

## The Daily Bulletin: 2025-03-24

### PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 481 (2025-2026) **GSC TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS 2025 PART 2**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES AND SESSION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.*

#### Section 1.

Directs the Revisor of Statutes (Revisor) to make the following changes, subject to grammatical rules and general drafting conventions of capitalization:

1. Subject to bullet 2 below, replace "e-mail", "electronic mail", "e-mailing" or "electronic mailing" with "email" in GS 1-75.4, 1-507.34, 1-539.2A, 9 1A-1, Rule 4, 1A-1, Rule 5, and any other statutes in which any of these terms appear and make a similar change when any of these terms is plural.
2. Replace "registered, certified, or electronic mail" with "registered mail, certified mail, or email" in GS 143-293.
3. Subject bullets 4 and 5 below, make "Internet" lowercase in GS 14-113.20, 14-113.30, 14-113.31, 14-118.7, 14-196.3, and any other statutes in which the term appears.
4. Replace "Internet protocol" with "Internet Protocol" in GS 105-164.3, 130A-480, and 143B-1400.
5. Replace "internet web site", "internet website", "internet site", or "web site", including any variation in capitalization of any of these terms, with "website" in GS 7A-38.2, 7A-38.3F, 10B-36, 14-44.1, 14-202.5, and any other statutes in which any of these terms appear and make a similar change when any of these terms is plural.
6. Replace "rule making" or "rule-making" with "rulemaking" in GS 7B-4001, 10B-126, 15C-12, 18B-105, 20-37.22, and any other statutes in which either of these terms appear.

Authorizes the Revisor to delete duplicative language resulting from these changes and may replace "an" with "a" to conform with these changes.

#### Section 2.

Makes technical changes to GS 14-288.9 (assault upon emergency personnel).

#### Section 3.

Now specifies that the effect of an expunction under GS 15A-145.5 (expunction of certain misdemeanors and felonies without age limitations), GS 15A-145 (expunctions of misdemeanors of first offenders under age 18 and underage persons possessing alcohol), GS 15A-145.1 (expunctions for first offenders under age 18 for convictions of certain gang offenses), GS 15A-145.2 (expunction of records for first offenders over 21 for certain drug offenses), GS 15A-145.3 (expunction of first offender under 21 for certain toxic vapors offenses), GS 15A-145.4 (expunction of records for first offender under 18 for nonviolent felony), GS 15A-145.6 (expunction for certain defendants convicted of prostitution), GS 15A-145.7 (expunction of records for first offenders under 20 years of age at the time of the offense of certain offenses), GS 15A-145.8 (expunction of records when charges are remanded to district court for juvenile adjudication), GS 15A-145.8A (expunction of records under 18 for certain misdemeanors and felonies upon completion of sentence), GS 15A-145.9 (expunction of certain offenses committed by human trafficking victims), GS 15A-146 (expunction of records when charges are dismissed or there are findings of not guilty), GS 15A-147 (expunction of records when charges dismissed or findings of not guilty due to identity theft), and GS 15A-149 (expunction of records when pardon of innocence is granted) is governed by the prohibited practices by employers, educational institutions, agencies of State and local governments related to expunctions set forth in GS 15A-153. (Currently, specifies that such persons whose records are expunged under GS 15A-145.5 shall be held thereafter under any provision of any law to be guilty of perjury or otherwise giving a false statement by reason of that person's failure to recite or acknowledge the arrest, indictment, information, trial, or conviction.) Makes technical, organizational, and clarifying changes.

Makes technical changes to GS 15A-153 (effect of expunction).

#### Section 4.

Makes technical changes to GS 48-3-309, including to the statute's title (mandatory criminal history checks for certain prospective adoptive parents).

#### Section 5.

Effective July 1, 2025, expands GS 58-36-43 so that the types of insurance policies where an insurer is not allowed to condition the acceptance, renewal or underwriting criteria of a policy on the policyholder accepting optional enhancement to include residential private flood insurance (currently, just automobile or homeowner's enhancements). Makes technical changes, including to section title.

#### Section 6.

Changes references from "cash" to "currency" in Part 1 of Article 45 in GS Chapter 66 (Pawnbrokers and Currency (was, cash) Converters Modernization Act). Makes technical changes throughout the part. Amends GS 25-9-201 by removing references to regulations regulating the rates, charges, agreements, and practices for loans, credit sales, or other extensions of credit, and to any consumer-protection regulations.

#### Section 7.

Renumbers the subunits of GS 75D-3 (State RICO act) to conform to the General Statutes numbering system and reorders the definitions in GS 75D-3 so that they appear in alphabetical order. Removes repealed statutes from the statutory exemptions from the definition of *racketeering activity* under GS 75D-3 (definitions provision) as amended by the act and Section 1(b) of SL 2024-22 (pertaining to money launder laws). Makes technical, clarifying, and organizational changes. Limits the person entitled to initiate and prosecute a RICO forfeiture proceeding under GS 75D-5 to the AG (was, AG or designated representative thereof). Makes technical and clarifying changes. Makes technical changes to GS 75D-8 (available RICO remedies).

#### Section 8.

Reorders the definitions in GS 85B-1 (concerning auctions and auctioneers) so they appear in alphabetical order. Makes technical and organizational changes to GS 85-1 as amended by the act.

#### Section 9.

Redesignates GS 128-26A to GS 128-26.1 (concerning reciprocity of credible service with other State-administered retirement systems under the Local Government Employees Retirement System).

#### Section 10.

Modifies defined term *cost* in GS 131A-3 so that the described costs of reimbursing a public or nonprofit agency so that it no longer excludes reimbursements or refinance of cost if payment was made or cost incurred two years prior to the enactment of the Article (i.e. November 6, 2019). Adds specialized hospitals to the examples provided in defined term *health care facilities*.

Makes organizational and technical changes.

Removes defined term *programmatic supervision* from GS 143B-181.16 (definitions pertaining to the long-term care ombudsman office) and modifies term *willful obstruction* so it includes unnecessary obstruction and applies to both the Regional and States Ombudsmen. Makes organizational and technical changes, including to the statute's title.

#### Section 11.

Recodifies these subsections of GS Chapter 131E as follows:

- GS 131E-176(5a) to GS 131E-176(5c) (definition of *chemical dependency treatment facility*)
- GS 131E-176(10) to GS 131E-176(7e) (definition of *health maintenance organization or HMO*)
- GS 131E-176(13) to GS 131E-176(13d) (definition of *hospital*).

Directs the Revisor to substitute "GS 131E-176" for "GS 131E-176(13)" wherever it appears in GS 90-414.4. Amends GS 131E-176 as amended by the act, to make technical, conforming organizational, and clarifying changes to the definitions contained therein, including removing outdated language. Makes conforming change to term *State Medical Facilities Plan* to remove language concerning mailing lists, notice and public hearings, and public notice and comment that are reenacted as new GS 131E-176.2 (concerning state medical facilities plans). Makes technical changes to GS 131E-177 (designating DHHS as the State Health Planning and Development Agency).

Effective November 21, 2026, makes technical changes to defined terms *diagnostic center*, *magnetic resonance imaging scanner*, and *major medical equipment* in GS 131E-176 as amended by the act.

Effective November 21, 2025, makes technical change to term *health service facility* in GS 131E-176 as amended by the act.

Section 12.

Changes reference from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Adult Corrections as the agency excluded from Article 2A of GS Chapter 150B (the APA), with respect to matters relating to executions and solely to persons in its custody or under its supervision, including prisoners, probationers, and parolees in GS 150B-1(policy and scope). Makes conforming, technical, and clarifying changes.

Section 13.

Retroactive to October 25, 2024, removes requirements in SL 2024-53 for the Department of Environmental Quality to report on their status of the two described submissions to the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) that were directed to start on January 1, 2025 until repeal of the described statutory provisions under GS 113A-118 and GS 113A-115.1.

Section 14.

Modifies the effective date of SL 1983-601 (concerning lease fees for shellfish leases) so that the act no longer has to be reconsidered every six years by the specified NCGA committee.

**Intro. by Davis.**

[GS 1, GS 1A, GS 7A, GS 10B, GS 14, GS 15C, GS 20, GS 48, GS 58, GS 66, GS 75, GS 85B, GS 105, GS 128, GS 130A, GS 131A, GS 131E, GS 143B, GS 150B](#)

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**[Business and Commerce, Insurance, Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, APA/Rule Making, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers](#)**

H 482 (2025-2026) [REAUTHORIZE & REVISE TEACHER BONUSES/MILITARY](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO REAUTHORIZE BONUSES FOR TEACHERS FOR THE 2025-2027 FISCAL BIENNIUM AND TO REVISE THE PROGRAM TO PERMIT TEACHERS TO RECEIVE THE BONUSES WHO ARE UNABLE TO CONTINUE TEACHING IN THE SAME PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT BECAUSE OF MILITARY ORDERS.*

Directs the State Board of Education (SBE) to establish a consolidated teacher bonus program for the 2025-27 biennium and directs the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to administer bonus pay to qualifying teachers whose salaries are supported from State funds in January of 2026 and 2027, based on data from the respective prior school year, 2024-25 or 2025-26. Sets forth defined terms. Defines *qualifying teacher* based on whether the teacher remains in the qualifying public school unit (or a Virtual Public School program) or retired after the last school day of the relevant school year, or left employment with the qualifying public school unit after the last day of the relevant school year due to the pending/transfer of a military spouse. Defines *qualifying public school unit* to include local school administrative units, charter schools, regional schools, and elementary or secondary schools operated by UNC.

Grants \$50 to qualifying advanced course teachers, as defined, for each student taught in each advanced course who meet or exceeds specified scores on College Board Advanced Placement Exams, International Baccalaureate course exams, or Cambridge AICE program exams.

Directs the Department of Commerce (Department) to consult with SBE to assign a value ranking of either \$25 or \$50 for each industry certification and credential based equally on academic rigor and employment value. Describes required elements of both academic rigor and employment value. Grants qualifying career and technical education teachers, as defined, a \$25 or \$50 bonus for each student taught by a teacher who provided instruction in a course that led to the attainment of the industry certification or credential as ranked by the Department.

Allocates specified sums for bonuses to eligible growth teachers based on employment status, EVAAS (Education Value-Added Assessment System) student growth index score percentage rank for third grade reading, divided as specified. Grants \$2,000 bonuses to qualifying teachers (1) meeting the threshold EVAAS student growth index score for fourth or fifth grade reading, or fourth through eighth grade math, at qualifying public school units or local school administrative units; or (2) when employed at a local school administrative unit that employed three or fewer total teachers in that teacher's grade level, with EVAAS student growth scores that exceeded expected growth in third grade reading, fourth or fifth grade reading, or fourth through eighth grade math. Sets limitations on the quantity and amount awarded for qualifying teachers eligible to receive grants under multiple provisions of the act. Specifies that bonuses awarded are not compensation for retirement purposes.

Directs SBE to study the effect of the program on teacher performance and retention. Requires SBE report its findings to the specified NCGA leadership, committee, and division by March 15 of each year of the fiscal biennium. Details required content of the report. Effective July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by F. Jackson, Loftis, Lofton.**

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education,  
Government, State Agencies, State Board of Education, State  
Government, State Personnel**

H 483 (2025-2026) **JUVENILE JUSTICE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO EXTEND TERMS OF PROBATION AND POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION FOR YOUTH ADJUDICATED OF CERTAIN VIOLENT OFFENSES AND TO CLARIFY A VICTIM'S RIGHT TO BE NOTIFIED ABOUT TERMINATION OF PROBATION OR POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION; TO MODIFY THE CRITERIA FOR SECURE CUSTODY TO CLARIFY THAT A SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE MAY ENTER A SECURE CUSTODY ORDER FOLLOWING THE REMOVAL OF A CASE TO JUVENILE COURT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A SECURE CUSTODY ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE VIOLATION OF A CHAPTER 50B DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER; TO CLARIFY THAT ALL FELONY SCHOOL NOTIFICATIONS ARE LIMITED TO CLASS A THROUGH CLASS E FELONIES; TO EXTEND THE RETENTION PERIOD FOR CLOSED COMPLAINTS TO ALLOW FOR REVIEW BY THE PROSECUTOR; TO CREATE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR ESCAPING FROM A JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITY OR OFFICER; TO CLARIFY AND MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE JUVENILE CAPACITY TO PROCEED PROCESS; AND TO CLARIFY THE PLACE OF CONFINEMENT FOR PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE WHO ARE SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.*

Part I.

Amends GS 7B-2510 to enact a new subsection authorizing the court to extend the term of probation for juveniles adjudicated for an offense that would be a Class A, B1, or B2 felony if committed by an adult, for additional periods of up to one year if the court finds it necessary to protect the community or to safeguard the welfare of the juvenile. Requires notice and a hearing to determine if an extension is necessary. Limits the total probation period entered for an adjudication of an offense that would be a Class A, B1, or B2 felony if committed by an adult at three years. Grants the court discretion to hold the hearing to extend probation after the expiration of an order of probation at the next regularly scheduled court date or if the juvenile fails to appear in court. Expands existing provisions to add that the prosecutor can move for the court to review the progress of any juvenile on probation at any time during the period of probation or at the end of probation (currently, motions for review are limited to the juvenile court counselor, the juvenile, or the court). Makes conforming changes.

Amends GS 7B-2511, distinguishing the requirements for the termination of probation for juveniles based on whether the case involved a *victim*, as defined under Article 20A of the Juvenile Code. Allows for an order terminating probation in a case involving a victim to be entered with the juvenile present after notice and a hearing. Requires the victim be provided notice and an opportunity to be heard upon request of the victim, as described.

Amends GS 7B-2514 to require all post-release supervision plans developed for an offense that would be a Class A, B1, B2, or C felony if committed by an adult to require the juvenile complete three years of post-release supervision. Requires the Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety (Division) to develop the plan in writing and base terms on the needs of the juvenile and protection of the public. Provides for these plans to be terminated with the juvenile present after notice and a hearing. Requires a *victim*, as defined under Article 20A of the Juvenile Code, be provided notice and an opportunity to be heard upon request of the victim, as described.

#### Part II.

Amends GS 7B-1903 to provide for the court to order secure custody of a juvenile where the court finds there is a reasonable factual basis to believe that the juvenile committed the offenses alleged in an indictment or criminal information if a request for removal from superior court to juvenile court is made pursuant to GS 15A-960 and one of the listed circumstances exists. Adds to the listed circumstances that must exist for a court to order secure custody based on a juvenile petition or indictment or criminal information. Now includes instance where the juvenile is charged with violation of a valid GS Chapter 50B protective order and the juvenile is alleged to have knowingly violated conditions of the order excluding the juvenile from the residence or household occupied by a victim of domestic violence, or directing that the juvenile refrain from doing any acts specified in GS 50B-3(a)(9) (threatening, harassing, or interfering with the other party, or cruelly treating or abusing an animal held as a pet by either party or a minor child in the household).

Amends GS 50B-4.1, governing violations of GS Chapter 50B protective orders. Requires law enforcement having probable cause to believe that a person under the age of 18 knowingly violated a valid protective order excluding the person from the residence or household occupied by a victim of domestic violence or directing the person to refrain from doing any acts specified in GS 50B-3(a)(9) to request a juvenile petition be filed for the alleged violation of the protective order and request issuance of a secure custody order pursuant to GS 7B-1903.

#### Part III.

Amends GS 7B-3101, governing required notifications to the principal of the school that a juvenile attends. Limits notifications to the filing of a juvenile petition, transfer of jurisdiction to superior court, dismissals, dispositional orders and their modifications, and any vacated order concerning juveniles alleged or found delinquent for offenses that would constitute a Class A, B1, B2, C, D, or E felony if committed by an adult. Eliminates notifications for transfers to superior court under GS 7B-2200.5 (relating to offenses that would be a Class F or G felony if committed by an adult).

#### Part IV.

Amends GS 7B-1703 to require juvenile complaints not approved for filing as a juvenile petition or handled as a juvenile consultation to be held by the juvenile court counselor for at least one year (was, a temporary period) to allow review as provided in GS 7B-1704 and GS 7B-1705 (was, GS 7B-1705 only; both concerning review by the prosecutor of the juvenile court counselor's decision not to approve the filing of a petition).

#### Part V.

Enacts GS 14-256.2 making it a Class 1 misdemeanor for a person lawfully detained in any detention facility, holdover facility, or youth development center to break or escape from the lawful custody of any employee, guard, or officer of the Division. Enhances the offense to a Class H felony if one of these three conditions apply: (1) the person has been charged with a felony and has been committed to the facility pending trial or transfer to the State prison system, (2) the person is alleged to be within the jurisdiction of juvenile court for an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult and has been placed in secure custody, or (3) the person has been adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult and has been placed in secure custody or committed to the custody of the Division for placement in a youth development center. Defines terms by statutory cross-reference.

#### Part VI.

Amends GS 7B-2401.2, regarding procedures to determine the capacity of a juvenile to proceed, to no longer specify that the clerk must send a copy of the covering statement of an examination of the juvenile to the Division only when the juvenile is being held in the Division's custody. Adds the chief court counselor to persons required to receive notice of the hearing on the juvenile's capacity. Adds a new requirement for the court before ordering remediation services. Now requires that when the court finds that the juvenile is not capable to proceed to also determine if the juvenile is substantially likely to attain capacity in the foreseeable future, and only upon finding the juvenile is substantially likely to attain capacity in the foreseeable future, the court can order remediation services.

Amends GS 7B-2401.4 to require that all forensic evaluations for the juvenile and relevant confidential information previously ordered released under GS 7B-2401.3 to be released to the program(s) where the juvenile is receiving remediation services. Makes conforming deletions to GS 7B-2401.2. Adds to the required content of an order for remediation services whether remediation services must include mental health treatment to reduce interfering symptoms, specialized psychoeducational programming, or a combination of these interventions. Requires the court to identify a provider for each service. Adds a new requirement for any report made by remediation service providers to the court to be forwarded to the juvenile's attorney. Adds a new requirement for any remediation report completed by a psychoeducation provider on the juvenile's progress in the psychoeducation curriculum be provided by the clerk to the prosecutor and the chief court counselor. Regarding remediation review hearings, adds that hearings must be held within 30 days of notification that the juvenile has likely completed the requirements of the remediation services. Allows any evidence the court finds to be relevant, reliable, and necessary at remediation review hearings to determine if the juvenile is not substantially likely to attain capacity in the foreseeable future. Adds new procedural requirements to require the court to order a new forensic evaluation report, independent of the remediation services, if the court determines that reassessment of capacity is warranted. Provides requirements for the new evaluation. Requires a capacity hearing to be held pursuant to GS 7B-2401.2 upon receipt of the new forensic evaluation report. Requires the court to proceed under GS 7B-2401.5 if the court determines that the juvenile is not substantially likely to attain capacity in the foreseeable future. Makes conforming, clarifying, organizational, and technical changes.

Makes Parts I through VI of the act, described above, apply to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2025.

#### Part VII.

Makes changes in specified sections of GS Chapters 7A, 15A, 148, and 20: (1) to specify that juveniles under 18 sentenced to imprisonment and committed are in the custody of the Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction at a facility operated by the Division of prisons; (2) to specify that juveniles charged with a crime and committed by written order are committed to the custody of the Division of Juvenile Justice; (3) make conforming and clarifying changes related to transport, orders, and recordkeeping of persons under the age of 18 based on the respective Division with custody of the juvenile; and (4) to refer to the Division of Juvenile Justice rather than Juvenile Justice Division. Applies to offenses committed, sentences imposed, and any other order of imprisonment issued on or after August 1, 2025.

#### Part VIII.

Provides a savings clause for prosecutions for offenses committed before the effective date of the act.

**Intro. by Davis, Greene, Carson Smith.**

[GS 7B, GS 14, GS 15A, GS 20, GS 148](#)

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**Courts/Judiciary, Juvenile Law, Delinquency, Criminal Justice, Corrections (Sentencing/Probation), Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, State Agencies, Department of Public Safety**

H 484 (2025-2026) [HONORING NC'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIL RIGHTS](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING MONUMENTS COMMEMORATING EVENTS AND PERSONS RELATING TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THE STATE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION TO PLACE MARKERS AT SITES ALONG NORTH CAROLINA'S CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL.*

Includes whereas clauses.

Authorizes the African American Heritage Commission (Commission) to study the feasibility of establishing monuments commemorating civil rights movement events in North Carolina and the State's citizens that contributed to the civil rights movement. Requires holding public hearings and requires the Commission to report to the specified NCGA committee by May 1, 2026, on the Commission's findings and recommendations for legislation.

Appropriates \$500,000 for 2025-26 from the General Fund to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, African American Heritage Commission, to aid in the Commission's work of placing markers, signage, and other memorials to commemorate significant cultural or historical importance relating to North Carolina's Civil Rights Trail.

Effective July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Lofton, Quick.**

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, Cultural Resources and Museums, State Agencies, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (formerly Dept. of Cultural Resources)**

H 485 (2025-2026) **ADULT CARE HOME MEDICAID PCS COVERAGE**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE A REQUEST FOR FEDERAL APPROVAL TO EXTEND MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR PERSONAL CARE SERVICES TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN ADULT CARE HOMES.*

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits (DHB), in consultation with stakeholders, to submit a request meeting the following goals to the Centers for Medicare and Medical Services (CMS) that: (1) provides Medicaid coverage of personal care services to residents in licensed adult care homes and special care units whose income exceeds the State-County Special Assistance Program limits, but does not exceed either 180% of the federal poverty level (for those who would otherwise qualify for State-County Special Assistance at the basic rate) or 200% of the federal poverty level (for those who would otherwise qualify for State-County Special Assistance at the enhanced rate); (2) ensures cost of any new Medicaid coverage requested is offset by savings or cost avoidance; and (3) ensures compliance with applicable legal requirements. Requires DHB to take any necessary actions to implement this act and submit the request to CMS within 90 days of the act becoming law.

DHB can only implement Medicaid coverage described in the request if it is approved by CMS and it meets all of the goals described above.

**Intro. by Sauls, Potts.**

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**Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Insurance, Social Services, Public Assistance**

H 486 (2025-2026) **FUNDS FOR BLUE STAR FAMILIES, INC.** Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO BLUE STAR FAMILIES, INC., TO SUPPORT ITS PROGRAMS.*

Appropriates \$1 million from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management for 2025-26 to provide a directed grant to Blue Star Families, Inc., a nonprofit organization, to be used as follows: (1) \$400,000 to help launch the Greater Fayetteville Regional Chapter for Military Spouses Career Development Programs, (2) \$300,000 for Family Strengthening Programs, and (3) \$300,000 for Military and Veteran Caregiver Services. Effective July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Campbell, Wheatley, Charles Smith.**

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Office of State Budget and Management, Military and Veteran's Affairs**

H 487 (2025-2026) [SHORTER SEPARATION FOR RETIRED ADAS AND APDS](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO ALLOW RETIRED ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND RETIRED ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDERS TO RETURN TO WORK FOR THE STATE AFTER A THIRTY-DAY SEPARATION*.

Identical to [S 364](#), filed 3/20/25.

Shortens the separation period barring a member of the Teachers and State Employees Retirement System (TSERS) from performing paid work from six months after retirement to 30 days after retirement for retired assistant public defenders and retired assistant district attorney in GS 135-1(20)(defining retirement). Makes conforming changes to GS 135-3(d)(changes to effective date of retirement based on work during the required separation period) and GS 135-106 (long term disability benefits).

Directs the State Treasurer to seek a private letter ruling from the IRS to determine if the modification to the separation period above, jeopardizes TSERS's status. If the IRS determines that the act does jeopardize TSERS's status, then repeals the changes to the provisions of GS Chapter 135, discussed above on the last day of the month following the month of receipt of that determination by the State Treasurer. If that occurs, instructs the State Treasurer to inform the Revisor of Statutes and publicly notice the receipt of the letter and the repeals on its website as well as notifying all former assistant district attorneys and former assistant public defenders reemployed by that employer of the repeal.

Allows TSERS to increase receipts from the retirement assets of the system or pay costs associated with the administration directly from the retirement assets.

Effective January 1, 2027.

Effective July 1, 2025, appropriates \$100,000 for 2025-26 from the General Fund to the Department of the State Treasurer to obtain the private letter ruling discussed above.

**Intro. by Carson Smith, Wheatley.**

[GS 135](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Employment and Retirement, Government, State Agencies, Department of State Treasurer, State Government, State Personnel](#)

H 488 (2025-2026) [MODIFY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADES](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO MODIFY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADES TO PROVIDE THAT ALL SCHOOLS RECEIVE A GRADE FOR SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AND A GRADE FOR SCHOOL GROWTH*.

Part I

Amends GS 115C-12 to require that the annual report card for each local school administrative unit include numerical school achievement and school growth scores and a separate corresponding letter grade of A-F for both the school achievement and school growth earned by each school within the unit. Makes conforming changes to GS 115C-47(58).

Amends GS 115C-83.15, establishing scales for school achievement grades and school growth grades based on school achievement scores and school growth scores. Enacts new subsection (b1) to now require the score for school achievement (determined pursuant to existing subsection (b)) to be used to determine the school achievement grade, according to the following scale, which cannot be modified to add any other designation related to other performance measures, such as plus or minus: a score of at least 85 is equivalent to an A, at least 70 is equivalent to a B, at least 55 is equivalent to a C, at least 40 is equivalent to a D, and less than 40 is equivalent to an F. Similarly, enacts new subsection (c1) to now require the score for school growth (determined pursuant to existing subsection (c)) to be converted by the State Board of Education (State Board) to a 100-point scale and used to determine the school growth grade, according to the following scale and modified to add any other designation related to other performance measures, such as plus or minus: a score of at least 90 is equivalent to an A, at least 80 is equivalent to a B, at least 70 is equivalent to a C, at least 60 is equivalent to a D, and less than 60 is equivalent to an F. Makes conforming changes throughout the statute. Adds to the information that must be displayed prominently on a report



card, accessible to the public on the Department of Public Instruction's website, the percentage of schools receiving a school growth letter grade of A-F earned by each school located within a local school administrative unit and statewide.

Amends GS 115C-83.17 by defining school grades as the letter grades earned by a school for achievement and growth for all students served by a school. Defines school scores as the numerical scores earned by a school for achievement and growth. Makes further conforming changes to statutory references and terms.

#### Part II

Makes conforming changes to GS 115C-83.16, concerning school performance indicators for the purpose of compliance with federal law. Adds a new requirement for the State Board to calculate the overall school performance score by adding the school achievement score and the school growth score earned by a school, with the student achievement score accounting for 80% and the school growth score accounting for 20% of the total sum, for purposes of compliance with specified federal law. Makes conforming changes.

Makes further conforming changes to GS 115C-105.37, GS 115C-105.39A, GS 115C-218.65, GS 115C-218.94, GS 115C-238.66, GS 116-239.8, and GS 116-239.13.

#### Part III

Effective January 1, 2026, and applies to school achievement grades, growth grades, and report cards issued based on data from the 2025-26 school year.

**Intro. by Riddell, Rhyne, Paré, Johnson-Hostler.**

[GS 115C, GS 116](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

H 489 (2025-2026) [INSURANCE COVERAGE EMERGENCY AMBULANCE TRANS.](#) Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A MINIMUM ALLOWABLE REIMBURSEMENT RATE UNDER HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES PROVIDED BY AN OUT-OF-NETWORK AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER.*

Amends GS 58-3-190 to require health insurance to cover emergency services necessary to transport the covered person to a medically appropriate location for screening and stabilization. Requires coverage of services provided by a health care provider who is not under contract with the insurer if the covered person did not have a choice in the ground ambulance transportation service provider due to the emergency. Adds that the prohibition on imposing cost-sharing for emergency services that differs from the cost-sharing that would be imposed if the provider were contracting with the insurer includes emergency ambulance transportation services. Adds new terms *covered person*, *emergency medical transportation*, *out-of-network provider*. Makes technical changes. Modifies the reference to the federal agency issuing the relevant guidelines to the term *stabilize* from the Health Care Financing Administration to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMMS) and removes medically necessary services and supplies to remain stable until the person is transferred from the definition's description of 42 USC 1395dd. Amends the definition of *emergency services* to include ambulance transportation services.

Directs that the minimum allowable reimbursement rate under any health benefit plan for emergency medical transportation services provided by an ambulance service provider that is paid to an out-of-network ambulance service provider is 100% of the rate set or approved, either by contract or in ordinance, by a local governmental entity in the jurisdiction in which the ambulance services originated. In the absence of a rate set or approved by a local governmental entity, the minimum allowable reimbursement rate under this subsection is the lesser of the following two amounts: (1) 400% of the most recent published Medicare rate for ambulance services or services by CMMS or (2) the out-of-network ambulance service provider's billed charges. Applies the following to emergency medical transportation services provided by an ambulance service provider: Payment by an insurer in compliance with GS 58-3-190(h) is considered payment in full by that insurer for the covered services. Clarifies that this does not preclude the billing for, or collection of, any copayment, coinsurance, deductible, and other cost-sharing feature amounts required to be paid by the covered person. An insurer must promptly remit payment for emergency medical transportation services directly to the ambulance services provider, regardless of the network status of that provider. An insurer cannot send any payments for the reimbursement of these services to a covered person.

An insurer cannot impose upon a covered person any cost-sharing requirement for emergency transportation services that exceeds the lesser of the two described amounts.

Clarifies that GS 58-3-190 should not be construed to prevent a self-funded group plan regulated under ERISA from opting into its provisions.

Effective October 1, 2025, applies to insurance contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after that date and ambulance services provided on or after that date.

Repeals GS 58-3-190(3) and (4).

**Intro. by Loftis, Potts, Huneycutt, Lambeth.**

**GS 58**

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**Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Health Insurance**

H 490 (2025-2026) **PROPEL NC FUNDING AND TUITION SURCHARGE**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO REVISE ITS FUNDING MODEL FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO ALIGN WITH THE PROPEL NC FUNDING MODEL, TO ESTABLISH THE ENROLLMENT INCREASE RESERVE, AND TO PERMIT COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL TUITION AND FEE SURCHARGE*.

Part I.

Repeals Section 8.3(b), SL 2011-145, requiring the State Board of Community Colleges (State Board) to allocate formula funds appropriated to support curriculum instruction and the occupational education component of continuing education through a formula that provides an instructional base allocation to all colleges and allocates remaining funds on a weighted full-time equivalent (FTE) basis.

Repeals Section 10.4(a), SL 2013-360, requiring community colleges to receive funding based on the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students enrolled in curriculum, continuing education, and Basic Skills courses, by tiered funding level.

Directs the State Board to revise its funding formula for community colleges and allocate funds under the revised formula beginning with the 2025-26 fiscal year. Establishes minimum criteria for the revised formula, including that (1) each community college receives a base allocation of funds (2) additional funds be provided based on the number of FTE students enrolled in either curriculum, workforce continuing education, and Basic Skills courses or courses and programming conducted under the Customized Training Program and the Small Business Center Network, and (3) the additional funds be weighted based on the workforce sector of each course as determined by the State Board's consideration of salary data and labor market demand.

Amends GS 115D-5 to require the State Board to review and revise its workforce sector designations for curriculum, workforce continuing education, and Basic Skills courses by July 15, 2028, and every three years thereafter.

Directs the Community College System Office to report to the specified NCGA committee by April 1, 2027, on its revised funding formula, the formula's implementation, and any recommended changes to the revised formula.

Appropriates \$93,019,556 in recurring funds to the State Board for 2025-26 to implement the revisions to the funding formula.

Part II.

Amends GS 115D-31 to permit the State Board to allocate receipts from tuition and fees that exceed the amount certified in General Fund Codes at the end of the fiscal year to the community colleges for operating costs according to a formula adopted by the State Board (previously, required those amounts be transferred to the Enrollment Growth Reserve). Specifies that the funds do not revert. Makes conforming deletions.

Enacts GS 115D-31.4, establishing the Enrollment Increase Reserve (Reserve). States the Reserve's purpose, monies, and budget requirements. Authorizes the State Board to allocate monies from the Reserve to a community college with an eligible increase in FTE enrollment, defined as either a 5% or more increase of the budgeted enrollment level in curriculum, workforce

continuing education, or Basic Skills courses, or a more than 325 student increase in total FTE enrollment, according to a formula adopted by the State Board. States that the funds do not revert.

Adds to GS 115D-31 to require the State Board to administer the Reserve.

Appropriates \$6 million in recurring funds to the Reserve for 2025-26 to be used in accordance with new GS 115D-31.4.

Part III.

Enacts GS 115D-39.2, authorizing a community college to implement a surcharge of up to 10% for tuition for curriculum courses and registration fees for workforce continuing education courses, applicable to all students except those for whom tuition and registration are waived by law or regulation. Requires funds collected to be used to support instruction in curriculum, workforce continuing education, or Basic Skills courses; prohibits use for noninstructional purposes. Directs the State Board to annually report to the specified NCGA committee, beginning February 15, 2026, on expenditures made with funds collected from the surcharge. Details required content of the report. Directs the State Board to adopt implementing rules. Makes clarifying change to the caption of GS 115D-39.1.

Part IV.

Effective July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Winslow, Pickett, K. Hall, Willis.**

**GS 115D**

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**Business and Commerce, Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office**

H 491 (2025-2026) **MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPEDIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS*.

Identical to [S 403](#), filed 3/24/25.

Amends Section 2.4 of SL 2023-7 by adding a requirement to the report provided to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and the Fiscal Research Division by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Health Benefits (DHB) that the DHB report include full details of any funding needed to implement or maintain work requirements. Provides that DHHS must implement any work requirements as a condition of Medicaid participation approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in accordance with this section, regardless of any GS 108A-54.3A provisions to the contrary.

**Intro. by Lambeth, Rhyne, White, Dixon.**

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**Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Insurance, Social Services, Public Assistance**

H 492 (2025-2026) **REPEAL PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO REPEAL SESSION LAW 2023-106 AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES*.

Repeals SL 2023-106, which added Chapter 114A to the General Statutes, the Parents' Bill of Rights. Makes conforming changes by repealing Section 7.81 of SL 2023-134, which made adjustments to SL 2023-106, and Section 2.8 of SL 2024-1, which clarified the name of a survey exempted in SL 2023-106. Makes further conforming changes by amending GS 115C-150.16, GS 115C-218.10, GS 115C-238.60(b), GS 116-239.5(d) to eliminate all references to Article 7B of Chapter 115C in those sections' exceptions.

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education**

H 493 (2025-2026) **GEN. ASSEMBLY/SAFE WORKPLACE POLICIES**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO CREATE A CONFIDENTIAL PROCESS FOR REPORTING AND RESOLVING INCIDENTS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND OTHER IMPROPER WORKPLACE BEHAVIOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO REQUIRE TRAINING TO PREVENT WORKPLACE HARASSMENT AND OTHER IMPROPER WORKPLACE BEHAVIOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO ADOPT CLEAR SANCTIONS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.*

Enacts new Article 7E, the “Safe Workplace Act,” (Act) to GS Chapter 120. Finds that that early reporting and intervention are most effective in resolving actual or perceived incidents of improper workplace behavior. Encourages the prompt reporting of incidents or concerns so that rapid and constructive action can be taken before relationships become irreparably strained and before offensive conduct continues or escalates. Further encourages good-faith reporting of all perceived incidents of improper workplace behavior, regardless of the offender’s identity or position.

Specifies the Act applies to legislators, regular, full-time, part-time, temporary, and contractual employees of the General Assembly, as well as unpaid volunteers and pages. Also applies to the interaction of these individuals away from the legislative complex at legislature-sponsored events, professional meetings and seminars, and all activities that involve legislative business.

Defines sexual harassment. Requires the Legislative Services Commission (LSC) and the Legislative Ethics Committee (LEC), by December 31, 2025, to jointly develop, adopt, and implement "zero tolerance" policies regarding sexual harassment, abuse, misconduct, gender bias, and all other forms of improper workplace behaviors. Specifies that the policies must include: (1) mandatory annual ethics training for all legislators, legislative officers, and legislative employees of the General Assembly that focuses on identification and prevention of sexual harassment, abuse, misconduct, gender bias, and all other forms of discrimination in the workplace; (2) effective and clear sanctions for incidents of sexual harassment, abuse, misconduct, gender bias, and all other forms of workplace discrimination that is applicable to all legislators, legislative officers, and legislative employees; and (3) a complaint and investigation process. Requires that those policies be incorporated by reference into each chamber's permanent rules. Requires the LSC to contract with an independent third party to provide the following services related to implementation of the Act: (1) confidential information and advice to individuals who report improper workplace behavior; (2) investigative support and advice to the designated employee receiving and investigating reports of misconduct; (3) formal investigative actions if an informal resolution cannot be made as discussed below.

Designates the head of the Human Resources Office, the independent third party retained pursuant to the Act, and the persons designated by the majority and minority leaders of each chamber as individuals who should receive reports from persons who have either experienced or witnessed improper workplace behavior. Requires those individuals to take steps to resolve the problem informally. Prohibits retaliation against an individual for reporting sexual harassment or unlawful discrimination. If the report cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the reporting individual, directs the independent third party to investigate the report. Specifies that the investigation is confidential. Requires reports involving a legislator or a legislator's staff to be brought to the attention of the presiding officer and minority leader; reports involving employees must be brought to the attention of the Legislative Services Officer. Requires prompt and remedial action if the investigation supports a finding of a violation of the Act. Sets out appropriate responsive and disciplinary actions. If the investigation does not support a finding that the Act has been violated, requires that the individual making the report and the individual against whom the allegation was made be informed and advised that retaliation for making the report is prohibited. Provides for an appeal process.

Appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the LSC for each year of the 2025-27 biennium to implement the Act, specifying \$50,000 for literature and training materials and \$200,000 for the contractual services specified above.

Effective July 1, 2025.

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**Employment and Retirement, Government, Budget/Appropriations, General Assembly, State Government,**

## State Personnel

H 494 (2025-2026) [MENTAL HEALTH PROTECTION ACT](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF MINORS AND ADULTS WHO HAVE DISABILITIES FROM ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, AND GENDER EXPRESSION.*

Substantively identical to [S 382](#), filed 3/20/25.

Contains whereas clauses. Enacts Article 10, the Mental Health Protection Act in GS Chapter 90. Defines an adult who has a disability, and conversion therapy (any practices or treatments that seek to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity, including those described). Prevents, in GS 90-21.162, the following professionals from engaging in conversion therapy with an individual under age 18 or an adult with a disability:

1. Fee-based practicing pastoral counselors as defined in GS 90-382.
2. Licensed clinical social workers as defined in GS 90B-3.
3. Licensed marriage and family therapists as defined in GS 90-270.47.
4. Licensed professional counselors as defined in GS 90-330.
5. Psychiatrists licensed in accordance with Article 1 of GS Chapter 90.
6. Psychologists as defined in GS 90-270.2.

Considers conversion therapy practiced by those named classes of professionals as unprofessional conduct and makes the professional subject to discipline. Grants the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) concurrent authority to initiate proceedings for violations of GS 90-21.162. Directs DHHS to promulgate rules in accordance with the section. Prohibits State funds, or any funds belonging to a municipality, agency, or political subdivision of this State, from being expended for the purpose of conducting conversion therapy, referring an individual for conversion therapy, health benefits coverage for conversion therapy, or a grant or contract with any entity that conducts conversion therapy or refers individuals for conversion therapy. Includes a severability clause.

**Intro. by Dahle.**

[GS 90](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers](#)

H 495 (2025-2026) [ACCESSING MIDWIVES ACT](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES LICENSING ACT.*

Enacts new Article 10B, Certified Professional Midwives, to GS Chapter 90. Prohibits any person from practicing or offering to practice midwifery without a Certified Professional Midwife or Certified Midwife license as provided in new Article 10B. Exempts the following circumstances from the licensure requirement: (1) an individual approved to practice midwifery under Article 10A (Midwifery Practice Act); (2) a physician licensed to practice medicine; (3) the performance of medical acts by a physician assistant or nurse practitioner as specified, (4) the practice of nursing by a registered nurse as allowed under Article 9A (Nursing Practice Act), (5) the rendering of childbirth assistance in emergency situations; (6) individuals present or assisting the certified professional midwife during the birth process as specified; and (7) traditional birth attendants practicing with families in distinct cultural or religious traditions that include their attendance, as described.

Includes definitions applicable to Article 10B. Defines certified midwife (CM) as a person who has obtained national certification from the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB), and a certified professional midwife (CPM) as a person with national certification from the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM). Defines midwifery as the provision of primary health or maternity care to childbearing people and infants.

Creates a seven-member North Carolina Council of Midwives (Council), with members appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (Secretary; DHHS). Provides for initial members to be appointed on or before October 1, 2023, or within three months of the Article becoming law, whichever is later. Details Council member requirements and term limits and includes provisions for compensation, meeting procedures, and Council administration. Directs the Council to adopt rules within one year of the initial meeting to implement the Article. Enumerates 12 powers and duties of the Council, in consultation with the Division of Health Service Regulation (DHSR) of DHHS and with guidance from the National Association of Certified Professional Midwives Standards of Practice, including rulemaking, licensing, and disciplinary authority.

Lists five requirements for licensure as a midwife, including completion of an application and payment of required fees, and completion of all required educational and clinical training and earning the national midwifery certification credential awarding by an accredited midwifery certification agency.

Lists 10 responsibilities of a licensed CPM, including the responsibility to provide care for the healthy client who is expected to have a normal pregnancy, labor, birth, and postpartal phase in the setting their choice; the responsibility to order routine antepartal or postpartal screening or lab analysis at a licensed lab or testing facility; and the responsibility to instruct the parents about newborn screening requirements. Directs a midwife licensed under Article 10B to display the license at all times in a conspicuous place where the midwife is practicing. Sets forth provisions for biennial license renewal, periods of lapsed licensure, and granting inactive status. Authorizes the Council to grant a license to a person residing in North Carolina licensed, certified, or registered to practice as a certified professional midwife in another jurisdiction if that jurisdiction's standards are substantially equivalent and the person submits an application and required fees. Directs the Council to establish a formulary of drugs and devices appropriate to midwifery care from which licensed midwives are limited to dispensing from, subject to applicable state and federal laws and recordkeeping requirements. Directs the Council to set all fees under Article 10B and to pay all expenditures out of funds from the fees or other funds. Allows the Council to discipline applicants or licensees, after a hearing, under seven specified circumstances.

Authorizes the Council to apply to superior court to enjoin violations of Article 10B. Provides that no health care provider will be liable for an injury to a woman or infant arising during childbirth and resulting from an act or omission by a licensed certified professional midwife.

Effective October 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Belk, Cunningham, Carney, Ball.**

[GS 90](#)

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**[Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers](#)**

H 496 (2025-2026) **[PATRIOTIC YOUTH GROUP ACCESS](#)**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO ALLOW CIVIC YOUTH GROUPS TO GIVE PRESENTATIONS ABOUT ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP TO STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS*.

Amends GS 115C-206 (pertaining to the Superintendent's recommendations to the State Board of Education [Board] concerning increased involvement in and use of public schools) to require public school units to permit certain youth groups identified as a patriotic society specified in the GS 115C-206 the opportunity to give a presentation no longer than 10 minutes long on the purpose of the group, how to become a member of the group, and encouraging civic education. Clarifies that nothing in GS 115C-206 or a policy or rule adopted pursuant to the section, should be construed as requiring a public school unit to provide equal access to an organization that is not designated as a patriotic organization. Amends GS 115C-150.12C(28) (schools for the deaf and blind), GS 115C-207 (local school boards), GS 115C-218.75 (charter schools) and GS 115C-238.66 (regional schools) to remove language relating to giving priority and access to the civic youth groups discussed above; instead replaces that language with a requirement that the local boards develop policies to give those groups access in line with GS 115C-206 specified above. Applies beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

**Intro. by Ross, Bell, Tyson, Ward.**

[GS 115C](#)

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H 497 (2025-2026) [BAN ON GAY & TRANS PANIC DEFENSE](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A DEFENSE TO HOMICIDE OR ASSAULT BASED ON THE DISCOVERY OF, PERCEPTION OF, OR BELIEF ABOUT ANOTHER PERSON'S SEX, GENDER, GENDER IDENTITY, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION.*

Substantively identical to [S 407](#), filed 3/24/25.

Enacts GS 14-18.3, prohibiting as a defense to homicide prosecutions under Article 6, the discovery of, perception of, or belief about another person's actual or perceived sex, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation, whether or not accurate, specifying the same is not provocation negating malice as an element of murder. Specifies that the statute does not preclude the admission of evidence of a victim's or witness's conduct, behavior, or statements that is relevant or otherwise admissible.

Enacts identical provisions to GS 14-34.11, applicable to prosecutions for assault under Article 8.

Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2025. Provides a savings clause for prosecutions for offenses committed before December 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Dahle, Alston.**

[GS 14](#)

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H 498 (2025-2026) [MILITARY TO TEACHER RET. INCENTIVE](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO INCENTIVIZE INDIVIDUALS WITH ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES TO BECOME TEACHERS BY PROVIDING SERVICE CREDIT UNDER THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.*

Amends GS 135-4 (credible service for members of the Teachers and State Employees Retirement System [TSERS]) to allow a member with active duty service in the uniformed services who subsequently becomes a teacher to be eligible for creditable service based on that active duty, so long as four specified criteria are met, including that the member was not dishonorably discharged from service. Caps credit granted with the member's payment of credit at four years. Allows members to purchase credit under GS 135-4.5 for years of active duty service beyond that. Directs the member's employer to pay a lump sum as specified, to the Pension Accumulation Fund for members receiving such credible service. Adds defined terms *active duty*, *active duty for training*, and *service in the uniformed services*. Makes additional technical and clarifying changes.

Repeals GS 135-4(f)(1) and (f)(2) (pertaining to armed services credit). Makes technical changes to GS 135-5 (concerning benefits under TSERS) and GS 128-27 (concerning benefits under the Local Government Employees Retirement System-LGERS) to refer to the entirety of GS 135-4 (TSERS) and GS 128-6 (service allowance under LGERS), respectively instead of just portions thereof.

Applies to members who are first hired as teachers on or after the date becomes law.

**Intro. by Biggs, Loftis, Tyson, Goodwin.**

[GS 128, GS 135](#)

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H 499 (2025-2026) [NC PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT.*

Enacts new GS Chapter 96A, to be cited as the "North Carolina Paid Family Leave Insurance Act," effective January 1, 2026. Sets forth 15 defined terms applicable to the Chapter. Deems family and medical leave benefits provided under the terms of the Chapter payable beginning January 1, 2027, to *covered individuals*, (defined as any person who submits an application and meets the monetary eligibility criteria set forth in GS 96-14.1(b) (regarding unemployment benefit claims) or is self-employed, elects coverage, and meets the requirements of new GS 96A-13, and meets the administrative requirements of the new Chapter and rules adopted thereunder), who meet one of five requirements, including: (1) is caring for a new child during the 12 months after birth, adoption, or child placement or who has a need to be absent from work before an actual placement of a child for adoption or foster care to proceed; (2) is caring for a family member with a serious health condition; (3) has a serious health condition; (4) is caring for a covered service member, as defined, who is the covered individual's next of kin or other family member; and (5) because of any qualifying exigency leave (as defined) arising out of the fact that the family member of the covered individual is on active duty or has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty in the Armed Forces. Defines family member, next of kin, and serious health condition. Specifies maximum duration of benefits based on eligibility requirement, ranging from 12 weeks to 26 weeks. Provides for payment within two weeks of filing a claim and every two weeks thereafter.

Details parameters regarding the determination of payment amounts in GS 96A-4, with the maximum benefit permitted to be 100% of the statewide average weekly wage, and the minimum benefit set at \$100 per week, unless the covered individual's average weekly wage is less than the amount of that full wage. Allows a covered individual with multiple jobs to elect to take leave from one job or multiple jobs. Requires that the family and medical leave insurance benefit pursuant to GS 96A-2(2)c (a serious health condition) be reduced by the amount of benefits that a covered individual receives for (1) unemployment insurance under GS 96-6 or (2) Worker's Compensation benefits except for partial disability under the State Workers' Compensation Law, or under other State or federal temporary or permanent disability benefits law. Requires the Assistant Secretary of the Division of Employment Security (Assistant Secretary) to adopt regulations to establish additional requirements concerning the coordination of family and medical leave insurance benefits with workers' compensation benefits for partial disability under the Workers' Compensation Law of the State.

Beginning on January 1, 2026, requires in GS 96A-5 for an employer to remit contributions to the Paid Family and Medical Leave Fund (Fund), at a rate annually fixed by the Assistant Secretary of the Division of Employment Security (DES). Provides for the setting of contribution rates for 2026 and 2027, and 2028 and subsequent years. Defines employer to include individuals, partnerships, associations, corporations, business trusts, legal representatives, any organized group, the State, political subdivisions of the State and any State or local agency or government instrumentality; excludes the federal government. Requires self-employed individuals electing coverage to make employer contributions as specified. Bars deducting more than 50% of the contribution required from that employee's wages.

Authorizes the covered individual to opt to take paid family and medical leave on an intermittent or reduced leave schedule with prorated benefits, subject to total leave permitted by the Chapter, employer operations, and notice requirements in GS 96A-6.

Provides in GS 96A-7 for the covered individual's restoration by the employer to the position held by the covered individual upon expiration of family and medical leave as when the leave commenced, or a position with equivalent seniority, status, employment benefits, pay, and other terms and conditions of employment. Requires employers to maintain health benefits the covered individual had prior to leave for the leave duration, with the covered individual required to continue required applicable contributions. Details employer liability for violation of these protection provisions, including damages for compensation denied or lost with interest and liquidated damages, or actual monetary losses sustained up to a sum of 12 weeks of wages or salary of the employee, and equitable relief. Allows for an action for damages to be brought in any federal or State court by one or more employees against an employer for or on behalf of the employees or the employees and others similarly situated. Provides for the award of costs of the action, such as reasonable attorneys' fees and expert witness fees. Establishes a two-year statute of limitations, with a three-year statute of limitations for willful violations.

Bars prohibiting the exercise of or interfering with the exercise of rights protected by the Chapter. Prohibits retaliatory personnel actions or otherwise discriminating against a person for exercising protected rights under the Chapter in GS 96A-8. Includes a non-exhaustive list of rights protected under the Chapter to which the anti-retaliation provisions apply in GS 96A-9. Prohibits employers from counting leave taken under the Chapter as an absence that can lead to or result in an adverse employment action. Makes these provisions applicable to persons who allege violations in good faith. Provides for the liability provisions regarding employment protections to apply to the anti-retaliation provisions.



Provides for concurrent leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). Provides for concurrent or coordinated payments and leave for disability or family care leave under a collective bargaining agreement or employer policy subject to written notice. Provides for the effect of such agreements and policy on an individual's rights and an employer's duties under the Chapter. Clarifies that the Chapter does not require an employee to receive or use additional paid time off. Directs that an employee cannot be required to use or exhaust any accrued vacation leave, sick leave, or other paid time off prior to or while receiving family and medical leave insurance under the Chapter. Allows an individual to choose to use any accrued vacation leave, sick leave, or other paid time off while receiving family or medical leave insurance benefits under the Chapter, unless the aggregate amount a covered individual would receive would exceed the covered individual's average weekly earnings.

Provides for notice by the employer upon hiring and annually thereafter and when leave under the Chapter is requested or anticipated, stating rights and terms under the Chapter, benefit amounts, benefit procedures, Chapter protections, and rights to bring an action or file a complaint. Also requires posting of the notice in languages specified. Authorizes the Assistant Secretary to adopt rules establishing additional notice requirements. Requires employees to provide notice to their employer as soon as practicable of their intention to take leave under the Chapter.

Directs the Assistant Secretary to establish a system for appeal of denied leave under the Chapter. Provides for judicial review of leave benefits after an aggrieved party has exhausted administrative remedies established by the Assistant Secretary. Directs the Assistant Secretary to implement confidentiality procedures for claims filed and appeals taken.

Mandates disqualification from benefits for a period of one year for willfully falsifying or misrepresenting material facts or willfully failing to report a material fact to obtain Chapter benefits. Provides for DES to seek repayment of benefits resulting from material misrepresentation or claim rejection following benefit payment. Authorizes the Assistant Secretary to waive all or some of the amount where recovery would be against equity or good conscience.

Requires self-employed persons electing coverage to do so for an initial period of at least three years, effective upon filing written notice with the Assistant Secretary and agreeing to supply necessary income information. Provides for coverage withdrawal by self-employed persons.

Directs DES to establish and administer a family and medical leave insurance program and collect employer contributions under the Chapter. Requires DES to begin receiving and paying Chapter claims by January 1, 2027. Provides for application content and procedures. Requires DES to notify an employer within five business days of a claim filed under the Chapter. Provides for information sharing subject to the individual's consent. Deems files and records of individuals under the Chapter confidential, with the individual or authorized representative authorized to review the records or receive information from the records upon presentation of the individual's signed authorization. Directs the Department of Commerce to adopt necessary implementing rules for the Chapter.

Provides for notice upon filing a claim if the IRS determined benefits to be subject to federal income tax.

Creates the Fund within the custody of DES solely to pay Chapter benefits, with expenditure authority restricted to the Assistant Secretary or a designee. Authorizes investment actions with excess funds by DES.

Establishes an annual reporting requirement for DES to report to the NCGA, beginning January 1, 2028, on projected and actual program participation by leave purpose, gender of the beneficiary, premium rates, fund balances, outreach efforts, and family members for whom leave was taken to provide care, as applicable. Requires the reports to be made publicly available immediately following submission.

Directs DES to conduct a public education campaign, with outreach information available in specified languages.

Encourages DES to use State data collection and technology to the extent possible and to integrate the program with existing State policies.

Includes a severability clause.

Requires implementing rules to be adopted by October 1, 2025.

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**Employment and Retirement**

H 500 (2025-2026) **NC ADOPT ERA**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO RATIFY THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA*.

Substantively identical to [S 438](#), filed 3/24/25.

Includes whereas clauses.

Ratifies and affirms the Equal Rights Amendment to the US Constitution (which is set out in the act's whereas clauses).

Requires that the Governor forward certified copies of the act to the Archivist of the United States, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of the US Congress, and each member of the NC congressional delegation.

**Intro. by von Haefen, Cunningham, Price, Prather.**

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H 501 (2025-2026) **MODERNIZE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION ORDER**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO ENSURE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES*.

Specifies that the term *personal relationship* under GS 50B-1 (concerning definitions pertaining to domestic violence) include both dating relationships and relationships where the parties either have or are currently living together that are comprised of individuals of any sex (currently, law specifies that those relationships consist of persons of the opposite sex). Makes technical changes. Applies to domestic violence protective orders issued on or after the act becomes law.

**Intro. by Morey, Dahle, Johnson-Hostler, Butler.**

**GS 50B**

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

H 502 (2025-2026) **GENDER-AFFIRMING RIGHTS ACT**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO REPEAL THE PROHIBITION OF GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES ON MINORS ACT AND THE EXPENDITURE OF STATE FUNDS ON THOSE PROCEDURES*.

Repeals Article 1N of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes (Gender Transition Procedures on Minors) and GS 143C-6-5.5 limiting the use of state funds for abortions (may intend GS 143C-6-5.6 which limits the use of state funds for gender transition procedures).

Adds new Article to Chapter 90, Article 1O, which adds GS 90-21.160 titling the Article the Gender-Affirming Rights Act.

Adds GS 90-21.161, defining gender-affirming care as any service or product prescribed or provided by a health care professional to someone to support and affirm their gender identity. Clarifies that this includes treatment for gender dysphoria and that gender-affirming treatment can be prescribed to Two Spirit, transgender, nonbinary, and other gender diverse individuals. Defines health care professional as one licensed or certified under Chapter 90 or 90B who provides face-to-face healthcare or telehealth services to patients in this state. Defines LGBTQ as individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender nonconforming, queer, or questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression.

Adds GS 90-21.162, providing legislative findings pertaining to individual fundamental rights to make autonomous decisions about one's own gender and related gender-affirming health care and that the state constitution guarantees all persons are created equal.

Adds GS 90-21.163, prohibiting a local government unit or other state political subdivisions from regulating an individual's right to freely exercise their fundamental rights in a more restrictive way than this Article.

Adds GS 90-21.164, requiring health care professionals licensed under Chapter 90 or 90B to take additional continuing education or professional development hours of instruction on cultural competency or specialized clinical training focusing on LGBTQ patients. Sets out required information and skills to be taught in these continuing education classes.

**Intro. by Dahle.**

[GS 90](#)

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[Government, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers](#)

H 503 (2025-2026) [DON'T TREAD ON ME ACT](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE DON'T TREAD ON ME: AN INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS ACT*.

Contains whereas clauses. Reorganizes existing GS Chapter 99D so that its existing provisions are now under Article 1, entitled Civil Rights. Enacts new Article 2 to GS Chapter 99D, consisting of the Individual Freedom Bill of Rights, as follows. Recognizes nine listed fundamental rights that cannot be violated absent a compelling State interest and by means narrowly tailored (defined) to achieve that interest, including that:

- No person be subjected to warrantless surveillance, tracking, or data collection by any agency of the State or political subdivision of the State.
- No agency of the State or political subdivision of the State may deny or restrict reproductive health care, contraception, or any other medical treatment based on ideology rather than medical science.
- No agency of the State or political subdivision of the State may override parental authority without due process in cases of abuse, neglect, or harm.
- Education must be fact-based, ensuring (1) parental concerns are addressed without restricting access to accurate historical and scientific information and (2) teachings provided are historically accurate and free from political manipulation.
- No agency of the State or political subdivision of the State may deny a person employment, housing, or public services based on private political beliefs, medical history, or lawful personal conduct.
- No agency of the State or political subdivision of the State may interfere with employment and housing rights in a way that is not fair and merit-based, free from quotas and ideological discrimination.

**Intro. by Reives, Alston, Prather, Cohn.**

[GS 99D](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Education, Employment and Retirement, Government, State Government, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers](#)

H 504 (2025-2026) [PILOT CO-RESPONDER POLICE PROGRAM](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A PILOT PROGRAM FOR A CO-RESPONDER PROGRAM*.

Appropriates \$474,680 from the General Fund for each year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium to Mecklenburg County to be allocated to the entities in the specified amounts to Matthews, Pineville, and Mint Hill for a pilot program co-responder model designed to integrate mental health professionals with law enforcement responding to mental health related calls by people in distress needing assistance. Requires the funds be used to hire and integrate within the law enforcement agency of each locality one full-time mental health professional to be paired with law enforcement, either on a dedicated team or as part of a specialized unit, in responding to calls and incidences identified as involving mental health crises or persons with mental health issues. Effective July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Cotham, Budd.**

[APPROP, Mecklenburg](#)

H 505 (2025-2026) **KAYLA'S ACT: PROTECTING DOM. VIOLENCE VICTIMS**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS PERTAINING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO BE KNOWN AS KAYLA'S ACT: PROTECTING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE*.

Section 1

Amends GS 8C-1, Rule 804(b) of the North Carolina Code of Evidence, to add a hearsay exception for when an out-of-court statement is offered against a party who either wrongfully caused the declarant's (i.e., the speaker's) unavailability as a witness or acquiesced in wrongfully causing the declarant's unavailability as a witness and did so intending that result.

Section 2

Amends GS 15-1 (listing the statutes of limitations for misdemeanors) by adding those misdemeanor domestic violence crimes that require a judge to determine conditions of pre-trial release under GS 15A-534.1 to the list of crimes falling under the 10-year statute of limitations. The section becomes effective to (1) acts committed either on or after the date the act becomes law or (2) acts committed before the act's effective date, so long as the statute of limitations for the act did not expire prior to the enactment of the act.

Section 3

Enacts new GS 15A-1225.4 to allow a domestic violence victim witness in a criminal proceeding who has been found competent to testify, under oath or affirmation, other than in an open forum if: (1) the defendant does not object or (2) the court determines that remote testimony is appropriate, under this statute. Allows, in a criminal proceeding, the testimony of a domestic violence victim witness to be permitted by remote testimony if: (1) the State provides notice to the attorney of record for the defendant, or the defendant if that person has no attorney, at least 15 business days before the proceeding at which the remote testimony would be used and (2) the defendant's attorney of record, or the defendant if that person has no attorney, does not file a written objection with the court, with a copy to the State, at least five business days before the proceeding at which the remote testimony will be used that the defendant objects to the domestic violence victim witness testifying remotely. Provides that if a written objection is not filed, the objection is deemed waived and the domestic violence victim witness must be allowed to testify remotely. Requires the court to make written findings of any waiver, including specified findings. Allows the court to authorize remote testimony over an objection if the court determines that: (1) the domestic violence victim witness would suffer serious emotional distress, not by the open forum in general, but by testifying in the defendant's presence and (2) that the domestic violence victim's ability to communicate with the trier of fact would be impaired. Sets out the procedure for an evidentiary hearing to determine whether to allow remote testimony, upon motion by a party or the court. Sets out the requirements for an order allowing or disallowing the use of remote testimony. Sets out requirements for the method used for remote testimony. Requires that the physical location where the domestic violence victim witness testifies be mutually agreed to by both the defendant and the State or approved by the court. Requires that both the defendant and the State be allowed to have at least two representatives approved by the court, in addition to the prosecutor and defense counsel, present at the location where the domestic violence victim witness is testifying. Also requires the court to ensure that the defense counsel, except a pro se defendant, is physically present where the domestic violence victim witness testifies, has a full and fair opportunity for cross-examination of the domestic violence victim witness, and has the ability to communicate privately with the defendant during the remote testimony; requires that the court ensure that a defendant who is an attorney pro se has a full and fair opportunity for cross-examination of the domestic violence victim witness. Specifies that the statute: (1) does not prohibit using or applying any other method or procedure authorized or required by statute, common law, or rule for the introduction into evidence of the statements or testimony of a domestic violence victim in a criminal or noncriminal proceeding; (2) must not be construed to require a court, in noncriminal proceedings, to apply the standard set forth in subsection (g) for remote testimony or to deviate from standards authorized by statute, common law, or rule for allowing the use of remote testimony in noncriminal proceedings; and (3) does not limit the provisions of GS 15A-1225 (exclusion of witnesses). Makes conforming changes to GS 7A-49.6.

## PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 368 (2025-2026) [OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL OMNIBUS BILL.-AB](#) Filed Mar 20 2025, *AN ACT MANDATING ALL OTHER PERIL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN ENTITIES, AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL TO CONTRACT FOR SERVICES FOR ITS RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION, MANDATING PARTICIPATION OF PUBLIC EDUCATION BOARDS IN THE STATE PUBLIC EDUCATION PROPERTY INSURANCE FUND, AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL TO CHARGE AND WAIVE REGISTRATION FEES FOR ADVANCED FIRE AND RESCUE COURSES, PROVIDING STATE FUNDS FOR THE WAIVER OF REGISTRATION FEES FOR COURSES OFFERED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, AUTHORIZING THE STATE FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION TO CONDUCT ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS, CLARIFYING THE POWERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HOME INSPECTOR LICENSURE BOARD, EXTENDING EXEMPTION FROM DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION OF PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, EXEMPTING MANUFACTURED HOME MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS FROM SHOWROOM REQUIREMENTS, MODERNIZING TERMINOLOGY FOR THE CODE OFFICIALS QUALIFICATION BOARD, ESTABLISHING FEES AND PROCEDURES FOR CODE OFFICIALS QUALIFICATION BOARD APPROVAL OF TRAINING COURSES, AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A VOLUNTARY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, CLARIFYING ELECTRICAL CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENERGIZING BUILDINGS, ENHANCING THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL OVER LOCAL INSPECTIONS AND EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS, REQUIRING REFUNDS AND REMITTANCE OF BUILDING INSPECTION FEES WHEN INSPECTIONS ARE PERFORMED BY STATE AND OTHER OFFICIALS, AND ESTABLISHING RECORDS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL INSPECTION DEPARTMENTS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL.*

### Section 1.

Requires (1) in GS 58-31A-10, every public education board and every charter school approved pursuant to State law and (2) in GS 58-31-10, each State department, institution, or agency that insures their property against direct loss or damage in the State Public Education Property Insurance Fund (Fund) (public boards of education and charter schools) or the State Property Fire Insurance Fund (State Fund) (State units of government) to obtain and make payment for the all other perils coverage provided by each fund. Effective July 1, 2025.

### Section 2.

Effective July 1, 2025, authorizes the State Fire Marshal (Marshal) under GS 58-31A-15 (concerning the Marshal's authority over the insurance coverage for public education property) to, through the State's agent of record, contract for any specialized or technical services necessitating expertise not otherwise available within the Marshal's office and that is determined to be essential to efficient operations. Exempts such contracts from Article 3C of GS Chapter 143, governing consultant contracts. Makes technical changes.

### Section 3.

Requires public education boards to insure all property titled to the board against the described direct loss or damage to the properties in the Fund, unless a waiver is approved by the Marshal's office. (Currently, public boards of education have discretion to insure in the Fund.) Directs the Marshal to only approve waivers if the public education board has sufficient minimum coverage of relevant perils. Makes conforming changes, including to section title. Directs that if any property titled to a public education board is covered by an insurance policy in effect on July 1, 2025, then the Fund will act as a coinsurer of the properties covered by that insurance until the expiration of that policy. Effective July 1, 2025.

### Section 4.

Enacts GS 58-78A-18, authorizing the Marshal to charge State registration fees for advanced fire and rescue courses delivered by its office at the NC Emergency Training Center. Sets the fee at the tuition amount for equivalent community colleges. Authorizes the Marshal to grant fee waivers for the eight categories of persons described. Permits the Marshal to charge

additional fees to cover the described expenses. Requires the Marshal to annual report to the specified NCGA committees on the number and types of waivers granted by February 1.

Provides funds to the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) based on the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students enrolled in advanced fire and rescue courses delivered by OSFM at the North Carolina Emergency Training Center for whom State registration fees are waived. Directs OSFM to calculate FTE enrollment in the same manner as community colleges. Provides for how funds provided should be calculated. Clarifies that OSFM is not considered a community college, or subject to the requirements imposed on community colleges by GS Chapter 115D.

Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Section 5

Expands the powers and duties of the State Fire and Rescue Commission (Commission) under GS 58-78-5 to include conducting administrative hearings in accordance with Article 3A of GS Chapter 150B. Makes conforming change to GS 150B-38. Effective October 1, 2025, and applies to administrative hearings commenced on or after that date.

#### Section 6.

Expands the powers of the NC Home Inspector Licensure Board (Home Board) under GS 143-151.49 to authorize the Home Board to adopt rules regarding course content, instructor qualifications, approved course offerings, and other criteria for compliance with the education program. Sets a \$200 fee cap for an online examination to obtain a home inspector license and makes conforming change to GS 143-151.57 (Home Board fee schedule). Effective October 1, 2025.

#### Section 7.

Exempts manufactured home dealers or manufactured home manufacturers (both as defined under State law) from the licensure requirements pertaining to the described motor vehicle manufacturers, factory branches, distributors, distributor branches, wholesalers, or dealers in GS 20-288.

#### Section 8.

Changes the defined term *qualified code enforcement official* to *qualified code official*. Expands the scope of their qualifications to engage in code compliance inspection or review (was just, code enforcement) in GS 143-151.8 (definitions pertaining to the NC Code Officials Qualification Board [COQB]). Makes conforming and technical changes to GS 143-151.12, listing the powers of the COQB.

Changes the type of qualifying documentation the COQB issues to the Code Officials who are any of the five listed occupations upon successful passage of the required exam under GS 143-151.13 from a certification to a license. Removes requirement that such persons successfully complete a short course prescribed by the COQB. Authorizes the COQB in conjunction with the OSFM to establish a voluntary apprenticeship program for any of the licenses issued under GS 143-151.13, consisting of coursework and supervised work under the relevant licensee. Provides for an exam and fee not to extend beyond the program cost. Makes technical and conforming changes, including to the statute's title.

Requires each course sponsor of the professional development courses described in GS 143-151.13A to pay the COQB a \$1 fee per approved credit hour for each individual who successfully completes a professional development course. Requires the course sponsor to also pay a filing fee of \$100 to the Marshal per course up to \$2,500 per calendar year. Requires an official who selects a course other than one offered by an approved course sponsor and who seeks approval of the course pursuant to rules adopted by the COQB to, upon approval of the course, pay a fee \$1 per approved credit hour. Makes conforming changes, including to the statute's title.

Broadens extension of comity under GS 143-151.14 to licensees in good standing with the US Department of Defense or the International Fire Services Accreditation Congress. Makes conforming changes.

Increases the license renewal fee cap from \$10 to \$50 and gives COQB approval authority over continuing education courses, including charging a fee not to exceed \$100 for review and approval of the courses under GS 143-151.16 (license and renewal fees). Makes technical and conforming changes.

Modifies the entity housing the Division of Engineering and Building Codes (Division) to reflect that it is within OSFM (was, Department of Insurance) in GS 143-151.19 (administration). Requires the Division to maintain a directory of all currently

licensed Code officials (was, publication of an annual list). Makes technical and conforming changes.

Now directs the Marshal to deposit fees collected under the Article in the State treasury to COQB's account (was, Insurance Regulatory Fund) in GS 143-151.21.

Makes conforming changes to GS 143-151.17 (grounds for discipline), GS 143-151.18 (penalties and injunctions for violations), GS 143-151.15, (concerning return of licenses to COQB), including to the statute's title, GS 143-151.20 (donations and appropriations), GS 143-151.22 as enacted by SL 2024-49 (NC State Building Code Permit Technician); and GS 143-151.23 (temporary licenses for disasters or emergencies), including to the statute's title.

Sets forth provisions governing the transition from certificates previously issued by the COQB to licenses as follows:

Automatic conversion. – All individuals holding valid probationary, standard, or limited Code-official certificates issued by COQB as of October 1, 2025, are automatically be deemed to hold the equivalent licenses without further examination, application, fees, or additional qualification requirements.

Pending applications. – An application for certification submitted prior to October 1, 2025, which remains pending on that date, will be processed as an application for licensure without resubmission or additional qualifications solely due to the change in designation from certificate to license.

Renewal of licenses. – Upon expiration of any certificate converted into a license, requires COQB to permit individuals to renew their credential under the standards applicable to a license in accordance with the renewal provisions of GS 143-151.16, as amended by the act.

Effective October 1, 2025.

Section 9.

Clarifies in GS 143-143.2 that the electrical wiring of housing or buildings for lighting or other purposes must conform to the requirements of the NC State Electrical Code (was, Building Code) and other laws.

Section 10.

Amends GS 143-341 [powers and duties of the Department of Administration (DOA)] to exempt motor vehicles under the ownership, custody, or control of OSFM used primarily for law enforcement, fire, or emergency purposes, from being transferred to DOA under the schedule maintained by the Department of State.

Section 11.

Extends the Marshal's authority to supervise local inspectors under GS 58-78A-15 as follows. Now requires the Marshal to also exercise general supervision over local inspection departments, including departments that issue permits for work subject to the North Carolina State Building Code (Code). Authorizes the Marshal to undertake the specified corrective actions against a local inspection department under the circumstances described. Specifies that a local government whose inspection authority has been suspended may resume providing inspection services only in accordance with the requirements set forth in GS 160D-1102(b) (local government building enforcement). Clarifies that nothing in GS Chapter 58 prevents the Marshal or the State from directly performing inspection duties for any jurisdiction whose inspection department has been suspended. During any natural disaster or states of emergency, authorizes the Marshal to decree alternative methods for achieving compliance with the Code and to evaluate and approve any system regulated by the Building Code in the State by any means necessary. During emergencies and disasters, authorizes the Marshal to allow persons licensed as an electrical contractor to evaluate and approve systems regulated by the North Carolina Electrical Code and appropriate for such license directly affected by such event.

Amends GS 160D-402(d) to require, whenever an inspections department has been suspended under State law, the local government to remit all building permit, inspection, and reinspection fees collected by the local government for inspections to be conducted during the suspension period to the jurisdiction assigned to perform the inspections.

Clarifies that a local inspection department must keep the records and reports governed by GS 160D-1126 as prescribed by the Engineering Division of OSFM. Subjects any inspection department that fails to comply with GS 160D-1126 to suspension.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Section 12.

Contains a severability clause.

Authorizes OSFM, COQB, the State Fire and Rescue Commission, and the North Carolina Home Inspector Licensure Board to adopt rules to implement the act.

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

GS 58, GS 143, GS 150B, GS 160D

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**Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing,  
Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and  
Construction, Government, Public Safety and Emergency  
Management, State Agencies, Department of Administration,  
Local Government**

S 375 (2025-2026) **AMEND HAZING LAWS**. Filed Mar 20 2025, *AN ACT TO REVISE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF HAZING AND TO REQUIRE EDUCATION ENTITIES TO ESTABLISH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO PREVENT HAZING*.

Part I.

Repeals GS 14-35, which made it a Class 2 misdemeanor for a student attending a university, college, or school in this state to engage in hazing, or to aid or abet any other student in the commission of this offense; defines *hazing* as subjecting another student to physical injury as part of an initiation, or as a prerequisite to membership, into any organized school group, including any society, athletic team, fraternity or sorority, or other similar group.

Instead, enacts new GS 35.1 to prohibit hazing as follows. Defines *hazing* as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person, whether individually or in concert with other persons, against a minor or student of an educational institution (secondary or postsecondary educational institution), whether or not committed on the education institution's campus or property, for the purpose of recruiting, joining, pledging, initiating, admitting, affiliating with, or for the purpose of continuing or enhancing status in an organization, that causes, coerces, or forces a minor or student to do any of the following: a. violate State or federal law; b. consume any food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, controlled substance, or other substance in any non-customary manner which subjects the minor or student to a substantial risk of emotional or physical harm, including sickness, vomiting, intoxication, or unconsciousness; c. endure brutality of a physical nature, including whipping, beating, paddling, branding, dangerous physical activity, or exposure to the elements, or to endure threats of such conduct, that results in medically verifiable mental or physical harm; d. endure brutality of a mental nature, including activity adversely affecting the mental health or dignity of the individual, sleep deprivation, exclusion from social contact, conduct that could result in extreme embarrassment or to endure threats of such conduct that results in medically verifiable mental or physical harm; or e. endure any other activity which adversely affects the health and safety of the individual. Also defines *alcoholic beverage*, *controlled substance*, *local affiliate organization*, *local organization*, *minor*, *national organization*, *organization*, *postsecondary educational institution*, *secondary educational institution*, *serious bodily injury*, and *student*.

Specifies that a person commits an offense if the person requested, authorized, commanded, encouraged, or participated in hazing, or knowingly aided, assisted, or conspired with another person to commit hazing. Sets out the following penalties, unless the conduct is covered by another law providing greater punishment: (1) Class C felony, which may include a fine of \$15,000, if the offense results in serious bodily injury or death or (2) Class A1 misdemeanor, including a fine of \$5,000, for any other violation.

Specifies the following offenses: (1) a local organization or local affiliate organization commits an offense when the elected leadership of the local organization or local affiliate organization had specific knowledge its member, employee, or volunteer was participating, aiding, or assisting in any act of hazing a minor or student and did not attempt to intervene to stop the hazing or report it to the appropriate local authorities; (2) a national organization commits an offense if an employee or volunteer of the national organization or member of the national organization's governing board of directors knowingly directed, supervised, or actively participated in any act of hazing a minor or student; and (3) a postsecondary educational institution commits an offense if an employee or volunteer of the postsecondary educational institution or member of the educational institution's governing board of trustees knowingly directed, supervised, or actively participated in any act of hazing a minor or student. Violations are punishable by a fine of no more than \$15,000.



Requires a person who actively directs or engages in hazing that injures a minor or student to give the injured person reasonable assistance, to the extent it can be done without danger or peril to himself or others.

Sets out the following penalties, unless the conduct is covered by another law providing greater punishment: (1) Class C felony, which may include a fine of \$15,000, if the offense results in serious bodily injury or death or (2) Class A1 misdemeanor, including a fine of \$5,000, for any other violation. Violations are punishable as follows, unless another law provides for greater punishment: (1) Class 2 misdemeanor, which may include a fine of no more than \$1,000 when no serious bodily injury or death occurs and (2) Class E felony, which may include a fine of no more than \$2,000, when serious bodily injury or death occurs.

Specifies that the consent of the person whom the hazing was directed against, and the argument that hazing was approved or sanctioned by the relevant organization, or was traditional or customary, are not defenses to prosecution.

Sets out conditions under which immunity from prosecution may apply for acting or reporting in good faith.

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

## Part II.

Enacts new GS 115C-393 requiring governing boards of public school units providing secondary education to require every school containing all or parts of grades 9-12 to investigate all allegations of hazing by students according to that school's disciplinary process. Requires the Department of Public Instruction, in consultation with the State Board of Education, UNC Board of Governors, and State Board of Community Colleges, to develop an educational plan for public schools to prevent hazing, including information on awareness, prevention, and intervention; requires provisions for schools to coordinate with national organizations for training.

Requires students to take an in-person or online educational program on hazing within 30 days of enrollment. Requires students to take the program before engaging in extracurricular activities. Requires each public school to provide on its website all of the listed information about hazing violations committed by organizations. Records must be kept for at least five years. Requires public schools to report hazing violations involving serious bodily injury or significant risk of serious bodily injury committed by an organization to local law enforcement within 72 hours of learning of the violation.

Requires the following to comply with these requirements: local boards of education (GS 115C-47), board of trustees of schools for deaf and blind students (GS 115C-150.12C), charter schools (GS 115C-218.75), regional schools (GS 115C-238.66), and laboratory schools (GS 116-239.8).

Enacts new GS 116-40.14 to require a UNC constituent institution that is an institution of higher education or a community college, to investigate all allegations of hazing by students according to the institution's standard disciplinary process. Requires the UNC Board of Governors, in consultation with the State Board of Community Colleges, Department of Public Instruction, and State Board of Education, to develop an educational plan for public institutions of higher education to prevent hazing, including information on awareness, prevention, and intervention; requires provisions for institutions to coordinate with national organizations for training.

Requires students to take an in-person or online educational program on hazing within 30 days of enrollment. Requires students to take the program before engaging in extracurricular activities. Requires each institution to provide on its website all of the listed information about hazing violations committed by organizations. Records must be kept for at least five years. Requires institutions to report hazing violations involving serious bodily injury or significant risk of serious bodily injury committed by an organization to local law enforcement within 72 hours of learning of the violation.

Makes conforming changes to GS 115D-12.

Applies beginning with the 2025-26 school year and the 2025-26 academic year. Requires the Department of Public Instruction and the UNC Board of Governors to submit the first report on October 15, 2026, based on data from the spring 2026 semester.

## Part III.

Provides a savings clause for offenses committed before the act's effective date.

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**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, Department of Public Instruction, State Board of Education**

S 378 (2025-2026) [HOA REVISIONS](#). Filed Mar 20 2025, *AN ACT TO AMEND LAWS GOVERNING OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS IN CONDOMINIUMS AND PLANNED COMMUNITIES, TO MANDATE PRELITIGATION MEDIATION OF DISPUTES BETWEEN OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND THEIR MEMBERS, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO COLLECT AND REPORT ON COMPLAINTS SUBMITTED TO IT INVOLVING SUCH DISPUTES.*

#### Part I.

##### Sections 1 and 5

Changes certain powers of the unit owners' association (Association) under the NC Condominium Act (GS 47C-3-102) or a homeowners' association (HOA) under the NC Planned Community Act (GS 47F-3-102) as follows.

Now prohibits managing agent or other contractor/employee contracts from exceeding two years in duration or containing an automatic renewal provision that requires the Association/HOA to give notice of nonrenewal more than 60 days prior to the contract's anniversary date. Provides for termination of automatically renewable contracts upon 90 days' notice by the Association/HOA. Prohibits a managing agent from being compensated based on the amount of fines collected on behalf of the association. Prevents an Association/HOA from enforcing any restriction on parking of newly defined term, *personal vehicle*, on a public street, public road, or public right-of-way for which the NC Department of Transportation (DOT) or local government has assumed responsibility for maintenance and repairs, unless the Association/HOA has been delegated such enforcement (was, blanket bar on enforcement of parking restrictions on public roads/streets). Authorizes the Association/HOA to enforce such restrictions if the authority to regulate parking has been expressly delegated to the Association/HOA by DOT or the local government. Prevents an Association/HOA from levying a fine for a violation of a provision restricting or prohibiting tutoring, educational lessons, academic lessons, or music lessons (and swimming lessons in GS 47F-3-102) provided in the owner's unit to a group of no more than five people at any one time, regardless of whether compensation is received for such lessons. Authorizes the Association/HOA to impose charges in connection with the preparation of a lender's questionnaire or certification or a statement of unpaid assessments (was, reasonable charges in connection with the preparation of statements of unpaid assessments), which now must be furnished within 10 days (was, 10 business days) after receipt of the request. Makes conforming changes. Changes the time period triggering the expedited fee from when the request is made within 48 hours of closing to if the item is to be furnished less than 10 days after the receipt of the request. Specifies that charges for the preparation of the lender's questionnaire or certification must be billed to the requesting party. Allows imposing a reasonable charge for providing copies of records. Requires the Association/HOA to provide a fair, reasonable, and expeditious procedure for making a decision pertaining to a proposed change to a unit or limited common element. Requires that the Association/HOA's decision be in writing, made in good faith, and not be unreasonable, arbitrary, or capricious. Requires that the procedure be set forth in the Association/HOA's governing documents. Provides for timeframe on decision and a procedure for reconsideration of the decision if disapproved by the Association/HOA's executive board.

The provisions related to managing agent compensation apply to contracts between an association and a managing agent entered into on or after January 1, 2026.

##### Sections 2 and 6

Amends GS 47C-3-107.1 (process for fines collected by an Association) and GS 47F-3-107.1 (same--HOA) to require for a written notice of hearing to be sent to a unit owner not less than 10 days prior to the hearing date to be heard on any charges by the Association/HOA. Requires the executive board or adjudicatory panel, no less than two days before the hearing, to give the unit/lot owner the name of the person whose testimony it intends to offer in support of the charge and any documents, photos, and exhibits it intends to submit in support of the charge. Caps any fines imposed without further hearing on the violation at \$2,500 for continuing violations.

##### Sections 3 and 7

Amends GS 47C-3-116 (pertaining to liens imposed for sums due to condominium owners' associations) and GS 47F-3-116 (pertaining to liens imposed by homeowners' associations in planned communities) to require that a claim of lien securing a debt consisting of *finer or fine-related charges* (as defined) be filed separately from a claim of lien securing other sums owed to the association and be filed within 90 days after the date the fine was imposed. Requires the unit owners'/homeowners' association to provide proper notice of delinquent assessment to the unit/lot owner before filing a claim of lien. Sets forth rules related to notice and requires the association to send a statement of the assessment amount via electronic mail, in addition to first class mail, if the owner has designated an email address; makes conforming changes. Extinguishes a lien securing a debt consisting of fines or fine-related charges unless proceedings to enforce the lien are instituted within one year after the filing of the claim of lien in the office of the clerk of superior court.

Amends the provisions concerning the recovery of attorney's fees, to allow the court, in its discretion, to allow the association to recover the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in connection with collecting any sums due.

Limits when the association may foreclose a claim of a lien securing a debt for sums due to the association so that it is only sums other than fines or fine-related charges, and requires that the delinquency have continued for 180 (was, 90) days or more.

Expands upon the notice requirements in nonjudicial power of sale foreclosures of a claim of lien so that it references the owners' right of redemption and so that it includes the association's certification of the actions it has taken to give the owner notice of delinquent assessments. Requires the clerk to inquire as to whether the owner occupies the unit as their principal residence and, if so, about the efforts that have been made to resolve the matter voluntarily. Sets out conditions under which the clerk must order the hearing continued.

Provides that a claim of lien securing a debt consisting of fines or fine-related charges may only be enforced by the filing of a civil action seeking a judgment. Under GS 47F-3-116, also adds that if before a hearing held pursuant to such a civil action, the lot owner satisfies the debt giving rise to the civil action, the association must dismiss the civil action and cancel the claim of lien; specifies that the lot owner has all rights granted under Article 4 of GS Chapter 45 to ensure the association's satisfaction of the claim of lien, and the association is not entitled to the collection or award of any attorneys' fees or court costs related to the dismissed civil action or cancelled claim of lien.

Applies to claims of lien filed and instruments presented for registration on or after December 1, 2025.

#### Sections 4 and 8

Amends GS 47C-3-118 (condo association records) and GS 47F-3-118 (HOA records) to authorize a property owner or their authorized agent to inspect and copy, at a reasonable time and location specified by the association/HOA, any contract entered into by the association if the owner gives the association/HOA written notice of the demand at least five business days prior to the date on which the owner wishes to inspect and copy. Allows for reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to the prevailing party if a motion to compel such records is filed. Also allows the court to order the association to pay an owner's costs incurred in obtaining an order when the association doesn't allow the owner to inspect and copy the requested contract and the court later enters an order compelling the association to do so. Requires that the statement, provided upon request, setting forth the amount of unpaid assessments and other charges be furnished within 10 days (was, 10 business days) after receiving the request; allows charging an additional expedited fee for the statement when it is requested to be furnished less than 10 days after receipt of the request (was, when the request is made within 48 hours of closing). Adds the requirement that the association keep written records of any policy on automatic license plate reader systems adopted under new GS 20-183.33 (described below) and for the records to be made reasonably available for examination by owners and their authorized agents.

#### Part II.

#### Section 9

Amends GS 7A-38.3F, which concerns prelitigation mediation of condominium and owners' association disputes, by exempting from the statute disputes related solely to a member's failure to timely pay an association assessment or any fines or fees associated with the levying or collection of an association assessment. Allows the parties to a dispute arising under GS Chapter 47C (North Carolina Condominium Act), GS Chapter 47F (North Carolina Planned Community Act), or an association's declaration, bylaws, or rules and regulations to agree to mediation at any time (was, parties were encouraged to initiate mediation before filing a civil action). Requires instead that before filing a civil action a party initiate mediation. Requires if an action is initiated that it be dismissed, upon motion prior to trial, without prejudice unless one of the three conditions exist, including that the court finds good cause for a failure to attempt mediation. Allows parties to agree to waive

mediation by informing the mediator in writing. Sets out when a mediator may charge a reasonable fee to prepare a mediator's certification. Amends the content of the mediator's certification to require that it also include the results of the mediation, and if applicable, that the parties waived mediation, and if a party failed or refused without good cause to attend or participate in mediation. Allows the Supreme Court to adopt rules and standards to implement this statute. Makes additional conforming, clarifying, and technical changes. Applies to actions filed on or after October 1, 2026.

#### Part III.

##### Section 10

Enacts new GS 114-8.8 requiring the Department of Justice (DOJ) to receive and record data from all complaints and concerning disputes between unit/lot owner associations and their members. Allows complaints to be submitted via phone, mail, or online; sets out the information that DOJ must collect when it receives a complaint. Requires DOJ to provide a copy of the complaint to the party complained against and to allow them to respond. Requires DOJ to post the following on its website: (1) information on the process to submit complaints; (2) information about the laws and documents governing associations of unit and lot owners; (3) general information about roles, rights, and responsibilities of associations of unit owners and lot owners, their members, and other related parties; and (4) any other information DOJ deems relevant to understanding the rights and obligations of associations of unit owners and lot owners and members of such associations. Prohibits DOJ from (1) promulgating regulations or issuing guidelines concerning the administration, governance, or governing documents of associations of unit owners or lot owners and from (2) serving as an arbiter in disputes between an association of unit owners or lot owners and its members. Requires DOJ to submit an annual report to the specified NCGA committees and division and publish the report on its website; sets out what must be included in the report and how the information must be accessible. Allows DOJ to redact certain information. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Part IV.

##### Section 11

Enacts new GS 20-183.32B prohibiting an owner's or unit owner's association from operating an automatic license plate reader system without first: (1) notifying a local law enforcement agency of the association's intent to begin using the system at least 30 days before the system is operational; (2) providing a local law enforcement agency ongoing access to the system; (3) notifying all lot or unit owners of the association's intent to begin using the system at least 30 days before the system is operational; and (4) adopting a written policy governing the system's use before the automatic license plate reader system is operational (sets out seven issues that must be addressed in the policy, including specified data retention, training of system operators, and system security and access). Requires data obtained by the association to be accessed, disclosed, preserved, or retained only for the purposes of assisting law enforcement agencies in connection with a law enforcement purpose; it cannot be used to enforce traffic violations. Effective October 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Sawrey, Johnson, Sawyer.**

[GS 7A, GS 20, GS 47C, GS 47E, GS 114](#)

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**Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Motor Vehicle, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, State Agencies, Department of Justice**

S 379 (2025-2026) [SENIOR CARE ASSURANCE ACT](#). Filed Mar 20 2025, *AN ACT ENHANCING AND EXPANDING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, HIGH-QUALITY HEALTHCARE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS THROUGH IMPROVED CHRONIC CARE MANAGEMENT, PREVENTIVE SERVICES, AND HOME-BASED CARE; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THESE PURPOSES.*

Contains whereas clauses. Titles the act the "Senior Care Assurance Act." Defines *Division of Aging* (a division of the Department of Health and Human Services) and *senior citizen* (a State resident 65 years of age and older).

Requires the Division of Health Benefits to ensure the Medicaid program covers preventive screenings and chronic disease management services, including osteoporosis screenings, medication management, cardiovascular assessments, and specialized geriatric care, for Medicaid recipients who are 65 years of age or older.

Effective July 1, 2025, appropriates \$2.5 million from the General Fund to the Division of Aging (Division) in recurring funds for each year of the fiscal biennium for 2025-27 to develop the Senior Preventive Health Grant Program (Program), a grant program to healthcare providers that provide regular health screenings, medication management, and geriatric healthcare consultations free of charge to senior citizens with a household income at or below the federal poverty level. Caps grants at \$25,000 per grantee. Provides for an application process. Instructs the Division to develop selection criteria. Requires that final award decisions give priority to healthcare providers located in rural or underserved areas of the State. Authorizes use of up to 5% of appropriated funds for administrative costs. Starting April 1, 2027, requires the Division to submit an annual report by April 1 to the specified NCGA committee and the Fiscal Research Division (FRD) on the Program, to include at least the five specified prongs of information.

Amends Section 9B.7A of SL 2023-134 (2023 Appropriations act), which establishes a telehealth infrastructure grant program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Central Management and Support, Office of Rural Health (ORH). Directs ORH to give priority to independent practices that specialize in the health and well-being of elderly persons 65 years of age or older. Extends ORH's annual reporting requirement so that it sunsets on April 1 of the fiscal year all of the telehealth infrastructure grant program funds are expended (currently, reporting requirement ends April 1, 2025). Makes a technical change.

Effective July 1, 2025, appropriates \$2 million from the General Fund to the Division in recurring funds for each year of the fiscal biennium for 2025-27 to develop the Senior Telehealth Assistance Program (STAP) to provide State-funded financial assistance of up to \$1,000 per household to senior citizens to help them purchase equipment, high-speed internet access, and any other infrastructure necessary to participate in telehealth services (defined). Instructs the Division to develop selection criteria in consultation with community-based healthcare providers and senior advocacy groups. Requires that final award decisions give priority to senior citizens residing in rural or underserved areas of the State. Authorizes use of up to 5% of appropriated funds for administrative costs. Starting April 1, 2027, requires the Division to submit an annual report by April 1 to the specified NCGA committee and the Fiscal Research Division (FRD) on STAP, to include at least the four specified prongs of information.

Requires the Division to develop and submit to the specified NCGA committee, a plan for a statewide initiative to form multidisciplinary care teams to coordinate care provided to senior citizens by the specified providers by February 1, 2026. Specifies that the teams' purposes are to promote holistic, patient-centered care and ensure continuity of medical treatment for senior citizens with multiple health conditions. Limits the Division from implementing the plan unless there is an act by the General Assembly.

Effective July 1, 2025, appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Division in recurring funds for each year of the fiscal biennium for 2025-27 and \$1.5 million in nonrecurring funding for the 2025-26 year to implement a Senior Care Navigation Hotline by May 1, 2026, operated by the division in partnership with local agencies and healthcare providers.

Directs the Division to ensure the Medicaid program covers home-based healthcare services, including nursing visits, physical therapy, and remote monitoring for Medicaid recipients who are 65 years of age or older.

Effective July 1, 2025, appropriates \$33 million from the General Fund to the Division in recurring funds for each year of the fiscal biennium for 2025-27 to support an initiative to increase access to non-Medicaid home-based healthcare services and caregiver support for senior citizens and their families. Instructs that a portion of those funds be used to establish a Caregiver Assistance Program that provides a monthly stipend of up to \$500 to a family member who provides in-home care to an eligible senior, with the Division to establish criteria and stipend amount, using at least the two specified criteria. Starting April 1, 2027, requires the Division to submit an annual report by April 1 to the specified NCGA committee and the FRD on the Caregiver Assistance Program and any other programs, initiatives, or services funded by the appropriation, including at least the three listed topics.

Effective July 1, 2025, appropriates \$7 million from the General Fund to the Division in recurring funds for each year of the fiscal biennium for 2025-27 to develop the Senior Home Safety Program (Home Program) to provide grants and loans at below-market interest rates to senior citizens to assist with home modifications for a primary residence to improve accessibility and safety, including the listed modifications. Instructs the Division to develop eligibility criteria, giving priority to senior citizens who are disabled or who meet the specified income limit. Gives the Division discretion to determine whether the applicant will be awarded a grant or a loan. Creates the Senior Home Safety Fund (Fund), a nonreverting special fund in the Division operating as a revolving fund consisting of funds appropriated to, or otherwise received by, the Home Program and all funds received as repayment of the principal of or interest on a loan made from the Fund. Names the State Treasurer the

custodian of the Fund. Starting April 1, 2027, requires the Division to submit an annual report by April 1 to the specified NCGA committee and the FRD on the Home Program to include the four prongs of information.

Directs the Division to establish annual reporting requirements for healthcare providers participating in State-funded programs that provide care to senior citizens that allow the Division to evaluate health outcomes, program effectiveness, and service accessibility.

Effective July 1, 2025, appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Division in recurring funds for each year of the fiscal biennium for 2025-27 to develop and implement a Senior Health Data Initiative to collect data regarding the health of senior citizens and to monitor and assess trends in senior healthcare needs and outcomes. Requires the Division to use the data to inform its future policy decisions and funding allocations.

States the General Assembly's intent to (1) to build upon and expand existing Medicaid waiver programs and (2) to build upon and expand existing programs that benefit senior citizens to support their well-being and independence. Instructs the Division to work with the specified agencies to ensure maximum funding for the NC Medicaid Program and for programs benefiting senior citizens to achieve these goals.

**Intro. by Theodoros, Smith.**

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Health Insurance, Social Services, Adult Services](#)

S 385 (2025-2026) [AMEND DANGEROUS DOG STATUTES](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCEDURE FOR SETTING ASIDE A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOG DESIGNATION*.

Amends GS 67-4.1 (pertaining to procedures for dogs designated as dangerous) as follows. Enacts new subsection GS 67-4.1(d) that provides a procedure for an owner of a potentially dangerous dog designated as such by the county or municipal authority responsible for animal control to request in writing, at any time more than 18 months after the designation, that the authority set aside the designation. Requires an application and an assessment of the dog by a person approved by the authority and accredited by the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers or another accrediting body recognized and approved by the authority. Requires the assessment to include, at minimum, an evaluation of the behavior underlying the declaration that the dog was a potentially dangerous dog and the owner's or keeper's ability to manage the dog. Sets forth four factors the authority must consider in ruling on the application. Requires the authority to issue written findings. Creates immunity for any municipality, county, or any of their officers or employees for a decision made in accordance with new GS 67-4.1(d). Effective October 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Meyer, Moffitt.**

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S 386 (2025-2026) [WHIZ KIDS/SLOW POKES VOTER REGISTRATION](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO ENSURE PROCRASTINATORS THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE BY ESTABLISHING SAME-DAY REGISTRATION ON ELECTION DAY AND TO ENGAGE OVERACHIEVING TEENAGERS IN VOTING BY RECODIFYING THE PROGRAM TO PREREGISTER INDIVIDUALS SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE*.

Part I.

Authorizes any person who will become qualified by age to register and vote in the general election for which a partisan or nonpartisan primary is held, even though not so qualified by the date of the primary, to register for the primary and general election prior to the primary and then vote in the primary and general election after being registered in accordance GS 163-

82.6B (same-day registration). Specifies that when a person using same-day registration declines to immediately vote, the registration must be processed and the person can later vote at an early voting site in the same election if the time for early voting has not closed. Clarifies that the same-day registration provisions of GS 163-82.6B authorizes a person to register to vote and then vote in their county of residence on election day or at an early voting site, as specified.

Makes conforming changes to GS 163-59 (right to participate or vote in party primary); GS 163-82.6(d) (registration deadlines for a primary or election); GS 163-166.12 (concerning voting when identification numbers do not match); GS 163-283 (right to participate or vote in party primary); and GS 163-283.1 (concerning voting in a nonpartisan primary).

Part II.

Amends GS 163-82.1 to allow a person who is at least 16 years old but will not be 18 years old by the date of the next election and who is otherwise qualified to register to preregister to vote and then be automatically registered upon reaching the age of eligibility upon verification of the person's qualifications and address.

Amends GS 163-82.3 to require the State Board of Elections to develop a form to preregister to vote.

Amends GS 163-82.4 by amending the questions that appear on a voter registration application form to include asking the applicant if he is at least 16 years old and understands that he must be 18 on or before election day to vote. Makes conforming changes.

Makes conforming changes to allow for preregistering to vote in the following: GS 163-82.19 (concerning voter registration at driver's license offices); GS 163-82.20 (voter registration at other public agencies); GS 163-82.23 (voter registration at public high schools); GS 115C-81.45 (concerning components of the high school course on the Founding Principles of the United States of America and the State of North Carolina); and GS 115C-47 (encouraging local boards of education to adopt policies to promote student voter registration, and now, preregistration).

Encourages the State Board of Elections and the Department of Public Instruction to improve outreach to high school students on voter registration and preregistration programs when students are eligible to do either.

**Intro. by Meyer, Smith.**

[GS 115C, GS 163](#)

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[Government, Elections, State Agencies, Department of Public Instruction, State Board of Elections](#)

S 387 (2025-2026) [BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY REUSE ACT REVISIONS](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY REUSE ACT AND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY TAX BENEFIT*.

Amends GS 130A-310.39 concerning fees the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is required to collect pursuant to the Brownfields Property Reuse Act (Act). Clarifies that the fee for a prospective developer proposing a brownfields agreement for DEQ review is for submitted applications. Provides DHHS the discretion to set a schedule for the fees to be paid by prospective developers who enter into a brownfields agreement with DEQ, eliminating the existing requirement that fees be paid in two installments. Deletes requirements and limitations related to installment payments. Adds to the factors to be considered when setting fees for brownfields agreements to include compliance with the agreement and the Notice of Brownfields Property requirements of the Act, GS 130A-310.35. Adds a new mandated fee assessed to any prospective developer or owner of properties subject to a recorded Notice of Brownfields Property who does not comply with the Act's requirements regarding the Notice, set at an amount sufficient to cover the State's costs to enforce or correct their noncompliance. Effective January 1, 2026.

Amends GS 105-277.13, which provides a tax exclusion for qualifying improvements on brownfields properties. Modifies the definition of "qualifying improvements on brownfields properties" to mean improvements made to real property as prescribed in a recorded Notice of Brownfields Property pursuant to the Act, Part 5 of Article 9, GS Chapter 130A. Specifies that the exclusion is limited to owners subject to a recorded Notice of Brownfields Property under GS 130A-310.35, and applies to the first five taxable years beginning after completion of qualifying improvements made after the later of July 1, 2000, or the date

DEQ provides written confirmation that the prospective developer and the proposed improvements are eligible to receive a brownfield agreement. Effective for taxable years beginning July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by McInnis, Moffitt, Jarvis.**

GS 105, GS 130A

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**Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, State Agencies, Department of Environmental Quality (formerly DENR), Tax, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health**

S 388 (2025-2026) **DOT PERMIT REVIEW TIME PERIODS**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT SPECIFIC TIME PERIODS ON THE REVIEW PROCESS FOR CERTAIN PERMITS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION*.

Amends Article 7 of Chapter 136 by enacting new, GS 136-93.1B that details the permit review process for driveway, encroachment, and subdivision permits. Requires that the Department of Transportation (DOT) notify an applicant that their permit application is complete or incomplete within 10 business days of receiving an application for certain permits. Includes permits pertaining to driveway connections; encroachment; traffic control devices; openings, structures, pipes, or trees; and subdivisions (GS 136-18(29), GS 136-18(37), GS 136-30, GS 136-93, and GS 136-102.6, respectively). Notification is not required if DOT issues the permit or denies the application providing a proper signed, written report within the 10-day period. Details written report requirements.

If application is complete, DOT must notify the applicant and inform them that a review period of 30 calendar days has begun. Before the end of the review period, DOT must either issue the permit or deny the application with a proper signed, written report. If application is incomplete, DOT must provide applicant with specific information required to complete it. Once completed, DOT must provide notice of a completed application as detailed above.

If DOT fails to meet any of the time periods in this section, the permit application must be deemed approved, and a permit must be issued.

**Intro. by McInnis, Moffitt, Jarvis.**

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**Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction, Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation**

S 389 (2025-2026) **ADD HOME SCHOOLS TO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO PERMIT OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED TO STUDENTS IN HOME SCHOOLS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE*.

Defines *home school* in GS 115C-562.1 (definitions concerning scholarship grants to students attending nonpublic schools [Scholarship Grants]) as a nonpublic school that meets the requirements of GS Chapter 115C, Article 39, Part 3. Makes conforming changes to *nonpublic school* by adding in schools that meet Part 3. Defines *private school*. Broadens the nonpublic school entities eligible for Scholarship Grants to include home schools. Sets the Scholarship Grant rate for a home school at 25% of the average State per pupil allocation for average daily membership in the prior fiscal year. Specifies that Scholarship Funds may be used for required costs of a home school, which include books, equipment and other required items, but not tuition and fees. Makes organizational and conforming changes. Makes conforming changes to GS 115C-562.4 (identification of nonpublic schools and distribution of Scholarship Grants).

Specifies that of the obligations listed in GS 115C-562.5 (obligations of nonpublic schools accepting students that receive Scholarship Grants), only private schools are required to (1) provide criminal backgrounds to the State Education Assistance Authority (Authority) on its staff as described; (2) provide parents or guardians with annual written explanation of the student's



progress, as described; (3) contract with a CPA to perform an financial review for each school year, as described; (4) retain the described information if it accepts more than 25 students; (5) not require additional student fees because the student has a Scholarship Grant; (6) follow the specified notice requirements if the Authority finds it not to be in compliance with GS 115C-562.5 and thus ineligible to receive Scholarship Grants. Makes conforming changes. Amends the endorsement and deposit provisions of GS 115C-562.6 (Scholarship endorsement) to require scholarship grant funds awarded to eligible students to a private school to be remitted for endorsement by at least one of the student's parents/guardians. Only prevents parents or guardians of students attending private schools from designating an individual associated with the private school as the parent's attorney-in-fact to endorse the Scholarship Grant.

Appropriates from the General Fund to the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve the following amounts in additional recurring dollars for each of the following fiscal years: (1) \$220 million for 2025-26; and (2) \$240 million for 2026-27. Beginning with the 2027-28 year through the 2031-32 year, increases the amounts appropriated in GS 115C-562.8, as amended by SL 2024-55, from the General Fund to the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve (Reserve) by at least \$260,000 per year, as described. For the 2032-33 year increases the appropriation from \$825 million to \$1.1 billion.

Effective July 1, 2025, and applies to applications for Scholarship Grants beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

**Intro. by Burgin.**

[APPROP, GS 115C](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations](#)

S 390 (2025-2026) [PROJECT NEWSLETTER](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO ENSURE COMPETITION AND LOWER COSTS FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICES BY UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT*.

Adds new statute to Chapter 143, Article 8, GS 143-129.11, requiring annual contracting at the start of each fiscal year for publication of notices by units of local government and local school administrative units to be made after securing informal bids. Requires the informal bid process to be designed to maximize competition and ensure the best value for public funds. Requires contracts to be awarded to lowest responsible, responsive bidder and details other factors to be considered for award. Mandates that records of all informal bids submitted be kept by the officer, department, board, local school administrative unit, or commission entering the contract and delays public inspection of those records until after the contract is awarded. Directs that if there is no eligible newspaper to contract with, then the contract must be awarded to newspapers described in GS 1-597(b) or GS 1-599. Refers to other statutes for definitions of the following: local school administrative unit (GS 115C-5); newspaper (GS 1-597(a)); publish, publication, "to publish" verbs (GS 153A-1, GS 159-1, GS 160A-1); and unit of local government (GS 159-7).

Amends GS 1-596 by making technical and conforming changes.

Effective July 1, 2026, and applies to notices published on or after that date.

**Intro. by Burgin, Corbin.**

[GS 1, GS 143](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Local Government](#)

S 391 (2025-2026) [DOT OMNIBUS](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO REVISE LAWS CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION*.

Amends GS 20-322 to require commercial driver training schools preparing individuals for a limited learner's permit or provisional license to meet, at minimum, the curriculum requirements of GS 115C-215(b), but if offered through public schools, the training school must meet all requirements of GS 115C-215 for driver education programs offered in public

schools (currently, requires all driver education courses offered in preparation for a learner's permit or provisional license meet all requirements of GS 115C-215).

Amends GS 20-288(b2), which provides that the death of a co-owner of a licensed dealer, manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, distributor branch, or wholesaler applying for licensure renewal is not a change of ownership requiring application for licensure as a new business so long as there are no new co-owners of changes in the structure of the entity. Now replaces the provision to instead provide that a change in ownership of a licensed dealer is not grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of a license or require application for licensure as a new business so long as any new owner is otherwise qualified for licensure and approved by the Division of Motor Vehicles (Division).

Changes the monthly cash balance required of the Department of Transportation (DOT) under GS 143-6-11 to a minimum of 45 days of the total appropriations for the current fiscal year from the Highway Fund and the Highway Trust Fund (funds) (was, at least 7.5% of the appropriations to those funds). Changes the goal for using cash flow financing for transportation projects to reduce the combined average daily cash balance of the funds to 75 and 120 days of the total appropriations for the current fiscal year from those funds (was, an amount equal to between 15-20% of the total appropriations from those funds).

Amends GS 136-19.4 to no longer require DOT to certify with the county register of deeds profile sheets or copies thereof for final right-of-way plans of all DOT projects for which plans are prepared and real property interests are acquired or access is controlled. Requires DOT to certify the plan sheets with the register of deeds at the completion of the project (was, within two weeks from their formal approval by the Board of Transportation (BOT), and required certification of amended plans approved by BOT within two weeks of their adoption). Makes conforming changes.

Amends GS 136-89.193 to no longer require the Turnpike Authority (Authority), by concurrence with BOT, to annually develop a plan of work and budget for the fiscal year. Eliminates the requirement for the Authority to annually report to the specified NCGA committee described information for one-time toll users and civil penalties.

Amends GS 136-89.214 to allow the Authority to send a toll bill to the email account on file with the DMV of the registered owner of the vehicle or person who had care, custody, and control of the vehicle, subject to written consent.

Amends GS 136-89.183, removing the 11-project cap for Turnpike projects the Authority is authorized to design, establish, purchase, construct, operate, and maintain. Specifies that the list of Turnpike projects that must be included is not exhaustive.

Amends GS 136-89.188 to limit the revenues derived from a Turnpike project to associated costs of the project or a planned contiguous toll facility identified in a transportation plan adopted by an affected Metropolitan Planning Organization (was, associated costs or a contiguous toll facility).

Amends GS 136-76.2, which establishes DOT's bridge program whereby appropriated funds are used for improvements to culverts associated with a component of the State highway system and improvements to structurally deficient and functionally obsolete bridges. Modifies exceptions to the list of exceptions to the general requirement that projects funded under the bridge program must be outsourced to private contractors to now except projects for the installation of culverts and structures, described in subsection (b), on low volume or non-outlet roads (was, the installation of culverts in cases of emergency only).

Amends GS 126-6.3 to exempt the Ferry Division from the required use of the Temporary Solutions Program administered by the Office of State Human Resources when there is an established need for peak season hires or when the work requires a specific skill set beyond the scope of temporary employees.

Amends GS 136-12 to require DOT to make a full printed and detailed report to the NCGA by the tenth day of each regular session that includes the cost of maintenance and construction work undertaken, receipts of license fees, disbursements, and other relevant financial information to illustrate the financial condition of DOT during the previous fiscal year (previously, required an annual report to a specified NCGA committee by March 1 on the allocation and expenditure of maintenance and construction funds).

Amends GS 136-82 to authorize DOT to add a transaction fee for electronic payments, not to exceed 2% of the electronic payment.

Makes the above changes effective on the date the act becomes law.

Amends the following concerning the acquisition and condemnation of property by DOT. Amends GS 136-108 to specify that the effect of the imposition of easements is an issue of damages and not subject to consideration by the court in the same

manner as issues raised by the pleadings that must be heard and determined by the court under GS 136-108. Includes a non-exhaustive list of the types of easements included in this category of damages, such as permanent utility easements, permanent drainage easements, and slope easements.

Amends GS 136-112, governing the measurement of damages, to specify that evidence of the damages resulting from the imposition of easements, including those listed in GS 136-108 as amended, are not presumed to be based on DOT exercising its rights to the fullest extent of the law and must be based on consideration of the project plans and other admissible market evidence.

Amends GS 136-89.52 to prohibit construing the imposition of easements, including those listed in GS 136-108, to constitute the imposition of new control-of-access or the taking of the property owner's abutters easement of access. Applies to causes of action arising on or after July 31, 2025.

**Intro. by Rabon, Sawyer, Lazzara.**

[GS 20](#), [GS 126](#), [GS 136](#), [GS 143C](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary](#), [Civil](#), [Civil Law](#), [Motor Vehicle](#), [Development](#), [Land Use and Housing](#), [Property and Housing](#), [Government](#), [State Agencies](#), [Department of Transportation](#), [State Government](#), [State Personnel](#), [Transportation](#)

S 392 (2025-2026) [SAFEGUARD FAIR ELECTIONS](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE INCREASED PROTECTIONS FOR VOTERS AND ELECTIONS OFFICIALS AGAINST VARIOUS FORMS OF INTERFERENCE WITH AN ELECTION AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.*

Part I.

Enacts GS 163-275.1, creating the following crimes related to voting in elections. Makes it a Class H felony to do any of the following: (1) threaten or attempt to threaten a person for voting or attempting to vote, for voting or attempting to vote for or against a particular candidate, for registering to vote, for urging or aiding any individuals to vote or attempt to vote as authorized by law, or for exercising any lawful powers or duties as an election official or enlisting another person to do so; (2) knowingly challenge a person's right to vote on fraudulent or spirituous grounds; (3) engage in mass, indiscriminate, and groundless challenging of voters solely for the purpose of preventing voters from voting or to delay the process of voting or the lawful and orderly administration of an election; or (4) fraudulently advise any person that the person is not eligible to vote or is not registered to vote.

Makes it a Class H felony for an employer to (1) enclose an employees' pay in envelopes upon which or in which there is written or printed the name of any candidate or political mottoes, devices, or arguments containing threats, intended or calculated to influence the political opinions or actions of the employees; or (2) in any way communicate that an employees' pay or continued employment is conditioned on voting or not voting, or voting or not voting for a specific candidate.

Makes it a Class A1 misdemeanor to intimidate or coerce, or attempt to intimidate or coerce, any person for voting or attempting to vote, for voting or attempting to vote for or against a particular candidate, urging or aiding any persons to vote or attempt to vote as allowed by law, or exercising any lawful powers or duties as an election official or enlisting another person for the purpose of doing the same.

Establishes that a person will be found to have intimidated or coerced another person if the person knew or reasonably should have known that his or her actions would produce that effect. Defines coerce, intimidate, and threaten. Establishes a right of action for a person aggrieved by a violation of new GS 163-275.1 for preventative relief; permits a court to award the prevailing party reasonable attorneys' fees.

Enacts new GS 153-275.3, authorizing a court to order any person convicted of violating Article 22 of the Chapter, which governs corrupt practices and other offenses against the elective franchise, to pay a restitution fine, at an amount at the court's discretion, to be deposited in the Voter Intimidation Restitution Fund (Fund), established by the act. Directs that funds appropriated to the Fund are to be allocated to the State Board of Elections (State Board) for voter education campaigns relating to these crimes, as specified.

## Part II.

Makes organizational changes to Article 22, GS Chapter 163. Enacts GS 163-278.1A, making any person who intimidates, threatens, coerces, or attempts to do the same to an election worker, with the intent to impede, intimidate, or interfere with their official duties, liable for civil damages of up to \$100,000, imprisonment of up to five years, or both. Defines *election worker* to include election volunteers. Provides immunity for election workers acting in good faith to prevent election interference or preserve ballot access. Amends GS 163-278 to authorize the State Board and district attorneys to investigate, prosecute, and seek increased penalties for violations of new GS 163-275.1.

## Part III.

Enacts new Article 15B, GS Chapter 163, cited as the Safeguard Fair Elections Act. Sets forth legislative findings and defined terms. Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 for a public official to perform or communicate the intention to perform an official act in which the official, without substantial evidence (as defined) refuses to certify the actual results or count of an election. Makes such action or communication of intention an automatic resignation from office, and deems any such official act void.

## Part IV.

Amends GS 163-182.12A, establishing seven best practices with which the State Board of Elections must ensure post-election audits comply, including being conducted by nonpartisan officials with expertise in elections, preserving ballot secrecy and voter privacy, and requiring audit procedures to be established before election day and before results are known. Prohibits public officials from providing funding for or participating in a post-election audit or review that fails to comply with the State Board's best practices that meet the described criteria.

Enacts GS 163-182.12B, directing the State Board to conduct, in each county, a risk-limiting audit after the general election, where a hand-to-eye recount is made of randomly selected ballot samples in a contest that provides strong statistical evidence that the machine-counted results are correct and based on a risk limit, meaning the largest chance that an incorrect outcome of a contest could escape correction by the audit. Specifies that the audit must not change the results of an election.

## Part V.

Amends GS 163-45.1 (concerning election observers), to require that the observers complete training before acting as an observer and complete additional training at least once every two years. Requires the State Board to establish training standards and requirements for observers. Adds the requirement that while observing, observers must wear a tag or badge that includes the observer's name, role, and partisan affiliation. Removes the provision prohibiting observers from taking an oath of office; instead requires that observers sign a sworn oath that the observer will not do engage in any of five specified courses of conduct, including engaging in electioneering at the voting place, and impeding the voting process or interfere or communicate with or observe any voter in casting a ballot.

Requires the State Board to collaborate with county boards of elections, to: (1) ensure election administrators are adequately compensated equitably throughout the State; (2) ensure clear and conspicuous notices are placed at voting locations establishing clear rights and responsibilities for voters, poll workers, and observers; and (3) develop a statewide, uniform system of reporting incidents of voter intimidation anonymously.

## Part VI.

Enacts new GS 163-49 allowing a precinct official to file written notice with the State Board requesting that the precinct official and the precinct official's immediate family be placed on a list that prohibits disclosing personally identifiable information in public records when the precinct official deems the official or the official's immediate family is at risk of intimidation, threat, or coercion in response to official election duties. Defines personally identifiable information to include any of the following: (1) a person's home address, home or mobile phone number, pager number, or personal email address; (2) a photo of a person; (3) directions to a person's home; or (4) a photo or description of a person's home, vehicle, or vehicle license plate. Requires the State Board to develop the process and criteria for precinct officials requesting this nondisclosure, including providing a way to notify the county boards of elections and other entities of the request.

Makes conforming changes to GS 132-1.2.

## Part VII.

Amends GS 163-182.13A to allow review by the court (previously prohibited) of the NCGA's decision in determining the contest of an election for a Council of State office. Requires, if judicial review is granted, that the court issue findings of fact on whether the contestee is eligible and qualified, or if the contest is as to the conduct or results of the election, which candidate received the highest number of votes.

Part VIII.

Appropriates \$250,000 in recurring funds for 2025-27 from the General Fund to the State Auditor pursuant to Section 3A.2 of SL 2024-57 for the State Board for biennial security training for election officials and their immediate family members. Requires that the training include, at least: (1) best practices for using social media and other forms of online engagement and maintaining online privacy; (2) home security program and maintenance; (3) understanding removal programs and requirements for election officials' personally identifiable information in accordance with this act; and (4) any other security training deemed relevant. Effective July 1, 2025.

Part IX.

Appropriates \$2 million for 2025-26 from the General Fund to the State Auditor pursuant to Section 3A.2 of SL 2024-57 for the State Board to establish, in coordination with the Department of Public Safety, a new threat management capability for monitoring all-source information that will: (1) provide a threat monitoring and analysis capability for the protection of election officials and their immediate family members; (2) coordinate social media monitoring and threat assessments; (3) proactively manage the monitoring of websites for election officials' personally identifiable information and report violations to the appropriate law enforcement authorities; (4) maintain files of escalating behaviors and work in conjunction with the appropriate law enforcement to counteract overt acts of aggression; (5) maintain a database of each election official to catalogue complaints, including the specified information of the individual(s) engaging in threatening behavior; and (6) coordinate complaints by election officials of all sources and other online threats, whether direct or indirect, with law enforcement partners. Effective July 1, 2025.

Part X.

Includes a severability clause.

**Intro. by Chaudhuri, Murdock, Smith.**

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, Elections, State Agencies, Office of State Auditor](#)

S 393 (2025-2026) [BETTING AND ADDICTION IN PERS. FINANCE COURSE](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION ON GAMBLING AND ADDICTION IN FINANCIAL LITERACY INSTRUCTION*.

Amends GS 115C-81.65 by adding to the issues to be taught to public school students as part of their instruction in personal financial literacy to include the costs of gambling, including sports betting and gambling addiction. Applicable beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

**Intro. by Chaudhuri, Burgin.**

[GS 115C](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Lottery and Gaming](#)

S 394 (2025-2026) [PROHIBIT FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF NC LAND](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE ACQUISITION OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS OR LANDS ADJACENT TO MILITARY INSTALLATIONS BY CERTAIN ADVERSARIAL ENTITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DIVESTMENT OF THOSE LANDS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR DOCUMENTATION AND REGISTRATION OF LAND OWNERSHIP BY CERTAIN ADVERSARIAL ENTITIES*.

## Section 1.

Enacts Article 4, “Prohibit Adversarial Foreign Government of Certain Lands,” to GS Chapter 64, as follows. Titled the NC Farmland and Military Protection Act. Contains findings of the General Assembly pertaining to State protection of military and farmlands. Defines *adversarial nation* as China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia. Sets forth ten other defined terms, including *prohibited foreign party* (meaning any of the five types of parties, including a citizen or resident of an adversarial nation or a foreign government formed within an adversarial nation, but excluding entities that engaged in the described activities with the Committee of Foreign Investment in the US). Defines military installation as Fort Bragg, Pope Army Airfield, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, New River Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point, the United States Coast Guard Air Station at Elizabeth City, Naval Support Activity Northwest, Air Route Surveillance Radar (ARSR-4) at Fort Fisher, and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, in its own right and as the responsible entity for the Dare 22 County Bombing Range, and any facility located within the State that is subject to the installations' oversight and control.

Enacts GS 64-63, prohibiting a prohibited foreign party from purchasing, acquiring, leasing, or holding any interest in the following: (1) agricultural land; (2) land situated within a 25-mile radius of a military installation; and (3) land situated underneath special use airspace, designated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) (defined). Permits a prohibited foreign party that is a resident alien of the US to hold the land described above, upon the same terms as a US citizen during the continuance of their residence in the State. Prevents a prohibited foreign party from acquiring any interest in the above specified land, except for a de minimus direct interest (defined as any ownership of land resulting from ownership of registered equities in a publicly traded company owning the land and if the ownership interest in the company is either of the following: (1) less than 5% of any class of registered equities or less than 5% in the aggregate in multiple classes of registered equities; or (2) a noncontrolling interest in an entity controlled by a company that is both registered with the US Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, and is not a foreign entity).

Bars another person from acting to hold land as an agent, trustee, or other fiduciary for a prohibited foreign party. Specifies that a prohibited foreign party is in violation of the act for as long as they continue to hold the specified land. Directs violating prohibited foreign parties to sell, transfer, or otherwise divest from the land within three years after acquiring the land. Directs the Attorney General (AG) to commence a court action for the sale of land if the prohibited foreign party owner does not divest from the land. Provides for proceeds of the sale to be distributed to lien holders in order of priority, then reasonable costs to the State, and finally the balance to the prohibited foreign party owner. Provides for recording by AG of the specified matters. Deems persons in violation of GS 64-63 to be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. Provides for the establishment of resident alien status as an affirmative defense.

Authorizes a prohibited foreign party that acquired an interest in the land described above prior to the act's effective date to continue to hold their interest in the land but cannot expand their interest in that land. Requires registration of the land with the Secretary of State (Secretary) and the AG. Provides for a registration form with specified information. Provides for civil penalty for failure to register of at least \$1,000 for each day the registration is late. Directs that the unpaid balance constitutes a lien against the land. Provides for an affidavit executed by any purchase of the described land above attesting their compliance with GS 64-63. Clarifies that failure to obtain or maintain the affidavit does not affect the title or insurability of the title for the land or subject any nonparty to the purchase to civil or criminal liability, unless a nonparty to the purchase has actual knowledge that the transaction will result in a violation of this section. Directs the Real Estate Commission to establish the form affidavit.

Clarifies that title to agricultural land is not invalid or subject to divestiture due to a violation of GS 64-63 by any former owner or any other person holding or owning a former interest in the agricultural land. Makes it a Class 2 misdemeanor for a person to knowingly sell an interest in agricultural land in violation of GS 64-63.

## Section 2.

Enacts GS 161-14.04, requiring the register of deeds to mandate that the parties as grantor and grantee on the instrument provide information sufficient to establish their current citizenship, residential status, or for non-individual entities, the state or nation where the entity is organized under, prior to the recording of a deed or other document conveying an ownership interest in land. Provides for indexing of citizenship and residential status.

## Section 3.

Contains severability clause.

Section 4.

Effective December 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Brinson, Hanig, Moffitt.**

GS 64, GS 161

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**Agriculture, Courts/Judiciary, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, State Agencies, Department of Justice, Military and Veteran's Affairs**

S 395 (2025-2026) **DISASTER RELIEF EVICTION MORATORIUM ACT**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO ALLOW THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ENFORCING A RESIDENTIAL EVICTION MORATORIUM IN DECLARED STATES OF EMERGENCY.*

Amends GS 166A-19.20 by adding two new subsections. Subsection (c3) permits the Governor to institute a residential eviction moratorium in the emergency area by executive order (EO) when the Governor or General Assembly declares a state of emergency. Requires the Governor to find that the disaster has caused either (1) widespread displacement, (2) job loss, or (3) other economic hardships that would lead to significant increase in homelessness without the moratorium to issue this EO.

Restricts the initial EO to a moratorium length less than or equal to 90 calendar days with extensions permitted in increments of 30 calendar days. Limits the moratorium's length to 180 total calendar days.

Requires EO to remain in effect unless the Governor rescinds it and provides that the General Assembly and Council of State do not have authority to rescind, modify, or otherwise affect a moratorium issued under this subsection.

Defines "eviction" as any landlord action taken to remove a tenant, including formal eviction proceedings, nonrenewal of a lease for reasons related to nonpayment, or any other involuntary removal from a rental unit. Declares that the subsection is presumed to be valid and necessary to protect health, safety, and welfare of state residents during a declared state of emergency and requires a court to evaluate any action in accordance with this subsection under a rational basis standard.

Subsection (c4) permits the Governor to direct available state and federal funds towards rental assistance programs to mitigate financial impact on both landlords and tenants, within parameters of state and federal law, when issuing an EO under subsection (c3).

Makes changes to subsection (c) to clarify (c3) as an exception to the expiration of states of emergency. Effective when the act becomes law and applicable to executive orders issued on or after that date.

**Intro. by Applewhite.**

GS 166A

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**Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, General Assembly, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Government, Executive**

S 396 (2025-2026) **MEDICAL BOARD LICENSING EFFICIENCY ACT**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD.*

Identical to H 480, filed 3/20/25.

Enacts GS 90-12.2B, permitting licensure by endorsement of a physician, physician assistant, or anesthesiologist assistant in the State so long as they submit an application that demonstrates the four described requirements including verification of acceptance of a full-time offer of employment in the State and holding an active, full, and unrestricted license in at least one other United States jurisdiction, including any state, territory, or district, for at least five years (with physicians having to have practiced for at least two years of those five years after completing residency training after graduation from medical school as

described). Provides for an attestation by the applicant that they meet the six listed criteria, including having had no felony or misdemeanor convictions in the five years preceding the application and is not the subject of adverse action taken by any agency or regulatory board overseeing their licensure in the last five years prior to the application. Provides for submission of additional information to the Medical Board (Board) within 120 days after licensure as described. Specifies that a license issued under GS 90-12.2B becomes inactive after 180 days unless the supplemental information is received (if needed). Directs that Board has authority to investigate and take appropriate action against an applicant or licensee who applied for or received licensure by endorsement and that it retains jurisdiction over an inactive license. Provides for licensing and criminal background check fees.

Increases the application fee for a medical/surgical license from a cap of \$400 to a cap of \$550. Caps the application fee for licensure by endorsement at \$825. Increases the fee cap for a limited license to practice in a medical education program from \$100 to \$125. Increases the fee cap for the initial and annual licensure of an anesthesiologist assistant from \$150 to \$200. Directs for the initial licensure fee for a physician assistant to be capped at \$325. Sets the following fee caps for these applicants for licensure by endorsement: \$300 for anesthesiologist assistants and \$500 for physician assistants.

Increases the cap for annual registration fees under GS 90-13.2 from \$250 to \$350, and from \$125 to \$150 for those licensed to practice in a medical education program. Specifies that the cap for annual registration fees for physician assistants is \$200. Instructs that failure to register by a physician assistant as required incurs an additional \$25 fee. Increases the licensure application and renewal fee caps for a perfusionist under GS 90-689 by \$50. Increases the provisional license fee cap by \$25.

Authorizes the Medical Board to adopt temporary rules to implement the act.

Effective October 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Britt, Sawrey, Galey.**

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**Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers**

S 397 (2025-2026) [INVEST IN DURHAM'S ED/ATHLETIC INFRASTRUCTURE](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE INVESTING IN DURHAM'S EDUCATION AND ATHLETIC (IDEA) INFRASTRUCTURE ACT*.

Appropriates \$4.5 million from the General Fund to Durham County for 2025-26 to be used for capital improvements to, and repairs and renovations needs due to deferred maintenance on, (1) public school buildings and athletic fields and (2) other public school facilities. Effective July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Chitlik, Murdock.**

APPROP, Durham

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations**

S 398 (2025-2026) [PROHIBIT WEAPONS AT VOTING PLACE](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE POSSESSION OR CARRYING OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON AT OR WITHIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE OF A VOTING PLACE*.

Enacts new GS 14-269.5 making it a Class 1 misdemeanor to possess, or carry (openly or concealed), any dangerous weapon (1) at a location used as a voting place, (2) within 100 feet from the door of entrance to a location used as a voting place, or (3) while in line to vote at a location used as a voting place. Specifies that this prohibition applies only while the location is open and being used as a voting place. Excludes law enforcement officers acting in discharge of their official duties. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Mayfield.**

GS 14



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**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Elections**

S 399 (2025-2026) **STUDY JORDAN LAKE NUTRIENT MANAGEM'T STRATEGY**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO STUDY AND REPORT ON THE JORDAN LAKE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY*.

Requires the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), to study and analyze nutrient management strategies and the compilation of existing water quality data pertaining to Jordan Lake. Sets out four actions that must be taken as part of the study. Requires DEQ to report its findings and recommendations to the Environmental Review Commission and the Environmental Management Commission by January 31, 2027, with interim reports by January 31, 2026, and July 31, 2026. The final report must include any statutory or regulatory changes necessary to implement recommendations.

**Intro. by Gale.**

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**Environment, Government, State Agencies, Department of Environmental Quality (formerly DENR)**

S 400 (2025-2026) **ADULT PROTECTION MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL ADULT PROTECTION MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS*.

Enacts Article 6B, Local Adult Protection Multidisciplinary Teams, to GS Chapter 108A. States legislative findings and the Article's purpose. Defines five terms. Authorizes counties to establish a Case Review Multidisciplinary Team or to participate in a multicounty Team. Defines *Case Review Multidisciplinary Team* as an adult protection multidisciplinary team (Case Team) that reviews selected active cases in which disabled adults are being served by adult protective services through a local department of social services (dss). Defines *disabled adult* to mean an individual 18 years of age or older or a lawfully emancipated minor who is present in the State and who is physically or mentally incapacitated, as defined by statutory cross-reference.

Provides for the county board of commissioners to consult with the dss director in determining whether to establish its own Case Team or become part of a multicounty team. Provides for the formation and withdrawal from a multicounty team. Details membership required of the Case Team for both individual county and multicounty teams as well as other members that may be appointed by the chair. Provides for vacancies, election of the chair, and Case Team meetings.

Charges the Case Team with (1) reviewing selected active cases in which disabled adults are being served by adult protective services through dss, and (2) annually submitting to the commissioners any recommendations for addressing systemic problems and service gaps in the delivery of services to disabled adults by public and nonpublic agencies. Lists six powers and duties of the dss director in addition to those as a Case Team member, including assuring the development of written operating procedures for Team reviews, maintenance of Team records, and annual reporting to the local board of social services on the Team's activities. Specifies that these powers and duties extend to each dss director on multicounty team.

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to develop and make available for each Case Team member training materials that address four criteria including an overview of adult protective services law and policy, the role and function of the Case Team, confidentiality requirements, and record-keeping requirements.

Details permitted information sharing among Case Team members related to performing reviews and providing, arranging, or coordinating services for disabled adults whose cases have been or are currently under review by the Team. Terminates information sharing authority when a case is no longer active, as described. Prohibits the dss director from sharing information that discloses the identity of individuals who have reported suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a disabled adult to dss except as allowed by law. Exempts Case Team meetings from the State's open meetings laws, Article 33C, GS Chapter 143.

Deems Case Team information and records confidential and limits disclosure to instances when it is necessary to carry out the purposes of the Case Team or otherwise permitted by law. Specifies that the confidentiality requirements do not preclude a

court from compelling disclosure if necessary for the proper administration of justice and disclosure is not prohibited by law. Describes three instances when information generated in a Case Team meeting may be disclosed, including disclosure to the county commissioners, board of social services, or Case Team member's agency or organization, as specified. Provides for Case Team members to sign confidentiality statements and provides the chair with authority to recommend removal of any member who fails to sign or comply with the confidentiality requirements. Requires notation in the disabled adult's protective services record to indicate selection for review and allows further entries at the dss director's discretion. Provides that relevant State and federal law applies to the Case Team's sharing or accessing confidential information and records. Directs the Social Services Commission to adopt rules to establish protocols for Case Team reviews.

Clarifies that the Article is limited in scope to Case Teams established under the Article. Adds that the Article does not prohibit a county from establishing a Case Team and a Systemic Review Multidisciplinary Team, as defined.

Effective October 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Galey, Daniel.**

GS 108A

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**Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Mental Health, Social Services, Adult Services**

S 401 (2025-2026) **DEALER LICENSE RENEWAL MODIFICATIONS**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEALER LICENSE RENEWAL GRACE PERIOD AND ALIGNING DEALER REGISTRATION PLATE RENEWALS WITH DEALER LICENSE RENEWALS*.

Amends GS 20-295 to provide that motor vehicle dealer licenses remain valid for up to 60 days (was, 30 days) after their expiration when the licensee has timely submitted an application for renewal prior to its expiration. Applies to licenses issues or renewed on or after October 1, 2025.

Amends GS 20-79 to extend the issue period for dealer license plates from one to two years. Provides for varying the expiration of dealer registration renewals with the schedule provided in GS 20-288(c) for dealer licenses. Requires registration plates to be replaced every four years rather than three. Applies to registration plates issued on or after October 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Jackson, Lazzara, Sawyer.**

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**Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation**

S 402 (2025-2026) **ALLOW LOTTERY WINNERS TO BE CONFIDENTIAL**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN LOTTERY WINNERS TO CHOOSE TO TREAT AS CONFIDENTIAL THEIR IDENTIFYING INFORMATION*.

Allows, upon request, for the identifying information of any prize winner of \$1 million or more under GS 18C-132 (pertaining to drawings and claiming lottery prizes) to be treated as confidential except to the extent to do the following: (1) notify the NC Department of Revenue for State income tax purposes; (2) notify the IRS; (3) notify the tax authorities of the prize winner's state of residence; (4) comply with debt set-off programs under GS 18C-134 and GS Chapter 105A; (5) comply with Article 31 of GS Chapter 1, concerning supplemental proceedings against a judgment debtor; and (6) comply with a court order. (Currently, confidentiality can be requested only if the prize is over \$50 million and only for 90 days after the winner has claimed the prize.) Makes conforming changes. Effective July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Hise.**

GS 18C

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**Lottery and Gaming**

S 403 (2025-2026) [MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPEDIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS*.

Amends Section 2.4 of SL 2023-7 by adding a requirement to the report provided to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and the Fiscal Research Division by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Health Benefits (DHB) that the DHB report include full details of any funding needed to implement or maintain work requirements. Provides that DHHS must implement any work requirements as a condition of Medicaid participation approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in accordance with this section, regardless of any GS 108A-54.3A provisions to the contrary.

**Intro. by Hise.**

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**Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Insurance, Social Services, Public Assistance**

S 404 (2025-2026) [RIC FLAIR ACT](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO REMEMBER ICONIC COMBATANTS THROUGH FOSTERING LEARNING AWARENESS AND INTEREST IN RASSLING*.

Appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (Department) for the 2025-26 year to study the feasibility of establishing a professional wrestling museum in the State. Requires the Department to report its findings to the specified NCGA committee by July 1, 2026. Effective July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Chaudhuri, Britt, Hise.**

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, Cultural Resources and Museums, State Agencies, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (formerly Dept. of Cultural Resources)**

S 405 (2025-2026) [CHIROPRACTIC MODS](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF CHIROPRACTIC*.

Amends GS 90-139(a) by requiring no more than three of the eight members of the North Carolina State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) be graduates of the same college, program, or school of chiropractic (was, college or school).

Amends GS 90-142, providing a new power of the Board enabling the Board to establish certification standards for acupuncture practice by doctors of chiropractic.

Amends GS 90-142.1 by replacing the word chiropractic "college" with the word "program" throughout the section.

Amends GS 90-143(b) by limiting license examination to graduates of an accredited chiropractic program (was, a four-year chiropractic college). Eliminates ability for those who will become graduates within 60 days of examination to sit for examination. Makes technical changes replacing "college" with "program." Allows applicants to prove receipt of a bachelor's degree from a college or university by a regional accreditation body recognized by the United States Department of Education (Department) or its international equivalent (was, just Department). Amends transcript requirements to one that confirms the applicant has received a doctor of chiropractic degree from an accredited program (was, a transcript confirming 4,200 hours or more of accredited chiropractic education at a properly accredited institution). Removes the specified studies that were to be included in the exam.

Amends GS 90-146 allowing a graduate of an accredited chiropractic program (was, a regular chiropractic school) from another state to be granted a license by the Board.

Amends GS 90-151 to allow for use of the method, thought, and practice of chiropractors, as taught in recognized chiropractic schools, programs, and colleges (was, schools and colleges). Clarifies that a person with a license from the Board cannot prescribe for or administer medicine or drugs requiring a prescription by the United States Food and Drug Administration's rules or regulations (was, medicine or drugs (without explanation)).

Amends GS 90-154.3(b), by changing "diagnostic radiology" to "diagnostic imaging."

Permits the Board to adopt rules to implement the act's provisions.

Effective October 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Hise, Sawrey, Burgin.**

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[Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers](#)

S 406 (2025-2026) [ALLOW ERPOS TO PREVENT SUICIDES & SAVE LIVES](#). Filed Mar 24 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 A DEFENDANT FAILS TO SURRENDER AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF AN EMERGENCY OR EX PARTE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER.*

Identical to [H 166](#), filed 2/21/25.

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 ERPO. 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 Mayfield, Bradley.**

[GS 15C, GS 50B, GS 50E](#)

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S 407 (2025-2026) [PROHIBIT DEFENSE BASED ON SEX OR GENDER](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A DEFENSE TO HOMICIDE OR ASSAULT BASED ON THE DISCOVERY OF, PERCEPTION OF, OR BELIEF ABOUT ANOTHER PERSON'S SEX, GENDER, GENDER IDENTITY, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION*.

Enacts GS 14-18.3, prohibiting as a defense to homicide prosecutions under Article 6, the discovery of, perception of, or belief about another person's actual or perceived sex, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation, whether or not accurate, specifying the same is not provocation negating malice as an element of murder. Specifies that the statute does not preclude the admission of evidence of a victim's or witness's conduct, behavior, or statements that is relevant or otherwise admissible.

Enacts identical provisions to GS 14-34.11, applicable to prosecutions for assault under Article 8.

Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2025. Provides a savings clause for prosecutions for offenses committed before December 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Mayfield, Grafstein.**

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

S 408 (2025-2026) [NO HIGH RISK APPS/GOV'T NETWORKS & DEVICES](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF TIKTOK ON GOVERNMENT DEVICES AND DURING PARTICIPATION IN STATE-FUNDED PROGRAMS*.

Enacts new GS 143-162.11, which provides as follows. Defines covered application as (1) TikTok or any successor application or service developed or provided by ByteDance Limited or an entity owned by ByteDance Limited or (2) WeChat or any successor application or service developed or provided by Tencent Holdings Limited or an entity owned by Tencent Holdings Limited. Prohibits State employees and employees of a local political subdivision of the State from downloading or using a covered application or accessing the website of a covered application on or using any government-issued device (cellular phone, desktop computer, laptop, or other electronic device capable of connecting to the Internet issued by the State or by a local political subdivision of the State) or information technology. Prohibits a person contracting with the State, or with a local political subdivision of the State, from accessing, downloading or using a covered application on equipment owned or leased by the State or by a local political subdivision of the State. Prohibits a person from accessing, downloading, or using a covered application on any government-issued device or during participation in any State-funded program. Requires state agencies and local political subdivisions of the State to restrict access to the websites of covered applications on government-issued devices and information technology. Defines information technology as defined by GS 143B-1320(a)(11) (set of tools, processes, and methodologies, including, but not limited to, coding and programming; data communications, data conversion, and data analysis; architecture; planning; storage and retrieval; systems analysis and design; systems control; mobile applications; and equipment and services employed to collect, process, and present information to support the operation of an organization. Also includes office automation, multimedia, telecommunications, and any personnel and support personnel required for planning and operations). The term also includes (1) any equipment or interconnected system or subsystem of equipment used in the automatic acquisition, storage, analysis, evaluation, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching, interchange, transmission, or reception of data or information by a State-funded program, whether the equipment is used by the State-funded program directly or is used by a contractor under a contract with the State-funded program that requires the use of that equipment in the performance of a service or the furnishing of a product and (2) computers, mobile devices, and virtual machines as well as ancillary equipment, peripheral equipment designed to be controlled by the central processing unit of a computer, software, firmware and similar procedures, services (including support services), and related resources.

Requires the removal, deletion, and uninstallation of these applications no later than 30 days after the act is enacted.

Specifies that the act does not prevent prosecutorial and law enforcement agencies from accessing the applications covered by this act for prosecutorial, law enforcement, and investigative purposes. Requires the Departments of Information Technology and Public Safety, by March 1, 2025, to develop jointly the guidelines necessary for prosecutorial and law enforcement agency access to covered applications along with the risk mitigation actions necessary for such use.

**Intro. by Moffitt, Hanig, Johnson.**

[GS 143](#)

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**[Government, State Agencies, Department of Information Technology, Department of Public Safety, State Government, Local Government](#)**

S 409 (2025-2026) [BAN GHOST GUNS & UNDETECTABLE FIREARMS](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OR POSSESSION OF GHOST GUNS AND UNDETECTABLE FIREARMS*.

Enacts new GS 14-409B, which except for licensed firearm manufacturers under federal ATF regulations, makes it a Class I felony for any person, firm, or corporation to manufacture, sell, give away, transfer, use, or possess a ghost gun or an undetectable firearm. Defines a ghost gun as a firearm, including a frame or receiver, that lacks a unique serial number engraved or cased in metal alloy on the frame or receiver by a licensed manufacturer, maker, or importer under federal law or markings in line with federal regulations. Excludes a firearm that has been rendered permanently inoperable or a firearm that is not required to have a serial number in accordance with the federal Gun Control Act of 1968. Defines an undetectable firearm to mean a firearm that satisfies any of three listed requirements including being manufactured wholly of plastic, fiberglass, or through a 3D printing process. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Chaudhuri, Applewhite.**

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

S 410 (2025-2026) [HOSPITAL PETITION/DISCHARGE INCAPABLE ADULTS](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING HOSPITALS TO PETITION THE COURT FOR APPROVAL TO DISCHARGE INCAPACITATED ADULT PATIENTS IN CASES IN WHICH PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE HEALTH CARE DECISIONS ON BEHALF OF THESE PATIENTS ARE UNWILLING TO CONSENT TO DISCHARGE.*

Enacts GS 131E-90.5, limited in scope to patients 18 or older who lack capacity to make or communicate health care decisions and who do not have an individual willing to make health care decisions or consent to discharge on behalf of the patient. Authorizes the hospital providing treatment or service to the patient to petition the superior court in the county in which the hospital is located, with or without the assistance of legal counsel, for an order authorizing the discharge of the patient as ordered by the attending physician. Further limits the use of petitions to instances when the attending physician has the written concurrence of a second physician licensed to practice medicine in this State, and the petition is not filed before five business days of receipt of that written concurrence. Requires the court to grant or deny the petition within five business days after the petition is filed. Effective October 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Sawrey, Adcock.**

[GS 131E](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Mental Health](#)

S 411 (2025-2026) [SCHOOL BUS CAMERAS/EVIDENCE & CONTRACT LENGTH](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT ESTABLISHING THAT CERTAIN SCHOOL BUS CAMERA RECORDED IMAGES ARE PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE DEMONSTRATING A FAILURE TO STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS AND EXTENDING THE MAXIMUM LENGTH FOR AUTOMATED SCHOOL BUS SAFETY CAMERA SERVICE CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE VENDORS.*

Directs that recorded images from a school bus safety camera showing that a school bus was stopped and was displaying its mechanical stop signal or flashing red lights is prima facie evidence that (1) the school bus was stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers and (2) the school bus was equipped and marked in compliance with GS 20-217 (directing motor vehicles to stop for properly marked and identified school buses). Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2025. Extends the maximum allowed contract term for the installation and operation of those cameras from three years to five years, with an option to extend one time for five years (was, three years) under GS 115C-242.1. Applies to contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Hise.**

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

S 412 (2025-2026) [CHILDCARE SUBSIDY RATE INCREASE & WEST PILOT](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO INCREASE CHILD CARE SUBSIDY RATES AND TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO BUILD CHILD CARE CAPACITY IN AREAS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE.*

Beginning July 1, 2025, directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Child Development and Early Education (Division), to increase the child care subsidy market rates to the seventy-fifth percentile as recommended by the 2023 Child Care Market Rate Study (Study) for children in child care centers and homes with a rating of one to five stars.

Appropriates \$123.5 million from the General Fund to the Division in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium to implement the market rate increases described above. Directs the Division to add 10% into each adjusted rate for a rural county (defined) and for infants and toddlers (birth to three years of age).



Appropriates \$8 million from the General Fund, to be allocated to the five listed councils of government in the specified amounts, for 2025-26 to establish a two-year pilot program coordinated by those councils of governments to build child care capacity in areas impacted by Hurricane Helene that are in the affected area, as defined in Section 1A.4 of SL 2024-57, that qualify for Federal Emergency Management Agency Individual Assistance and Public Assistance Categories A through G. Requires vendors receiving funds through a request for application issued by the designated council of governments to (1) increase the supply of child care programs by recruiting and coaching prospective child care providers through the initial business planning and implementation process and (2) ensure sustainability by executing a two-year mentorship program for the new child care programs created pursuant to the act. Authorizes the councils of government to use (1) a portion of these funds for additional solutions provided by the vendor within the early childhood education space to meet localized needs and in support of recovery, rehabilitation, and ongoing needs of their member communities and (2) up to 2% of the funds allocated to the respective councils of government under the act for administrative costs. Requires the participating councils of government to submit an initial progress report by January 1, 2026, and additional reports every six months thereafter until the end of the pilot program to the specified NCGA committee and the Fiscal Research Division on at least the four specified areas of focus.

Effective July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Hise.**

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

S 413 (2025-2026) **RIGHT TO USE CONTRACEPTION**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT DECLARING THE RIGHT TO USE CONTRACEPTION TO PREVENT PREGNANCY SHALL NOT BE LIMITED*.

Identical to [H 474](#), filed 3/20/25.

Adds new Article 44 to GS Chapter 90 setting out a right to use contraception to prevent pregnancy, stating that the State has no legitimate governmental interest in restricting such use.

**Intro. by Chitlik, Murdock, Bradley.**

**GS 90**

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**Health and Human Services, Health**

S 414 (2025-2026) **PHARMACISTS/TEST AND TREAT**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO ALLOW PHARMACISTS TO TEST AND TREAT FOR CERTAIN ILLNESSES WITH CERTAIN MEDICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF PHARMACY, TO PROVIDE FOR FAIR AND EQUITABLE REIMBURSEMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES OR PROCEDURES THAT ARE PERFORMED BY A PHARMACIST WITHIN THAT PHARMACIST'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND THAT ARE EQUIVALENT TO SERVICES PERFORMED BY OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE*.

Amends GS 90-85.3A to allow a pharmacist to (1) administer drugs and (2) order and perform a CLIA-waived test to assist with clinical decision making relating to the use and monitoring of medications or treat influenza, COVID-19, pharyngitis caused by group A streptococcus and other health conditions screened by the test in accordance with statewide protocols. Prohibits a pharmacist from treating a health condition under GS 90-85.3A with any controlled Schedule 1-IV controlled substance. Defines CLIA-waived test as a lab test approved by the FDA and determined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to qualify for a waiver under the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 and safe for use in non-laboratory settings. Effective October 1, 2025.

Enacts GS 58-3-241, requiring health benefit plans to cover healthcare services provided by pharmacists if (1) the service or procedure was performed within the pharmacist's licensed scope of practice and (2) the health benefit plan would have covered the service if it had been performed by another healthcare provider. Defines healthcare provider, healthcare services, and pharmacist. Specifies that the participation of a pharmacy in a drug benefit provider network of a health benefit

plan does not satisfy any requirement that insurers offering health benefit plans include pharmacists in medical benefit provider networks. Applies all requirements relating to coverage of prescription drugs and pharmacy services under GS Chapter 58 governing health benefit plans to third-party administrators as well as insurers. Amends GS 58-3-230 (uniform provider credentialing) to require insurers that delegate credentialing agreements or requirements for pharmacists licensed under Article 4A of GS Chapter 90 of the General Statutes or the relevant laws of another state to a contracted healthcare facility shall accept the credentialing for all pharmacists employed by, or contracted with, those healthcare facilities. Amends GS 58-3-200 (pertaining to miscellaneous insurance requirements) to require, upon notice or request from the insured, for the insurer to determine whether a healthcare provider able to meet the needs of the insured is available to the insured without unreasonable delay by reference to the insured's location and the specific medical needs of the insured. Effective October 1, 2025, and applies to insurance contracts entered into, renewed, or amended on or after that date.

Requires the State Health Director, in consultation with the NC Board of Pharmacy and Medical Board to develop statewide protocols relating to the modifications to GS 90-85.3A discussed above, including patient parameters necessitating referral to a primary, urgent, or emergency care provider.

**Intro. by Jones, Ford, Moffitt.**

[GS 58, GS 90](#)

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[Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Health Insurance](#)

S 416 (2025-2026) [PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT*.

Defines nonprofit organization as an entity exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) that has applied for recognition of exemption under section 501(c) to the Internal Revenue Service or is a not-for-profit business entity recognized under State law. Defines person using GS 12-3, which includes individuals, bodies politic and corporate, unless the context clearly shows to the contrary. Defines personal information as any compilation of data of any kind that directly or indirectly identifies a person as a member, supporter, volunteer, or donor to any nonprofit organization. Defines public agency as any state or local government unit and its employees however designated.

Provides a nonexclusive list of the employees this encompasses, which includes employees of the State, entities of the state, institutions of higher education, political subdivisions of the state, and state or local courts, tribunals, or other judicial or quasi-judicial bodies.

Prohibits a public agency from doing any of the following: (1) requiring a person or nonprofit organization to provide it with personal information or otherwise compel the release of personal information, (2) publicly disclose personal information in its possession, or (3) request or require a current or prospective contractor or grantee to provide a list of nonprofit organizations they have provided financial or nonfinancial support. Declares that personal information is not a public record under GS Chapter 132.

Provides list of exemptions clarifying when collection, disclosure, or release of personal information is allowed. This includes reports or disclosures required by State law, lawful warrant for personal information issued by a court, a lawful request for discovery in litigation if provided conditions are met, admission of the information as relevant evidence in court with provided limitation, a public agency's release of information voluntarily released by the person or nonprofit organization it relates to, collection of information disclosing the identity of certain people in a nonprofit organization in reports or disclosures required by statute to be filed with the Secretary of State (does not include information directly identifying a person as a donor of financial support to the nonprofit), disclosure derived from a donation to a nonprofit affiliated with a public agency and required by statute if there was no previous request for anonymity by the person. Also clarifies that nothing in this act applies to a national securities association.

Allegations of a violation of this act may be brought in a civil action for injunctive relief, damages, or both. Sets parameters for damages to be awarded. Allows a court to award all or part of litigation costs including attorneys' fees and witness fees to the complainant. Makes it a misdemeanor to knowingly violate this act punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine less than or equal to \$1,000.

Provides that the provisions of this act are severable.

Effective October 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Daniel, Hise, Moffitt.**

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**Government, Public Records and Open Meetings, State Agencies, Local Government, Nonprofits**

S 417 (2025-2026) **POSTING OF STATE COSTS**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT PAYMENTS MADE BY STATE ENTITIES BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION*.

Adds GS 143B-28.2, which requires the University of North Carolina and each principal department under GS Chapters 143A and 143B to report monthly to the Department of Administration (Department) an itemized list of all expenditures with a cost of \$1.00 or more for the purchase of tangible personal property, real property, and services; and to provide the total expenditures for the month. Requires the Department to publish the report on its website in an accessible form to the public within 10 days of receipt.

Amends GS 7A-343 by adding a duty to the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts to require state courts to collate and report monthly to the Director an itemized list of all expenditures with a cost of \$1.00 or more for the purchase of tangible personal property, real property, and services; and to provide the total expenditures for the month. Requires the Director to publish the report on its website in an accessible form to the public within 10 days of receipt.

Adds GS 120-32.05, which requires the Legislative Services Officer (LSO) to collate an itemized list of all expenditures of the General Assembly with a cost of \$1.00 or more for the purchase of tangible personal property, real property, and services; and to provide the total expenditures for the month. Requires the LSO to publish the report on its website in an accessible form to the public within 10 days of creating the list.

Clarifies that nothing in these statutes makes public any confidential records or those records protected from disclosure by state or federal law.

Effective July 1, 2025, and the publications required by this act apply on October 1, 2025, and must include expenditures beginning with the 2025-26 fiscal year.

**Intro. by Burgin.**

GS 7A, GS 120, GS 143B

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**Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Administrative Office of the Courts, Government, General Assembly, State Agencies, UNC System**

S 418 (2025-2026) **NC HEALTH BENEFITS EXCHANGE IMPLEMENTATION**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A STATE-RUN HEALTH BENEFITS EXCHANGE*.

Makes organizational changes to GS 58-2-40, which lists the duties of the Commissioner of Insurance (Commissioner), including recodifying subdivision (2) as new subsection (b). Enacts a new subsection (c) to require the Commissioner to establish a State-run Health Benefits Exchange (Exchange) pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, PL 111-148 as amended, or other applicable federal laws and regulations. Grants the Commissioner authorities related to the creation, implementation, and operation of the Exchange, including making program, rule or policy changes; applying for and accepting federal moneys; and creating advisory boards or committees.

Amends GS 143B-24, eliminating provisions which condition State interaction with the federally-facilitated Health Benefit Exchange upon legislative authorization.

Appropriates \$100,000 in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Insurance for 2025-26 to establish and operate a State-run Health Benefits Exchange pursuant to GS 58-2-40, as amended. Effective July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Burgin.**

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

S 419 (2025-2026) [RESTORE DOWN-ZONING AUTHORITY](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING*.

Identical to [H 24](#), filed 1/29/25.

Repeals Section 3K.1 of SL 2024-57, which amended GS 160D-601 to prohibit enacting, in addition to the current prohibition on initiating or enforcing, an amendment to zoning regulations or a zoning map that down-zones property without written consent from all property owners whose property is the subject of the down-zoning amendment. Amended what was considered down-zoning under the statute to also include 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. This was applicable to local government ordinances adopted on or after the date the section became law and any local government ordinance enacting down-zoning of property during the 180 days before the date that this section became effective. The section also voided any ordinances adopted in violation of the statute.

Applies retroactively to December 11, 2024. Makes any adopted ordinance affected by Section 3K.1 of SL 2024-57 in effect as it was on or before December 11, 2024.

**Intro. by Burgin.**

[GS 160D](#)

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

S 420 (2025-2026) [REDIRECT LOTTERY ADVERTISING FOR FOSTER CARE](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE AUTHORITY OF THE LOTTERY COMMISSION TO EXPEND LOTTERY REVENUES ON ADVERTISING EXPENSES AND TO REDIRECT MONIES INTENDED FOR ADVERTISING TOWARD FOSTER CARE PROGRAMS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES*.

Amends GS 18C-130 (pertaining to types of lottery games, advertising, and required disclosures) to require the State Lottery Commission [Commission] to ensure that advertisements by lottery game retailers are tastefully designed and presented in a manner to minimize the appeal of lottery games to minors (currently required of advertising, but enforcement by the Commission not specified). Specifies that nothing in the subsection should be deemed to authorize the Commission to expend public funds on lottery advertising. Makes conforming changes to GS 18C-114 (pertaining to the powers and duties of the Commission). Amends GS 18C-163 (pertaining to lottery expenses) by increasing the annual transfer of lottery funds to the Department of Health and Human Services from \$1 million to \$31 million by providing that \$30 million be used for foster care programs. Removes advertising and promotion costs as an authorized lottery expense. Makes conforming changes. Effective July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Burgin, Alexander.**

[GS 18C](#)

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[Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Lottery and Gaming](#)

S 422 (2025-2026) [MARRIAGE/FAMILY THERAPY MODS](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY LICENSURE*.

Amends GS 90-270.56 by now requiring (was, allowing) the North Carolina Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board (Board) to issue a license as a marriage and family therapist (was, marriage and family therapist or associate) by reciprocity to any person who applies for the license as prescribed by the Board and meets the additional requirements at all times during the application process.

Amends the additional requirements in the following ways: requires the applicant to have a license for two continuous years (was, five) and to be currently licensed as a marriage and family therapist (was, marriage and family therapist or associate) in another state; adds the new requirement that the applicant has passed the Board's examination on jurisprudence testing knowledge of state law and rules; allows an applicant to show that they have passed either the National Marriage and Family Therapy examination or the clinical examination required by California's licensing board regulating marriage and family therapy in that state (was, only the National Marriage and Family Therapy examination). Makes technical change in subdivision (2) replacing has with holds.

Amends GS 90-270.63 to make conforming changes. Permits the Board to adopt rules to implement provisions of this act. Effective October 1, 2025, and applies to applications on or after that date.

**Intro. by Corbin.**

GS 90

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**Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers**

S 424 (2025-2026) [T/C: MEGASITES FUNDING USES](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO BROADEN THE USES FOR MEGASITE FUNDING*.

Amends Section 11.11(d) of SL 2022-74 to allow EDPNC to allocate all funds appropriated to the North Carolina Megasite Fund (other than the first one million dollars) for local government grants for any of the purposes detailed in subsection (a) of 11.11 (was, limited to the acquisition of megasites determined by subdivision (1) of 11.11(d)). SL 2022-74 Section 11.11(a) includes the following purposes for the competitive grant program: identify and evaluate five megasites for preferred development and marketing, enable a local government or partnership of units to acquire a megasite, support the unit(s) in installing or upgrading public infrastructure needed to meet the needs of prospective megasite employers and in funding onsite preparation for megasites, and facilitating coordination between economic development entities and the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality to expedite any environmental needs related to timely site development.

**Intro. by Smith.**

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**Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development**

S 425 (2025-2026) [CHIROPRACTIC ABUSE OF COSTS](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS MAY CHARGE AS COSTS IN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AND TO REQUIRE ACCURATE MINUTES FOR OFFICIAL MEETINGS*.

Allows for the NC State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) to charge the licensee costs for a disciplinary action (defined) against them under GS 90-157.4 only if the disciplinary action results in a disposition other than a complete exoneration of a licensee. Specifies that the costs may include attorneys' fees (was, reasonable attorneys' fees), as well as the newly added meeting costs, investigative fees and any other costs, so long as it does not exceed \$2,000. Voids any provision in an informal settlement, consent order, final agency decision, or other dispositive document in which the licensee consents to

pay costs in an amount greater than \$2,000. Requires, in GS 90-144, the Board to keep full and accurate minutes as a public body under State law that covers the specified matters, including summaries of the contents of the treasurer's, director's, and attorney's reports and each committee report and the motion verbiage and the corresponding vote of each member of the Board for any motion before the Board. Directs that a draft version of the minutes be published within 15 business days after each meeting and the final version of the minutes immediately upon approval of the draft version.

Requires the Board to adopt rules to implement the act.

Effective October 1, 2025, and applies to disciplinary actions (defined) on or after that date.

**Intro. by Burgin, Sawrey.**

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**Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers**

S 426 (2025-2026) **STUDENT BORROWERS' BILL OF RIGHTS**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO ENACT A STUDENT BORROWERS' BILL OF RIGHTS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKS SHALL LICENSE AND REGULATE STUDENT LOAN SERVICERS, AND TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF THE STUDENT LOAN OMBUDSMAN.*

Enacts new Article 26 to GS Chapter 53 to be cited as the Student Borrowers' Bill of Rights. States the Article's purpose and sets forth defined terms. Prohibits servicing a student loan without a license issued pursuant to the Article. Sets forth seven exceptions to the licensure requirement, including banks and similar savings and loan associations organized under the laws of any state or federal law. Details application requirements and requires applying through the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry (NMLS) in a form acceptable by the Commissioner of Banks (Commissioner) and verified by attestation of the applicant or a designee. Sets the application fee at \$1,500, with initial applicants also responsible for the actual cost of obtaining a credit report and federal and State criminal background checks, as well as processing fees required by the NMLS. Provides for application investigation and abandonment, and establishes six qualifications for licensure. Establishes procedures by which a person seeking to act as a student loan servicer is exempt from the described application procedures upon determination by the Commissioner that the person is a party to a contract awarded by the US Secretary of Education under identified federal law.

Establishes a minimum net worth requirement of \$250,000 for applicants to possess and maintain at all times. Authorizes the Commissioner to increase the minimum upon consideration of 8 factors. Requires applicants to post a surety bond with the Commissioner at application, and licensees to maintain a surety bond, of \$150,000, with an increased surety bond requirement based on the servicer's servicing volume in a calendar year, up to \$500,000. Details parameters governing surety bonds.

Provides for annual license renewal and expiration. Establishes a \$250 reinstatement fee. Provides for license cancellation if the licensee fails to reinstate the license prior to October 31, thereby requiring compliance with the initial licensure requirements. Establishes procedures for cessation of operations. Prohibits assigning a license. Subjects acquisition of a license to Commissioner approval.

Sets an annual assessment of \$1 per borrower served by the licensee, collected annually or in periodic installments by the Commissioner. Requires payment for the prior year before renewal. Authorizes the Commissioner to make special assessments, as specified.

Establishes duties of a licensee, including notice of described material events, and annual reporting on four specified components and any other information deemed relevant by the Commissioner. Establishes duties of a student loan service to borrowers, including timely responding to written inquiries, postponing providing loan information subject to a written request to a consumer reporting agency (except when required to communicate that a debt is disputed), inquiring as to the preference for overpayment application, applying partial payments as to minimize late fees and negative credit reporting, providing notice of and transfer records to new student loan servicers as provided, and evaluating borrowers for repayment programs before placing the borrower in forbearance or default if available.

Enumerates twelve prohibited acts of student loan services, including (1) employing a scheme, device, or artifice to defraud or mislead borrowers or the Commissioner, (2) obtaining property by fraud or misrepresentation, and (3) misapplying payments to

the outstanding balance of a student loan.

Grants the Commissioner access to documents or information including criminal, civil, and administrative history information and personal history and experience information. Authorizes the Commissioner to investigate or examine any student loan servicer as often as necessary to carry out the Article. Grants the Commissioner extensive authority to interview related parties, including borrowers. Further details the Commissioner's investigative authority, including assessing actual costs for extraordinary expenses. Provides for the Commissioner's access to records of student loan servicers upon request and details related requirements and restrictions. Provides for required reporting, including accounting compilations. Establishes five further powers of the Commissioner, including the power to hire professionals and specialists to assist in investigations and examinations. Authorizes disciplinary action against a student loan servicer who fails to timely respond to inquiries of the Commissioner regarding filed complaints involving violations of the Article or rules or orders thereunder, fails to respond to and fully cooperate with notices from the Commissioner relating to scheduling and conducting investigations and examinations, or fails to consent to a criminal history check (which is grounds for denial of licensure).

Provides for the confidentiality and sharing of information obtained by the Commissioner under the Article. Subjects actions, hearings, and procedures under the Article to the Administrative Procedure Act. Provides for notice requirements following summary suspensions and cease and desist orders and sets a period within which a licensee can request a hearing before the Commissioner.

Details the disciplinary authority and powers of the Commissioner, subject to required findings. Provides for the authority to summarily order the licensee to cease and desist or summarily suspend the license. Allows for surrender of the license.

Allows for a civil penalty for violations of the Article or rules or orders thereunder of up to \$25,000 per violation. Provides for restitution, disgorgement, and injunction. Additionally establishes a civil cause of action for damages against a student loan servicer. Provides for service of process under the Article.

Authorizes the Commissioner to adopt implementing rules, with aggrieved persons permitted to appeal to the State Banking Commissioner. Authorizes the Commissioner to participate in the NMLS.

Makes the above provisions effective June 1, 2026.

Amends Article 26 by directing the Commissioner to designate a Student Loan Ombudsman to carry out the duties and activities set forth in the Article, and provide timely assistance to any borrower of a student loan in the State. Details six duties the Commissioner is to ensure the Ombudsman provides, including monitoring and analyzing the development and implementation of related federal, State, and local laws and policies. Directs the Office of the Commissioner to ensure the Ombudsman establishes and maintains a student loan borrower education course by July 1, 2027, as specified. Requires annual reporting to the NCGA as specified. Effective January 1, 2027.

Includes a severability clause.

**Intro. by Galey, Craven.**

[GS 53](#)

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**[Banking and Finance, Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection, Education, Higher Education](#)**

S 427 (2025-2026) [PROPERTY TAX MODIFICATIONS](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MACHINERY ACT OF NORTH CAROLINA*.

Modifies the term *non-business property* set forth in GS 105-275 (property classified and excluded from the tax base) so that it also refers to personal property used for production of income or in connection with a business, or both, provided the value of the property at the time of acquisition is equal to or less than \$20,000 and no longer includes household furnishing, clothing, pets, lawn tools, and lawn equipment. Changes the name of the term to *qualified personal property*. Removes watercraft engines from the property exempted from the term. Clarifies that the motor vehicles, aircraft, and watercraft exempt under the term are those that are required to be registered the applicable provisions of State or federal law. Makes organizational changes.

Specifies that a person must now specifically list any changes, additions, subtractions with respect to a property where there is a duty to list under GS 105-308 (was, just list the property). Directs that if a person does not timely list property, there is a presumption that no changes, additions, or subtractions with respect to the property to be listed have occurred. Makes clarifying and conforming changes.

Effective for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

Designates real and personal property located in the affected area impacted by Hurricane Helen, as defined in Section 1A.4 of SL 2024-57, a special class of property under Article V, Section 7 2(2) of the North Carolina Constitution and must have interest accruing on the property administered in accordance with the act. Instructs that notwithstanding GS 105-360, interest on an underpayment of property tax on real or personal property located in the affected area that (1) accrues for the period of January 7, 2025, through December 31, 2026, and (2) is due on September 1, 2024, will not be collected or, to the extent it is collected, will be carried forward as a credit against the tax due the following year. Specifies that this provision does not apply to classified motor vehicles.

**Intro. by Moffitt, Hanig, B. Newton.**

[GS 105](#)

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, Tax](#)

S 430 (2025-2026) [REVISE CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEM LAW](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT REVISING THE LAW REGARDING THE MANDATORY USE OF CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEMS*.

Amends GS 20-137.1, concerning the use of child restraint systems in vehicles, as follows. Defines *child passenger restraint system* as any device designed to restrain or position a child in a motor vehicle, including a booster seat. Under the current law, children younger than age eight and less than 80 pounds must be secured in a weight-appropriate child passenger restraint system, with specified provisions applicable when a vehicle has an active passenger side front air bag, and when no seating position equipped with a lap and shoulder belt to properly secure the child passenger restraint system is available.

Removes these provisions and now requires the following instead. Requires a child younger than age eight and less than 57 inches in height to be secured in a height- and weight-appropriate child passenger restraint system. Requires, beginning as a newborn, for a child to be properly secured in a rear-facing child passenger restraint system with transition to a forward-facing system according to the manufacturer's instructions related to the child's height and weight requirements for use of the system as indicated by label on the car seat. Requires the child to be secured in a child passenger restraint system in a rear seat unless at least one of three circumstances exist, including when the system is designed for use with front air bags. Allows a child to be properly secured with a seat belt as follows: (1) a child less than eight years old, at least 40 pounds may be restrained by a properly fitted lap belt only and (2) a child at least eight years old or 57 inches in height may be restrained by a properly secured lap and shoulder belt (sets out conditions met in order for a lap and shoulder belt to be considered properly secured).

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

**Intro. by Adcock, Hollo, Brinson.**

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[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle](#)

S 431 (2025-2026) [PROTECT WHISTLEBLOWER LEOS FROM RETALIATION](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT PROTECTING FROM RETALIATION LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS THAT REPORT THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE OR OTHER IMPROPER OR UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS*.

Amends GS 15A-401 (Arrest by law-enforcement officer) by creating new subsection (d2) (Protection from Retaliation), which protects law enforcement officers who report what they believe to be excessive use of force under subsection (d1) (Duty



to Intervene and Report Excessive Use of Force) from termination or retaliation. Makes filing a knowingly false report under subsection (d1) a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Creates new GS 17C-17, which obligates a criminal justice officer in the line of duty to attempt to intervene and prevent (1) violations of federal, state, city, or county laws, ordinances, or regulations; (2) fraud; (3) misappropriation of state, city, or county resources; (4) activity that poses a substantial danger to public health and safety; or (5) gross mismanagement including waste of public monies or the abuse of authority. Also obligates a criminal justice officer to report any conduct they reasonably believe falls into categories (1) through (5) within 72 hours, even if they did not intervene. Protects a criminal justice officer who files a report under this section from termination or retaliation. Makes filing a knowingly false report under the section a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Creates new GS 17E-17, which extends the same obligations and protections to justice officers and contains text effectively identical to the new GS 17C-17.

Appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Justice for 2025-26 to be allocated to the Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission to be used to train criminal justice officers regarding the statutory changes made in this act.

Appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Justice for 2025-26 to be allocated to the Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission to be used to train justice officers regarding the statutory changes made in this act.

Effective and applicable to offenses and retaliatory actions taken on or after December 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Grafstein, Bradley, Everitt.**

**APPROP, GS 15A, GS 17C, GS 17E**

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

S 432 (2025-2026) [HOME OWNERSHIP MARKET MANIPULATION](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT HOUSING MARKET MANIPULATION AND TO PROTECT AGAINST ARTIFICIAL INFLATION BY EXCESSIVE HOME BUYING BY ENTITIES PURCHASING HOMES FOR USE AS RENTAL PROPERTIES.*

Identical to [S 199](#), filed 2/27/25.

Enacts new Article 9, Housing Market Manipulation, in GS Chapter 75, providing as follows. Sets out NCGA findings related to the state's urban growth, businesses purchasing homes as rental properties, and home ownership. States that the NCGA seeks to balance the interests of building wealth through the use of business entities acquiring properties for rental purposes against the State, local, and individual economic benefits that result from having a citizenry broadly engaged in and accruing the advantages attendant to home ownership.

Makes it illegal for any person (as defined), including affiliates of the person, to purchase a single-family home in a qualifying county for a purpose other than for use by the person as a residence if the person, including affiliates of the person, owns 100 or more single-family homes in qualifying counties that are used primarily for rental purposes. Defines a qualifying county as a county with a population greater than 150,000 as of the most recent decennial census. Defines a single family home as a residential structure that is either a fully detached or semi-detached building or that is a row or town home that (1) is separated from the adjacent unit by a ground-to-roof wall, (2) does not share heating or air-conditioning systems or utilities, and (3) does not have units located above or below.

Gives the Attorney General the same authority under this Article to make rules, conduct civil investigations, bring civil actions, and enter into assurances of discontinuances as provided under GS Chapter 75. Allows the court to award or impose any relief available under GS Chapter 75. Allows bringing a civil action for violations, allowing courts to impose civil penalties of up to \$100 per day for each single-family home acquired in violation of this Article. Also allows the court to award a prevailing plaintiff one or more of the following: (1) equitable relief; (2) damages; (3) costs and fees, including reasonable attorneys' fees;

and (4) exemplary damages equal to the greater of \$50,000 or three times the total of damages, costs, and fees. Allows awarding a prevailing defendant costs and fees, including reasonable attorneys' fees, upon a finding by the court that the action was not well-grounded in fact and warranted by existing law or was interposed for any improper purpose.

Sets out the process for the joinder of interested parties. Provides that if a party is unable to pay an amount awarded by the court, the court may find an interested party joined as jointly and severally liable for violation of the Article and make the award recoverable against any or all of the joined parties.

Specifies that the Article does not limit rights and remedies available to the State or to any person under any other law and does not alter or restrict the Attorney General's authority under this Article concerning conduct involving assertions of violations of this Article.

**Intro. by Grafstein, Everitt, Bradley.**

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**Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing**

S 433 (2025-2026) **RESTORE EDUCATOR LONGEVITY**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO RESTORE LONGEVITY PAYMENTS FOR EDUCATORS*.

Repeals Section 9.1(d) of SL 2014-100, which established that annual longevity payments for educators are built into their salary schedules.

Sets the rates for annual longevity payments for teachers and instructional support personnel for 2025-26 at: 1.5% of base salary for 10-14 years of State service; 2.25% of base salary for 15-19 years of State service; 3.25% for 20-24 years of State service; and 4.5% for base salary for 25 or more years of State service. Requires payment in one lump sum.

Requires that longevity payments for principals and assistant principals be provided to State employees under the Human Resources Act for 2025-26.

Appropriates \$140,300,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction for 2025-26 to restore longevity payments pursuant to the act.

Effective July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Grafstein, Everitt, Bradley.**

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Employment and Retirement, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Government, State Personnel**

S 434 (2025-2026) **SCHOOL WORKERS FAIR PAY ACT**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE HOURLY RATE OF THE MINIMUM SALARY FOR NONCERTIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES TO BE AT LEAST SEVENTEEN DOLLARS PER HOUR*.

Sets the minimum hourly pay rate for all noncertified public school employee at \$17/hour and requires the State Board of Education to make the necessary increases.

Allows funding for local school administrative units provided in this act to be used to supplement the salaries of noncertified public school employees whose salaries are supported from non-state funds to meet the minimum \$17/hour rate.

Appropriates \$144.7 million in recurring funds in 2025-26 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to implement the act.

Effective July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Grafstein, Bradley, Everitt.**

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

S 435 (2025-2026) [RESTORE MASTER'S PAY FOR TEACHERS & AMP ISP](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO REINSTATE EDUCATION-BASED SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL*.

Repeals GS 115C-302.10, which set out qualifications to be met in order for certified school nurses, teachers, and instructional support personnel to receive certain education-based salary supplements.

Requires that for 2025-26, the State Board of Education policy TCP-A-006, as it was in effect on June 30, 2013, is to be used to determine if teachers and instructional personnel are paid on the "M" schedule and whether they receive a salary supplement for academic preparation at the six-year or doctoral degree level.

Appropriates \$8 million in recurring funds for 2025-26 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to reinstate education-based salary supplements for teachers and instructional support personnel according to this act.

Effective July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Grafstein, Everitt, Bradley.**

APPROP, GS 115C

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

S 436 (2025-2026) [AGE WITH DIGNITY ACT \(CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT\)](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE AGE WITH DIGNITY ACT TO CREATE A CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT*.

Enacts new GS 105-153.12, which provides an income tax credit for a taxpayer who (1) is allowed an exemption for a qualifying relative under Section 152 of the Code and (2) has an adjusted gross income less than the specified amounts, ranging from \$75,000 to \$150,000 depending on filing status. Sets the amount of the credit at \$15,000 if the qualifying relative is a military veteran and at \$12,000 for any other qualifying relative. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Grafstein, Everitt.**

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**Government, Tax, Health and Human Services, Social  
Services, Adult Services, Military and Veteran's Affairs**

S 437 (2025-2026) [MIDDLE CLASS MOMENTUM ACT](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE STANDARD DEDUCTION*.

Amends GS 105-153.5 by increasing the amount of the income tax standard deduction to the following: (1) married, filing jointly/surviving spouse, \$26,000 (was, \$25,500); (2) head of household, \$19,500 (was, \$19,125); (3) single, \$13,000 (was, \$12,750); and (4) married, filing separately, \$13,000 (was, \$12,750). Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

**Intro. by Grafstein, Everitt, Bradley.**

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**Government, Tax**

S 438 (2025-2026) [NC ADOPT ERA](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO RATIFY THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA*.

Includes whereas clauses.

Ratifies and affirms the Equal Rights Amendment to the US Constitution (which is set out in the act's whereas clauses).

Requires that the Governor forward certified copies of the act to the Archivist of the United States, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of the US Congress, and each member of the NC congressional delegation.

**Intro. by Mayfield, Murdock, Bradley.**

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S 439 (2025-2026) [MORATORIUM ON OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON THE AWARD OF NEW OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS, TO REDUCE FUNDS FOR OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS, AND TO REALLOCATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE FROM OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS*.

Prevents the State Education Assistance Authority (Authority) from awarding any Opportunity Scholarship grants to new persons who did not receive those grants in the prior school year, starting with the 2025-26 school year. Specifies the General Assembly's intent to eliminate the program beginning in the 2037-38 school year or once all recipients become ineligible for receipt of the scholarship grants.

Rescinds the listed appropriations to the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve (Reserve) in GS 115C-562.8. Instead, for the 2027-28 year and years afterwards, appropriates \$541,540,500 from the General Fund to Reserve to be used for the scholarships.

Reduces funds appropriated for Opportunity Scholarship grants as follows: Of the recurring funds appropriated to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina for the opportunity scholarship program pursuant to SL 2021-180, by the sum of \$30 million for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Of the funds appropriated to the Reserve for the 2024-2025 fiscal year and allocated from the Reserve for the award of scholarship grants in the 2025-2026 fiscal year, by the sum of \$28,460,000 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Of the funds appropriated to the Reserve as follows: \$83,460,000 in recurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and \$50 million in recurring funds for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Articulates the General Assembly's intent that any funding increases in the 2027-2029 fiscal biennium and future biennia for the award of Opportunity Scholarship grant funds will be limited to no more than the annual percentage increase in funding for public schools as reflected in the State Public School Fund.

Appropriates (1) \$113,460,000 in recurring funds for the 2025-26 fiscal year and \$28.46 million in nonrecurring funds and (2) \$50 million in recurring funds for the 2026-27 fiscal year from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to be allocated to local school administrative units, based on average daily membership, to address the needs in our public schools.

Effective July 1, 2025, and applies beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

**Intro. by Chitlik, Applewhite.**

APPROP, GS 115C

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

S 440 (2025-2026) [2025 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

Due to the fact that Governor Stein's proposed budget was released on March 19, 2025, and has been available to the public in advance of the filing of H 962, we will not be including a summary of the bill version of his budget. For the content of the bill, please follow the link to the bill on the General Assembly's site above. Further information on the Governor's proposed budget can also be found on the Office of State Budget and Management's website at: <https://www.osbm.nc.gov/budget/governors-budget-recommendations>.

**Intro. by Jackson, Hise, Lee.**

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Government, Executive](#)

S 441 (2025-2026) [REVIVE HIGH-NEED RETIRED TEACHERS PROGRAM](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO REVIVE AND EXPAND THE PROGRAM TO ALLOW RETIRED EDUCATORS TO RETURN TO WORK IN HIGH-NEED SCHOOLS.*

Reenacts GS 115C-302.4 (high-need retired teachers), as it existed immediately prior to its expiration. Amends GS 135-3, concerning membership in the Retirement System for Teachers and State Employees (TSERS), to provide that the computation of postretirement earnings of a beneficiary who is a high-need retired teacher does not include earnings while the beneficiary is employed as a high-need retired teacher, and the beneficiary must not be restored to service as a teacher or employee. Requires a local board of education to annually inform the Retirement System, by September 15, if it will not employ high-need retired teachers for that school year. Specifies that the retirement allowance of a beneficiary who retired on an early or service retirement does not cease due to reemployment as a high-need retired teacher. Provides that a beneficiary reemployed as a high-need retired teacher is not entitled to any benefits otherwise provided under GS Chapter 135 as a result of this period of employment. Makes conforming changes. Extends employer reporting requirements under GS 135-3(a)(8)c1 to high-need retired teachers.

Includes high-need retired teachers in definition of *employee* in GS 135-1. Amends GS 135-48.40 to include high-need retired teachers in those who are eligible for coverage under the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees on a partially contributory basis.

Provides that if the IRS determines that any provision of the act jeopardizes TSERS, then the section is repealed on the last day of the month following the month of receipt of that determination by the State Treasurer. Provides for notice by the Treasurer to the Revisor of Statutes, local school administrative units, and on its website. Requires all local school administrative units to notify all high-need retired teachers employed by its local board of education of any repeal.

Provides that any beneficiary employed by a local board of education as a high-need retired teacher is not eligible to elect into a position that would lead the beneficiary to be eligible to accrue any additional benefits. Requires any failure of a local board of education or a beneficiary to comply with the foregoing to be corrected by the Executive Director of the Retirement System as he or she determines may be appropriate; costs of the correction are the sole responsibility of the local board of education and must be transferred to the Pension Accumulation Fund.

Effective when the act becomes law and expires June 30, 2027.

**Intro. by Corbin, Lee, Overcash.**

[GS 135](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Employment and Retirement, Government, State Agencies, Department of State Treasurer, State Government, State Personnel](#)

#### Section 1

Enacts new GS 7B-102 prohibiting subjecting a parent, guardian, custodian, or caretaker who raises a juvenile consistent with the juvenile's biological sex, or who refers to a juvenile consistent with the juvenile's biological sex, to a petition supporting abuse or neglect that is based solely on those acts. Specifies that this does not authorize or allow any other acts or omissions already prohibited that would constitute abuse or neglect, including abandonment or the creation of an injurious environment. Makes conforming changes to the title of Article 1.

Amends GS 48-3-203 by prohibiting delaying or denying the opportunity to become an adoptive parent or the placement of a child for adoption because of the adoptive parents' refusal, unwillingness, or lack of support to enable the child to engage in a gender transition.

Amends GS 131D-10.1, the Foster Care Children's Bill of Rights, by amending the provision promoting a safe foster home free of violence, abuse, neglect, and danger by adding that raising a child in a manner consistent with the child's biological sex, including any related mental health or medical decisions, is not a violation under this subdivision of violence, abuse, neglect, or danger, as those terms are being used. Also prohibits delaying or denying the opportunity to become a foster parent or the placement of a child in foster care because of the adoptive (appears to intend foster) parents' refusal, unwillingness, or lack of support to enable the child to engage in a gender transition.

Applies to petitions filed on or after December 1, 2025.

#### Section 2

Amends GS 14-318.2 (misdemeanor child abuse) and GS 14-318.4 (felony child abuse) by adding that a parent of a child less than 16 years old, or any other person providing care to or supervision of the child, is not guilty of a violation of these statutes for raising a child consistent with the child's biological sex, including referring to a child consistent with the child's biological sex, and making related mental health or medical decisions based on the child's biological sex. Specifies that this does not authorize or allow any other acts or omissions that would constitute a violation under these statutes, including the infliction of serious physical injury or the creation of a substantial risk of physical injury. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Burgin, Galey, Sawrey.**

[GS 7B](#), [GS 14](#), [GS 48](#), [GS 131D](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary](#), [Civil](#), [Family Law](#), [Juvenile Law](#), [Abuse, Neglect and Dependency](#), [Criminal Justice](#), [Criminal Law and Procedure](#), [Health and Human Services](#), [Health](#), [Social Services](#), [Child Welfare](#)

Enacts GS 153A-466 (compensation paid to benefit providers-counties) and GS 160A-485.1 (same-cities) requiring each insurance provider or provider of other fringe benefits, including voluntary benefits, to local government employees, their dependents, or retirees from the local government entity to annually submit to that entity a full compensation disclosure of all funds paid to the provider (i.e., an agent, broker, consultant, third-party administrator, pharmacy benefits manager, or insurance company) by the local government. Directs the disclosure to include all income paid directly or indirectly to the provider as described and an affirmation that none of the compensation paid by the local government has been provided to any employee or election official of the local government, either directly or indirectly.

**Intro. by Corbin, Burgin.**

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

S 444 (2025-2026) **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT - UPDATES**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT*.

Identical to [H 330](#), filed 3/6/25.

Expands the definition of opiates under GS 90-89 (listing Schedule I controlled substances) to include 39 additional chemical designations. Amends GS 90-89(1a) to change the alternative names for certain fentanyl derivatives. Amends GS 90-89 to enact new subdivision GS 90-89(1b) to include Nitazene derivatives as a Schedule I controlled substance including any of the specified derivatives, their salts, isomers, or salts of isomers unless specifically utilized as part of the manufacturing process by a commercial industry of a substance or material not intended for human ingestion or consumption, as a prescription administered under medical supervision, or for research at a recognized institution, whenever the existence of these salts, isomers, or salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation or unless specifically excepted or listed in this or another schedule, structurally derived from benzimidazole by substitution at the 1-position nitrogen with an ethylamine group, and by substitution at the 2-position carbon with a benzyl group, whether or not the compound is further modified in any of specified ways.

Modifies the listed chemical designation for the hallucinogenic substance at GS 90-89(3)mm so it now reads "5-methoxy-N-methyl-N-isopropyltryptamine (5-MeO-MiPT)" (was, same formula but no isopropyltryptamine, just propyltryptamine).

Adds bromazolam to systemic depressants listed at GS 90-89(4).

Adds cycloalkyl to the list of substituted cathinones considered stimulants under GS 90-89(5).

Amends GS 90-89(7) (synthetic cannabinoids) to conform to statutory list. Modifies the statutory list of indole carboxamides (GS 90-89(7)(l)) so that it includes the described compounds substituted in one or both of the listed ways (was, just one of the listed ways). Modifies descriptions of listed substitution at the nitrogen of the carboxamide and adds reference to MDMB-ICA as a substance included in the definition.

Amends GS 90-89(7)(n), indazole carboxaldehydes, to add four additional groups. Modifies GS 90-89(7)(o) to so that it includes the described structurally derived compounds substituted in one or both of the listed ways (was, just one of the listed ways). Modifies descriptions of listed substitution at the nitrogen of the carboxamide deletes APINCACA as a substance and adds four more substances in the class. Adds four more substances (oxindoles, indole acetamides, indazole acetaldehydes, and pyrazoles) to the list of synthetic cannabinoids, as described.

Amends GS 90-90(2)h1 (pertaining to Schedule II controlled substances that are opioids/opiates) to read as follows: fentanyl immediate precursor chemical 4-anilino-N-phenethylpiperidine (ANPP) [(was, Fentanyl immediate precursor chemical, 4-anilino-N-phenethyl-4-piperidine (ANPP)]. Amends GS 90-91(k)11 (Schedule III controlled substances that are anabolic steroids) to change listing to Dehydrochloromethyltestosterone (was, Dehydrochlormethyltestosterone) and GS 90-91(k)16 to Mesterolone (was, Mesterolene).

**Intro. by Hanig.**

GS 90

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**Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health**

S 445 (2025-2026) **REG. RELIEF FOR HOSPITALS IN DISASTER ZONES**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE AUTOMATIC ADOPTION OF ANY TEMPORARY WAIVER OR MODIFICATION ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OR THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE OR MEDICAID SERVICES UNDER SECTION 1135 OR 1812(F) OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT*.

Authorizes under GS 131E-84 (waiver of rules and increase in bed capacity during an emergency under the Hospital Licensure Act), in the event the Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid

Services issues a temporary waiver or modification under federal law, then all rules of the NC Medical Care Commission (Commission) pertaining to hospitals are automatically modified or waived to the extent necessary to allow for consistency with the federal waiver or modification and shall continue in place at least until the federal waiver or modification has expired. Clarifies that this does not prevent the Division of Health Service Regulation (Division) from further waiving or modifying any rules of the Commission while a temporary waiver or modification is in effect under this subsection as long as the waiver or modification by the Division reduces regulatory requirements on hospitals in a manner that is consistent with federal law. Makes conforming changes.

**Intro. by Jarvis.**

[GS 131E](#)

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[Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Public Health](#)

S 446 (2025-2026) [EXPAND WORKFORCE HOUSING](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO EXPAND WORKFORCE HOUSING BY PROVIDING CURRENT AND ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE HOUSING TRUST FUND*.

Includes whereas clauses.

Appropriates \$30 million for 2025-26 from the General Fund to the NC Housing Trust Fund to be used in accordance with the purposes in GS Chapter 122E (the North Carolina Housing Trust and Oil Overcharge Act). Amends GS 161-11.5, which sets out the three required uses of the \$6.20 collected from each fee paid to the register of deeds for the registering and filing of instruments in general that are not otherwise provided for under GS 161-10 and for registering or filing any deed of trust or mortgage, as follows: (1) decreases the amount that is to be credited to the General Fund as nontax revenue from 20% to 18.5% and (2) adds a new distribution to the NC Housing Trust Fund of 1.5%.

Amends GS 105-228.30 to require that 33% of the proceeds from a county's excise tax on instruments conveying real property that are to be remitted to the Department of Revenue (an amount equal to one half of the proceeds, less refunded taxes and administrative expenses) be credited to the NC Housing Trust Fund, with the remainder credited to the General Fund (was, all credited to the General Fund).

Effective July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Grafstein.**

[APPROP, GS 105, GS 161](#)

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Tax, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Public Assistance](#)

S 447 (2025-2026) [RELIABLE WATER & SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE ACT](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SEWER REPAIR TASK FORCE, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE SOUTH GRANVILLE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY*.

Contains whereas clauses.

Establishes the Sewer Repair Task Force (Task Force) to (1) review and assess the current state of wastewater infrastructure in the state; (2) develop strategies and plans for the effective implementation of wastewater treatment projects, for addressing existing challenges and barriers to project financing and construction, and for addressing future needs within the state; and (3) identify funding mechanisms, including potential contributions from industrial wastewater discharges, to support wastewater infrastructure development. Sets Task Force membership at 18 members, appointed as described. Provides for co-chairs each appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House from among the membership of the Task Force. Provides for meetings and quorum. Authorizes the Task Force to contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services as specified. Provides for professional and clerical staff assigned by the Legislative Services Officer and reimbursement of certain expenses, including travel. Directs the Task Force to consult with the named stakeholders in



conducting its study. Requires meetings to start on or after July 1, 2025. Provides for a final report on or before December 1, 2026, covering the results of the study and any legislative recommendations to be submitted to the named NCGA committee and offices. Sunsets the Task Force on the earlier of December 1, 2026, or upon the filing of its final report.

Appropriates \$50 million in nonrecurring funds for the 2025-26 year from the General Fund to the Department of Environmental Quality to provide a grant to the South Granville Water and Sewer Authority to be allocated for expansion of wastewater facilities serving Creedmoor and Butner, upgrade wastewater treatment facilities to meet new federal PFAS standards, water meter modernization, and replacement of lead pipes, in the specified amounts. Effective July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Everitt, Grafstein.**

[APPROP, STUDY](#)

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[Government, State Agencies, Department of Environmental Quality \(formerly DENR\), Public Enterprises and Utilities](#)

S 448 (2025-2026) [REMOVE EMPLOYMENT BARRIERS/PPL W DISABILITIES](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES BY REMOVING THE UNEARNED INCOME LIMIT AND THE RESOURCE LIMIT FROM THE HEALTH COVERAGE FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES ACT UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.*

#### Section 1

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Health Benefits (Division), no later than 90 days after the act becomes law, to submit the necessary documentation to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for approval to remove the unearned income limit and resource limit from the Health Coverage for Workers With Disabilities Medicaid eligibility category requirements. Requires the DHHS Secretary to notify the Revisor of Statutes of the effective date approved by CMS for the removal, if approved.

#### Section 2

Amends GS 108A-66.1, concerning the Medicaid buy-in for workers with disabilities under the Health Coverage for Workers with Disabilities Act (HCWD), as follows. Amends the eligibility requirements by removing the income limitation. Instead, provides that in determining an individual's countable income for purposes of HCWD, DHHS may not consider income that is disregarded under the State Medical Assistance Plan's financial methodology, including the \$65 disregard, impairment-related work expenses, student earned-income exclusions, and other SSI program work incentive income disregards. Makes technical changes.

Effective on the date approved by CMS for the removal of the unearned income limit and resource limitations for Health Coverage for Workers with Disabilities program eligibility, as required above.

#### Section 3

Appropriates \$165,000 in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 biennium from the General Fund to the Division for a match for the \$301,000 in recurring federal funds which are appropriated to the Division during those years. Effective July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Lee, Grafstein.**

[APPROP, GS 108A](#)

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

S 449 (2025-2026) [FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND K-20 TECH PLANNING](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO REQUIRE MINIMUM CONSIDERATIONS ON TECHNOLOGY COSTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REPORT ON BREAK/FIX RATE*.

Amends GS 115C-121 to require the State Board of Education (Board) to adopt rules requiring all public school units to evaluate the following when acquiring technology, computer hardware, and software: (1) long-term cost of ownership, including costs of repairing the technology, computer hardware, or software; (2) any flexibility for innovation during the life of the technology, computer hardware, or software; and (3) any anticipated resale or salvage value at the end of the target life cycle for the technology, computer hardware, or software based on the average resale or salvage value of similar technology, computer hardware, or software as a percentage of the initial cost of purchase. Also requires the Board to report annually to the specified NCGA committee on the break/fix rate of technology across all public schools, including a summary of the data reported by public schools as well as recommendations on how to reduce the break/fix rates in the future.

Amends GS 115C-47 to require local boards of education to report annually to the Board and specified NCGA committee on the break/fix rate (as defined) of school technology devices and specifies what must be included in the report.

Amends the following statutes to require the specified entity to report to the Board on their break/fix rate of technology: (1) GS 115C-150.12C (schools for deaf and blind students); (2) new GS 115C-218.22 (charter schools); (3) 115C-238.66 (regional schools); and (4) GS 116-239.8 (laboratory schools). Requires the first reports by August 15, 2026, based on data from the 2025-26 school year.

Enacts new GS 115D-9.40 (applicable to the State Board of Community College) and amends GS 116-11 (applicable to the UNC Board of Governors) requiring all community colleges/UNC constituent institutions to evaluate the following when acquiring technology, computer hardware, and software: (1) the long-term cost of ownership, including costs of repairing the technology, computer hardware, or software; and (2) any flexibility for innovation during the life of the technology, computer hardware, or software (additionally requires UNC constituent institutions to evaluate any anticipated resale or salvage value at the end of the target life cycle for the technology, computer hardware, or software based on the average resale or salvage value of similar technology, computer hardware, or software as a percentage of the initial cost of purchase).

Applies beginning with the 2025-26 academic year.

**Intro. by Lee, Corbin, Overcash.**

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

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, State Board of Education](#)

S 450 (2025-2026) [NOVEL OPIOID CONTROL ACT OF 2025](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT*.

Expands the definition of opiates under GS 90-89 (listing Schedule I controlled substances) to include 45 additional chemical designations. Amends GS 90-89(1a) to change the alternative names for certain fentanyl derivatives. Amends GS 90-89 to enact new subdivision GS 90-89(1b) to include Nitazene derivatives as a Schedule I controlled substance including any of the specified derivatives, their salts, isomers, or salts of isomers unless specifically utilized as part of the manufacturing process by a commercial industry of a substance or material not intended for human ingestion or consumption, as a prescription administered under medical supervision, or for research at a recognized institution, whenever the existence of these salts, isomers, or salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation or unless specifically excepted or listed in this or another schedule, structurally derived from benzimidazole by substitution at the 1-position nitrogen with an ethylamine group, and by substitution at the 2-position carbon with a benzyl group, whether or not the compound is further modified in any of specified ways.

Revises GS 90-89(3)(mm) to read “5-methoxy-N-methyl-N-isopropyltryptamine (5-MeO-MiPT)” (currently, 5-methoxy-N-methyl-N-propyltryptamine (5-MeO-MiPT)).

Expands scope of substituted cathinones as Schedule I substance under GS 90-89(5)j to include cycloalkyl.

Amends GS 90-89(7) (synthetic cannabinoids) to conform to statutory list. Amends GS 90-89(7)(n), synthetic cannabinoids, to add four additional groups and GS 90-89(7)(o) to delete reference to APINCACA as a substance included in the definition.

Amends GS 90-90(2)h1 (pertaining to Schedule II controlled substances that are opioids/opiates) to read as follows: fentanyl immediate precursor chemical 4-anilino-N-phenethylpiperidine (ANPP). (Currently, Fentanyl immediate precursor chemical, 4-anilino-N-phenethyl-4-piperidine (ANPP)). Amends GS 90-91(k)11 (Schedule III controlled substances that are anabolic steroids) to change listing to Dehydrochloromethyltestosterone (currently, Dehydrochloromethyltestosterone) and GS 90-91(k)16 to Mesterolone (currently, Mesterolene).

Effective August 1, 2025.

**Intro. by McInnis, Lazzara, Sawyer.**

GS 90

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**Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health**

S 452 (2025-2026) **END CHILD MARRIAGE**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT ONLY INDIVIDUALS EIGHTEEN YEARS OR OLDER MAY LAWFULLY MARRY.*

Amends GS 51-2 to eliminate the existing exceptions for persons to marry under the age of 18, thereby making the legal age to marry (18) absolute. Makes conforming changes to GS 51-3, GS 51-16 and GS 51-17, relating to unlawful marriages and marriage licenses. Makes conforming repeals of GS 51-2.1 (concerning marriage of certain underage parties) and GS 51-2.2 (defining *parent* as the term relates to annulment of unlawful underage marriages). Applies to marriages solemnized on or after October 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Everitt, Grafstein, Bradley.**

GS 51

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**Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Family Law**

S 453 (2025-2026) **HOMEBUYER FAIRNESS & PROTECTION ACT**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF DUE DILIGENCE FUNDS ALLOWED IN RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING COALITION TO BE USED TO SUPPORT HOMEBUYER EDUCATION SERVICES IN THIS STATE.*

Enacts new Article 4, Unenforceable Real Estate Transaction Charges, in GS Chapter 22B, consisting of new GS 22B-30, providing as follows. Prohibits a seller of residential real property from requiring, as a condition of accepting an offer to purchase the property, due diligence funds (as defined) in an amount exceeding 1% of the purchase price contained in the offer to purchase. Voids any provision in a contract specifying an amount in excess of this amount. Makes the seller liable for court costs and attorneys' fees in an action to recover due diligence funds specified in a contract provision rendered void and unenforceable under this statute. Effective October 1, 2025.

Appropriates \$10 million for 2025-26 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management to be allocated as a grant to the North Carolina Housing Coalition, Inc., to support homebuyer education. Effective July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Everitt, Bradley, Grafstein.**

APPROP, GS 22B

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**Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Office of State Budget and Management**

Part I.

Requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to alert law enforcement agencies to available grant funds and assist law enforcement agencies with drafting and submitting grant proposals and applications. Appropriates \$1 million in recurring funds for 2025-26 from the General Fund to DOJ to hire grant writers to assist law enforcement agencies with the above described grant proposals and applications. Effective July 1, 2025.

Part II.

Appropriates \$1 million in recurring funds for 2025-26 from the General Fund to DOJ to award grants to law enforcement agencies for initiatives supporting community policing. Effective July 1, 2025.

Part III.

Appropriates \$1.5 million in recurring funds for 2025-26 from the General Fund to DOJ to be used for grants: (1) provided to law enforcement agencies to be awarded to law enforcement officers exhibiting exemplary service and (2) awarded to law enforcement agencies for meeting racial or gender diversity benchmarks, as established by DOJ. Caps grant awards at \$10,000. Effective July 1, 2025.

Part IV.

Amends GS 15A-401(d)(2), which sets out when a law-enforcement officer is justified in using deadly physical force, by making the following changes. Adds that the use of deadly force includes strangleholds, lateral vascular neck restraints, carotid restraints, or any other tactics that restrict oxygen or blood flow to the head or neck. Requires in all circumstances in which a law-enforcement officer uses force of any kind, that a law-enforcement officer use the minimum amount of force reasonably necessary to accomplish the law-enforcement action and attempt to use de-escalation tactics. Effective October 1, 2025.

Requires the Attorney General, in consultation with the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association and the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police, to develop uniform use-of-force policies that may be adopted by all law enforcement agencies in the state. Requires the policies to be submitted to the specified NCGA committee by December 1, 2025, published on DOJ's website, and distributed digitally to all law enforcement agencies in the state.

Part V.

Amends GS 17C-6 to also give the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and GS 17E-4 to give the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission the power to establish a minimum age requirement of 21 for qualification for entry level employment. Effective January 1, 2026.

Amends GS 17C-13 and GS 17E-12 to give those same Commissions access to a person's misdemeanor conviction records and allow the Commission to deny, suspend, or revoke a person's certification based solely on that person's conviction of four or more misdemeanors, regardless of whether they were expunged. Effective January 1, 2026, and applies to officers hired on or after that date and officers employed on or after that date who are convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor on or after that date.

Part VI.

Appropriates \$2 million in recurring funds for 2025-26 from the General Fund to DOJ for grants to law enforcement agencies to temporarily provide partial or total funding for detective or other investigative law enforcement positions, in order to aid in the investigation of person crimes that would constitute a charge of a Class D felony or higher. Effective July 1, 2025.

Part VII.

Includes a severability clause.

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**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Government,  
Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Justice**

S 455 (2025-2026) **MAIN STREET RESILIENCE ACT**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE INCOME TAX RELIEF TO SMALL BUSINESSES*.

Amends GS 105-153.5(b) pertaining to the deductions allowed for adjusted gross income in calculating individual income tax as follows. Allow an individual paying income tax to deduct from the taxpayer's adjusted gross income up to \$75,000 of net business income the taxpayer received during the taxable year if the tax payer is a small business. Provides that for a married couple filing jointly, if both spouses receive or incur net business income, the maximum amounts apply separately to each spouse's net business income, not to exceed a total of \$150,000. Excludes from business income any income that is considered passive income. Defines *small business*. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

**Intro. by Everitt, Bradley, Grafstein.**

**GS 105**

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**Government, Tax**

S 457 (2025-2026) **AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION**. Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION AT DRIVERS LICENSE OFFICES, PUBLIC AGENCIES, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO IMPLEMENT AN OUTREACH CAMPAIGN INFORMING CITIZENS ABOUT AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION*.

Amends GS 163-82.3 and GS 163-82.6 authorizing county boards of elections to accept automatic voter registration.

Amends GS 163-82.19 to require, beginning January 1, 2026, the Division of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the State Board of Elections, to develop and implement a method by which eligible individuals shall be automatically registered to vote. Requires DMV officials taking driver's license applications to affirmatively inquire whether the applicant wishes to register to vote or update their registration, note the applicant's response, and register the applicant to vote if the applicant wishes. The applicant must attest to the information provided for voter registration. Confidentiality of voter information must be maintained by the State Board of Elections.

The above provisions are effective January 1, 2026.

Amends GS 163-82.20 to require, beginning January 1, 2027, voter registration agencies (which include state offices that accept applications for public assistance, services for persons with disabilities, and unemployment benefits) to provide, in consultation with the State Board of Elections, an application process for automatic voter registration with each recertification, renewal, or change of address relating to the service or assistance of the agency. Specifies certain procedural requirements substantially similar to those provided for in GS 163-82.19, as amended. Does not require an agency to provide automatic voter registration to a person with a disability at the person's home. Requires electronic transmittal of applications to the appropriate board of elections.

Amends GS 163-82.20A to authorize automatic voter registration at the time of restoration of citizenship, effective January 1, 2026. Further amends the statute to authorize online voter registration at the time of restoration of citizenship, effective January 1, 2027.

Amends GS 115D-5 and GS 116-11 to require, beginning January 1, 2027, the State Board of Community Colleges and the UNC Board of Governors, in consultation with the State Board of Elections, to provide each person enrolled and registering for courses as a student at a State community college or a State college or university in the UNC System the option for automatic voter registration. Specifies certain procedural requirements substantially similar to those provided for in GS 163-82.19. Provides that applications to register accepted by a State community college or constituent institution of UNC entitles a registrant to vote in any primary, general, or special election unless the registrant made application later than the 25th calendar day immediately preceding the election; permits continuing acceptance of applications during that period.

The above provisions are effective January 1, 2027.

Requires the State Board of Elections to develop education and outreach programs to inform voters of automatic registration procedures established by the act.

**Intro. by Meyer, Chitlik, Batch.**

[GS 115D, GS 116, GS 163](#)

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[Government, Elections, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, Department of Health and Human Services, State Board of Elections, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Public Assistance, Transportation](#)

S 458 (2025-2026) [ENACT KINCARE & SAFE DAYS](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT AMENDING THE WAGE AND HOUR ACT TO ALLOW EMPLOYEES TO USE SICK LEAVE FOR THE CARE OF FAMILY MEMBERS*.

Identical to [H 398](#), filed 3/13/25.

Enacts new GS 95-25.12A requiring an employer (any person employing another under any appointment or contract of hire, including the State and the political subdivisions of the State) who provides compensated or uncompensated job-protected sick leave for employees to allow an employee to use their accrued and available sick leave to attend to the care of a family member (as defined) for no more than five consecutive days in any calendar year. Defines sick leave. Makes all conditions and restrictions the employer placed on the use of sick leave applicable to the use of sick leave to attend to the care of a family members. Specifies that this does not extend the maximum period of leave that an employee is entitled to under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993. Specifies that this does not apply to (1) any benefit provide under an employee welfare benefit plan subject to the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or (2) any insurance benefit, workers' compensation benefit, unemployment compensation disability benefit, or other benefit not payable from the employer's general assets.

Amends GS 95-241 to prohibit discrimination or taking retaliatory action against an employee who files a claim or complaint or takes any other action with respect to new GS 95-25.12A.

Effective October 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Chitlik, Batch, Grafstein.**

[GS 95](#)

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[Employment and Retirement](#)

S 459 (2025-2026) [CONSTITUTIONAL REPEAL OF ART. XIV SEC. 6](#). Filed Mar 24 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 general election in November 2026, removes Section 6 of Article XIV of the North Carolina Constitution, which made marriage between one man and one woman the only domestic legal union that is valid or recognized in North Carolina. If approved, effective January 1, 2027.

**Intro. by Garrett, Grafstein, Chitlik.**

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

S 461 (2025-2026) [MODIFY TAXATION OF 1031 EXCHANGES](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TAXATION OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS OF GAIN IN A 1031 EXCHANGE*.

Amends GS 105-130.5 (applicable to corporate income tax) and GS 105-153.5 (applicable to individual income tax) to allow a deduction from income, any amount included in federal income tax income as non-like-kind property received in exchange under section 1031 of the IRS Code to the extent that it does not exceed the taxpayer's basis in the property sold. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Burgin.**

GS 105

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**Business and Commerce, Corporation and Partnerships, Government, Tax**

S 466 (2025-2026) [ENSURE CONTINUITY OF CARE IN TAILORED PLANS](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR BH IDD TAILORED PLAN PARTICIPANTS AND TO PROMOTE COMPETITION AMONG THE BH IDD TAILORED PLANS*.

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits (DHB), to submit by July 1, 2025, to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) any amendment to the 1115 waiver for Medicaid Transformation necessary for approval to effectuate the following changes related to BH IDD Tailored Plans: (1) beneficiaries may opt to remain in the Medicaid fee-for-service program (Medicaid Direct) for physical healthcare services when any of the beneficiary's healthcare providers are not contracted with the LME/MCO Tailored Plan network, if staying in Medicaid Direct is necessary as a reasonable accommodation of the beneficiary's need for continuity of care and (2) based on differing service arrays, available services, or provider networks, beneficiaries may opt into a BH IDD tailored plan operating outside of the region where they reside.

Requires DHB to report by August 1, 2025, to the specified NCGA committee with recommendations for promoting competition among local management entities/managed care organizations in a way that fosters innovation and leads to better care for Medicaid beneficiaries. Also requires inclusion of a copy of all State Plan amendments or other documents submitted to CMS in accordance with the above provision, and legislative changes needed.

**Intro. by Burgin, Grafstein.**

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**Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Public Assistance**

S 469 (2025-2026) [IMPROPER ACTION CLAIMS ACT](#). Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO CREATE AN ACTION FOR IMPROPER ACTIONS FOR PUBLIC ENTITIES ACT*.

Enacts Article 51A to GS Chapter 1, which it names the Improper Action Claims Act. In GS 1-620, states that the article's purpose is to allow citizens of the State who become aware of actions by a public entity that do not comply with legislation enacted by the State to have a cause of action against the public entity to cure noncompliance and to provide remedies in the form of damages. Defines public entity as any board, commission, department, executive department, officer, institution, and any political subdivision of the State. Also defines Attorney General, judiciary, knowing or knowingly, material, obligation, and senior executive branch official.

Specifies that a public entity that knowingly fails to comply with an obligation shall be liable for a civil penalty of not less than \$5,500 and not more than \$11,000 and for the costs of a civil action to recover any of those penalties or damages. Specifies that a public entity may be sued notwithstanding any statutory or governmental immunity that the public entity could otherwise invoke in any civil action not arising under Article 51A. Requires Attorney General to investigate alleged violations of the act and authorizes the Attorney General to bring a civil action against a public entity if it finds a violation of the act. Authorizes the

Attorney General to retain a portion of damages as reimbursement for costs in investigating and bringing suit, with the remainder of the proceeds to be used by the Attorney General to carry out the provisions of the act. Authorizes a civil action (the “qui tam action”) against a public entity by a private person in the name of the state, so that the private person is a qui tam plaintiff (i.e., a person who brings a lawsuit on behalf of a government entity). Sets forth procedures related to the filing of the qui tam action, intervention, and the State’s right to take over the qui tam action. Sets forth eight rights of the parties to a qui tam action. Provides for awards of a percentage of damages to the qui tam plaintiff as well as reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs.

Enacts GS 1-621, pertaining to general provisions. Lists the following prohibited actions:

- No court shall have jurisdiction over an action brought under Article 51B against a member of the General Assembly, a member of the judiciary, or a senior executive branch official acting in their official capacity if the action is based on evidence or information known to the State when the action was brought.
- In no event may a person bring an action under GS 1-620 that is based upon allegations or transactions that are the subject of a civil suit or an administrative civil money penalty proceeding in which the State is already a party.
- Unless opposed by the State, the court must dismiss an action or claim under GS 1-620 if substantially the same allegations or transactions as alleged in the action or claim were publicly disclosed by any of the following: (i) a State criminal, civil, or administrative hearing in which the State or its agent is a party, (ii) a State legislative, Office of the State Auditor, or other State report, hearing, audit, or investigation, (iii) the news media. This subsection does not apply to any action brought by the Attorney General or when the person bringing the action is an original source of the information. Defines original source.

Specifies that the State is not liable for expenses that a qui tam plaintiff incurs in bringing a qui tam action. Prohibits retaliation.

Enacts GS 1-622 (pertaining to civil investigative demands), which authorizes the Attorney General to issue administrative subpoenas in relation to alleged violations of Article 51A. Sets out requirements for the production of documents. Provides for custodian of the documents and for confidentiality. Provides for judicial enforcement of administrative subpoena and specifies authorized use of the documents obtained.

Enacts GS 1-623, pertaining to procedural matters related to the cause of action set forth in GS 1-620, including statute of limitations, intervention by the Attorney General, the burden of proof, estoppel, venue, and service of process on federal, state, or local authorities.

Enacts GS 1-624, pertaining to remedies. Clarifies that the provisions of Article 51A are not exclusive. Contains severability clause. Sets forth reporting requirements for settlements or judgments paid by public entities. On or before February 1 of each year, requires the Attorney General to submit a report to the specified joint NCGA Committees on the number of qui tam cases under this Article pending in the State, the number of qui tam cases under this Article that were settled, the number of qui tam cases in which judgment was entered, and the amount of proceeds paid to qui tam plaintiffs during the previous calendar year. Authorizes the Attorney General to adopt rules to carry out Article 51A.

Applies to obligations existing on or after the act becomes law.

**Intro. by Moffitt, Hanig.**

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## **ACTIONS ON BILLS**

### **PUBLIC BILLS**

**H 16: GENERAL ASSEMBLY: IN GOD WE TRUST - DISPLAY.**

*House: Reptd Fav*



*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*  
*House: Placed On Cal For 03/25/2025*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*  
*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*  
*House: Placed On Cal For 03/26/2025*

**H 87: CELL PHONE-FREE EDUCATION.**

*House: Reptd Fav*  
*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*  
*House: Placed On Cal For 03/25/2025*

**H 134: PROHIBIT MISBRANDING OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS.**

*House: Reptd Fav*  
*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*  
*House: Placed On Cal For 03/25/2025*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*  
*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*  
*House: Placed On Cal For 03/25/2025*

**H 236: REMEMBER 9/11 WITH FREEDOM FLAG.**

*House: Reptd Fav*  
*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*  
*House: Placed On Cal For 03/25/2025*

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

*House: Withdrawn From Com*  
*House: Re-ref to the Com on Energy and Public Utilities, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*  
*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*  
*House: Placed On Cal For 03/26/2025*

**H 275: FAILURE TO YIELD PENALTIES. (NEW)**

*House: Reptd Fav*  
*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*  
*House: Placed On Cal For 03/26/2025*

**H 308: CRIMINAL LAW CHANGES.**

*House: Reptd Fav*  
*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*  
*House: Placed On Cal For 03/25/2025*

**H 315: GIFT CARD THEFT & UNLAWFUL BUSINESS ENTRY.**

*House: Reptd Fav*  
*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*  
*House: Placed On Cal For 03/26/2025*

**H 330: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT - UPDATES.**

*House: Reptd Fav*  
*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/25/2025*

**H 466: BIRTHPLACE OF AM. INDEPENDENCE SPECIAL PLATE.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 467: REENACT LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 468: REGULATE KRATOM PRODUCTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Agriculture and Environment, if favorable, Regulatory Reform, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 469: RESTORING RIVALRIES ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 470: THE SECOND AMENDMENT PROTECTION ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 471: FOOD LABELING TRANSPARENCY ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 472: COMMERCIAL VEHICLE & AMP CARGO PROTECTION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 473: RIGHT TO IVF.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 474: RIGHT TO USE CONTRACEPTION.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 475: STATE ID CARDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 476: DST TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS/ADMIN. CHANGES 2025.-AB**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 477: RETIREMENT DEATH BENEFITS REWRITE.-AB**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**H 478: MODIFY APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR DA VACANCIES.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

*House: Ref to the Com on Judiciary 2, if favorable, Election Law, if favorable, State and Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House*

**H 481: GSC TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS 2025 PART 2.**

*House: Filed*

**H 482: REAUTHORIZE & REVISE TEACHER BONUSES/MILITARY.**

*House: Filed*

**H 483: JUVENILE JUSTICE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 484: HONORING NC'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIL RIGHTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 485: ADULT CARE HOME MEDICAID PCS COVERAGE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 486: FUNDS FOR BLUE STAR FAMILIES, INC.**

*House: Filed*

**H 487: SHORTER SEPARATION FOR RETIRED ADAS AND APDS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 488: MODIFY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 489: INSURANCE COVERAGE EMERGENCY AMBULANCE TRANS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 490: PROPEL NC FUNDING AND TUITION SURCHARGE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 491: MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 492: REPEAL PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 493: GEN. ASSEMBLY/SAFE WORKPLACE POLICIES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 494: MENTAL HEALTH PROTECTION ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 495: ACCESSING MIDWIVES ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 496: PATRIOTIC YOUTH GROUP ACCESS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 497: BAN ON GAY & TRANS PANIC DEFENSE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 498: MILITARY TO TEACHER RET. INCENTIVE.**

*House: Filed*

**H 499: NC PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 500: NC ADOPT ERA.**

*House: Filed*

**H 501: MODERNIZE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION ORDER.**

*House: Filed*

**H 502: GENDER-AFFIRMING RIGHTS ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 503: DON'T TREAD ON ME ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**H 504: PILOT CO-RESPONDER POLICE PROGRAM.**

*House: Filed*

**H 505: KAYLA'S ACT: PROTECTING DOM. VIOLENCE VICTIMS.**

*House: Filed*

**H 506: 2025 STATE INVESTMENT MODERNIZATION ACT.-AB**

*House: Filed*

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

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received From Senate*

**S 321: ACCOUNTING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACT.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 337: REALLOCATE CIVIL WAR & RECONST. HIST CTR FNDS.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 340: FUNDS FOR PITTSBORO FIRE SERVICES.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 341: FUNDS FOR SILER CITY STREETScape PROJECT.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 342: FUNDS FOR NEW SILER CITY FIRE STATION.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 344: POOLED TRUST TRANSFERS/PUBLIC BENEFITS ELIG.**

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 355: SUPPORT THE DEPT. OF ADULT CORRECTION.-AB**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 356: GLOBAL TRANSPARK AUTHORITY SALES TAX MODS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 357: PHARMACISTS/COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**S 358: HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 359: RETIREMENT DEATH BENEFITS REWRITE.-AB**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 360: HEALTHY STUDENTS - A NURSE IN EVERY SCHOOL.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 361: PROTECTING FIRST RESPONDERS ACT.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 362: STRENGTHEN LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 363: DST TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS/ADMIN. CHANGES 2025.-AB**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 364: SHORTER SEPARATION FOR RETIRED ADAS AND APDS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 365: THEFT OF TEMPORARY HOUSING DURING EMERGENCY.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 366: INCREASE MEDICAID PCS AND PDN RATES.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 367: CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING AT HBCUS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*  
*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*  
*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*  
*Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 368: OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL OMNIBUS BILL.-AB**

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

**S 369: MEDICAID TELEHEALTH SERVICES.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*  
*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*  
*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*  
*Senate: Re-ref to Health Care. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 370: REPEAL CERTIFICATE OF NEED LAWS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*  
*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*  
*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*  
*Senate: Re-ref to Health Care. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate*

**S 371: STOP CHRONICALLY LOW-PERFORMING CHARTERS.**

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

**S 372: CONFIRM MCKINLEY WOOTEN, SEC. OF REV.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*  
*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*  
*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*  
*Senate: Re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to Select Committee on Nominations*

**S 373: VACCINATION SCHEDULE VARIANCE/MINORS.**

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

**S 374: LICENSING CERTAIN FIRE SAFETY EQUIP. WORK.**

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

**S 375: AMEND HAZING LAWS.**

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

**S 376: INCREASE FUNDING TO STATE AUDITOR.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*  
*Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate*  
*Senate: Withdrawn From Com*  
*Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget*

**S 377: LICENSING COURSE REMOVAL/INSURANCE PRODUCERS.**

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

**S 378: HOA REVISIONS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 379: SENIOR CARE ASSURANCE ACT.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 380: EXPAND CERTAIN APA STANDING PROVISIONS.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 381: EQUALITY FOR ALL.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 382: MENTAL HEALTH PROTECTION ACT.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 383: RIGHT TO IVF.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 384: 2025 SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT.**

*Senate: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 385: AMEND DANGEROUS DOG STATUTES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 386: WHIZ KIDS/SLOW POKES VOTER REGISTRATION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 387: BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY REUSE ACT REVISIONS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 388: DOT PERMIT REVIEW TIME PERIODS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 389: ADD HOME SCHOOLS TO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 390: PROJECT NEWSLETTER.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 391: DOT OMNIBUS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 392: SAFEGUARD FAIR ELECTIONS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 393: BETTING AND ADDICTION IN PERS. FINANCE COURSE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 394: PROHIBIT FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF NC LAND.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 395: DISASTER RELIEF EVICTION MORATORIUM ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 396: MEDICAL BOARD LICENSING EFFICIENCY ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 397: INVEST IN DURHAM'S ED/ATHLETIC INFRASTRUCTURE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 398: PROHIBIT WEAPONS AT VOTING PLACE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 399: STUDY JORDAN LAKE NUTRIENT MANAGEM'T STRATEGY.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 400: ADULT PROTECTION MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 401: DEALER LICENSE RENEWAL MODIFICATIONS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 402: ALLOW LOTTERY WINNERS TO BE CONFIDENTIAL.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 403: MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 404: RIC FLAIR ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 405: CHIROPRACTIC MODS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 406: ALLOW ERPOS TO PREVENT SUICIDES & SAVE LIVES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 407: PROHIBIT DEFENSE BASED ON SEX OR GENDER.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 408: NO HIGH RISK APPS/GOV'T NETWORKS & DEVICES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 409: BAN GHOST GUNS & UNDETECTABLE FIREARMS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 410: HOSPITAL PETITION/DISCHARGE INCAPABLE ADULTS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 411: SCHOOL BUS CAMERAS/EVIDENCE & CONTRACT LENGTH.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 412: CHILDCARE SUBSIDY RATE INCREASE & WEST PILOT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 413: RIGHT TO USE CONTRACEPTION.**



*Senate: Filed*

**S 414: PHARMACISTS/TEST AND TREAT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 415: PATIENT SAFETY/MED. IMAGING/RADIATION THERAPY.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 416: PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 417: POSTING OF STATE COSTS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 418: NC HEALTH BENEFITS EXCHANGE IMPLEMENTATION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 419: RESTORE DOWN-ZONING AUTHORITY.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 420: REDIRECT LOTTERY ADVERTISING FOR FOSTER CARE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 421: PRISON REFORM OMNIBUS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 422: MARRIAGE/FAMILY THERAPY MODS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 423: TITLE FRAUD PREVENTION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 424: T/C: MEGASITES FUNDING USES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 425: CHIROPRACTIC ABUSE OF COSTS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 426: STUDENT BORROWERS' BILL OF RIGHTS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 427: PROPERTY TAX MODIFICATIONS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 428: IBT REFORMS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 429: 2025 PUBLIC SAFETY ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 430: REVISE CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEM LAW.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 431: PROTECT WHISTLEBLOWER LEOS FROM RETALIATION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 432: HOME OWNERSHIP MARKET MANIPULATION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 433: RESTORE EDUCATOR LONGEVITY.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 434: SCHOOL WORKERS FAIR PAY ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 435: RESTORE MASTER'S PAY FOR TEACHERS & AMP ISP.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 436: AGE WITH DIGNITY ACT (CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT).**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 437: MIDDLE CLASS MOMENTUM ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 438: NC ADOPT ERA.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 439: MORATORIUM ON OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 440: 2025 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 441: REVIVE HIGH-NEED RETIRED TEACHERS PROGRAM.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 442: PARENTS PROTECTION ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 443: LOCAL GOVTS/COMPENSATION DISCLOSURE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 444: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT - UPDATES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 445: REG. RELIEF FOR HOSPITALS IN DISASTER ZONES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 446: EXPAND WORKFORCE HOUSING.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 447: RELIABLE WATER & SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 448: REMOVE EMPLOYMENT BARRIERS/PPL W DISABILITIES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 449: FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND K-20 TECH PLANNING.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 450: NOVEL OPIOID CONTROL ACT OF 2025.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 451: OCCUPATIONAL/PROFESSIONAL LICENSING RELIEF.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 452: END CHILD MARRIAGE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 453: HOMEBUYER FAIRNESS & PROTECTION ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 454: COMMUNITY SAFETY ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 455: MAIN STREET RESILIENCE ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 456: HEALTHY START NC.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 457: AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 458: ENACT KINCARE & SAFE DAYS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 459: CONSTITUTIONAL REPEAL OF ART. XIV SEC. 6.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 460: FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS PROGRAM.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 461: MODIFY TAXATION OF 1031 EXCHANGES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 462: CONST AMEND: LEGISLATIVE TERMS/COMPENSATION.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 463: MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR DOULA SERVICES.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 464: INMATE MEDICAID SUSPENSION/TEAM-BASED CARE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 465: AGENCY VACANT PROPERTY.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 466: ENSURE CONTINUITY OF CARE IN TAILORED PLANS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 467: RIGHT TO REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 468: ALTERNATIVE ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FEE.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 469: IMPROPER ACTION CLAIMS ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 470: END BLOCK SCHEDULING.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 471: HORSE RACE WAGERING MODIFICATIONS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 472: AMEND 401 CERTIFICATION PROCESS.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 473: CAPITAL FOR COMMUNITIES ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 474: THE DAVE ACT.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 475: WENDY WILLIAMS'S LAW.**

*Senate: Filed*

**S 476: ALLOW WIDOW/WIDOWER TO HYPHENATE NAME.**

*Senate: Filed*

**LOCAL BILLS**

**H 58: VARIOUS LOCAL ELECTIONS. (NEW)**

*Senate: Regular Message Sent To House*

*House: Regular Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub*

**H 240: DAVIDSON CHARTER CONSOLIDATION.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/25/2025*

**H 294: JACKSON CO BD OF ED ELECTION PARTISAN.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/26/2025*

**H 302: PITT CO. BD. OF ED. ELECT. PARTISAN.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 03/26/2025*

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