIDE A CORRESPONDING REPORT TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES*.

Requires UNC's School of Medicine's Area Health Education Center (UNC AHEC) to consult with the Department of Health and Human Services, the North Carolina Medical Board, North Carolina Board of Nursing, North Carolina Medical Society, North Carolina Pediatric Society, North Carolina Board of Pharmacy, North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians, and the North Carolina Nurses Association to gather evidence-based information on sudden unexpected death in epilepsy from publications and nonprofit organizations to create standard information to provide to all health care practitioners in this State. Specifies that the information must include, at a minimum, current and evidence-based information about sudden unexpected death in epilepsy risk factors and conditions and contact information for nonprofit organizations that provide support services for epilepsy conditions. Requires that the information be made available on the NC AHEC's website and readily accessible to health care practitioners in this State. Requires NC AHEC to report to the specified NCGA committee a completed summary or booklet of information provided to health care practitioners in the report by no later than September 1, 2025.

Intro. by Gillespie, Potts, White, Cunningham.

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Government, State Agencies, UNC System, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Public Health

H 162 (2025-2026) **LOCAL GOV'T APPLICANTS/CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK.** Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT PROVIDING THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES SHALL REQUIRE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT IF THE POSITION BEING FILLED REQUIRES THE APPLICANT TO WORK WITH CHILDREN IN ANY CAPACITY.*

Directs local governments in GS 153A-94.2 (counties) and GS 160A-164.2 (cities and towns) to require criminal history record checks for any job that requires the new hire to work with children in any capacity. Makes technical corrections. Applies to applications for employment on or after October 1, 2025.

Intro. by Loftis, N. Jackson, Ward, Kidwell.

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

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Employment and Retirement, Government, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Child Welfare

H 163 (2025-2026) **PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER PROVISIONS.** Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO REGULATE THE USE OF SPREAD PRICING AND CONCESSIONS BY PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS, TO ESTABLISH UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR THE TREATMENT OF SPECIALTY PHARMACY ACCREDITATION BY PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS, TO CLARIFY THE RIGHT TO A PHARMACY OF CHOICE, AND TO STRENGTHEN THE PROTECTIONS PROVIDED TO PHARMACIES DURING AUDITS.*

Section 1.

Prohibits a pharmacy benefits manager (Manager), in new GS 58-58A-6, from charging an insurer offering a health benefit plan a price for a prescription drug that differs from the amount the pharmacy benefits manager directly or indirectly pays the pharmacy or pharmacist for providing pharmacist services under that same health benefit plan. Adds four new terms to GS 58-56A-1 (definitions provision of the pharmacy benefits management article in GS Chapter 58), including *concession* (a reduction in the cost of a prescription drug that a pharmacy benefits manager negotiates with a drug manufacturer or wholesale distributor. A concession includes fees, discounts, rebates, or other reductions in the cost to the pharmacy benefits manager. A concession does not include a bona fide service or administrative fee.) Directs a Manager, in GS 58-56A-3(c3), when calculating an insured's out-of-pocket cost for a covered prescription drug, to base the calculation on the net price of the prescription drug after taking into account all concessions associated with that prescription drug that the pharmacy benefits manager has received or will receive. Specifies that the current retail price cannot be used when calculating an insured's out-of-pocket cost for a prescription drug if the pharmacy benefits manager has received, is receiving, or will receive any concessions associated with that particular prescription drug.

Prevents a Manager from charging a pharmacy or pharmacist a fee related to the adjudication of a claim under GS 58-56-A4 (currently, a Manager can charge such a fee if certain conditions are met). Prohibits Managers from engaging in any of six listed practices, including basing pharmacy reimbursement on patient outcomes, scores, or metrics. Requires pharmacies and pharmacists to obtain a specialty pharmacy accreditation under the NC Pharmacy Practice Act when dispensing certain specialty drugs (as defined). Narrows the circumstances in which a claim may be retroactively denied or reduced, by disallowing retroactive denials or reductions when the adjustments are part of an attempt to limit overpayment recovery efforts by a Manager. Makes conforming changes.

Prohibits Managers, in GS 58-56A-15, from: (1) requiring multiple specialty pharmacy accreditations as a prerequisite for participation in a retail pharmacy network that dispenses specialty drugs; (2) from denying the right of any properly licensed pharmacist or pharmacy that has a specialty drug accreditation to participate in a retail pharmacy network that includes network participants that dispense specialty drugs on the same terms and conditions of other similarly situated participants in

the network; and (3) from charging a pharmacist or pharmacy a fee related to participating in a retail pharmacy network. Makes a technical change.

Requires Managers, effective April 1, 2026, to submit quarterly reports under new GS 58-56A-22 on the four listed matters to the Insurance Commissioner. Designates the report information confidential and not subject to disclosure under State public records law. Starting August 1, 2026, requires the Commissioner to submit an annual report based on aggregate data received by the Managers. Requires posting of the report to the Department of Insurance (DOI) website.

Amends GS 58-56A-25 by making Article 4C (Pharmacy Audit Rights) of GS Chapter 90 applicable to an audit of a pharmacy or pharmacist by a Manager, insurer, or third-party administrator and specifies that the provisions are enforceable by the Commissioner.

Applies to contracts of insurance issued, renewed, or amended on or after October 1, 2025.

Allows the Commissioner to adopt temporary rules to implement these provisions.

Section 2.

Broadens the scope of GS 58-51-37 (concerning pharmacy of choice) by: (1) removing the exemptions for those entities that have its own facility, employs or contracts with physicians, pharmacists, nurses, and other health care personnel, and that dispenses prescription drugs from its own pharmacy to its employees and to enrollees of its health benefit plan and (2) removing limitation that health benefit plans providing pharmacy services must be providing those services to State residents for the statute to apply. Adds new defined terms *insured* (any individual covered by a health benefit plan) and *insurer*. Amends defined terms *health benefit plan* and *copayment*. Adds an additional prohibited health benefit plan term preventing any such plan from imposing on an insured person any copayment, amount of reimbursement, number of days of a drug supply for which reimbursement will be allowed, or any other payment or condition relating to the purchase of pharmacy services or products, including prescription drugs, from any pharmacy that is more costly or more restrictive than that which would be imposed upon the insured if the same services or products were purchased from either a mail-order pharmacy or any other pharmacy that is willing to provide the same services or products for the same cost and copayment as any mail-order service. Removes the Commissioner's power to impose civil penalties or restitution for violations of the statute under GS 58-2-70. Instead, specifies that a violation of this statute creates a civil cause of action for damages or injunctive relief in favor of any person or pharmacy aggrieved by the violation. Makes clarifying, technical, and organizational changes. Recodifies the term *generic equivalent* in GS 58-56A-3 (consumer protections) to GS 58-56A-1 (definitions provision of the article).

Further amends those definitions in GS 58-56A-1, as amended by Section 1, discussed above, to include new terms *high-deductible health plan* and *Section 223*. Makes technical and clarifying changes to term *generic equivalent*. Prevents a Manager from prohibiting an insured's selection of a pharmacy or pharmacist with respect to any pharmacy or pharmacist that has agreed to participate as a provider in a health benefit plan's network according to the terms offered by the insurer. Makes other clarifying and conforming changes to GS 58-56A-3. Repeals GS 58-56A-50(c) (applying the provisions of GS 58-51-37 pertaining to pharmacy of choice to Managers with respect to 340B covered entities and 340B contract pharmacies). Applies to contracts of insurance issued, renewed, or amended on or after October 1, 2025.

Allows the Commissioner to adopt temporary rules to implement these provisions.

Section 3.

Narrows the scope of a pharmacy records audit to 25 total prescriptions, including refills (currently, 100 selected prescriptions) under GS 90-85-50 (pharmacy rights during audit by insurer or other entity responsible for payment of a benefits claim). Guarantees the pharmacy written notice of the basis of any additional claims triggered by the audit, including a specific description of any suspected fraud or abuse, at least 14 days prior to any additional audit. Makes technical changes. Requires, in new GS 90-85-52(a1) for the entity conducting the audit to provide the pharmacy with a summary of the total recoupment amount and the date on which the recoupment will be assessed, along with described documentation. Specifies that pharmacy audit rights apply to an audit of a pharmacy or pharmacist conducted by a Manager, insurer, or third-party administrator and is enforceable against these entities by the Commissioner. Applies to audits conducted on or after October 1, 2025. Allows the NC Board of Pharmacy to adopt temporary rules to implement these provisions.

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Government, State Agencies, Department of Insurance, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Health Insurance

H 164 (2025-2026) **PARENTAL CONSENT TO RELEASE CHILD AUTOPSIES**. Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PARENTAL CONSENT REQUIREMENT FOR THE DISCLOSURE OR RELEASE OF CHILD AUTOPSY INFORMATION COMPILED OR PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER*.

Designates listed records and other information that is compiled, prepared, or conducted by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, a pathologist designated by the Chief Medical Examiner, a county medical examiner appointed under GS 130A-382, an investigating medical examiner, or an autopsy center in connection with the death of a child who was under 18 years of age at the time of death, including any autopsy photographs or video or audio recordings, as confidential under new GS 130A-385(d1) (duties of a medical examiner), only to be disclosed or released with the prior written consent of the deceased child's parent or guardian or a person standing in loco parentis to the deceased child to the personal representative of the decedent's estate to enable them to fulfill their duties under law. Specifies that those persons conducting the autopsy are not prevented from disclosing or releasing information or reports when necessary to address public health or safety concerns; for public health purposes, including public health surveillance, investigations, interventions, and evaluations; to facilitate research; to comply with reporting requirements under State or federal law or in connection with State or federal grants; or to comply with any other duties imposed by law. Designates violations of GS 130A-385(d1) a Class 1 misdemeanor. Provides for a special proceeding in the superior court in the county where the death is the subject of the withheld materials if the deceased child's parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis withholds consent for disclosure or release and also provides a right of appeal. Makes conforming changes to GS 130A-389.1 (right of access to photographs and video or audio records made pursuant to autopsy) and GS 132-1.8 (confidentiality protections of photographs and video or audio recordings made pursuant to autopsy).

Effective October 1, 2025.

Intro. by Balkcom, Campbell, Carson Smith, Stevens.

[GS 130A, GS 132](#)

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Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Government, Public Records and Open Meetings, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health

H 165 (2025-2026) **CHILD AND FAMILY WELFARE OMBUDSMAN OFFICE**. Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CHILD AND FAMILY WELFARE OMBUDSMAN OFFICE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES*.

Adds new GS 143B-156.1 establishing a Child and Family Welfare Ombudsman Office (Office) to focus on youth, birth families, and resource parents that are directly involved in the North Carolina child welfare system, within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and reporting directly to DHHS's Secretary. Sets forth five sub-issues of focus. Directs the Office to advocate on behalf of these populations in this State and support their rights to ensure their voices are heard and concerns are addressed. Sets forth requirements for Ombudsmen and Office staff, including that staff have worked or lived experience in the foster care system. Lists nine powers and duties of the Office, including: (1) to investigate and attempt to resolve hindrances and issues for families or individuals seeking approval for licensure as a family foster home or therapeutic foster home and current resource parents navigating compliance with existing State and federal laws and rules; (2) providing information and assistance to resource parents; (3) gathering information through interviews and directly accessing case information within court and State databases; and (4) formulating a process for mediation between parties. Requires the Office to maintain neutrality in exercising its duties. Designates all communication between the Office and prospective resource parents or individuals seeking assistance from the Office as confidential and not to be considered public records under GS Chapter 132. Provides for whistleblower protections to persons for reporting a violation of law or ethical concerns to the Office. Directs the Office to conduct a review of every such report and to determine the correct action to take to protect the whistleblower. Requires the Office, by October 1 of each year, to compile data and submit it to the Office of the Governor and

DHHS detailing the number of inquiries and complaints handled by the Office and trends in recurring issues for resource parents and local county departments of social services, including quantitative and qualitative data, which should be anonymized. Provides for publication of the data on the Office's website. Requires the Office to submit an annual report to the specified NCGA committee based on the data by no later than November 1 of each year. Appropriates \$137,000 for 2025-26 and \$145,000 for 2026-27 to DHHS establish the Office and hire one full-time equivalent employee. Effective July 1, 2025.

Directs DHHS to have the Office operational by January 1, 2026, and engage in appropriate rulemaking to implement the act.

Intro. by Torbett, Loftis.

APPROP, GS 143B

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies,
Department of Health and Human Services, Health and
Human Services, Social Services, Child Welfare**

H 166 (2025-2026) ALLOW ERPOS TO PREVENT SUICIDES & SAVE LIVES. Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER TO RESTRICT TEMPORARILY A PERSON'S ACCESS TO FIREARMS IF THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE PERSON POSES A DANGER OF PHYSICAL HARM TO SELF OR OTHERS AND TO REQUIRE A COURT TO ORDER THE SEIZURE OF ANY FIREARM, AMMUNITION, OR PERMITS THAT A DEFENDANT FAILS TO SURRENDER AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF AN EMERGENCY OR EX PARTE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER.*

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

Allows a family or household member, a current or former spouse or dating partner, a law enforcement officer or agency, or a health care provider to file a verified petition in district court for an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) in any county authorized by the venue provisions set out in GS 1-82 (most commonly where the plaintiff or defendant resides).

Defines family or household member to be (1) a person related by blood, marriage, or adoption to the respondent; (2) a current or former dating partner of the respondent; (3) a person who has a child in common with the respondent; (4) a domestic partner of the respondent; (5) a person who has a biological or legal parent-child relationship with the respondent, including stepparents, stepchildren, grandparents, and grandchildren; and (6) a person who is acting or has acted as the respondent's legal guardian. Sets out information required in the petition, including: (1) a factual allegation that the respondent poses a danger of physical harm to self or others (and in the case of an ex parte ERPO, poses an imminent danger of physical harm to self or others) by having in his or her care, custody, possession, ownership, or control a firearm; (2) an identification of the number, types, and locations of firearms under the respondent's custody or control; (3) an identification of any existing protection order governing the respondent; and (4) an identification of any pending legal action between the petitioner and the respondent.

Clarifies that a petition for an ERPO can be granted without delay regardless of whether there is pending action between the petitioner and the respondent. Provides for a petitioner to use the substitute address designated by the Address Confidentiality Program when filing documents required by new Chapter 50E. Requires a petitioner's address to be kept confidential if the petitioner does not have a current and valid Address Confidentiality Program authorization card if the petitioner submits either specified court orders and a signed statement that the petitioner has good reason to believe that the physical safety of the petitioner or a member of the petitioner's family residing with the petitioner would be jeopardized if the petition's address were open to public inspection. Prohibits the assessment of court costs for filing or service of an ERPO petition or service of any ERPOs. Authorizes electronic filing of all documents filed, issued, registered, or served in an action under new Chapter 50E. Requires annual reporting by the Administrative Office of the Court, beginning December 1, 2025, to the specified NCGA committee and division with five data components specified.

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

Sets forth the required information that must be included in an ERPO, including (1) a statement of the grounds supporting its issuance; (2) the date and time the ERPO was issued and when it expires; (3) whether a mental health or chemical dependency

evaluation of the respondent is required; (4) the court's address where a responsive pleading can be filed; (5) a description of the relinquishment and retrieval requirements for firearms, ammunition, and related permits of the respondent; (6) a description of the process for seeking termination of the ERPO; and (7) a statement that violation of the ERPO is a Class A1 misdemeanor. Requires the court to order, upon issuance of an ERPO, that the respondent surrender to the sheriff all firearms, ammunition, permits to purchase firearms, and permits to carry concealed firearms that are in the respondent's care, custody, possession, ownership, or control of the respondent. Requires the court, during a hearing for issuance of an ERPO, to consider whether a mental health evaluation or chemical dependency evaluation of the respondent is appropriate and allows ordering the respondent to undergo evaluation if appropriate.

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

Sets out separate requirements for the hearing and issuance of an ex parte ERPO. Requires the hearing, which may be held via video conference to be held in person on the day the petition is filed or the day immediately following. Allows for the issuance of an ex parte ERPO before a hearing for a final ERPO and without evidence of service of process or notice if the court finds that there is clear and convincing evidence that the respondent poses an imminent danger of causing physical harm to self or others by having a firearm in his or her custody. Sets out additional requirements for an ex parte ERPO granted without notice.

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

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

Details the process of terminating an ERPO, with the respondent limited to submitting one motion for termination for every 12-month period the full ERPO is in effect. Requires the court to set a hearing no sooner than 10 days and no later than 30 days from the date of service upon the petitioner. Requires the respondent to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that he or she does not pose a danger of causing physical harm to self or others by having a firearm in his or her custody, care, possession, ownership, or control.

Requires the clerk to provide same day notice of ERPO issuance to the sheriff. Requires the sheriff to promptly enter the ERPO into the National Crime Information Center registry; update the orders in the registry upon modification, termination, renewal, or dismissal; and provide 24/7 access to the orders to the courts. Also requires a copy of the ERPO be issued promptly to and retained by the municipal police department. Provides for notice to the respondent if he or she was not present when the ERPO was issued, and for notice to third parties where applicable.

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

Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person to knowingly make a false statement when petitioning for an ERPO, and for any person to knowingly make a false statement to law enforcement that an ERPO remains in effect.

Clarifies that the remedies provided in new GS Chapter 50E are not exclusive, and that the Chapter does not impose any criminal or civil liability on any person or entity for actions or omission related to obtaining an ERPO.

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

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

The above provisions are effective October 1, 2025.

Amends GS 50B-3.1 which concerns the issuance of an emergency or ex parte order under GS Chapter 50B, where a defendant is ordered to surrender all firearms, machine guns, ammunition, and related permits in the defendant's care, custody, possession, ownership, or control, if the court finds: (1) the use or threatened use of a deadly weapon by the defendant or a pattern of prior conduct involving the use or threatened use of violence with a firearm against persons; (2) threats to seriously injure or kill the aggrieved party or minor child by the defendant; (3) threats to commit suicide by the defendant; or (4) serious injuries inflicted upon the aggrieved party or minor child by the defendant. Adds that if the defendant fails to surrender the firearms, ammunitions, and permits to the sheriff within 24 hours of service, the court must order the sheriff to seize the firearms, ammunitions, and permits.

Intro. by Morey, Harrison, Price, Clark.

GS 15C, GS 50B, GS 50E

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Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Family Law, Court System, Administrative Office of the Courts, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management

H 167 (2025-2026) [FIREARM IN UNATTENDED VEHICLE/SAFELY STORE](#). Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LEAVING A FIREARM IN AN UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLE UNLESS THE VEHICLE IS LOCKED AND THE FIREARM IS SECURED OR OTHERWISE SAFELY STORED.*

Enacts new GS 14-269.9 making it a Class 2 misdemeanor to leave a firearm in an unattended motor vehicle unless the vehicle is locked and the firearm is either: (1) secured with a trigger lock or other safety device designed to prevent an unauthorized user from operating the firearm or (2) in a locked container. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2025.

Intro. by Morey, Lopez, Logan, Longest.

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Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure

H 168 (2025-2026) [NORTH CAROLINA CROWN ACT](#). Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA CROWN ACT TO CREATE A RESPECTFUL AND OPEN WORLD FOR NATURAL HAIR.*

Enacts new GS 95-28.1B prohibiting any person, firm, corporation, unincorporated association, State agency, local government, or any other public or private entity from denying or refusing employment to any person, or discharging any person from employment, because of the person's race, color, creed, religion, sex, or national origin. Defines *race* as including traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture, hair type, and protective hairstyles. Specifies that this statute does not prevent a person from being discharged for cause. Defines *protective hairstyles* as including, but not limited to, bantu knots, braids, locks, and twists.

Amends GS 95-241 by making conforming changes to prohibit discriminating or taking any retaliatory action against an employee who in good faith files a claim or other action related to new GS 95-28.1B.

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Government, State Personnel, Local Government**

H 171 (2025-2026) **EQUALITY IN STATE AGENCIES/PROHIBITION ON DEI**. Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT ELIMINATING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) INITIATIVES IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CLARIFYING THE PENALTY PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET ACT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET AND FISCAL CONTROL ACT*.

Adds new GS 126-14.7, entitled, "Equality and merit in State government workspaces; no DEI," as follows. Directs that no State agency can promote, support, fund, implement, or maintain workplace diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs, policies, or initiatives, including, but not limited to, using DEI in State government hirings and employment; maintaining dedicated DEI staff positions or offices; or offering or requiring DEI training. Defines the following:

1. *Differential treatment*: Any distinction, exclusion, or difference in policy practice, or action that impairs equal access to opportunities or benefits, based on a protected characteristic. This definition does not apply to antidiscrimination measures, reasonable accommodations, legal requirements, or bona fide occupational qualifications.
2. *Diversity, equity, and inclusion or DEI training*: A program, policy, initiative, or activity designed or implemented to: a. Influence hiring or employment practices with respect to race, sex, color, ethnicity, nationality, country of origin, or sexual orientation other than through the use of merit-based hiring processes in accordance with any applicable State and federal antidiscrimination laws. b. Promote differential treatment of or providing special benefits to individuals on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, nationality, country of origin, or sexual orientation.
3. *Protected characteristic*: Any trait protected by State or federal antidiscrimination laws.

Specifies that the statute is not to be construed to conflict with or prohibit compliance with (as applicable) First Amendment speech rights, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended; the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, as amended; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; or other applicable State or federal law.

Directs the State Auditor to conduct periodic compliance audits and to report any violations to the specified NCGA commission and the NCGA itself.

Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor to knowingly and willingly violate the statute and subjects any State officer or employee who violates the statute to removal from office. Creates two civil actions arising from violations of the statute: (1) for employees of a State agency for damages to the employee resulting from a violation of the statute and (2) for injunctive relief, declaratory relief and attorneys' fees by any person. Provides for venue. Contains a severability clause.

Amends GS 126-5 so that the above applies to nonexempt State employees in the executive branch, including nonexempt employees of The University of North Carolina and nonexempt employees of the Community Colleges System Office, and community college employees.

Adds new GS 143-162.8, entitled "No public funds for DEI," as follows. Prevents a State agency, unit of local government, or non-State entity from using any State funds or public monies to promote, support, fund, implement, or maintain DEI initiatives or programs. Prevents these programs from applying for, accepting, or using federal funds, grants, or other financial assistance that require compliance with DEI policies, initiatives, or mandates. Directs that any existing programs funded through such means must be discontinued unless continued participation is expressly required by federal law. Defines *DEI*, *non-State entity*, *public monies*, *State agency*, *State funds*, and *unit of local government*. Further directs that the above prohibitions include, but are not limited to using State funds or public monies to:

- Utilize DEI in hirings, employment, admissions, or the awarding of contracts.
- Offer or require DEI training.
- Maintain DEI offices or dedicated staff positions, whether permanent, time-limited, full-time, part-time, or temporary.

Clarifies that the statute must not be construed to conflict with First Amendment speech rights, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended; the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended; the Age Discrimination in Employment

Act, as amended; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; or other applicable State or federal law.

Directs that the statute cannot be construed to apply to any of the following:

1. Academic course instruction.
2. Scholarly research or a creative work by an institution of higher education's students, faculty, or other research personnel or the dissemination of that research or work.
3. An activity of a student organization registered with or recognized by an institution of higher education.
4. Guest speakers or performers on short-term engagements.
5. A policy, practice, procedure, program, or activity to enhance student academic achievement or postgraduate outcomes that is designed and implemented without regard to race, sex, color, or ethnicity.
6. Data collection.
7. Bona fide qualifications based on sex which are reasonably necessary to the normal operation of public higher education, including, but not limited to: a. Sports teams organized by sex. b. Single-sex bathrooms and locker rooms. c. Requiring a maintenance employee assigned to a single-sex locker room to be a member of that respective sex. d. Fraternities and sororities restricted to members of one sex. e. Having single-sex housing options for students.

Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor to knowingly and willfully violate the statute. Requires annual posting of compliance measures by each State agency, unit of local government, and non-State entity starting February 1, 2026, as well as submission to the State Auditor. Directs the State Auditor to submit an annual report to the specified NCGA Committee starting on April 1, 2026. Directs the State Auditor to conduct periodic compliance audits and to report any violations to the specified NCGA commission and the NCGA itself.

Specifies that a violation of the statute is subject to the applicable penalty provisions of Article 10 of GS Chapter 143C, Article 11 of GS Chapter 159 of the General Statutes, GS 143C-6-22, or GS 159-183. Creates two civil actions arising from violations of the statute: (1) for State, local government, and non-State entity employees for damages to the employee resulting from a violation of the statute and (2) for injunctive relief, declaratory relief and attorneys' fees by any person. Provides for venue. Provides that the statutory remedies list above are in addition to any other remedies available. Contains a severability clause.

Makes conforming changes to GS 143C-10-1 to account for new misdemeanor.

Expands the civil liability provisions under GS 143C-10-2 to: (1) direct a State agency or non-State entity receiving public funds to pursue the recoupment of misspent funds by all lawful means available, including the filing of a civil action in the General Court of Justice and (2) authorize any person to bring a civil action for a violation of this section seeking injunctive or declaratory relief and the recovery of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. Requires the Governor to report facts leading to suspension of an executive branch officer or employee under GS 143C-10-3 to the DA in the county where all or a substantial part of the violation occurred along with the Attorney General. Authorizes any person to bring a civil action for a violation of GS 159-80 (removal of offending local government officers and employees from office) seeking injunctive or declaratory relief and the recovery of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs along with rules of venue. Requires the Commission to also report the circumstances of suspension or removal to the DA for county in which all or a substantial part of the noncompliance occurred. Makes technical changes.

Adds new GS 159-183, pertaining to violations of GS 143-162.8, laying out misdemeanor set forth above along with providing that offending officer or employee is subject to removal from their office or employment. Directs that violators are liable for any damages suffered by a unit of local government in consequence of the offense. Requires local government to recoup misspent funds in a civil action filed in the General Court of Justice.

Directs that the penalty provisions set forth above apply to acts or omissions occurring after the act becomes law.

Intro. by B. Jones, N. Jackson, Lowery, Eddins.

[GS 126](#), [GS 143](#), [GS 143C](#), [GS 159](#)

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Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, Office of State Auditor, State Government, State Personnel, State Property, Local Government

H 174 (2025-2026) [MARRIAGE EQUALITY ACT](#). Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO AFFIRM AND PROTECT MARRIAGE EQUALITY IN NORTH CAROLINA*.

Sets out the title and purpose of the act. Codifies marriage as the legally recognized union of two consenting individuals, regardless of sex, gender, or sexual orientation in GS 51-5.6. Requires all laws, policies and regulations of the State to be equally applied to any married couple, regardless of sex, gender, or sexual orientation of the parties. Bars: (1) any State or local government agency, entity or official from refusing to recognize a marriage legally performed under GS 51-5.6; (2) an individual, corporation, association, or government entity from denying services, benefits, rights, or responsibilities related to marriage based on sex, gender, or sexual orientation (under new GS 51-5.7); and (3) a public official responsible for issuing marriage licenses or performing civil ceremonies from refusing to do so based on the sex, gender, or sexual orientation of the applicants (under new GS 51-5.7). Repeals GS 51-1.2 (voiding marriages between persons of the same gender) and GS 51-5.5 (recusal of certain public officials). Contains a severability clause.

Intro. by Butler, Rubin, Lopez, Belk.

[GS 51](#)

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

H 175 (2025-2026) [CONST. AMEND./MARRIAGE EQUALITY](#). Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION AND REPEAL A CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION THAT RECOGNIZES MARRIAGE BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN AS THE ONLY DOMESTIC LEGAL UNION THAT IS VALID OR RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE*.

Subject to approval by voters at the statewide election in November 2026, repeals Section 6 of Article XIV of the North Carolina Constitution, which only recognizes marriage between one man and one woman as the only domestic legal union valid in the State. If approved, effective January 1, 2027.

Intro. by Butler, Rubin, Lopez, Belk.

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

PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 121 (2025-2026) [GSC CONVEYANCES BETWEEN SPOUSES](#). Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECT THAT CONVEYANCES OF REAL PROPERTY BETWEEN SPOUSES HAVE ON CERTAIN MARITAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION*.

Amends GS 29-30, which allows for a surviving spouse to elect to take a life estate in one third of the value the decedent's real estate instead of the surviving spouse's intestate share or elective share. Adds to the circumstances in which a surviving spouse is not entitled to take a life estate instances in which the surviving spouse has conveyed their interest in the real estate to the other spouse and has expressly waived or released their right to take a life estate in the real estate in the conveying instrument. Makes technical and clarifying changes.

Amends GS 39-13.3 regarding real property conveyances between spouses. Adds provisions to specify that a conveyance from one spouse to another of real property or any interest therein does not waive or release the grantor's right to an elective life estate or a right or claim to an equitable distribution with respect to the conveyed property. Allows for express waiver of the right to an elective life estate in the conveying instrument (applicable to conveyances executed before, on, or after October 1, 2025) but does not allow for waiver of a right or claim to equitable distribution in the instrument. Repeals subsection (e), which deems conveyances under the statute subject to GS 52-10 (governing contracts between spouses) and GS 52-10.1 (governing separation agreements), and providing that acknowledgment by the spouse of the grantor is not necessary.

Amends GS 41-63 regarding events terminating a tenancy by the entirety other than death, of which the conveyance from one spouse to the other of their interest is included as a terminating event. Eliminates the provisions which deem such conveyances subject to GS 52-10 (governing contracts between spouses) and GS 52-10.1 (governing separation agreements), and providing that acknowledgment by the spouse of the grantor is not necessary. Instead, adds new provisions similar to those enacted to GS 39-13.3, to specify that a conveyance does not waive or release the grantor's right to an elective life estate or a right or claim to an equitable distribution with respect to the conveyed property. Allows for express waiver of the right to an elective life estate in the conveying instrument (applicable to conveyances executed before, on, or after October 1, 2025), but does not allow for waiver of a right or claim to equitable distribution in the instrument. Makes technical changes.

Makes organizational changes to GS 50-20 relating to equitable distribution of marital property. Makes technical and clarifying changes, corrects statutory cross-references, and revises the statute as follows. Modifies the definitions of:

- *distributive award*, to more specifically exclude from the term payments for support or maintenance of a spouse or child (was, payments for support and maintenance that are treated as ordinary income to the recipient under the Internal Revenue Code) and
- *marital property*, to clarify that the term includes all vested and nonvested pension and retirement rights and benefits and all vested and nonvested deferred compensation rights and benefits.

Revises the definition of separate property to deem real property acquired by gift from the other spouse as separate property only if that intent is stated in a separate written agreement from the conveyance, while any other property acquired by gift from the other spouse is considered separate property if that intent is stated in writing (previously, generally required intent in the conveyance for any property). Explicitly specifies that the act of conveying property from one spouse to the other does not in itself state intent that the property is to be considered separate property. Additionally specifies that property acquired in exchange for separate property remains separate property absent express intent for the property to be considered marital property in writing (was, in the conveyance), adding that the act of acquiring the property does not in itself state this intent. Regarding written agreements for the distribution of marital property or divisible property, bars providing for distribution in an instrument of conveyance of real property.

Effective October 1, 2025.

Intro. by Galey.

[GS 29, GS 39, GS 41, GS 50](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing](#)

S 122 (2025-2026) [GSC UNIF. COMMUNITY PROP. DISP. AT DEATH ACT](#). Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE UNIFORM COMMUNITY PROPERTY DISPOSITION AT DEATH ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.*

Repeals GS Chapter 31C, Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act, and enacts new Article 5, Uniform Community Property Disposition at Death Act (Act), to GS Chapter 30. Titles the Article and sets forth 11 defined terms. Provides the following.

Describes the property of a community-property spouse subject to the Article, with separate criteria for property based on whether the decedent was domiciled in the State at the time of death. Defines community-property spouse as an individual in a marriage or other relationship under which community property could be acquired and which the relationship remains in existence at the time of death of either party to the relationship. Details application to community property acquired by community-property spouses through transfer of property to a trust. Excludes from the Article's scope (1) property that community-property spouses have partitioned or reclassified and (2) property that is the subject of a waiver of rights granted by the Article.

Permits community-property spouses to partition or reclassify property to which the Article would otherwise apply by a record signed by both spouses, which is presumed to result in each owning a one-half separate property interest in each item in the

record. Allows a community-property spouse domiciled in the State to waive a right granted by the Article pursuant to State laws applicable to waiver of a spousal property right.

Establishes a rebuttable presumption that the Article applies to all property acquired by a community-property spouse when domiciled in a jurisdiction where property acquired by the spouse was presumed to be community property under the law of that jurisdiction.

Details the disposition of community property at death, with one-half of the applicable property belonging to the surviving community-property spouse and not subject to disposition by the decedent at death. Deems the other one-half of the applicable property to belong to the decedent and subject to disposition by the decedent at death, but not subject to the surviving community-property spouse's rights to an elective share or elective life estate under State law. Excludes property transferred by right of survivorship or under a revocable trust or other nonprobate transfer. Specifies that these provisions do not limit a surviving community-property spouse to the year's allowance under Article 4, GS Chapter 30, or the property exemptions under Article X of the Constitution and Article 16, GS Chapter 1C. Allows a court to require a community-property spouse to elect between retaining other property transferred to the surviving community-property spouse or asserting rights to property that, under the Article, belongs to the surviving community-property spouse that at death the decedent purports to transfer to a third party.

Describes acts of the surviving community-spouse or decedent that are grounds for the surviving community-spouse or personal representative, heir, or nonprobate transferee can assert a right at the death of a community-property spouse. Details a court's authority to consider community property law and requires applying equitable principles in determining rights and remedies.

Sets forth the procedure for a surviving community-property spouse to assert a claim for relief under the Article, ranging from commencing a civil action to filing a petition with the clerk of superior court within specified time frames. Specifies that incapacity of the surviving spouse does not toll the time for commencing an action or filing a petition. Authorizes distribution of a decedent's estate without personal liability to the personal representative if no timely demand is made.

Sets forth the procedure for an heir, devisee, or nonprobate transferee of a deceased community-property spouse to assert a claim for relief under the Article, ranging from commencing a civil action to filing a petition with the clerk of court within specified time frames. Similarly, specifies that incapacity of the heir, devisee, or nonprobate transferee does not toll the time for commencing an action or filing a petition.

Grants limited immunity for third persons who transact in good faith and for value with either the surviving community-property spouse, personal representative, heir, devisee, or nonprobate transferee so long as the person does not know or have reason to know that the party is exceeding or improperly exercising their authority. Provides for liability of lien creditors and purchasers for value of the property, and priority of a community-property spouse's registered instrument of their intent that the Article apply to the property.

Provides for the principles of law and equity to supplement the Article. Requires uniform application of the Article.

Makes conforming changes to GS 28A-2-4 to include claims for relief regarding the disposition of community property at death within the jurisdiction of estate proceedings. Makes technical changes.

Includes a severability clause and directives for the Revisor of Statutes. Includes a savings clause for property rights acquired, extinguished, or barred on the expiration of a limitation period that began to run under another statute before the effective date of the act.

Effective January 1, 2026.

Intro. by Galey.

[GS 28A, GS 30, GS 31C](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing](#)

S 123 (2025-2026) [FLAGS AT EVERY SCHOOL](#). Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE AND FUND THE DISPLAY OF THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH CAROLINA FLAGS ON PUBLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS AND IN EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM*.

Amends GS 115C-47(29a) to require local boards of education to adopt policies for the display of the US and State flags on school grounds near the main entrance to each school and in each classroom (was, in only in each classroom when available). Makes those same changes to: GS 115C-150.12C (applicable to schools for the deaf and blind); GS 115C-218.80 (applicable to charter schools); GS 116-69.1 (applicable to the UNC School of the Arts); and GS 116-235 (applicable to the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics—further amends the statute to specify that instruction in the meaning and history of the flag and pledge must be age-appropriate).

Amends GS 115C-238.66 and GS 116-239.8 to require regional schools and laboratory schools to display the US and NC flags on school grounds near the main entrance to the school and in each classroom; recite the Pledge of Allegiance daily; and provide age-appropriate instruction on the meaning and origins of the flag and pledge. Prohibits a compelling a person to stand, salute the flag, or recite the pledge.

Appropriates \$1 million in nonrecurring funds for 2025-26 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction and \$100,000 in recurring funds for 2026-27 to allocate to public schools for the purchase of flags.

Appropriates \$1,000 in recurring funds for 2025-26 from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors to be allocated to the secondary schools it controls for the purchase of flags.

Applies beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

Intro. by Settle, Alexander, Ford.

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

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

S 124 (2025-2026) [REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT](#). Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT*.

Enacts new GS 126-8.7 entitled “Reducing barriers to State employment,” as follows. Directs the State Human Resources Commission (Commission) to: (1) regularly assess the educational, experiential, and training requirements necessary for each position within each State agency, department, and institution; (2) determine when practical experience and training rather than a four-year college degree is the appropriate qualification for a position; (3) identify jobs for which the educational, experiential, and training requirements could be reduced from their present level; (4) remove language for a four-year college degree in position descriptions when they are not necessary for the position.

Starting October 1, 2025, requires the Commission to submit annual reports on its efforts to reduce barriers to State employment under new GS 126-8.6 to the specified NCGA joint committee.

Intro. by Corbin, Lee, Johnson.

[GS 126](#)

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[Employment and Retirement, Government, State Agencies, Office of State Human Resources \(formerly Office of State Personnel\), State Government, State Personnel](#)

S 125 (2025-2026) [REORGANIZATION OF CHAPTER 115D](#). Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO REORGANIZE CHAPTER 115D OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND MAKE NECESSARY CONFORMING CHANGES*.

Part I.

Amends Article 1, General Provisions for State Administration, of GS Chapter 115D, as follows.

Organizes the Article into Parts. Part 1, Establishment and Administration of the North Carolina Community Colleges System, consists of GS 115D-1 through GS 115D-5.5. Part 2, Administration of Local Community Colleges by State Board of Community Colleges, consists of GS 115D-6 through GS 116D-9.35. Part 3, Community College Programs, consists of GS 115D-10.5 through GS 115D-10.50. Part 4, Students, consists of GS 115D-10.65 through GS 115D-10.76. Recodifies GS 115D-41 (Restrictions on contracts with local school administrative units; use of community college facilities by public school students pursuant to cooperative programs) as GS 115D-38.5; and GS 115D-43 (concerning funding for an intercollegiate athletics program) as 115D-38.10. Repeals GS 115D-44 (requiring the establishment of training programs for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities) and instead enacts new GS 115D-10.21.

Makes the following changes to Part 1 of the Article. Deletes the contents of GS 115D-1.3 (accreditation of secondary schools located in North Carolina shall not be a factor in admissions, loans, scholarships, or other educational policies) and instead enacts those provisions in new GS 115D-10.65. Deletes the contents of GS 115D-1.4 (college transfer program approval; standards for programs; annual reporting requirements) and instead enacts those same provisions in GS 115D-10.10; makes technical changes. Deletes the contents of GS 115D-5 (Administration of institutions by State Board of Community Colleges; personnel exempt from North Carolina Human Resources Act; extension courses; tuition waiver; in-plant training; contracting, etc., for establishment and operation of extension units of the community college system; use of existing public school facilities) and enacts subsection (a) into new GS 115D-6.1; subsection (a1) is now in new GS 115D-9.5 (bookstore sales); subsection (a2) is now new GS 115D-9.10 (exchange of information with UNC and North Carolina public schools); (a3) is now new GS 115D-10.70 (driving eligibility certificates); subsections (b), (b1) and (b2) are now found in new GS 115D-39.2 (pro rata tuition and uniform registration fees) and GS 115D-39.5 (tuition waivers); subsections (c), (c1), and (c2) are found in new GS 115D-10.30 (correction education programs); subsection (f) is in new GS 115D-10.5 (program funding) which also includes provisions governing recreation extension courses and real estate continuing education courses from subsections (g) and (h); subsection (f1) is now found in GS 115D-6.2; subsection (j) is now new GS 115D-5.5 (Board Reserve Fund); subsection (l) is now in new GS 115D-9.15 (lease purchase and installment purchase contracts); subsection (m) and (n) are in new GS 115D-9.20 (compliance review and requested information); subsection (o) is in new GS 115D-9.25 (multicampus centers); subsection (p) is in new GS 115D-10.35 (teacher residency licensure courses); subsection (r) is found in new GS 115D-10.40 (American Sign Language courses); subsection (s) is in new GS 115D-10.45 (adult high school equivalency diploma test); subsection (t) is in new GS 115D-30.20 (Gateway to College Program); subsection (u) is in new GS 115D-10.75; subsection (v) is in new GS 115D-21.10 (curriculum courses taught throughout year), under Article 2; subsection (w) is in new GS 115D-9.30 (service areas) and now requires that that the State Board report to the specified NCGA committee within 60 days of revisions being made; subsection (x) is in new GS 115D-30.5 (evaluation of Career and College Promise Program); subsection (y) is in new GS 115D-10.76; subsection (z) is in new GS 115D-9.35 (athletic teams).

The contents of GS 115D-5.1 are removed and now found in new GS 115D-10.15 (workforce development programs), and GS 115D-10.17 (Customized Training Program). The contents of GS 115D-5.1A are removed and now found in new GS 115D-10.19 (short-term workforce development grant program). The contents of GS 115D-5.2 is removed and now found in new GS 115D-10.25 (commercial fishing and aquaculture classes).

Further amends GS 115D-6.2 by moving its definitions and provisions on accreditation into new GS 115D-21.2.

Repeals GS Chapter 115D, Article 6A and instead enacts GS 115D-10.50 which creates a Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program for the purpose of establishing statewide motorcycle safety instruction to be delivered through the Community Colleges System Office.

Amends GS 115D-20(4) by removing the provisions that specified that local community colleges are permitted to offer the listed types of programs (including programs with public schools and nonpublic schools related to academic transition pathways, college transfer pathways, as well as cooperative innovative high school programs) and instead places them in new GS 115D-30.1 under Article 2B (High School Programs) as well as new GS 115D-30.10 and GS 115D-30.15.

Enacts new GS 115D-30.25 establishing the NC Career Coach Program to place college career coaches in high school to assist students with determining career goals and identifying community college programs that would enable them to achieve their goals. Sets out requirements for the program and for funding of the program.

Codifies GS 115D-39, GS 115D-39.1, GS 115D-40.1, and GS 115D-40.5 into Part 2 of Article 3 of GS Chapter 115D titled "Tuition and Fees." Codifies the remaining sections of Article 3 of GS Chapter 115D into Part 1 of Article 3 of GS Chapter

115D, titled "Funding of Community Colleges".

Makes additional technical and organizational changes.

Part II.

Makes conforming changes to GS 20-11 and GS 20-13.2 (concerning driving eligibility certificates); GS 90-631 (concerning accreditation of community colleges operating a massage and bodywork therapy program); GS 93A-4, GS 93A-38.5, GS 93E-1-7 and GS 93E-1-8 (real estate education); GS 95-25.5 (fire department training); GS 115C-84.3; GS 115C-238.55 (cooperative innovative high schools); GS 115D-2; GS 115D-39 tuition waivers); GS 115D-41; GS 116-201 (accrediting agency); GS 116-280 (accrediting agency) and makes a technical change; GS 126-5 (salaries); and SL 2023-134, Section 6.9(b) (programs for individuals with IDD).

Intro. by Lee, Corbin, Jones.

GS 20, GS 90, GS 93A, GS 93E, GS 95, GS 115C, GS 115D, GS 116, GS 126

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office

S 126 (2025-2026) **ZERO-BASED BUDGETING**. Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE USE OF ZERO-BASED BUDGETING FOR STATE AGENCIES ON A ROTATING BASIS*.

Enacts new GS 143C-3-3.1 (zero-based budgeting estimates) providing, as follows. Defines zero-based budget as a budget that reflects the amount of funding deemed necessary to achieve the most cost-effective performance of a State agency pursuant to an accompanying narrative delineating the tasks to be performed by the State agency together with the goals and objectives for the State agency for a period not to exceed two years. The budget must have a zero dollar amount as its basis and cannot not reflect any prior appropriation amount, adjusted or otherwise. Starting with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and each even-numbered year thereafter, requires that each State agency of the executive branch designated in a scheduled year prepare and submit to the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) a zero-budget plan for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1 of the following fiscal year. Sets forth a submission schedule that divides agencies or specified agency divisions into four groups with submission dates of 2025, 2027, 2029, and 2031 respectively, with subsequent submissions every eight years after each initial submission date. Lists six required pieces of information that each agency's zero-budget plan must contain, including descriptions and justifications for agency activities; quantifiable program outcomes; an accounting of expenditures required to maintain the activity at minimum levels of service/current levels of service and adverse impacts for each activity; and a ranking of all activities. Excludes statutory appropriations under GS 143C-1-1(d) from zero-based budgeting plans.

Intro. by Burgin, McInnis.

GS 143

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

S 128 (2025-2026) **HEROES HOMESTEAD ACT**. Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION AMOUNT FOR DISABLED VETERANS*.

Amends the disabled veteran property tax homestead exclusion (GS 105-277.1C) by increasing the amount of the exclusion to the first \$76,500 of the appraised value of the veteran's residence (was, the first \$45,000 of the appraised value). Effective for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Sawrey, Lazzara, Johnson.

GS 105

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**Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing,
Government, Tax, Military and Veteran's Affairs**

S 129 (2025-2026) **BOOKING PHOTOGRAPH PRIVACY ACT**. Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE RELEASE OF BOOKING PHOTOGRAPHS*.

Amends GS 132-1.4 to make booking photographs confidential and not public records, and prohibits public law enforcement agencies from publishing, distributing, or releasing booking photographs (however, allows a public law enforcement agency to release a booking photograph when the photograph is a record of criminal investigation related to a missing person report). Allows a court to order the release of a booking photograph upon a showing by the person requesting disclosure that the disclosure is actually necessary for immediate law enforcement needs. Defines booking photograph as an image of an individual taken by an arresting public law enforcement agency for the purpose of identification or taken when the individual was processed into a jail. Makes technical changes to other defined terms. Effective October 1, 2025.

Intro. by Moffitt.

GS 132

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**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and
Procedure, Government, Public Records and Open Meetings**

S 133 (2025-2026) **NCCCS LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**. Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO SOLICIT A LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR ALL COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND TO ADD THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM OFFICE TO THE LIST OF ENTITIES EXEMPTED IN G.S. 143B-1320*.

Requires the State Board of Community Colleges (Board) to conduct a competitive solicitation, including a request for information or a request for proposals, to provide a learning management system to all community colleges by December 31, 2025. Specifies that answers to the solicitation must include on how the learning management system would align with the learning management systems (1) offered by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to local school administrative units and (2) used by UNC constituent institutions. Requires the Board to report the information received to the specified NCGA committees and the Fiscal Research Division. Exempts the Community College Systems Office from the requirements of Article 15 of GS Chapter 143B (Department of Information Technology). Allows the Office, by written election through the Board, to participate in information technology programs, services, or contracts offered by the Department of Information Technology, including information technology procurement, in accordance with the statutes, policies, and rules of the department. Makes conforming changes.

Intro. by Lee, Overcash, Corbin.

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**Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies,
Community Colleges System Office, Department of
Information Technology**

S 134 (2025-2026) **INCLUSIONARY ZONING/WORKFORCE HOUSING FUNDS**. Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO SUPPLEMENT THE AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY ALLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR INCLUSIONARY ZONING AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR THE WORKFORCE HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM*.

Amends GS 160D-702 to allow local government zoning regulations to provide for inclusionary zoning in order to supplement the availability of affordable housing.

Appropriates \$10 million in recurring funds for 2025-26 from the General Fund to the Housing Financing Agency for the Workforce Housing Loan Program.

Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Everitt, Bradley, Smith.

APPROP, GS 160D

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Land Use, Planning and Zoning, Government, Budget/Appropriations

LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 158 (2025-2026) [SCHCALFLEX/WARREN,WELDON,HALIFAX,RR/OPEN CAL](#). Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO WARREN COUNTY SCHOOLS, WELDON CITY SCHOOLS, HALIFAX COUNTY SCHOOLS, AND ROANOKE RAPIDS GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT 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 Warren County, Weldon City, Halifax County Schools, and Roanoke Rapids Graded School District 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 R. Pierce.

Halifax, Warren, GS 115C

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

H 161 (2025-2026) [RESTORE DOWN-ZONING AUTH./RANDOLPH CO](#). Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN RANDOLPH COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES IN RANDOLPH 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 Randolph 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 Biggs.

Randolph, GS 160D

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

H 169 (2025-2026) [REPEAL HAYWOOD COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX](#). Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO REPEAL THE AUTHORITY FOR HAYWOOD COUNTY TO IMPOSE AN OCCUPANCY TAX.*

Repeals Part V of SL 1983-908, as amended, which is the Haywood County Occupancy Tax authority. Directs that the repeal does not affect the rights or liabilities of the State, a taxpayer, or another person arising under an enactment amended or repealed by the act before the effective date of its amendment or repeal; nor does it affect the right to any refund or credit of a tax that accrued under the amended or repealed enactment before the effective date of its amendment or repeal. Directs the

Haywood County Tourism Development Authority (TDA) to expend any funds remitted to it within six months of the repeal of the tax, and only for its allowed purposes under law. Directs Haywood County Board of Commissioners (Board) to adopt a resolution dissolving the TDA at the earlier of either the date by which all funds are expended by the TDA or six months after the repeal of the occupancy tax. Directs that any funds not used by the TDA before its repeal will be used by the Board for the same purposes. Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Pless.

UNCODIFIED, Haywood

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Government, Tax

H 170 (2025-2026) [RESTORE DOWN-ZONING/UNION CO.](#) Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN UNION COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES IN UNION 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 Union 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 Arp, Willis.

Union, GS 160D

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H 172 (2025-2026) [SCHCALFLEX/CAMDEN/AUG 19.](#) Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO CAMDEN 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) by changing the opening date for Camden County Schools, except for year-round schools, as August 19 (was, August 26). Applies beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

Intro. by Ward.

Camden, GS 115C

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

H 173 (2025-2026) [WAKE COUNTY ETJ.](#) Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY LIMIT THE EXPANSION OF EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION BY ANY MUNICIPALITY IN WAKE COUNTY.*

Applicable only in Wake County, prevents a municipality from expanding the territory over which that municipality may exercise any powers of extraterritorial jurisdiction in Wake County as provided in Article 2 of GS Chapter 160D of or its predecessor, beyond the territory over which the municipality exercised extraterritorial jurisdiction in Wake County on January 1, 2025. Expires December 31, 2028.

Intro. by Paré.

UNCODIFIED, Wake

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Government, Local Government

LOCAL/SENATE BILLS

S 127 (2025-2026) **LOWER TAXES FOR SCOTLAND COUNTY.** Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE SCOTLAND COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM TO BE EVALUATED BY THE SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INSTEAD OF A MANDATORY BUDGET REQUEST, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.*

Amends SL 1963-707, as amended, as follows. Removes the name of the consolidated board of education which was the Laurinburg Scotland County Board of Education. Provides that the public school system of Scotland County is the Scotland County School System and the system's board of education's name is the Scotland County Board of Education (Board). Now requires the Board to file a recommended supplemental tax budget, which when added to the regular budget, would provide the amount of per student funding determined by the Board to be requisite to provide an appropriate education to all students in Scotland County (currently, Board submits a supplemental tax budget when added to the regular budget, provides, at a minimum, current expense expenditures per student from local funds which are no less than the average current expense expenditures per student from local funds throughout the State as determined by the latest certification of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction). Permits the Scotland County Board of Commissioners (Commissioners) to evaluate the recommended supplemental tax budget for approval in an amount the Commissioners deem appropriate. (Currently required to approve both regular and supplemental budgets, with discretion to approve more than the minimum amount provided for). Removes provisions setting formula for the base amount of educational funding as well as provisions to allow the Board and the Commissioners to deviate from that formula in extraordinary economic circumstances upon approval of both entities.

Makes conforming changes to account for updated name. Makes organizational changes. Makes technical change to update reference to GS Chapter115C (governing public secondary schools). Removes outdated language.

Repeals SL 2002-66 (concerning current expense expenditures from local funds for Scotland County schools) and Section 63 of SL 2004-203 (pertaining to the base amount of funding for current expense expenditures from local funds).

Intro. by Britt.

Scotland

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

S 130 (2025-2026) **REVISE FILING PERIOD/ELECTIONS/HENDERSONVILLE.** Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO REVISE THE FILING PERIOD FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE.*

Removes provisions in Section 4.2 of the Charter of the City of Hendersonville setting the filing period for municipal elections of the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Hendersonville as the same time as the filing period for county officers elected on a partisan basis. Applies to elections held on or after the act becomes law.

Intro. by Moffitt.

Henderson

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Government, Elections

S 131 (2025-2026) **BUNCOMBE COUNTY ARTICLE 39 TAX.** Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE BUNCOMBE COUNTY TO USE ARTICLE 39 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALES AND USE TAX PROCEEDS FOR ANY PUBLIC PURPOSE.*

Permits Buncombe County, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, to use the net proceeds allocated to it by the Secretary of Revenue under Article 39 of GS Chapter 105 (the first half-cent of the local government sales and use tax) for any public purpose. Applies to net proceeds allocated to Buncombe County by the Secretary of Revenue under Article 39 of GS Chapter 105 that occur on or after July 1, 2025, and until June 30, 2027.

Intro. by Moffitt, Mayfield, Daniel.

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Government, Tax

S 132 (2025-2026) [SWANNANOVA VALLEY TDA](#). Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF THE SWANNANOVA VALLEY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.*

Effective only if the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners (Commissioners) adopts a resolution creating the Swannanoa Valley Tourism Development Authority (SVTDA), amends Part VI of SL 1983-908, as amended, as follows.

Creates the SVTDA, in addition to the Buncombe County Tourism Development Authority (BTDA). Requires SVTDA to use at least two-thirds of the funds distributed to it to promote travel and tourism in the district and the remainder for tourism-related expenditures. Mandates that at least one-third of the members of the SVTDA must be affiliated with businesses that collect the tax in the city and at least one-half must be currently active in the city's travel and tourism promotion. Changes the distribution of the up to 2% occupancy tax so that the County must, on a quarterly basis, remit the net proceeds collected from the areas collectively consisting of, and legally denoted as, the Buncombe County Townships of (i) Broad River (28), (ii) Black Mountain (25), and (iii) Swannanoa (21), and hereinafter collectively referred to as the "district," to the SVTDA to be used for purposes consistent with its requirements, set forth above. Requires Buncombe County to remit the remainder of the net proceeds of the occupancy tax collected to the BTDA. Makes technical and conforming changes.

Applies to the distribution and use of occupancy tax proceeds in the fiscal quarter following the first full fiscal quarter after the adoption of a resolution creating the SVTDA.

Intro. by Daniel, Mayfield, Moffitt.

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ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 82: STUDY COMMISSION FOR LEA SIZE.

House: Withdrawn From Com

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

H 91: DEFINE ARMED FORCES/CONFORMING CHANGES.

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 145: FUNDS FOR DIABETES RESEARCH INSTITUTE/UNC-CH.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 146: REMOTE LICENSE RENEWAL/ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 149: SCHOOL FINANCIAL FLEXIBILITY PILOT PROGRAM.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 150: EXPEDITE SURPLUS PROP./EDUCATIONAL ORGS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 152: ACCESS TO TRANSCRANIAL MAGNETIC STIMULATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 153: INCREASE VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION FEE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 154: RECLAIM STATE ASSETS FROM NCINNOVATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 156: INCREASE ACCESS FOR SMALL EMPLOYERS/INSURANCE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 157: STATE OF THE STATE INVITATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 159: ORPHAN ROADS MAINTENANCE PROGRAM GRANT.

House: Filed

H 160: JOEL H. CRISP SUDEP AWARENESS LAW.

House: Filed

H 162: LOCAL GOV'T APPLICANTS/CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK.

House: Filed

H 163: PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER PROVISIONS.

House: Filed

H 164: PARENTAL CONSENT TO RELEASE CHILD AUTOPSIES.

House: Filed

H 165: CHILD AND FAMILY WELFARE OMBUDSMAN OFFICE.

House: Filed

H 166: ALLOW ERPOS TO PREVENT SUICIDES & AMP SAVE LIVES.

House: Filed

H 167: FIREARM IN UNATTENDED VEHICLE/SAFELY STORE.

House: Filed

H 168: NORTH CAROLINA CROWN ACT.

House: Filed

H 171: EQUALITY IN STATE AGENCIES/PROHIBITION ON DEL.

House: Filed

H 174: MARRIAGE EQUALITY ACT.

House: Filed

H 175: CONST. AMEND./MARRIAGE EQUALITY.

House: Filed

S 58: AG/RESTRICT CHALLENGE TO PRESIDENTIAL EOS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

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

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget

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

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget

S 115: GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS.

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

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

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 118: MILITARY VETERAN/REDUCE CCW PERMIT FEE.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 120: REMOVE BARRIERS TO LABOR ORGANIZING.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 121: GSC CONVEYANCES BETWEEN SPOUSES.

Senate: Filed

S 122: GSC UNIF. COMMUNITY PROP. DISP. AT DEATH ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 123: FLAGS AT EVERY SCHOOL.

Senate: Filed

S 124: REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT.

Senate: Filed

S 125: REORGANIZATION OF CHAPTER 115D.

Senate: Filed

S 126: ZERO-BASED BUDGETING.

Senate: Filed

S 128: HEROES HOMESTEAD ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 129: BOOKING PHOTOGRAPH PRIVACY ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 133: NCCCS LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

Senate: Filed

S 134: INCLUSIONARY ZONING/WORKFORCE HOUSING FUNDS.

Senate: Filed

LOCAL BILLS

H 147: ELIZABETH CITY/DEANNEXATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 148: SCHCALFLEX/JACKSON,SWAIN,TRANSYL/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 151: SCHCALFLEX/WAKE/CC.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 155: SCHCALFLEX/WILKES,ALEXANDER/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 158: SCHCALFLEX/WARREN,WELDON,HALIFAX,RR/OPEN CAL.

House: Filed

H 161: RESTORE DOWN-ZONING AUTH./RANDOLPH CO.

House: Filed

H 169: REPEAL HAYWOOD COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX.

House: Filed

H 170: RESTORE DOWN-ZONING/UNION CO.

House: Filed

H 172: SCHCALFLEX/CAMDEN/AUG 19.

House: Filed

H 173: WAKE COUNTY ETJ.

House: Filed

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

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 119: CREEDMOOR ANNEXATIONS/DEANNEXATION.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 127: LOWER TAXES FOR SCOTLAND COUNTY.

Senate: Filed

S 130: REVISE FILING PERIOD/ELECTIONS/HENDERSONVILLE.

Senate: Filed

S 131: BUNCOMBE COUNTY ARTICLE 39 TAX.

Senate: Filed

S 132: SWANNANOVA VALLEY TDA.

Senate: Filed

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