

## The Daily Bulletin: 2025-03-03

### PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 74 (2025-2026) [HOUSE BUDGET TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS](#). Filed Feb 10 2025, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER ACTS*.

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

#### Part II.

Amends GS 116-11 by changing the due date of the report from the UNC BOG to the specified NCGA committees and division on the actions and adjustments necessary to its budgetary policies, regulations, and standards resulting from the Current Operations Appropriations Act for the administration and operation of UNC and the distribution of State and federal funds to constituent institutions, from February 1 to March 1.

Amends GS 126-5, by exempting from the provisions of GS Chapter 126, the North Carolina Human Resources Act (except Articles 6-Equal Employment and Compensation Opportunity; Assisting in Obtaining State Employment and 7-The Privacy of State Employee Personnel Records) student-oriented professionals and temporary employees employed by UNC who are exempt from the minimum wage and overtime compensation provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act. Effective January 1, 2026.

#### Part IV

Reallocates \$3 million of the funds allocated to the City of Oxford for the Kerr Lake Regional Water project by Section 12.2(e) (136) of SL 2023-134 to the South Granville Water and Sewer Authority for the same purpose.

Reallocates \$7 million of the funds allocated to the City of Oxford for the Kerr Lake Regional Water project by Section 12.2(e) (136) of S.L. 2023-134 to the Office of State Budget and Management to provide the following grants: (1) \$3 million to Franklin County for an infrastructure project, (2) \$1 million to Catawba County for a wastewater infrastructure project, and (3) \$3 million to Hertford County for a water or wastewater infrastructure project.

Amends Section 11.11 of SL 2022-74, as amended, by changing the allocation of monies in the North Carolina Megasite Fund to require that other than the first \$1 which is to be used to engage a national site selection firm to produce a report evaluating sites in the State and determining the five megasites best positioned for advanced manufacturing site selection searches conducted by major employers, the remaining funds are to be used for local government grants for the purposes described in the section (was, local government grants for the acquisition of the megasites identified in the report).

#### Part V.

##### Section 5.1

Transfers all functions, powers, duties, and obligations vested in the North Carolina Center for Missing Persons from the Department of Public Safety to the State Highway Patrol by a Type I transfer. Amends Article 17 of GS Chapter 143B by adding a new Part 4 to be entitled North Carolina Center for Missing Persons. Recodifies Subpart B of Part 5 of Article 13 of GS Chapter 143B as new Part 4 and sets out the new numbers for those statutes. Makes conforming changes to those statutes by moving powers and duties from the Department of Public Safety to the State Highway Patrol and from the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety to the Commander of the State Highway Patrol; also updates statutory cross-references.

Amends GS 143B-1771, concerning the North Carolina AMBER Alert System, by amending the criteria to be met for dissemination of information through the System, to require that if the abduction is suspected to be by a parent of a child, the child's life must be suspected to be in imminent danger of serious injury or death (was, the abduction is not known or suspected to be by a parent of the child, unless the child's life is suspected to be in danger of injury or death).

Amends GS 143B-1772, so that it now pertains to the Silver Alert instead of the Missing Endangered System (see new GS 143B-1774, below, instead) and makes the following changes to the Alert. Makes the purpose of the Silver Alert to provide a statewide system for the rapid dissemination of information regarding a missing person aged 65 or older who is believed to be suffering from dementia, Alzheimer's disease, or a cognitive impairment that causes an irreversible deterioration of intellectual faculties that makes them unable to meet their own needs or seek help without assistance. Makes the North Carolina Center for Missing Persons (Center) the sole entity responsible for issuing an alert (was, the Center or law enforcement agency). Specifies that the Center's efforts to disseminate the information as quickly as possible when the person's status as missing has been reported to a law enforcement agency must include procedures for the Wireless Emergency Act. Requires the Center (was, Center and law enforcement agencies) to adopt guidelines and develop procedures for issuing a 90-day alert (was, issuing an alert) for missing persons described above. Makes the Center (was, Center and law enforcement agencies) responsible for working with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to develop a procedure for using overhead changeable message signs to provide information on the missing person when the information would enable motorists to assist in the recovery of the missing person. Makes conforming changes by removing references to children.

Amends GS 143B-1773, concerning the Blue Alert System, to require the Center's guidelines and procedures for the implementation of the System to include procedures for the use of the Emergency Alert System and the Wireless Emergency Alert.

Enacts new GS 143B-1774, which establishes the missing Endangered Alert within the Center that provides a statewide system for the rapid dissemination of information regarding a missing person, aged 64 or younger, or missing child who is believed to be suffering from dementia, Alzheimer's disease, or a cognitive impairment that causes an irreversible deterioration of intellectual faculties that makes them unable to meet their own needs or to seek help without assistance, and who is not a risk to the general public. Requires an alert to be issued if the Center receives a request that involves a missing person or missing child as described above, and at the time of receipt no more than 72 hours have passed since the person or child went missing. Requires the Center to make every effort to disseminate the information as quickly as possible when the person's or child's status as missing has been reported to a law enforcement agency, including procedures for the use of the Wireless Emergency Alert. Requires the Center to adopt guidelines and develop procedures for issuing a 90-day alert for missing persons and missing children as described above and provide education and training to encourage radio and television broadcasters to participate in the alert; prohibits making specific health information about the missing person or child public through the alert or otherwise. Requires the Center to consult with DOT and develop a procedure for using overhead permanent changeable message signs to provide information on the missing person or child meeting the criteria of this statute when information is available that would enable motorists to assist in their recovery.

Enacts new GS 143B-1775 establishing the Ashanti Alert within the Center to provide a statewide system for the rapid dissemination of information on a missing person over 18 years of age that is suspected to have been abducted and there is both abductor and vehicle information available. Requires an alert to be issued if the Center receives a request that involves such a missing person and at the time of receipt no more than 72 hours have passed since the person went missing. Requires the Center to make every effort to disseminate the information as quickly as possible when the person's status as missing has been reported to a law enforcement agency, including procedures for the use of the Emergency Alert System and the Wireless Emergency Alert. Requires the Center to adopt guidelines and develop procedures for issuing a 24-hour alert for these missing persons and provide education and training to encourage radio and television broadcasters to participate in the alert. Requires the Center to consult with DOT and develop a procedure for the use of overhead permanent changeable message signs to provide information on the missing person or child meeting these criteria when information is available that would enable motorists to assist in their recovery.

Enacts new GS 143B-1776 establishing the Missing-Weather Alert within the Center to provide a statewide system for the rapid dissemination of information regarding a missing person or child that is missing during times of extreme heat or cold and is not in a vehicle, or immediately following a significant weather event. Requires an alert to be issued if the Center receives a request that involves such a missing person and at the time of receipt no more than 72 hours have passed since the person went missing. Requires the Center to make every effort to disseminate the information as quickly as possible, including procedures for the use of the Wireless Emergency Alert. Requires the Center to adopt guidelines and develop procedures for issuing a 30-day alert for these missing persons and provide education and training to encourage radio and television broadcasters to participate in the alert.

Requires the State Highway Patrol to adopt rules, or amendments to rules, consistent with the provisions of this act and allows the use of the procedure in GS 150B-21.1 (APA procedure for adopting a temporary rule) to adopt or amend any of these rules.

## Section 5.2

Transfers 22 specified positions, including the salaries, property, and other funds allocated for the positions, from the Department of Public Safety to the State Highway Patrol. Transfers six specified positions, including the salaries, property, and other funds allocated for the positions, from the Department of Information Technology to the State Highway Patrol.

## Section 5.3

Transfers 69 specified positions including the salaries, property, and other funds allocated for the positions from the Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles License and Theft Bureau, to the State Highway Patrol.

## Part VI.

### Section 6.1

Amends Section 6.1(a) of SL 2024-1, as amended, by making the following changes to directed grants that were to be allocated by the Office of State Budget and Management – Special Appropriations for the 2023-24 fiscal year. Requires that the directed grant to the Banner American Legion Auxiliary Unit #109, Inc., for \$125,000 for 2023-24 be provided instead to Banner American Legion Auxiliary Unit #109, Inc., as provided in SL 2023-134 (2023 Appropriations Act). Requires that Budgeted receipts from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund to provide additional funds to the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine in an amount of \$5 million for each fiscal year of 2023-25 be provided instead to the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine as provided in SL 2023-134 (2023 Appropriations Act). Adds the following provisions. Requires the directed grant to Greater Rocky Mount Family Medical Center Inc. in the sum of \$350,000 for 2023-24 to expand dental and behavioral health services be provided instead to the Opportunities Industrialization Center Incorporated of Rocky Mount. Requires the directed grant to Open Door Ministries of High Point Foundation Inc. in the sum of \$500,000 for 2023-24 be provided instead to Open Door Ministries of High Point Inc. Requires that the directed grant to Union County Schools in the sum \$8 million for 2023-24 for an athletic facility and related equipment not revert on June 30, 2026, but remain available until June 30, 2028. Requires that the directed grant to the Gray's Creek Ruritan Club 516 in the sum of \$245,000 for 2023-24 to support its mission of community improvement not be provided to the Gray's Creek Ruritan Club 516 but instead be provided in specified amounts to the Kidsville News! Literacy and Education Foundation Inc. for the Summer Reading, Literacy, and Education Program and to the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission for the WORTH Court to support mental health and substance abuse services for human trafficking survivors in Cumberland County.

### Section 6.2

Makes Section 8(a) of SL 2024-29 (amending GS 20-279.21, concerning providing underinsured motorist coverage) effective July 1, 2025, and applicable to policies issued or renewed on or after that date.

### Section 6.3

Requires the Department of Administration to reassign the office space on the second and fourth floors of the Archdale Building in Raleigh to the State Highway Patrol and requires that the equipment, furnishings, and other fixtures located on those floors owned by the State remain there to be used by the State Highway Patrol. Specifies that this does not prohibit the disposal, removal, or replacement of the equipment, furnishings, and other fixtures described in this section after the State Highway Patrol has moved into the space.

## Part VII.

Amends Section 40.8 of SL 2023-134, as enacted by Section 9.1(a) of SL 2024-1, by adding the following allocation from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund. Requires the funding allocated to the City of Charlotte in the sum of \$17.5 million for 2023-24 and \$2.5 million for 2024-25 to be used instead to provide grants in the specified amounts to the following: Appalachian State University to be used for the renovation project at Edwin Duncan Hall, for the renovation project at Wey Hall, for the addition and renovation project at Peacock Hall; to Wayne County for a capital project at Rosewood Middle School; to the Hudson Volunteer Fire Department Inc. to be used for capital improvements and equipment; to North Catawba Fire-Rescue Department Inc. to be used for capital improvements and equipment; to Grace Chapel Volunteer Fire Department Inc. to be used for capital improvements and equipment; to the City of Lenoir to be used for Harpers Avenue Area infrastructure improvements; to King's Creek Volunteer Fire Department Inc. to be used for capital improvements and equipment; to the Gamewell Volunteer Fire Department Inc. to be used for capital improvements and equipment; to Caldwell County to be used for a new ambulance; to Collettsville Volunteer Fire Department Inc. to be used for capital improvements

and equipment; to Patterson Fire-Rescue Department Inc. to be used for capital improvements and equipment; and to the Town of Hudson for downtown infrastructure improvements.

Amends Section 40.17(a) of SL 2021-180, as amended, which amended grants and funds allocated from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund in the 2021 Appropriations Act, by allowing the remaining amount of funding allocated to Clay County in the sum of \$2 million for 2021-22 for a new 911 call center to also be used for capital costs and equipment associated with the construction of a farmers' market.

#### Part VIII.

Amends Section 41.7 of SL 2023-134 by changing the name of the Dana Bumgardner Bridge on Highway 74 at the Mecklenburg/Gaston County line to the Representative Dana Bumgardner Bridge.

#### Part IX.

Amends GS 105-130.34 to give a C Corporation, and GS 105-153.11 to give an individual or a pass-through entity, that makes a qualified donation a tax credit equal to 25% of the fair market value of the qualified donation (was, had to make a donation of real property located in North Carolina during the taxable year that is useful (1) for forestland or farmland preservation; (2) for fish and wildlife conservation; (3) as a buffer to limit land use activities that would restrict, impede, or interfere with military training, testing, or operations on a military installation or training area or otherwise be incompatible with the mission of the installation; (4) for floodplain protection in a county that, in the five years preceding the donation, was the subject of a Type II or Type III gubernatorial disaster declaration as a result of a natural disaster; (5) for historic landscape conservation; or (6) for public trails or access to public trails). The definition of *qualified donation* is amended to include real property donated in perpetuity for one of those six previously specified uses and is accepted in perpetuity for the qualifying use for which the qualified real property interest is donated. Sets the cap on the aggregate amount of credit allowed to a C corporation in a taxable year for one or more qualified donations made during the calendar year (was, taxable year) at \$500,000. Sets the maximum amount of all credits allowed to taxpayers under the statute and GS 105-153.11 (for C Corporations) and under the statute and GS 105-130.34 (for individuals and pass-through entities) for qualified donations made in a taxable year at \$5 million of which \$3.25 million is a prioritized amount. Requires that if the total requested credits are equal to or less than the maximum amount, the Secretary must allow the total requested credits; if the total requested credits are greater than the maximum amount, then the Secretary must allocate the total requested credits in accordance with the following. If the total requested credits are (1) all prioritized credit requests or (2) all nonprioritized credit requests, then the Secretary must prorate the total requested credits based on the proportion of each requested credit to the total requested credits. If the total requested credits are (1) a combination of prioritized credit requests and nonprioritized credit requests and (2) the amount of prioritized credit requests is equal to or less than the prioritized amount, the Secretary must first allow the prioritized credit requests and then prorate the cap remainder based on the proportion of each of the remaining requested credits to the total requested credits less the prioritized amount. If the total amount of requested credits is (1) a combination of prioritized credit requests and nonprioritized credit requests and (2) the amount of prioritized credit requests is greater than the prioritized amount, the Secretary must first prorate the prioritized credit requests based on the proportion of each prioritized credit request to the prioritized amount; the Secretary must then prorate the cap remainder, including the remainder of any prioritized credit requests based on the proportion of each of the remaining requested credits to the total requested credits less the prioritized amount. Makes additional conforming and technical changes. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, for donations made on or after January 1, 2025, and expires for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027, for donations made on or after January 1, 2027.

**Intro. by Lambeth, Arp, Strickland, K. Hall.**

Caldwell, Catawba, Clay, Davidson, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Granville, Guilford, Mecklenburg, Nash, Randolph, Union, Wayne, GS 105, GS 116, GS 126, GS 143B

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**Business and Commerce, Corporation and Partnerships, Insurance, Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development, Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, UNC System, Department of Public Safety, Department of Transportation, Office of Information Technology Services, Office of State Budget and Management, State Highway**

H 258 (2025-2026) **UTILITY WORKER PROTECTION ACT**. Filed Mar 3 2025, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER*.

Amends GS 14-33 to make it a Class A1 misdemeanor to assault a utility or communications worker while the worker is (1) readily identifiable as a worker (as defined) and (2) discharging or attempting to discharge his or her duties. Defines *utility or communications worker* as an employee of, agent of, or under contract with an organization, entity, or company, whether State created or privately, municipally, county, or cooperatively owned, that provides electricity, natural gas, telecommunications services, or internet access services. Makes other technical and clarifying changes.

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

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

**Intro. by K. Hall, Miller, Crawford, Jeffers.**

GS 14

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**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and  
Procedure, Public Enterprises and Utilities**

H 259 (2025-2026) **BROWN-MORGAN SCIENCE OLYMPIAD GRANT**. Filed Mar 3 2025, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PILOT PROGRAM TO FACILITATE INCREASED PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT PARTICIPATION IN SCIENCE OLYMPIAD*.

Directs the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to establish the Brown-Morgan Science Olympiad Grant Pilot Program (Program) for the 2025-26 school year, with the purpose of improving the quality of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education by giving students the opportunity to compete in a rigorous academic interscholastic competition consisting of a series of team events for which students prepare throughout the year. Requires Program applications to be available by August 1, 2025, and specifies that all public school units are eligible to apply. Applications are due by August 31, 2025, and recipients are to be notified and grants disbursed by September 15, 2025. Priority is to be given to awarding the full amount requested to public school units that did not have a Science Olympiad team during the immediately preceding school year on a first come, first serve basis. Allows the grant funds to be used for: (1) fees required to participate in a Science Olympiad event, (2) team project materials, (3) travel required to participate in a Science Olympiad event, and (4) salary stipends to teachers that coach a Science Olympiad team. Requires DPI to report to the specified NCGA committee by May 1, 2025, on the four specified topics.

Appropriates \$127,500 for 2025-26 from the General Fund to DPI for the Program.

**Intro. by Roberson, Hawkins, Johnson-Hostler.**

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

H 260 (2025-2026) **REALLOCATE RAEFORD SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS**. Filed Mar 3 2025, *AN ACT TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL USES FOR CERTAIN FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY OF RAEFORD*.

Amends SL 2024-1, Section 4.2(g) by expanding the allowable uses of the \$3 million in funds appropriated from the Clean Water and Drinking Water Reserve for project grants in SL 2023-134 to Raeford, so that it can now be used for any other water

or wastewater project, in addition to the already authorized extension of sewer lines to Cameron Heights.

**Intro. by G. Pierce.**

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Enterprises and Utilities**

H 261 (2025-2026) [SENT. ENHANCEMENT/IMMIGRATION-RELATED CRIMES](#). Filed Mar 3 2025, *AN ACT TO CREATE A SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF A FELONY OTHER THAN A CLASS A FELONY WHILE BEING UNLAWFULLY IN THE UNITED STATES AND TO CREATE A SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY COMMITTED WHILE CONSPIRING WITH ONE OR MORE PERSONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BENEFITTING, PROMOTING, OR FURTHERING CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.*

Enacts new GS 15A-1340.16H, enhancing the criminal penalty to a felony that is one class higher than the underlying felony for which the person was convicted when a person is convicted of a felony other than a Class A felony and it is found that the person had been previously denied admission to, or excluded, deported, or removed from, the United States. Enhances the criminal penalty to a felony that is two classes higher than the underlying felony for which the person was convicted if a person is convicted of a felony other than a Class A felony and it is found that the person had been previously convicted of a crime relating to the reentry of removed aliens under 8 U.S.C. § 1326. Requires that an indictment or information for the felony allege the applicable facts set out above. Specifies that is to be included in the pleading for an offense subject to these enhancements. Requires the State to prove the issue set above beyond a reasonable doubt during the same trial in which the defendant is tried for the felony unless the defendant pleads guilty or no contest to that issue; if the defendant pleads guilty or no contest to the felony but pleads not guilty to the issue set out above, then requires a jury to be impaneled to determine that issue.

Enacts new GS 15A-1340.16I, enhancing the criminal penalty to a felony that is one class higher than the underlying felony for which the person was convicted when a person is convicted of a felony other than a Class A felony and it is found that the felony was committed by a person conspiring with one or more persons for the purpose of benefitting, promoting, or furthering criminal activity. Requires the indictment or information for the felony to allege those facts. Makes the pleading sufficient if it alleges that the defendant committed the felony while conspiring with one or more persons for the purpose of benefitting, promoting, or furthering the interests of criminal activity. Requires the State to prove the issue beyond a reasonable doubt during the same trial in which the defendant is tried for the felony unless the defendant pleads guilty or no contest to that issue; if the defendant pleads guilty or no contest to the felony but pleads not guilty to the issue set out above, then requires a jury to be impaneled to determine that issue.

Enacts new GS 15A-1340.24, enhancing the criminal penalty to a misdemeanor one class higher than the underlying misdemeanor for which the person was convicted when a person is convicted of a misdemeanor other than a Class A1 misdemeanor and it is found that the misdemeanor was committed by a person conspiring with one or more persons for the purpose of benefitting, promoting, or furthering criminal activity. Enhances the punishment to a Class I felony if a person is convicted of a Class A1 misdemeanor and it is found that the misdemeanor was committed by a person conspiring with one or more persons for the purpose of benefitting, promoting, or furthering criminal activity. Requires the pleading charging the person for the misdemeanor to allege the facts set out above. Makes the pleading sufficient if it alleges that the defendant committed the misdemeanor while conspiring with one or more persons for the purpose of benefitting, promoting, or furthering the interests of criminal activity. Requires the State to prove the issue beyond a reasonable doubt during the same trial in which the defendant is tried for the misdemeanor unless the defendant pleads guilty or no contest to that issue; if the defendant pleads guilty or no contest to the misdemeanor but pleads not guilty to the issue set out above, then requires a jury to be impaneled to determine that issue.

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

**Intro. by N. Jackson, Balkcom, Biggs, Ward.**

GS 15A

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**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Immigration**

H 262 (2025-2026) **DESIGNATE CHIEF R. MALLOY OVERPASS**. Filed Mar 3 2025, *AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE CHIEF ROBERT LEE MALLOY OVERPASS*.

Requires the Department of Transportation to designate the specified overpass on Interstate 74 in Laurinburg in honor of Chief of Police Robert Lee Malloy.

**Intro. by G. Pierce.**

**Scotland**

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**Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation, Transportation**

H 264 (2025-2026) **WIRE FRAUD PREVENTION ACT**. Filed Mar 3 2025, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE WIRE FRAUD PREVENTION ACT*.

Amends GS 25-4A-201, which defines a *security procedure* as a procedure established by agreement of a customer and a receiving bank for the purpose of (1) verifying that a payment order or communication amending or cancelling a payment order is that of the customer or (2) detecting error in the transmission or the content of the payment order or communication. Now adds the requirement that a security procedure require the receiving bank to verbally verify the payment order or communication with the customer and, if the receiving bank is the beneficiary's bank, the beneficiary.

Amends GS 25-4A-204 by adding that if a receiving bank accepts a payment order issued in the name of its customer as sender that is not authorized under GS 25-4A-202(a) (which specifies that a payment order received by the receiving bank is the authorized order of the person identified as sender if that person authorized the order or is otherwise bound by it under the law of agency) but that is effective as an order of the customer under GS 25-4A-202(b) (which provides that if a bank and its customer have agreed that the authenticity of payment orders issued to the bank in the name of the customer as sender will be verified pursuant to a security procedure, a payment order received by the receiving bank is effective as the order of the customer, whether or not authorized, if specified conditions are met), then the bank must refund 25% of any payment of the payment order received from the customer within 30 days of discovering that the payment order was not authorized. Makes additional technical and clarifying changes.

Amends GS 25-4A-404, which provides that if a beneficiary's bank accepts a payment order, the bank is obliged to pay the amount of the order to the beneficiary of the order and makes payment due on the payment date of the order, but if acceptance occurs on the payment date after the close of the funds-transfer business day of the bank, payment is due on the next funds-transfer business day. Adds that if the beneficiary's bank account was opened within one year and the payment amount is greater than \$100,000, the bank must pay the beneficiary only 25% of the payment amount on this date and pay the remaining amount 10 funds-transfer business days later without interest. Makes additional technical and clarifying changes.

Requires the Revisor of Statutes to print as annotations to the published General Statutes all explanatory comments of the drafters of this act as the Revisor deems appropriate.

Effective October 1, 2025, and applies to funds transfers commencing on or after that date.

**Intro. by Zenger, Howard, Davis.**

**GS 25**

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**Banking and Finance**

H 266 (2025-2026) **ADOPT WOMEN VETERANS DAY**. Filed Mar 3 2025, *AN ACT TO ADOPT THE TWELFTH DAY OF JUNE OF EACH YEAR AS WOMEN VETERANS DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA*.

Enacts new GS 103-19 designating the twelfth day of June of each year as Women Veterans Day.

**Intro. by Goodwin, Majeed, Cunningham, Logan.**

**GS 103**

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

H 267 (2025-2026) **EXPUNGING CERTAIN EVICTION RECORDS**. Filed Mar 3 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNGEMENT OF CERTAIN EVICTION RECORDS*.

Enacts new GS 42-36.4, providing as follows. Requires the clerk of superior court, without further petition or hearing, to enter an order requiring the expunction of all court records made in summary ejection proceedings 30 days after the resolution of the proceedings if the proceedings are resolved in one of the following ways: (1) the proceedings are voluntarily dismissed before a magistrate's entry of an order for possession or (2) the proceedings are voluntarily dismissed prior to the district court's entry of an order of possession, provided that the proceedings have been withdrawn from small claims court and brought before the district court, or the proceedings have been moved to district court pursuant to an appeal for a trial de novo. When judgment is entered in favor of the defendant on the merits of the initial action, expunction is not automatic but the defendant may file a petition, and the clerk of superior court must, without a hearing, enter an order requiring all court records made in the summary ejection proceedings to be expunged from the court files.

Allows, for summary ejection proceedings commenced before October 1, 2025, the defendant to file a petition in the court where the underlying summary ejection action was filed requesting all court records made in the summary ejection proceedings be expunged from the court's files if the action was resolved in one of the following ways: (1) the proceedings are voluntarily dismissed before a magistrate's entry of an order for possession; (2) the proceedings are voluntarily dismissed before the district court's entry of an order of possession, provided that the proceedings have been withdrawn from small claims court and brought before the district court, or the proceedings have been moved to district court pursuant to an appeal for a trial de novo; or (3) judgment is entered in favor of the defendant on the merits of the initial action, all applicable appeals periods have passed, and all applicable appeals have been resolved. Requires, upon finding that a summary ejection action was resolved in one of these three ways, that the the court, without a hearing, enter an order requiring the expungement of the court records related to the summary ejection action.

Allows the defendant, for summary ejection actions in which judgment is entered in favor of the plaintiff on the initial merits of the action, after (1) all applicable appeals periods have passed, (2) all applicable appeals have been resolved, and (3) the passing of a three-year waiting period beginning on the date of entry of the judgment on the initial merits of the action, to file a petition in the court in which the underlying summary ejection action was filed requesting all court records made in the summary ejection proceedings be expunged from the court's files. Requires the court, upon finding that the petitioner has stabilized his or her housing, to without a hearing, enter an order requiring all court records made in the summary ejection proceedings to be expunged. Sets out the issues that the court may consider in determining if the petitioner has stabilized his or her housing.

Requires the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to develop forms for the petitions required by this statute and sets out information that must be provided on the forms.

Effective October 1, 2025.

Requires AOC to develop the petition forms and make them available by September 30, 2025.

**Intro. by Cohn, F. Jackson, Price, Morey.**

**GS 42**

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**Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Court System, Administrative Office of the Courts, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing**



H 268 (2025-2026) [2025 UNC SELF-LIQUIDATING CAPITAL PROJECTS](#). Filed Mar 3 2025, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING, WITHOUT APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND OR THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, OF CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OF THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.*

Sets out the act's purpose as authorizing the financing of the capital improvement projects listed in this act for the respective UNC institutions with funds available to the institutions from gifts, grants, receipts, self-liquidating indebtedness, Medicare reimbursements for education costs, hospital receipts from patient care, or other funds, or any combination of these funds, but not including funds received for tuition or appropriated from the General Fund or State Capital and Infrastructure Fund of the State unless previously authorized by General Statute. Authorizes the following capital improvement projects, and their specified costs, to be financed as provided above: (1) UNC-Chapel Hill: Electrical Distribution System/Substations & Switchgear Upgrade, and Fetzer Hall Addition/Campus Recreation; (2) UNC-Wilmington Parking Deck III, and Student Housing Village - Phase III. Allows the Director of the Budget, at the request of the UNC Board of Governors and upon determining that it is in the best interest of the State to do so, to authorize an increase or decrease in the cost of, or a change in the method of, funding the projects listed in this act; allows consulting with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations in deciding whether to make such changes.

Allows the UNC Board of Governors to issue, subject to approval of the Director of the Budget, at one time or from time to time, special obligation bonds of the Board of Governors for the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost of acquiring, constructing, or providing for the projects listed above. Caps the maximum principal amount of bonds to be issued at the amounts specified in the act plus 5% of such amount to pay issuance expenses, fund reserve funds, pay capitalized interest, and pay other related additional costs plus any increase in the specific project costs authorized by the Director of the Budget.

**Intro. by Hastings, Pickett.**

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**Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies, UNC System**

H 269 (2025-2026) [WORKFORCE FREEDOM AND PROTECTION ACT](#). Filed Mar 3 2025, *AN ACT REMOVING BARRIERS TO JOB MOBILITY, EMPOWERING WORKERS TO NEGOTIATE BETTER WAGES, AND FOSTERING A FAIRER LABOR MARKET BY BANNING EXPLOITATIVE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY STREAMLINING OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING IN NORTH CAROLINA.*

Titles the act as the "Workforce Freedom and Protection Act."

Repeals Articles 10 (Declaration of Policy as to Labor Organizations) and 12 (Units of Government and Labor Unions, Trade Unions, and Labor Organizations, and Public Employee Strikes) of GS Chapter 95.

Adds new Article 24, including the following. Enacts new GS 95-275, which provides as follows. Makes it the public policy of this State that any contract that restrains anyone from exercising a lawful profession, trade, or business of any kind is to that extent void and unenforceable, except as provided below. Prohibits an employer in NC from: (1) entering into a non-compete agreement with an employee; (2) requiring an employee to enter into a non-compete agreement as a condition of employment; (3) enforcing or attempting to enforce a non-compete agreement; (4) threatening to enforce a non-compete agreement; and (5) in the case of a franchise operator, entering into an agreement that restricts an employee from moving between locations. Defines an employee as an employee providing labor or services to another for pay of less than \$75,000 per year. Allows a person injured by a violation of this statute to bring a civil action to recover actual damages, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, and any other relief the court deems appropriate. Allows that the Attorney General may investigate violations and bring an action to enforce this statute. Sets out provisions governing choice of law and venue. Also defines non-compete agreement and no-poach agreement. Effective July 1, 2025, and applies to all non-compete agreements entered into on or after that date. Specifies that this does not apply to non-compete agreements entered into prior to the effective date, except that any attempt to enforce such an agreement after the effective date must comply with GS 95-275.

Requires the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) to review all occupations and professions in North Carolina that require a State-issued license with the purpose of identifying any occupational licensing requirements that are unnecessary or overly restrictive and to recommend changes to increase workforce freedom while protecting public health and safety. Requires the study to examine and evaluate, at least, the specified criteria for each licensed profession relating to public safety rationale, necessity and alternatives, impact on employment and economic opportunity, effects on consumers and competition, national comparison and best practices, regulatory overlap or redundancy, and outcomes and accountability. Requires the study to emphasize the following priority industries: construction trades, cosmetology, health-related professions, personal care services, and other fields where occupational licensing requirements may disproportionately impact small business creation and workforce entry. Requires engaging five specified stakeholders in the study. Requires the LRC to hold at least three public hearings, one in each geographic region of the State to gather public input and recommendations. Requires a public comment period of at least 90 days. Requires the LRC to consider and incorporate reforms implemented in other states that have successfully reduced licensing burdens while maintaining consumer protection standards. Requires that the LRC shall submit an interim report on the results of the study to the 2025 General Assembly when it reconvenes for the 2026 session and a final report to the 2027 General Assembly that requires specified information. Requires the NCGA to hold a public hearing on the LRC's recommendations within six months of receiving the final report.

**Intro. by Cohn, Crawford, K. Brown, Logan.**

**STUDY, GS 95**

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**Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing,  
Employment and Retirement, Government, General Assembly**

H 270 (2025-2026) **REVISE LAW ON THE DEATH PENALTY.** Filed Mar 3 2025, *AN ACT TO REVISE THE METHODS OF EXECUTION AVAILABLE FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND SENTENCED TO DEATH.*

Repeals GS 15-187, which abolished death by electrocution and death by the administration of lethal injection.

Amends GS 15-188 to now require that any person convicted of a criminal offense and sentenced to death be executed in accordance with this statute and Article 10 (execution). Allows the warden of Central Prison to obtain and employ the drugs necessary to carry out the provisions of this Article, regardless of contrary provisions in GS Chapter 90. Requires that a person convicted of a criminal offense and sentenced to death be executed by electrocution or, at the person's election, by firing squad or lethal injection, if it is available at the time of election, under the direction of the Secretary of the Department of Adult Correction. Sets out requirement for the timing of electing death by electrocution, firing squad, or lethal injection. Provides that if the convicted person waives the right of election, then the penalty must be administered by electrocution. No longer requires the superintendent of the State penitentiary to prepare the injection, administer the preinjections, insert the IV catheter, and perform other tasks required for the procedure. Requires the Secretary of the Department of Adult Correction, upon receiving the notice of execution, to determine and certify by affidavit under penalty of perjury to the NC Supreme Court whether the methods provided above are available. Requires a person convicted of a capital crime and sentenced to death prior to the statute's effective date to be administered death by electrocution, unless the person elects death by firing squad or lethal injection, if it is available, in writing 14 days before the execution date. Provides that if execution by lethal injection under this statute is unavailable or is held to be unconstitutional by an appellate court of competent jurisdiction, then the manner of inflicting a death sentence must be by electrocution, unless the convicted person elects death by firing squad. Sets out provisions governing the location of the execution. Requires the Department of Adult Correction (Department) to give convicted persons written notice of the person's right to election under this statute and the available methods. Requires the Department to establish protocols and procedures for carrying out executions.

Makes conforming changes to GS 15-188.1 (Health care professional assistance), GS 15-190 (concerning monitoring and carrying out of an execution), and GS 15-191 (Pending sentences unaffected).

Includes a severability clause.

**Intro. by Willis, Pyrtle, Miller, Ward.**

**GS 15**

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**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Corrections  
(Sentencing/Probation), Government, State Agencies,  
Department of Adult Correction, Health and Human Services,  
Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers**

## **PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS**

S 222 (2025-2026) **CONTRACTS/CHOICE OF LAW & AMP FORUM**. Filed Mar 3 2025, *AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM SELECTION PROVISIONS SHALL NOT APPLY TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.*

Amends the definition of *business contract* in GS 1G-2, as it applies to GS Chapter 1G (the North Carolina Choice of Law and Forum in Business Contracts Act), so that it excludes a government contract, thereby excluding it from the Chapter's provisions. Defines *government contract* as a contract or undertaking, contingent or otherwise, to which the State of North Carolina or a county, municipality, or other public body of the State of North Carolina is a party.

**Intro. by Johnson.**

GS 1G

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**Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Government, State  
Government, Local Government**

S 223 (2025-2026) **EXPAND ACADEMIC TRANS. PATHWAYS/SOPHOMORE HS**. Filed Mar 3 2025, *AN ACT TO EXPAND ACADEMIC TRANSITION PATHWAYS FOR SOPHOMORE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.*

Amends GS 115D-20 (pertaining to community college trustees) to expand academic transition pathways to include qualified high school sophomores, as title indicates (currently, just qualified high school juniors and seniors). Applies beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

**Intro. by McInnis, Lee, Moffitt.**

GS 115D

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

S 224 (2025-2026) **GABRIEL ESPARZA/SECRETARY OF DOA**. Filed Mar 3 2025, *A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF GABRIEL J. ESPARZA AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.*

Includes whereas clauses. Requires the Senate to consider whether to confirm Gabriel J. Esparza as Secretary of the Department of Administration.

**Intro. by Rabon.**

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**Government, General Assembly, State Agencies, Department  
of Administration**

S 225 (2025-2026) **EDDIE BUFFALOE/SECRETARY OF DPS**. Filed Mar 3 2025, *A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF EDDIE M. BUFFALOE, JR., AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF*

*PUBLIC SAFETY.*

Includes whereas clauses. Directs the Senate to consider whether to confirm Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr., as Secretary of the Department of Public Safety.

**Intro. by Rabon.**

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**Government, General Assembly, State Agencies, Department of Public Safety**

S 226 (2025-2026) **ALIGN BENEFITS FOR FIREFIGHTERS WITH CANCER.** Filed Mar 3 2025, *AN ACT TO INCLUDE ANY CANCER, THE DIAGNOSIS OF WHICH QUALIFIED A FIREFIGHTER FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE FIREFIGHTERS' CANCER INSURANCE PROGRAM OR THE FIREFIGHTERS' HEALTH BENEFITS PILOT PROGRAM, IN THE LIST OF FIREFIGHTER DEATHS MEETING THE DEFINITION OF KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' DEATH BENEFITS ACT.*

Amends GS 143-166.2 by expanding upon the definition of *killed in the line of duty* as it applies to the Public Safety Employees' Death Benefits Act, to provide that when the death of a firefighter occurs as a direct and proximate result of any cancer diagnosis that qualified the firefighter for benefits under the Firefighters' Cancer Insurance Program and because of which benefits under that program were received, then that firefighter is presumed to have been killed in the line of duty.

Enacts new GS 58-86A-10, deeming any firefighter having received a benefit under the Firefighters' Health Benefits Pilot Program as having received benefits under the Firefighters' Cancer Insurance Program.

Amends GS 58-86A-1 by adding that the Firefighters' Cancer Insurance Program (Program) is a permanent continuation of the Firefighters' Health Benefits Pilot Program. Prohibits the State Fire Marshal from purchasing commercial insurance for the Program and requires contracting with a third-party administrator instead. Makes additional conforming and technical changes.

Amends GS 58-86A-2 by defining the *Firefighters' Health Benefits Pilot Program* and *Program* (The Firefighters' Cancer Insurance Program).

Appropriates \$2 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of State Treasurer for each year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium to be used for benefits payable under the Public Safety Employees' Death Benefits Act related to the implementation of this act.

Effective July 1, 2025, and applies to qualifying deaths occurring on or after that date.

**Intro. by Johnson, Barnes, Lazzara.**

APPROP, GS 58, GS 143

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

S 227 (2025-2026) **ELIMINATING "DEI" IN PUBLIC EDUCATION.** Filed Mar 3 2025, *AN ACT TO DEMONSTRATE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTENT THAT STUDENTS, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND OTHER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZE THE EQUALITY AND RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS AND TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS FROM PROMOTING CERTAIN CONCEPTS THAT ARE CONTRARY TO THAT INTENT.*

Enacts new GS 115C-76.200 setting out the NCGA's finding that Section 1 of Article I of the NC Constitution recognizes the equality and rights of all persons and states the NCGA's intent that students, teachers, administrators, and other school employees respect the dignity of others, acknowledge the right of others to express differing opinions, and foster and defend intellectual honesty, freedom of inquiry and instruction, and freedom of speech and association and that the public schools of this State employ teaching methods and procedures to further that intent.

Enacts new GS 115C-76.205 defining the following terms. Defines discriminatory practice as any of the following based on an individual's protected classification under federal law: (1) treating an individual differently solely to advantage or disadvantage that individual as compared to other individuals or groups; (2) excluding an individual from employment, except as allowed under federal law; or (3) excluding an individual from participation in an educational program or activity, except as allowed under federal law. Defines divisive concept as any of the following: (1) one race or sex is inherently superior to another race or sex; (2) an individual, solely by virtue of his or her race or sex, is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive; (3) an individual should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment solely or partly because of his or her race or sex; (4) an individual's moral character is necessarily determined by his or her race or sex; (5) an individual, solely by virtue of his or her race or sex, bears responsibility for actions committed in the past by other members of the same race or sex; (6) any individual, solely by virtue of his or her race or sex, should feel discomfort, guilt, anguish, or any other form of psychological distress; (7) a meritocracy is inherently racist or sexist; (8) the United States was created by members of a particular race or sex for the purpose of oppressing members of another race or sex; (9) particular character traits, values, moral or ethical codes, privileges, or beliefs should be ascribed to a race or sex or to an individual because of the individual's race or sex; (10) the rule of law does not exist but instead is a series of power relationships and struggles among racial or other groups; (11) all Americans are not created equal and are not endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and (12) governments should deny to any person within the government's jurisdiction the equal protection of the law. Also defines the terms instruction and professional development.

Enacts new GS 115C-76.210 prohibiting public school units from: (1) engaging in or advocating for discriminatory practices; (2) compelling students, teachers, administrators, or other school employees to affirm or profess belief in divisive concepts; (3) providing instruction to students on divisive concepts; (4) engaging in any of the following with respect to professional development that includes or advocates for divisive concepts or discriminatory practices that a. approve, recommend, or require a professional educator to participate in the professional development, b. develop, purchase, or provide the professional development, c. contract with an entity for the professional development, or d. provide an entity access for the purpose of delivering the professional development; (5) maintaining an office, division, or other unit promoting discriminatory practices or divisive concepts, or referred to as or named diversity, equity, and inclusion; and (6) employing or assigning an employee whose duties for a public school unit include promoting discriminatory practices or divisive concepts. Specifies that the statute is not be construed as limiting: (1) speech protected by the First Amendment of the US Constitution, (2) materials accessed on an individual basis that advocate divisive concepts or discriminatory practices for the purpose of research or independent study, (3) policies, procedures, or professional development required by State or federal law, or (4) instruction on divisive concepts in accordance with the standard course of study in contexts that make clear the public school unit does not sponsor, approve, or endorse any divisive concepts, including instruction related to the specified topics. Requires each public school unit to annually certify in writing by September 1 to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) that it fully complies with the requirements of this statute, including any actions taken to achieve compliance. Requires DPI to summarize the certifications in a consolidated report by January 15 annually to the specified NCGA commission and committee.

Amends GS 115C-12(9c) by prohibiting the State Board of Education from approving, providing, recommending, or requiring professional development that is prohibited by GS 115C-76.210.

Amends GS 115C-270.30 by prohibiting awarding continuing education credit for professional development that is prohibited by GS 115C-76.210.

Requires that for the certification due September 1, 2025, each public school unit must also include information on the initial implementation of this act, including reductions in force and spending, changes to job titles and position descriptions, and how savings achieved from these actions have been directed.

Includes a severability clause.

**Intro. by Berger, Lee, Overcash.**

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education,  
Government, State Agencies, Department of Public  
Instruction, State Board of Education**

## LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 263 (2025-2026) [DOWN-ZONING/PERSON & DURHAM COS.](#) Filed Mar 3 2025, *AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN THE COUNTIES OF DURHAM AND PERSON AND THE CITIES OF DURHAM AND ROXBORO.*

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 Durham and Person counties and the cities of Durham and Roxboro. 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 Jeffers.**

[Durham, Person, GS 160D](#)

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Land Use, Planning and Zoning](#)

H 265 (2025-2026) [SCHCALFLEX/CHAR-MECK/CC.](#) Filed Mar 3 2025, *AN ACT TO ALLOW CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS TO ALIGN THEIR SCHOOL CALENDAR WITH THE SCHOOL CALENDAR OF LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES.*

Identical to [S 194](#), filed 2/27/25.

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 Charlotte-Mecklenburg 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 Belk, Cotham, T. Brown, Lofton.**

[Mecklenburg, GS 115C](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

H 271 (2025-2026) [PARTISAN ELECTIONS/MUNL/CABARRUS CO.](#) Filed Mar 3 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN CABARRUS COUNTY SHALL BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS AND TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY VOTERS RESIDING IN THE DISTRICT THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPRESENTS SHALL VOTE FOR THAT MEMBER IN THE CITY OF CONCORD.*

Amends Section 3.1 of the Charter of the City of Concord (Charter), SL 1985-861, as amended, to require that beginning in 2025, regular municipal elections be held in the city every odd-numbered year and be conducted in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws of North Carolina. Requires that the Mayor and the City Council be elected using the partisan election method. Requires in 2025, and quadrennially thereafter, that the Mayor and three council members, representing Districts 3, 4, and 5, be nominated and elected for four-year terms and in 2027, and quadrennially thereafter, four council members, representing Districts 1, 2, 6, and 7, be nominated and elected for four-year terms. Amends Section 3.2 of the Charter by specifying that City Council members are to serve staggered four-year terms. Allows only qualified voters residing in that

district to vote for the member from that district (was, members are nominated and elected by all the voters of the city voting at large).

Amends Section 4.1 of the Charter of the Town of Harrisburg, SL 1973-111, as amended, by requiring Town officers to be elected according to the partisan election method (was, Council members must be elected on a nonpartisan basis and the results determined by plurality).

Amends Section 4-1 of the Charter of the City of Kannapolis, as adopted by the Kannapolis Charter Commission on December 11, 1984, pursuant to SL 1983-191, by requiring City officers to be elected on a partisan (was, non-partisan) basis.

Amends Section 4.1 of the Charter of the Town of Midland, being SL 2000-91, by requiring regular municipal elections to be partisan instead of non-partisan.

Amends Section C-3.2 of the Charter of the Town of Mount Pleasant, SL 1883-77, as amended, to require Town officers to be elected according to the partisan election method (was, non-partisan).

Specifies that this act has the effect of repealing any conflicting provisions of local or special acts or conflicting local ordinances relating to the nonpartisan municipal elections for any municipalities covered by this act. Also specifies that the act does not affect the filling of a vacancy in a municipal election that occurs for a seat elected prior to the effective date of this act.

Applies to elections held in 2025 and thereafter.

**Intro. by Echevarria, Campbell, Almond.**

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## ACTIONS ON BILLS

### PUBLIC BILLS

#### **H 2: ENTRY FEES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS EVENTS. (NEW)**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/05/2025*

#### **H 23: ALLOW STANLY COMM. COLL. CULINARY OFF CAMPUS.**

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/04/2025*

#### **H 42: BURGLARY & B&E/SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/04/2025*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*



Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget

**H 74: HOUSE BUDGET TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Ruled Material

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 03/04/2025

**H 98: PATRIOTISM EXPRESSION ACT.**

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref to the Com on Judiciary 3, if favorable, State and Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

**H 233: FUNDS FOR TOWN OF MILTON.**

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

**H 239: CHANGE TO EC FUNDING FORMULA.**

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

**H 241: FUNDS FOR PERSON COUNTY PROJECTS.**

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

**H 242: ADD PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS TO MEDICAID HASP.**

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

**H 244: DEPOLITICIZE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY ACT.**

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

**H 245: AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN RURAL AREAS.**

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

**H 246: LIAM'S LAW.**

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

**H 247: 8-1-1 AMENDMENTS.**

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Energy and Public Utilities, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

**H 248: LIVE/WORK EXEMPTION FOR ONE-FAMILY DWELLINGS.**

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

**H 249: DIVERSITY IN PICKLEBALL PILOT PROGRAM.**

House: Passed 1st Reading

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



**H 250: WAIVE ANNUAL REPORT/FEE FOR DEPLOYED MILITARY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 251: DISASTER RESPONSE FUNDING/NONDISCRIMINATION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 252: STEELE CREEK INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENT ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 254: ADOPT TUSKEGEE AIRMEN DAY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 256: ALLOW PUBLIC EMPLOYEE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 258: UTILITY WORKER PROTECTION ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 259: BROWN-MORGAN SCIENCE OLYMPIAD GRANT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 260: REALLOCATE RAEFORD SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 261: SENT. ENHANCEMENT/IMMIGRATION-RELATED CRIMES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 262: DESIGNATE CHIEF R. MALLOY OVERPASS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 264: WIRE FRAUD PREVENTION ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 266: ADOPT WOMEN VETERANS DAY.**

*House: Filed*

**H 267: EXPUNGING CERTAIN EVICTION RECORDS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 268: 2025 UNC SELF-LIQUIDATING CAPITAL PROJECTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 269: WORKFORCE FREEDOM AND PROTECTION ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 270: REVISE LAW ON THE DEATH PENALTY.**

*House: Filed*

**S 55: STUDENT USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

**S 125: REORGANIZATION OF CHAPTER 115D.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

**S 133: NCCCS LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

**S 153: NORTH CAROLINA BORDER PROTECTION ACT.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

**S 195: PROTECT CAMPUS SURVIVORS ACT.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 197: FUNDS FOR SMITH REYNOLDS AIRPORT MRO HANGAR.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 199: HOME OWNERSHIP MARKET MANIPULATION.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 200: HOUSING SUPPORT FOR HURRICANE IMPACTED AREAS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref To Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 204: REMOVE TESTING REQUIREMENT FOR TEACHER LISC.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 205: CLARIFY SWIMMING POOL LAWS/PRIV. POOL RENTALS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 207: LITTER LAW/REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 210: FUNDS/DURHAM CO. WASTEWATER UTILITY/RTP.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 211: REENACT THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 217: FUNDS TO REPAIR ORPHAN ROADS IN DURHAM COUNTY.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 218: INCREASE ACCESS FOR SMALL EMPLOYERS/INSURANCE.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 220: PROTECT PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS.-AB**

*Senate: Held As Filed*

**S 221: CONFIRM PAM CASHWELL/SEC. N & AMP CR.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref to Agriculture, Energy, and Environment. If fav, re-ref to Select Committee on Nominations*

**S 222: CONTRACTS/CHOICE OF LAW & AMP FORUM.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 223: EXPAND ACADEMIC TRANS. PATHWAYS/SOPHOMORE HS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 224: GABRIEL ESPARZA/SECRETARY OF DOA.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 225: EDDIE BUFFALOE/SECRETARY OF DPS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 226: ALIGN BENEFITS FOR FIREFIGHTERS WITH CANCER.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 227: ELIMINATING "DEI" IN PUBLIC EDUCATION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**LOCAL BILLS**

**H 240: DAVIDSON CHARTER CONSOLIDATION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 243: DURHAM/ELECTRONIC NOTICES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 253: RESTORE DOWN-ZONING/FARMLAND & AMP FLOODPLAIN.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 255: SCHCALFLEX/GRANVILLE,VANCE/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 263: DOWN-ZONING/PERSON & AMP DURHAM COS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 265: SCHCALFLEX/CHAR-MECK/CC.**

*House: Filed*

**H 271: PARTISAN ELECTIONS/MUNI./CABARRUS CO.**

*House: Filed*

**S 149: HENDERSON COUNTY/BLUE RIDGE CC CONSTRUCTION.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 174: RUTHERFORD CTY/ISOTHERMAL CC CONSTRUCTION.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 194: SCHCALFLEX/CHAR-MECK/CC.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 196: WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH CO. PLANNING & ZONING.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 198: RESTORE DOWN-ZONING AUTH./MULTIPLE COUNTIES.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 201: TOWN OF PINEVILLE/RESERVE POLICE.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 202: PARK SOUTH STATION TRAFFIC CITATIONS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 203: CITY OF WILMINGTON/PROPERTY CONVEYANCES.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref to State and Local Government. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 206: PINETOPS CHARTER REVISED & CONSOLIDATED.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 208: SCHCALFLEX/DURHAM/AUG 10 & ASSMNTS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 209: DATA PRIVACY FOR MINORS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 212: RESTORE DOWN-ZONING AUTH./GRANVILLE & WAKE.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 213: 42ND SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 214: TOWN OF FOUR OAKS/DEANNEXATIONS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref to State and Local Government. If fav, re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 215: 28TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 216: SHARPSBURG SATELLITE ANNEXATION.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 219: VILLAGE OF MARVIN SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

*Senate: Ref to State and Local Government. If fav, re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate*

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