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PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 126 (2025-2026) [REVISE VOLUNTARY AG. DISTRICT LAWS](#). Filed Feb 13 2025, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS GOVERNING VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVES FOR LAND USE DECISIONS IMPACTING LANDS IN SUCH DISTRICTS*.

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Expands the scope of GS 106-740 to include rezoning of farmland. Makes conforming changes, including to the statute's title and effective date.

Intro. by Dixon, N. Jackson.

[GS 106](#)

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

H 661 (2025-2026) [BUILDING INDUSTRY EFFICIENCY ACT OF 2025](#). Filed Apr 1 2025, *AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS LAWS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BUILDING INDUSTRY EFFICIENCY*.

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

Part III.

Amends GS 87-1, which sets out who is considered to be a general contractor, by excluding a person providing installation, maintenance, or replacement services related to floor covering services or painting services related to the construction or improvement of a building or structure. (Was, just a person providing services related to floor coverings and painting.)

Specifies that the provision of those services for a building falling under the NC Residential Code (Code) does not require a building permit under GS 160D-1110 or under GS 143-138 (concerning the NC State Building Code). Makes organizational changes.

Part V.

Specifies that a contractor must respond to a notice of claim concerning a construction defect under GS 87-152 in writing and that if the claimant chooses to accept a contractor's offer to settle, they must do so in writing. Enacts GS 87-155, tolling any statute of limitations under new Article 9 of GS Chapter 87 until the later of when any of four listed events occur, including when either the claimant denies the general contractor's offer to settle (described herein) or the general contractor denies the claimant's claim, or when either party determines the general contractor cannot or will not repair the defect and provides written notice to the other party of the same.

Part VI.

Further modifies GS 130A-280 (concerning scope of laws applying to public swimming pools), as amended by Section 4.51 of SL 2024-49, as follows. Broadens the scope of pools excluded from Article 8 (concerning sanitation) of GS Chapter 130A to include floatation or sensory deprivation systems certified by the National Sanitation Foundation to meet the most current version of Standard 50 of the National Sanitation Foundation/American National Standards Institute.

Makes conforming changes, including to Part titles.

Intro. by Brody, Bell, Cunningham, Zenger.

[GS 44A](#), [GS 58](#), [GS 87](#), [GS 130A](#), [GS 136](#), [GS 143](#), [GS 160D](#), [GS 162A](#)

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Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction, Land Use, Planning and Zoning, Government, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health

H 894 (2025-2026) [GUN DEALER DOOR LOCK EXEMPTION](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DOOR LOCK EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN FIREARMS BUSINESSES*.

Directs the State Building Code Council (Council) to adopt rules to amend the State Building Code (Code) to provide an exemption from door lock requirements of the means of egress for federally licensed firearms dealers primarily engaged in selling firearms or ammunition (licensed dealers) when issued a permit by the local fire code official. Limits the exemption to nonbusiness hours when the business is closed to the public. Requires the Council and local government officials to enforce the door lock requirements in the following ways until the effective date of the Council's adopted rules, at which time the directives expire. Directs fire code officials to issue permits to licensed dealers providing an exemption from the door lock requirements. Sets the permit fee at \$500 and list four criteria for eligibility, including that the business has a sales floor and customer occupancy space that is contained on one floor and is no larger than 15,000 square feet of retail space, as defined. Establishes requirements for the local inspection department with regard to permits issued, including filing copies with all relevant local law enforcement and fire protection agencies, conducting initial and periodic compliance inspections, and revocation for noncompliance.

Intro. by Adams.

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, Local Government

H 895 (2025-2026) [EMERGENCY CITIZEN PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN EMERGENCY CITIZEN PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM*.

Enacts Article 7, the NC Emergency Citizen Pilot Training Program (Program), to GS Chapter 166A to set standards and certification for citizen pilots to assist emergency response and recovery operations after declared disasters. Places the Program within the Division of Emergency Management (Division) of the Department of Public Safety (DPS). Tasks the Director of Emergency Management (director) with administering the Program. Requires the Program to offer classes and training courses, training emergency citizen pilots on four specified skill areas including, assisting State and federal emergency response and recovery operations after declared disasters within an emergency area in GS 166A-72. Caps Program fees at \$500. Establishes an Emergency Citizen Pilot Registry (Registry) maintained by DPS that lists all certified emergency citizen pilots who have an active status (defined), or inactive status (defined) certificate awarded by the Program. Requires continuing education to maintain active status. Directs DPS to work with the State Emergency Response Team, units of local governments, its Civil Air Patrol Section, other State agencies, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop standards, criteria, best practices, safety standards, and any other criteria necessary in its discretion to integrate emergency citizen pilot training into the North Carolina Emergency Operations Plan and other disaster response plans in GS 166A-73.

Includes emergency citizen pilots as one of those first responders who are eligible for unpaid leave from civilian employment in the event of a declaration of emergency under GS 166A-19.76.

Also includes emergency citizen pilots as emergency management workers under GS 166A-19.60, setting out immunity and liability for emergency management activities.

Effective October 1, 2025.

Requires the Division to adopt rules to implement the act and to have the Program operational by January 1, 2027. Instructs the Division to report to the specified NCGA committee on the implementation of the Program on or before October 1, 2026, and

one year after.

Intro. by Winslow, Balkcom, Bell, Gillespie.

GS 166A

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**Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management,
State Agencies, Department of Public Safety**

H 896 (2025-2026) **JESSE'S LAW**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ENSURE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE INVOLVED IN CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS RECEIVE APPROPRIATE TRAINING.*

Enacts GS Chapter 50, Article 6 (Jesse's Law), ensuring that professionals involved in domestic violence or child abuse cases receive training on the signs and impact of domestic violence and child physical and sexual abuse. Provides definitions for the Article in GS 50-111. Requires training for court officers and personnel, including those engaged in reunification treatment, in GS 50-112, including an initial training session of 20 hours and 15 hours of ongoing training every five years. Establishes requirements for the training programs, including being provided by a professional with experience in domestic violence or child abuse, relying on evidence-based research, and being designed to improve the ability to recognize and respond to domestic violence and child physical and sexual abuse. Requires the trainings to focus solely on domestic abuse and child physical and sexual abuse, long and short-term impacts of domestic violence and child abuse, victim and perpetrator behavior, cycles of violence, and scientific-based research including the Duluth Model, Saunders study, and Adverse Childhood Experiences study.

Directs the Administrative Office of the Courts or another appropriate state agency to apply to the United States Attorney General's Office and other federal sources for grants to support the training program under the Violence Against Women Act.

Effective October 1, 2025.

Intro. by Paré, Cervania.

GS 50

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**Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Family Law, Court System,
Administrative Office of the Courts, Health and Human
Services, Social Services, Child Welfare**

H 897 (2025-2026) **DPS AGENCY CHANGES.-AB** Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE ALARMS SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT AND MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD LAWS.*

Part I.

Retitles GS Chapter 74D, Security Systems (was Alarm Systems) and makes changes throughout the Chapter to refer to "security systems" rather than "alarm systems." Amends the Chapter as follows. Makes the Chapter's language gender-neutral.

Defines security systems business to include any person, firm, association, or corporation that, unless exempt, (1) sells or attempts to sell a security system by engaging in any personal solicitation to advise, design, or consult on specific types and specific locations of security system devices and/or (2) installs, services, monitors, or responds to electrical, wireless or hardwired electronic or mechanical alarm signal devices and security systems, integrated automation of a residence or business that includes a security element, burglar alarms, monitored access control, or cameras, analytic capturing devices, systems providing intelligence or other imaging devices used to detect or observe unauthorized or illegal activity. Eliminates the previous exclusion of locking devices that record entry and exit data and do not transmit the data in real time so long as the provider is licensed by the Locksmith Licensing Board; instead provides for this exemption from the Chapter's provisions in GS 74D-3. Defines qualifying agent to mean an individual who is a full-time employee in a management position licensed under the Chapter and who is registered with the Security Systems Board (Board; previously did not specify full-time employment). Establishes that a business entity required to be licensed under the Chapter is subject to the specified requirements regarding a qualifying agent (previously subject upon engaging in the business). Allows the business entity to

notify the Board by letter or using the Board's online form upon its qualifying agent ceasing to perform his or her duties (previously only specified notification be in writing). Adds a new provision authorizing the Director of the Board, in his or her discretion, to extend the 90-day period by which the business entity must obtain a substitute qualifying agent for an additional 30 days for good cause upon written request. Prohibits any person (rather than licensee) from serving as the qualifying agent for more than one business entity without Board approval. Makes the qualifying agent responsible for maintaining current contact information with the Board. Adds minimum qualifications for qualifying agents in addition to age, experience, and character qualifications in existing law. Requires the applicant to have successfully completed or kept current a specified technician course offered by the Electronic Security System Association or equivalent approved by the Board (as an alternative to having the existing requirement for required training, qualifications, and experience to be licensed). Concerning the applicant character, includes a prayer for judgement continued, adjudication withheld, or an equivalent. Eliminates the authority of the Board to require an examination of applicants. Requires out-of-state monitoring companies not licensed in any state to be licensed by the Board and register their employees, but does not require out-of-state monitoring companies licensed in another state to register their employees upon receipt by the Board of a certificate of good standing from that state. Requires security guard and patrol companies that remotely monitor devices to obtain a separate limited monitoring license and allows them to use the same qualifying agent for the limited license used for its security guard and patrol license; excludes them from certain moral character and qualification requirements and does not require them to hold a low voltage electrical license. Requires the qualifying agent to complete a central station monitoring operator course.

Regarding criminal background checks of applicants for licensure or registration, replaces references to the Department of Public Safety with the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI). Authorizes the SBI to provide criminal record checks for applicants through the Board. Authorizes the SBI to charge applicants a fee for conducting the criminal history checks and specifies that the fee is to be collected by the Board and transmitted to the SBI. Makes an exception to the confidentiality provisions set forth for information obtained through an applicant's criminal history check, allowing such information to support the denial of an application or a disciplinary matter in a contested case.

Modifies the Chapter's exemptions as follows. Exempts installation or service (was, installation only) of an alarm system on property owned or leased to the installer, and entities through which a customer accesses marketing or advertising material or installation instructions for a security system. Eliminates the exemptions for out-of-state monitoring companies and persons or businesses providing services to a state agency or local government for five or more years. Makes organizational and clarifying changes. Allows a licensee to use (was, hire) a consultant or a manufacturer's representative (was, consultant only) to troubleshoot a location or installation if accompanied by the licensee and the licensee reports to the Board within 30 days designating the temporary consultant; eliminates the existing cap allowing for use of the consultant only up to 48 hours in a one-month period.

Renames the Alarm Systems Licensing Board the Security Systems Licensing Board (Board). Excepts the Secretary of Public Safety or a designee from the prohibition against a Board member serving more than two complete three-year consecutive terms. Requires the Board to set a travel allowance in addition to per diem compensation of members who are not also State officers or employees. Makes further technical changes.

Modifies and adds to the powers of the Board as follows. Authorizes the Board to determine minimum qualifications and establish minimum education, experience, and training standards for registrants in addition to applicants and licensees and conduct investigations of alleged violations to determine if unlicensed individuals or entities are in violation of the Chapter, in addition to investigating licensees' and registrants' compliance with the Chapter. Authorizes the Board to issue written cease and desist orders for violations with the concurrence of the Secretary of Public Safety. Allows the Board to take disciplinary action against registrants who fail to satisfy requirements of the Chapter or the Board. Additionally, grants the Board the power to acquire, rent, encumber, and deal with real property as a private person or corporation, subject to approval of the Governor and the Council of State. Limits collateral pledged by the Board for an encumbrance to the assets, income, and revenues of the Board. Deems the regulation of security system business exclusive to the Board, though permits local governments to require registration and reporting of businesses operating within their jurisdiction and even require revocable permits when alarm usage involves automatic signal transmission to law enforcement, which was previously located in GS 74D-11. Makes language gender neutral.

Expands the investigative powers of the Secretary of Public Safety to include complaints, allegations, or suspicions of wrongdoing or violation of the Chapter involving unlicensed individuals in addition to licensed or to-be-licensed individuals.

Amends GS 74D-6, now limiting the statute to grounds for denial for registration (was, licensure or registration). Modifies the grounds for the denial of registration to include conviction of any crime involving the illegal use, carrying, or possession of a firearm; felonious assault or an act of violence; felonious sexual offense; felonious larceny; or felonious fraud (was, conviction of any crime involving fraud only). Defines conviction. Now provides that the specified misdemeanor convictions are prima facie evidence that the applicant lacks good moral character and temperate habits. Includes in the specified misdemeanor convictions crimes involving assault (was, felonious assault) and sexual offenses; no longer includes offenses involving moral turpitude; adds to the definition of conviction. Lastly, establishes being registered as a sex offender in any state as grounds for denial of registration.

Amends GS 74D-7, to specify that branch office certificates must be obtained by branch offices in the state with a security systems business. Extends the period for temporary approval by the Director of the Board from 10 working days to 45 days. Increases the licensing fees to: \$500 for an initial application; \$1,000 for a new license or renewal; \$500 for a late license renewal; \$100 for a new or renewed registration; \$25 for a reregistration; \$300 for a branch office certificate; and \$40 for a late registration fee. Eliminates the \$50 fee for reconsideration of a license or registration permit filed or returned to the applicant for correctable errors.

Revises the described employees of a licensee who must register under GS 74D-8 to include: (1) employees who conduct personal sales in a private residence or who install or service a security system in a private residence and (2) employees remotely monitoring a security system, unless they are registered as a security guard with a licensed security guard and patrol company. Amends the requirements to be met by the licensee of a security systems business when registering the licensee's employees with the Board under GS 74D-8 as follows. More specifically prohibits a licensee from employing any employee required to register under the Chapter until the Board approves the registration. Adds a provision allowing a licensee to employ an applicant as a probationary employee for 20 consecutive days. In order to continue employment as a regular employee, requires registration of the employee within 30 days after the probationary employment ends unless the Director, in his or her discretion, extends the time for good cause. Requires a probationary employee to complete training and requires a criminal record check before the probationary employee engages in services. Requires the licensee to give the Director a list of probationary employees monthly and specifies information that must be provided.

Amends GS 74D-8.1 by amending the requirements for an apprentice registration permit to no longer require applicants to be currently enrolled in high school or to have a valid driver's license. Makes a conforming deletion of the requirement that one of the applicant's letters of recommendation be from an official at the applicant's school.

Amends GS 74D-9 by increasing the required minimum amount of liability insurance to: (1) \$250,000 (was, \$50,000) because of bodily injury or death of one person as a result of the negligent act of the principal insured or his or her agents operating in the course and scope of employment and \$500,000 (was, \$100,000) because of bodily injury or death of two or more persons and (2) \$100,000 (was, \$20,000) because of injury to or destruction of property of others as a result of the negligent act of the principal insured or his or her agents operating in the course and scope of their agency.

Amends GS 74D-10 by amending instances in which the Board may suspend or revoke a license or registration as follows: (1) violations of any rule adopted (was, any rule promulgated) by the Board; (2) convictions of any felony in GS 74D-6(2) (conviction of a crime involving fraud; the illegal use, carrying, or possession of a firearm; felonious assault or an act of violence; felonious sexual offense; felonious larceny; or felonious fraud), or any crime involving moral turpitude under GS 74D-6(3) (lack of good moral character or temperate habits) (was, convictions of any crime involving moral turpitude or any other crime involving violence or the illegal use, carrying, or possession of a dangerous weapon only); (3) engaging in or permitting any employee to engage in any security systems business without possessing a valid registration (was, a valid license); (4) clarifies that the instances include failure to maintain the required certificate of liability insurance; and (5) adds that engaging in conduct that constitutes dereliction of duty or deceiving, defrauding, or harming the public in the course of professional activities or services includes fraudulently claiming a change in business ownership, fraudulently claiming dissolution of a competing business, fraudulently claiming to be a representative of the consumer's current service provider, misrepresentation of employer, or misrepresenting an upgrade of equipment as a sales tactic.

Deletes GS 74D-13, which is an outdated provision.

Amends GS 74D-30 by renaming the Alarm Systems Education Fund as the Security Systems Education Fund and makes additional technical and conforming changes. Makes conforming changes to the title of Article 2. Removes outdated language.

Makes additional clarifying and technical changes.

Allows the Board to adopt rules to implement this Part.

Effective October 1, 2025.

Part II.

Amends GS 74C-2, concerning licensing as a private protective service, to also allow the Private Protective Services Board (PPS Board) to issue a trainee permit instead of a polygraph examiner, electronic countermeasures, or digital forensic examiner license, if the applicant is supervised directly by a licensee.

Amends GS 74C-3 by amending the definition of the term private protective services profession to include a person, firm, association, or corporation providing a security guard on a contract basis for a unit of government; makes conforming changes. Also amends the definition of guard dog service profession to include a person, firm, association, or corporation who contracts with a law enforcement agency or unit of government to provide a trained dog to protect lives or property.

Amends GS 74C-9 by allowing the PPS Board to charge a fee of up to \$100 for an application for approval of a continuing legal education course. Prohibits a licensed private investigator, polygraph examiner, electronic countermeasures professional, or digital forensic examiner (was, a licensed private detective) from supervising more than five trainees at once.

Amends GS 74C-11 to allow a security guard and patrol company or armored car company (was, all licensees) to employ unarmed guards as probationary employees for 20 consecutive calendar days and makes registration provisions (including those on carrying a registration card) applicable to employees of security guards and patrol companies or armored car companies. Makes conforming changes. Allows a security guard and patrol company or armored car company to employ a person who is registered or licensed as an unarmed guard in another state for up to 10 days in any month as long as the employer submits specified information to the Director of the PPS Board and the Director approves the employment; makes conforming changes to employment by those entities during disaster declarations or states of emergency.

Amends GS 74C-12 by amending the conditions under which the PPS Board may deny, suspend, or revoke a license, certification, registration, or permit to also include: (1) when the person has made any false statement or gives false information in connection with an audit; (2) when the person has committed an unlawful larceny, burglary, sexual offense, or forgery; and (3) when the person has worn, carried, or accepted any badge or shield indicating that the person is a law enforcement officer while registered under this Chapter.

Amends GS 74C-13 to requires the PPS board to issue a person a firearm registration permit before the person can be hired as an armed guard or an armed licensee (was an armed security guard or an armed private investigator) authorized to carry a firearm while performing their duties. Makes conforming changes throughout the statute. Also amends the statute to make provision applicable to armored car companies. Exempts a licensee authorized under specified provisions of the US Code to carry a concealed handgun who is in compliance with those sections from obtaining a concealed handgun permit.

Allows the PPS Board to adopt rules to implement this Part.

Effective October 1, 2025.

Part III.

Amends GS 14-415.12 to include courses certified or sponsored by the North Carolina PPS Board and Secretary of Public Safety to those courses to be taken by an applicant for a concealed handgun permit.

Amends GS 15A-151 to allow the file for expungements to be disclosed upon request to the PPS Board or the North Carolina Alarm Systems Licensing Board if the criminal record was expunged for licensure or registration purposes only.

Amends GS 93B-8.1, concerning the use of criminal history records, by excluding the PPS Board and the North Carolina Alarm Systems Licensing Board from the statute's provisions.

Allows the Alarm Systems Licensing Board and PPS Board to adopt rules to implement this Part.

Effective October 1, 2025.

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**Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing,
Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management**

H 898 (2025-2026) **BROADBAND EQUIPMENT SALES TAX EXEMPTION**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN BROADBAND EQUIPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE*.

GS 105-164.13 provides exemptions and exclusions to retail and sales use tax as part of the North Carolina Sales and Use Tax Act. Adds a new subdivision (5r) to GS 105-164.13, exempting from retail and sales use tax any equipment, parts, accessories, and other tangible personal property used in the business of providing internet service access sold to an internet service provider (ISP) or the contractor of an ISP. Provides examples of what is included within the scope of the bill, such as sales of electricity to power the tangible personal property exempt under the bill. Effective July 1, 2025 and applies to sales made on or after that date.

Intro. by Pickett.

[GS 105](#)

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Government, Tax

H 899 (2025-2026) **RETURN OVERSIGHT OF OSFM TO DOI COMMISSIONER**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL AND RETURN AUTHORITY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE*.

Effective October 1, 2025, makes the following changes relating to the Office of the Fire Marshal (OSFM).

Repeals the following:

- Section 30.8, SL 2023-134, which created OSBM within the Department of Insurance; made the "State Fire Marshal" the head of OSBM; and made the State Fire Marshal an appointee of the Commissioner of Insurance rather than the Commissioner;
- Parts X, XI, and XII, SL 2023-151, which amended Article 78A, GS Chapter 58, to further establish OSBM as an independent Office, expand the powers and duties of the State Fire Marshal throughout GS Chapters 14, 66, 58, 115C, 143, 143B, 150B, 160D, 169, Section 30.4A, SL 2021-180 (Firefighters' Health Benefits Pilot Program), and Section 30.7, SL 2023-134 (volunteer fire department grant administration); and
- Section 6.4, SL 2021-1.

Directs that all OSFM employees on October 1, 2025, continue OSFM employment at their option or until action is taken by the Commissioner of Insurance (Commissioner). Directs that all OSFM positions remain unchanged until legislative action is taken.

Provides for the continued effect of rules adopted by the State Fire Marshal until amended by the Commissioner.

Directs that unique fire department identification numbers issued by the State Fire Marshal on or before October 1, 2025, are to be continued to be used for the purposes provided under state law.

Provides for appointees of the State Fire Marshal as representative trustee on the Local Firefighters' Relief Fund and designee on the Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund Advisory Panel to continue service under the Commissioner.

Provides that State Fire Marshal board and commission appointees can continue service for the duration of their terms, whereby the Commissioner will appoint a successor.

Intro. by Blust.

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H 900 (2025-2026) [LEGISLATORS DOCUMENTS CONFIDENTIALITY CHANGE](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF LEGISLATORS DOCUMENTS*.

Amends GS 120-135 to clarify circumstances when legislators, while in office and after leaving office will be required to reveal or consent to reveal any document, supporting document, drafting request, or information request made or received while a legislator. The enumerated circumstances are: (1) federal grand jury subpoenas; (2) requests for information from investigative authorities; (3) correspondence regarding bills appropriating State funds to businesses and nonprofits; (4) correspondence with lobbyists and lobbyist principals regarding legislation; (5) compensation records of the legislator's staff; and (6) correspondence with State agencies regarding business interests of the legislator.

Intro. by Blust.

GS 120

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[Government, General Assembly, Public Records and Open Meetings](#)

H 901 (2025-2026) [RECOGNIZE SAFETY HOLD AGREEMENTS](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE THAT ENTERS INTO A SAFETY HOLD AGREEMENT*.

Enacts new GS 14-409.44, authorizing a federal firearms licensee to enter into a safety hold agreement with a firearm owner. Defines *federal firearms licensee* as a person licensed as a dealer, manufacturer, or importer under 18 U.S.C. § 923, and *safety hold agreement* as a private agreement in which a licensee takes possession of an owner's lawfully possessed firearm for an agreed-upon period of time. Provides that such agreements shall not require the payment of a fee. Grants immunity to licensees for any act or omission arising from a safety hold agreement that results in personal injury or death, except for actions resulting from the negligent or reckless storage of a firearm or otherwise unlawful conduct on the part of the licensee. Provides that licensees may sell or otherwise dispose of firearms unclaimed at the termination of an agreement. Requires the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) to develop and make available a form for such agreements. Provides that agreements are confidential and not a public record under GS Chapter 132. Clarifies that nothing in the new statute requires a licensee to take possession of an unlawfully possessed firearm or to return a firearm to a person prohibited by law from possessing it. Requires the SBI to adopt rules consistent with the act. Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Charles Smith, Adams, Carson Smith, Reives.

GS 14

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

H 902 (2025-2026) [FREE TO LEARN - LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS ACT](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT ENACTING THE FREE TO LEARN – LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS ACT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE*.

Enacts GS Chapter 125A, titled, "Free to Learn—Library Bill of Rights Act (Act)" to establish and protect the rights of North Carolina residents to access information, preserve intellectual freedom, maintain privacy, and participate in library services without discrimination or undue restriction. Applies act to all libraries in the State, including online services, digital resources, and internet access provided by libraries, as well as to physical materials and in-person services in GS 125A-4. Clarifies that the Chapter supplements and does not supplant existing rights and responsibilities nor does it restrict the authority granted to libraries, library boards, or the State Library under State law. Tasks, in GS 125A-5, all participating governmental units participating in an interlocal library agreement or as part of a regional library system with ensuring compliance with the Act. Directs the State Library to provide model language for interlocal agreements and regional library system agreements to ensure compliance with the Act.

Establishes that every person has the right to access information and ideas through library materials regardless of content, approach, format, or viewpoint of the material in GS 125A-6. Prevents any government entity or public official from

prohibiting or restricting access to library materials based solely on their content or viewpoint. Clarifies that GS 125A-6 does limit the authority of libraries and library boards to develop collections in accordance with professional standards and community needs and that libraries may implement reasonable policies concerning access to age-appropriate materials for minors so long as the policies do not unduly restrict access to information and are consistent with professional library standards. Establishes that every person has the right to fair access to library services, materials, and programs without discrimination based on age, race, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion, disability, socioeconomic status, or viewpoint in GS 125A-7. Establishes the right of every person to pursue intellectual inquiry through libraries without surveillance, interference, or intimidation in GS 125A-8. Requires libraries to uphold principles of intellectual freedom in accordance with national professional library standards. Prevents any person from interfering with or intimidating another person in the exercise of their intellectual pursuits in the library. Provides every person with the right to access library programs, events, and activities offered by libraries consistent with the library's mission and resources in GS 125A-12. Prevents public entities or officials from prohibiting or canceling library programs based solely on the program's content or viewpoint. Provides for viewpoint neutral policies and conduct policies, as specified.

Enumerates an individual right to privacy in their library materials in GS 125A-9. Designates library records pertaining to a specific person as confidential. Provides for anti-retaliation measures in GS 125A-10, including a civil action. Articulates a library user's right to privacy when accessing digital resources, as specified, in GS 125A-11. Limits the amount of personally identifiable information a library may collect on its users and requires libraries to develop and display a privacy policy, as specified.

Requires libraries to develop policies and provide adequate staff training on the rights established by the Act in GS 125A-13. Tasks the State Library with developing guidelines to assist libraries in implementing the Act in GS 125A-14. Requires governing bodies of a city to adopt policies that protect and implement the rights established by the Act for libraries operated by a city. Establishes for a Library Rights Legal Resource Center to provide information, training, and consultation to libraries, library boards, and the State Library, established by the Attorney General (AG). Allows civil complaints and civil actions brought by private persons and the AG under GS 125A-16, as specified, in GS 125A-15. Allows for civil penalties in actions brought by the AG ranging from a cap of \$1,000 for a first violation to a cap of \$5,000 for third or subsequent violations. Directs the State Library to develop and implement a statewide public education campaign to inform State residents about their rights under the Act, in GS 125A-17. Contains a severability clause.

Make technical changes to GS 125-18 (definitions concerning libraries and library records). Makes conforming changes to GS 125-19 (confidentiality of library user records), GS 153A-262 (library materials), GS 125-2 (powers and duties of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources-DNCR), and GS 153A-266 (powers and duties of a library board of trustees).

Appropriates \$2 million from the General Fund to DNCR's State Library Division (Division) in each year of the 2025-27 biennium to implement the act, as specified in five allocations. Effective July 1, 2025.

Enacts Article 11, Enforcement of the Library Bill of Rights, to GS Chapter 114 establishing the Library Rights Division (LRD) within the Department of Justice, as specified. Tasks the LRD with four duties in respect to the Act, including, investigating possible violations and bringing enforcement actions in GS 114-70. Requires the AG to submit an annual report on the implementation of the Act, as specified, to the Governor and General Assembly, beginning October 1, 2026. Requires the LRD to coordinate with the State Library on the four specified matters under the Act in GS 114-71. Directs the AG to adopt rules to implement new Article 11 in GS 114-72. Makes conforming change to GS 114-2.

Appropriates \$1 million from the General Fund to DNCR's State Library Division (Division) in each year of the 2025-27 biennium to implement the act, as specified in two allocations. Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by von Haefen, Morey, Dew, Greenfield.

[APPROP, GS 114, GS 125](#)

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, Cultural Resources and Museums, State Agencies, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources \(formerly Dept. of Cultural Resources\), Department of Justice](#)

H 903 (2025-2026) **HIGHWAY AND ROAD SAFETY ACT**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO INCREASE STATE TROOPERS IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY, TO INCREASE MAGISTRATES IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY, TO REVISE CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS AND AUTHORIZE THE USE OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION AS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF RESPONSIBILITY, AND TO EXPAND THE OPERATIONAL HOURS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION METROLINA TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT CENTER IN CHARLOTTE.*

Section 1

Appropriates \$999,400 in recurring funds and \$1,088,592 in nonrecurring funds from the General Fund to the State Highway Patrol for 2025-26 to fund 12 full-time Trooper positions for District H5 of Troop H. Effective July 1, 2025.

Section 2

Increases the minimum number of magistrates required by GS 7A-133 for Mecklenburg County from 38.5 to 43.5. Appropriates \$402,070 in recurring funds for 2025-26 and \$15,140 in nonrecurring funds for 2025-26 from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to hire the five additional magistrates required by the act in Mecklenburg County. Effective July 1, 2025.

Section 3

Amends GS 20-217, which requires motor vehicles to stop for properly marked school buses when stopped in certain described instances, increasing the minimum fines as follows: for violation of the statute, from \$500 to \$1,000; for willful violation of the statute and also striking any person, from \$1,250 to \$4,500; and for willful violation of the statute and also striking a person that results in their death, from \$2,500 to \$7,000. Enacts a new subsection, establishing that it is prima facie evidence that the vehicle was operated by the person in whose name the vehicle was registered at the time of the violation whenever evidence is presented in any court or administrative hearing of the fact that a vehicle was operated in violation of the statute. Provides a similar provision with regard to operation by a renter of a rented vehicle. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2025.

Section 4

Amends GS 132-1.1 to prohibit highway camera video records stored by the Department from being disclosed except as provided in new GS 132-1.7B.

Enacts new GS 132-1.7B, providing as follows. Sets out and defines terms, including defining *highway camera* as a Department of Transportation (Department) video or digital camera, located on highway rights-of-way, for the purpose of monitoring vehicle traffic.

Requires highway cameras to record and store incidents when requested by law enforcement agencies to assist in the following types of incident investigations along interstates and highways: vehicle chases, hit-and-run crashes, road rage altercations, street races, street takeovers, and any other incident investigations law enforcement agencies feel would be supported and expedited by the use of this technology. Specifies that recordings under this statute are not public records.

Allows a person to request disclosure of a recording through a written request to the Department that includes the name of the person making the request, date and approximate time of the activity, or otherwise identify the activity with reasonable particularity sufficient to identify the recording. Allows disclosure of a recording to only: (1) a person whose image or voice is in the recording; (2) a personal representative of an adult person whose image or voice is in the recording, if the adult person has consented to the disclosure; (3) a personal representative of a minor or of an adult person under lawful guardianship whose image or voice is in the recording; (4) a personal representative of a deceased person whose image or voice is in the recording; (5) a personal representative of an adult person who is incapacitated and unable to provide consent to disclosure. Requires disclosing only the portions of the recording relevant to the person's request. Prohibits a person receiving disclosure from recording or copying the recording. Requires the Department to make the disclosure or deny the request as promptly as possible. Sets out six factors the Department is to consider when deciding whether to grant or deny the request. Sets out the procedure under which the person seeking disclosure may apply to the appropriate superior court for a review of the denial of disclosure when disclosure has been denied or disclosure has not been made more than three business days after the request. Sets out conditions under which the court may order disclosure. Sets out individuals that must be notified and given an opportunity to be heard at the hearing.

Provides that recordings are to be released only pursuant to court order. Allows any person requesting release of a recording to file an action in the appropriate superior court for an order releasing the recording. Requires the request to state the date and approximate time of the activity captured in the recording or otherwise identify the activity with reasonable particularity sufficient to identify the recording to which the action refers. Sets out factors the court is to consider in determining whether to order the release of all or a portion of the recording. Limits the release to only those portions of the recording relevant to the person's request and allows placing conditions or restrictions on the release. Sets out individuals that must be notified and given an opportunity to be heard at the hearing.

Requires the Department to disclose or release a recording to a district attorney (1) for review of potential criminal charges, (2) to comply with discovery requirements in a criminal prosecution, (3) for use in criminal proceedings in district court, or (4) for any other law enforcement purpose and allows disclosure or release of a recording for suspect identification or apprehension or to locate a missing or abducted person.

Provides that the Department is not required to retain any recording subject to this statute for more than 30 days, unless a court of competent jurisdiction orders otherwise.

Provides that no civil liability arises from compliance with the statute, so long as the acts or omissions are made in good faith.

Allows the Department to charge a fee for making a copy of a recording for release, not to exceed the actual cost. Prohibits the court from awarding attorneys' fees.

Prohibits using recordings subject to the statute for fines or private investigation. Provides that no elected official may review recordings subject to this statute, unless they meet the statute's disclosure criteria; excludes a county sheriff or district attorney if review of the recordings is within the scope of a criminal investigation.

Effective July 1, 2025.

Appropriates \$3 million in recurring funds for 2024-25 from the Highway Fund to the Department of Transportation to be used to expand the operational hours of the IMap and North Carolina Department of Transportation Metrolina Transportation Management Center in Charlotte to 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Allocates \$15 million in recurring funds from the fund appropriated to the Department of Transportation for 2025-26, and \$20 million in nonrecurring funds, to be used to expand operational hours of the IMap and Metrolina Transportation Management Center to 24 hours a day, every day. Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Logan, Budd, Cunningham, Majeed.

[APPROP, Mecklenburg, GS 7A, GS 20, GS 132](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Court System, Administrative Office of the Courts, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Records and Open Meetings, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of Insurance, Department of Transportation, State Government, State Personnel, Transportation](#)

H 904 (2025-2026) [HOUSE BOG ELECTIONS](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *A HOUSE RESOLUTION ELECTING WENDY FLOYD MURPHY, KELLIE HUNT BLUE, CAROLYN COWARD, JOHN A. FRALEY, REGINALD RONALD HOLLEY, AND DR. M. LEE BARNES TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.*

Includes whereas clauses. Elects the six specified individuals to the UNC Board of Governors, as the title indicates, for terms beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2029.

Intro. by Hastings, Pickett.

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[Government, State Agencies, UNC System](#)

H 905 (2025-2026) **PUBLIC SCHOOL PART-TIME ENROLLMENT**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ALLOW PART-TIME ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS THAT OTHERWISE ATTEND NONPUBLIC SCHOOL.*

Creates new GS 115C-364.1 (Admission for part-time students), allowing students that attend non-public schools to enroll part time in local public schools and charter schools, as long as the student is eligible for admission to the public schools under the applicable requirements. Establishes a system where the State Board of Education must allocate to the local school administrative unit or charter school an appropriate amount depending on the instructional time the part-time student is enrolled.

Amends GS 115C-47 to create new subdivision (70), requiring local boards of education to develop policies for students from non-public schools that enroll part time under the boards' jurisdiction. Requires the policy to be posted to the website of each board.

Amends GS 115C-218.45 to create new subsection (a1), allowing a student that attends non-public school to enroll in a charter school part-time in accordance with the new GS 115C-364.1. Requires each charter school to make information about part-time enrollment available on its website. Excludes part-time students from counting towards enrollment growth of the charter school under GS 115C-218.7.

Appropriates \$500,000 to the Department of Public Instruction from the General Fund for 2025-26 to be allocated to local school administrative units and charter schools to cover the administrative costs of implementing the act.

Appropriates \$270,000 in recurring funds to the Department of Public Instruction from the General Fund for 2025-26 to be allocated to local administrative units and charter schools to fund part-time students.

Effective July 1, 2025, and applicable to requests for part-time enrollment for the 2025-26 school year.

Intro. by Cotham, Chesser, Riddell.

APPROP, GS 115C

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

H 906 (2025-2026) **REAGAN'S LAW**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE ACCESS OF NORTH CAROLINIANS WITH LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE TO PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC DEVICES AND CARE AND TO REPEAL STATE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN REQUIREMENTS TO COVER EMERGENCY CARE THAT ARE DUPLICATIVE OF FEDERAL LAW.*

Part I. Improve Access to Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices

Section 1

Amends Article 3 of Chapter 58, which regulates insurance offered in North Carolina, by adding a new section, GS 58-3-286, regarding the coverage of prosthetic and orthotic devices.

New GS 58-3-286 applies to all health benefit plans offered in the State except Small Employer Group Health Insurance and Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements. Requires coverage by these health benefits plans for all prosthetic and orthotic devices required to be covered under Medicare Part B. Requires coverage by applicable health benefit plans for prosthetic and orthotic devices deemed by the insured's healthcare provider as adequate for completing activities of daily living, essential job-related activities, and meeting the medical needs of the insured for performing physical exercise and maximizing the insured's whole-body function. Coverage extends to custom devices and shall not be limited to one prosthetic or orthotic device. Coverage is required for replacement of a prosthetic or orthotic device, or a part thereof, and including custom devices, if the prescribing healthcare provider determines the replacement is necessary for specified reasons, such as a physiological change in the insured's condition, and the insurer may require confirmation from the prescribing healthcare provider if the device being replaced is less than 3 years old.

By February 1, 2028, applicable health benefits plans must report the number and value of claims paid pursuant to GS 58-3-286 to the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance.

By March 1, 2028, the Commissioner of Department of Insurance must aggregate data from applicable health benefits plans and provide it to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services.

Effective October 1, 2025, and applies to the earlier of (1) insurance contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after October 1, 2025, or (2) upon the next yearly anniversary of the insurance contract date occurring after October 1, 2025.

Part II. Repeal State Health Benefit Plan Requirement re Emergency Care Duplicative of Federal Law

Section 2

Repeals GS 58-3-190, entitled Coverage required for emergency care.

Removes reference to GS 58-3-190 in GS 58-50-56.1(a)(1), entitled Exclusive provider benefit plan.

Removes reference to GS 58-3-190 in GS 58-50-61(a)(13), entitled “Noncertification,” and substitutes a reference to the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, 42 USC 1395dd.

Rewrites GS 58-50-61(a)(17)g.

Removes reference to GS 58-3-190 in GS 58-50-61(a)(17)g, entitled Retrospective review, and substitutes a reference to the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, 42 USC 1395dd.

Repeals GS 108D-65(6)f.1., removing emergency care from the terms for contracts required for Prepaid Health Plans (PHPs) of Medicaid Managed Care Programs.

Intro. by Bell, White, Campbell, Reives.

[GS 58, GS 108D](#)

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

H 907 (2025-2026) [NC RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY ACT](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A DISASTER READINESS AND RESPONSE FUND*.

Establishes the Disaster Readiness and Response Fund as a special fund in the Office of State Treasurer separate from the General Fund and other funds and reserves in new GS 143B-1042.25.

Intro. by Bell.

[GS 143B](#)

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[Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of State Treasurer](#)

H 908 (2025-2026) [DISCRETIONARY DISMISSAL OF CHARGES/CAPACITY](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO GIVE JUDGES DISCRETION REGARDING THE DISMISSAL OF CRIMINAL CHARGES WHEN A DEFENDANT LACKS CAPACITY TO PROCEED*.

Amends GS 15A-1008(a) to grant discretion to a judge as to whether charges should be dismissed when a defendant lacks capacity to proceed by changing “shall” to “may” in the subsection.

Intro. by Greene.

[GS 15A](#)

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

H 909 (2025-2026) [STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK BOARD](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK BOARD*.

Enacts GS 143B-472.130, establishing the State Infrastructure Bank Board (Board) an independent entity within the Department of Commerce. Directs the Board to establish, administer, and receive federal funds for a State infrastructure bank (bank) authorized by specified federal laws. Allows receipt and administration of State and private funds through the bank for transportation projects, water and sewer projects, and other infrastructure projects. Provides for the Board's application, receipt, and administration of federal financial assistance to fund the bank.

Authorizes the Board to provide loans and financial assistance to governmental units, including toll authorities, in the following manner: (1) federal funds, State funds, and private funds for financing the costs of transportation projects, including aviation projects; and (2) State funds and private funds for financing the costs of water and sewer projects and other infrastructure projects. Establishes conditions and repayment obligations for loans and other financial assistance provided under the statute. Provides for accounting of funds and specifies that federal funds do not revert and accrue interest and other investment income to be used for the purposes specified. Grants the Board rulemaking authority. Bars the Board from modifying the statutory Transportation Investment Strategy formula. Requires cooperation with the Division of Water Infrastructure and State Water Infrastructure Authority with respect to water and sewer projects.

Directs the State Treasurer to develop and adopt debt instruments with the assistance of the Local Government Commission and directs the Local Government Commission to develop and adopt procedures for the delivery of debt instruments to the State without any public bidding.

Details require Board review and approval for all proposed loans and other financial assistance to applicants, with a more limited review and approval required by the Local Government Commission for certain proposed loans as described.

Deems loans under the statute outstanding debt under Article 10, GS Chapter 159 (Assistance for Defaulting Units in Refinancing Debt).

Enacts GS 143B-472.131, listing the six members of the Board. Provides for member terms and compensation, Board officers, and Board meetings. Directs the Board to adopt rules for reviewing and approving loans and other financial assistance. Requires publication on the Board or Department's website. Establishes quarterly reporting requirements to the specified NCGA committee.

Repeals GS 136-18(12a), which grants the Department of Transportation the powers and duties relating to the establishment, administration, and receipt of federal funds for a transportation infrastructure banking program. Directs that the State infrastructure bank established by this subdivision be transferred to the Board.

Includes funds held by the bank with those the State Treasurer are authorized to invest under GS 147-69.2.

Applies to loans and other financial assistance applied for on or after July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Reives, Bell, Howard, Ross.

[GS 136, GS 143B](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Government, State Agencies, Department of Commerce, Department of Transportation, Local Government, Public Enterprises and Utilities, Transportation](#)

H 910 (2025-2026) [DRIVE RECOMMENDATIONS/TEACHER DIVERSITY](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT VARIOUS INITIATIVES AND PROGRAM EXPANSIONS TO PROMOTE TEACHER DIVERSITY AND INCREASE TEACHER RECRUITMENT, INCLUDING AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR'S DRIVE TASK FORCE REPORT, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THESE PURPOSES*.

Contains whereas clauses.

Part I.

Appropriates \$2 million in recurring funds for 2025-26 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to support the Grow-Your-Own and 2+2 teacher recruitment education programs, including the specified programs.

Part II.

Requires the State Board of Education (State Board), in consultation with the Office of the Governor, The University of North Carolina System Office, the DRIVE Network, and the Community College System Office, to establish a grant program to support strategic partnerships committed to increasing the pipeline of educators of color across the State. Requires the grants to be provided to local school administrative units, institutions of higher education, and community organizations to implement innovative initiatives that support the recruitment, preparation, support, and retention of racially, ethnically, and linguistically diverse educators. Sets out the purpose of the program. Requires grant applicants to demonstrate at least: (1) a partnership between at least two of the following: local school administrative units, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Historically Minority-Serving Institutions, educator preparation programs, alternative certification programs, public and private colleges and universities, community colleges, and community or nonprofit organizations and (2) proposals for strategies that address one or more of the specified components of the educator development continuum as highlighted by the DRIVE Task Force's 2021 Report to the Governor. Allows grant funds to be used for: (1) strengthening existing high school dual enrollment programs to offer education-based college credit or honors courses as streamlined pathways for future careers in education; (2) implementing targeted school system-level and community-based recruitment programs for aspiring educators of color interested in traditional and alternative educator preparation programs; (3) using and leveraging existing financial aid programs that reduce the disproportionate financial burden incurred by aspiring candidates of color; (4) increasing preparation and supporting preservice educators of color through paid clinical learning experiences, with a commitment to teaching in North Carolina public schools; (5) offering support for job placement and licensure for candidates of color after completing their educator preparation program; (6) providing induction and mentoring programs that address the needs of educators of color that include sustaining networking and professional learning communities or affinity groups; and (7) encouraging and financially supporting educators of color interested in joining national professional organizations or attending national conferences. Requires the State Board, by October 1, 2025, to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the grant program and for applicants to submit proposals by December 1, 2025. Requires that the RFP require proposals to include specified information, including plans for financial sustainability once grant money is no longer available. Requires a selection committee, by February 1, 2026, to select up to five grantees. Allows grants to be spent over a five-year period. Requires grant recipients to report annually to the State Board on the implementation of the program. Allows the State Board to use up to \$300,000 to contract with the DRIVE Network, housed at the Public School Forum of NC, Inc., to evaluate the impact of this grant program and then report to the specified NCGA committee and division and the OSBM by September 1, 2027. Requires the State Board to report annually on program implementation, beginning January 1, 2027.

Appropriates \$2 million in recurring funds for 2025-26 from the General Fund to DPI to implement the grant program. Allows unexpended funds to remain available instead of reverting to the General Fund.

Part III.

Requires the State Board to establish a grant program to assist local school administrative units in providing multi-year recruitment bonuses to certified teachers who commit to teach multiple years in a low-performing or high-needs school. Requires bonuses to include at least: (1) awards over multiple years with a requirement that teachers remain in the school over multiple years to receive the bonus and (2) awards to licensed teachers who commit to teach in a school identified as low-performing, a school identified as continually low-performing, or a school where 75% or more of students qualify for free or reduced-price lunch. Requires the State Board annually, by September 1, 2025, to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the grant program. Requires local boards of education to submit their proposals by December 1, 2025. Requires that the RFP require proposals to include specified information, including plans for financial sustainability once grant money is no longer available. Requires the State Board, by February 15, 2026, to review the proposal and select up to 10 local school administrative units for grants. Allows making grant awards for up to three years. Caps the grant amount to a local school administrative unit at \$500,000 in a single fiscal year. Allows the State Board to use up to \$300,000 to contract with an independent research organization to evaluate the impact of this grant program and then report to the specified NCGA committee and division and the OSBM by September 1, 2028. Requires DPI to report annually on program implementation, beginning March 1, 2026.

Appropriates \$15 million in recurring funds for 2025-26 from the General Fund to DPI for the grant program; allows unexpended funds to remain available for these purposes instead of reverting back to the General Fund.

Part IV.

Requires the State Board to establish a grant program to assist local school administrative units in the development of teacher preparation residency pilot programs. Requires teacher preparation residency programs eligible to receive grant funding through this program to include at least: (1) coursework in the candidate's area of licensure, (2) tuition and stipends, (3) faculty advising, (4) clinical training experiences, and (5) ongoing induction support. Allows programs to include partnerships between local school administrative units, educator preparation programs, local community colleges or universities, and other community organizations. Requires grant funds to be matched by the local school administrative units on the basis of \$1 in non-grant funds for every \$1 in grant funds. Requires the State Board, by October 1, 2025, to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the grant program and requires local boards of education to submit their proposals by January 15, 2026. Requires the RFP to require that proposals include specified information, including plans for financial sustainability once grant money is no longer available. Requires the State board to review proposals and select up to 10 local school administrative units as grant recipients by April 15, 2026. Allows making grant awards for up to three years. Caps the grant amount to a local school administrative unit at \$500,000 in a single fiscal year. Allows the State Board to use up to \$300,000 to contract with an independent research organization to evaluate the impact of this grant program and then report to the specified NCGA committee and division and the OSBM by September 1, 2029. Requires DPI to report annually on program implementation, beginning March 1, 2027.

Appropriates \$15 million in recurring funds for 2025-26 from the General Fund to DPI to implement the grant program; allows unexpended funds to remain available for these purposes instead of reverting back to the General Fund.

Part V.

Amends GS 116-209.45 by expanding upon eligible loan recipients for the Forgivable Education Loans for Service Program to include individuals with a bachelor's degree who are seeking preparation for teacher licensure. Amends the duties of the Loan Program's Advisory Group by requiring it to make recommendations on strategies to encourage participation in the Loan Program for potential recipients of color, specifically among individuals pursuing teacher licensure.

Part VI.

Removes the terms *qualifying licensure area* and *STEM* from the definitions under GS 116-209.60, which defines terms for use in Part 3 of Article 23 of GS Chapter 116, which governs the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program (Program). Makes conforming change to term *qualifying teacher*. No longer limits the Program to providing loans to individuals interested in preparing to teach in the State's public schools in those previously specified qualifying licensure areas, instead opening it more broadly to those preparing to teach in the State's public schools. Makes changes throughout the Part by removing references to "STEM" and "qualifying licensure area". Requires Program recruitment efforts to include identifying and encouraging students of color and students who may not otherwise consider a teaching career to enter the program. Requires the recruitment activities to include a strategy that attracts a diverse pool of applicants. Removes the cap on the number of participating institutions and specifies that the diverse selection of participating programs is to include minority-serving institutions. Doubles the amount of the loans. Modifies the forgivable loan amount distribution from semesterly to per academic year. Applies beginning with the 2025-26 academic year.

Appropriates \$5.7 million in recurring funds for 2025-26 from the General Fund to the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program Trust Fund to support an additional 490 teacher licensure candidates.

Part VII.

Amends GS 115C-26.35 expanding upon the items that must be included in an educator preparation program's (EPP) annual performance report to the State Board by also requiring the percentage of students of color (as defined) enrolling in and completing the program.

Amends GS 115C-269.50 adding the requirement that each EPP annually report to the State Board the five specified items regarding the diversity of identified persons disaggregated by race, sex, ethnicity, age, and disability status. Require that the State Board annually, beginning June 15, 2026, collect the information from those EPP annual reports and report those results to the specified NCGA committee.

Part VIII.

Beginning with applications for admission to an EPP in the 2025-26 academic year, repeals GS 115C-269.15(a), requiring minimum testing scores for admission to an EPP.

Part IX.

Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Hawkins, Baker, F. Jackson, von Haefen.

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

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H 911 (2025-2026) [OCCUP. & AMP PHYS. THERAPIST SALARIES/EMPLOYMENT](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO REVISE AND PUBLICIZE SALARY SCHEDULES FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND PHYSICAL THERAPISTS, TO PROVIDE SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND PHYSICAL THERAPISTS, AND TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT A WORKFORCE REPORT FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND PHYSICAL THERAPISTS.*

Part I

Revises the minimum salary schedule for occupational and physical therapists employed full time by local boards of education in GS 115C-316(b1). Specifies that the salary schedule must be based on years of experience as a licensed therapist, divided evenly, no more than five years apart, and limited to a maximum of 30 years' experience. Requires each local board to report the salary schedule by October 15th of each year to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), which must then report to the specified NCGA Committee. Mandates that for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, a therapist must receive the greater of either the applicable amount under the salary schedule or the salary they received for 2024-2025.

Part II

Provides that in the 2025-2026 fiscal year, occupational and physical therapists employed full time at public schools will receive a monthly salary supplement equal to (1) 10% of a teacher on the "A" salary schedule who had five years more experience than the therapist, and (2) \$350. Also specifies that these therapists are eligible for salary supplements equal to those of teachers and support staff who have six-year degrees or doctoral degrees. Effective July 1, 2025, only if the General Assembly appropriates funds to DPI to provide the supplements in this part.

Part III

Enacts GS 115C-316.3 (Occupational therapist and physical therapist workforce report), requiring local boards of education to submit a report no later than February 15th of each year to DPI showing the number of occupational and physical therapists employed in local units, along with third-party contractors and vacant positions. Directs DPI to prepare a report by April 15th of each year for the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee with the information collected from each local board report.

Intro. by Crawford.

[GS 115C](#)

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H 912 (2025-2026) [THE HOMETOWN OPP. FOR MENTORING EDUCATORS ACT](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO CREATE THE HOMETOWN TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM, CALLED THE H.O.M.E. (HOMETOWN OPPORTUNITIES FOR MENTORING EDUCATORS) ACT*.

Enacts new GS 115C-269.33 creating the Hometown Teacher Grant Program to provide grants to local school administrative units to award salary supplements for eligible teachers. Tasks the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) with developing standards and eligibility parameters for the program. Defines *eligible students* as those who attended school for five years in the local administrative unit or graduated from a high school in the unit. Defines *eligible teachers* as those who agree to remain employed as a teacher in the same unit where they were qualified as an eligible student. Provides for a \$500 monthly salary supplement to eligible teachers who enter into an agreement under the Program, subject to fund availability. Directs local boards of education that receive grants under the Program to promote the Program to high school students. Requires an annual report on the Program to the specified General Assembly committee, including information about funds awarded, the number of award recipients, placement rates, and recommendations for improvement. Appropriates \$10 million from the General Fund in recurring funds for each fiscal year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium to the DPI for administration of the Program. Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Winslow, Paré, Willis, Biggs.

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

H 913 (2025-2026) [LIABILITY/UNFAIR/DECEPTIVE DEVELOP. ACTIONS](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO HOLD LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ACCOUNTABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT DECISIONS*.

Enacts GS 160D-1425, establishing authority and requirements of courts with regard to civil actions brought against local governments under Article 14 of the Chapter for decisions made or actions taken in violation of the Chapter's zoning and development laws. Authorizes courts to allow plaintiffs to recover reasonable attorneys' fees attributed to the action, and mandates the court award such fees when plaintiffs successfully show that the local government intentionally acted in violation of the Chapter; intentionally delayed action on a development approval to cause the plaintiff to seek the civil action; or acted in a flagrantly unfair or deceptive manner with respect to the development approval with intent to cause initiation of the civil action. Mandates the award of punitive damages in an amount up to 10 times the damages (as defined) where the plaintiff successfully shows the local government acted in a flagrantly unfair or deceptive manner with respect to the development approval with intent to cause initiation of the civil action. Bars award of attorneys' fees when the court finds that the local government acted in reasonable reliance on specified court orders and judgments or opinions, decisions, and letters of the Attorney General. Applies to causes of action arising on or after October 1, 2025.

Intro. by Brody.

[GS 160D](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Development, Land Use and Housing, Land Use, Planning and Zoning, Government, Local Government](#)

H 914 (2025-2026) [HIGHER ED./RELIGIOUS INST. AFFORDABLE HOUSING](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ALLOW BY RIGHT DEVELOPMENT IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES OF LAND OWNED BY AN INDEPENDENT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION FOR THE PURPOSES OF CREATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING*.

Enacts GS 160D-917 (Higher education and religious institutions residential use), which allows construction of residential development by right and to the same extent as areas zoned residential on land owned by independent higher education

institutions and religious institutions in cities with 50,000 or more residents. Establishes requirements, including (1) the land was owned on or before January 1, 2026; (2) the development is not in a local historic district; (3) the development does not adjoin a site that is put to more than 1/3 light industrial use; (4) the housing units are not located within 1,200 feet of a heavy industrial use; (5) at least 80% of the units are reserved for low income residents, with an exception for 5% of the units being for managers or staff of the institution; and (6) the development otherwise complies with development standards and codes.

Allows ancillary uses in single-family residential areas of child care centers and facilities operated by community organizations, and in other zones, commercial uses permitted without a conditional use permit. Specifies that any development eligible under the statute also includes any use previously existing and permitted by a local government, if the nonresidential space doesn't exceed the amount previously permitted and the parking and new uses follow the same requirements and conditions.

Provides for a density of 40 units per acre and a height of one story above the maximum height for the parcel if the development is in an area not zoned for residential use and specifies that if a city allows an adjoining parcel greater density or building height, that greater density or height will apply to the development.

Requires off-street parking of at least one space per unit unless a lower requirement from the city applies, or if the development is within ½ mile of a transit stop or in a transit-oriented development district.

Specifies that the definition of independent higher education institution is the same as an eligible private postsecondary institution in GS 116-280(3) and the definition of religious institution is the same as GS 131F-2(17).

Effective October 1, 2025.

Intro. by Dew.

[GS 160D](#)

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

H 915 (2025-2026) [REENACT FILM CREDIT](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO REENACT THE CREDIT FOR QUALIFYING EXPENSES OF A PRODUCTION COMPANY*.

Reenacts GS 105-151.29, the individual income tax credit for qualifying expenses of film or tv production companies, and recodifies the statute as GS 105-153.12.

Defines qualifying expenses for purposes of the section to include expenses spent in the state on goods and services, wages, and insurance coverage, but excluding salaries paid to highly compensated individuals receiving over \$1,000,000. Allows a credit of 25% of qualifying expenses for productions with at least \$250,000 in qualifying expenses.

Makes a pass-through entity the taxpayer for purposes of claiming the tax credit. Requires a return filed in the year claiming the taxable credit to show all qualifying expenses. Makes the credit refundable.

Limits the amount of credit allowed under the statute to \$20,000,000. Excludes productions that are for political advertising, news or live sporting events, obscene materials, or radio productions.

Requires the taxpayer to maintain records and make them available to the Department of Revenue upon request.

Includes the amount of credit under this statute in the economic incentives the department must report under GS 105-256.

Requires the taxpayer to notify the Division of Tourism, Film, and Sports Development in the Department of Commerce of their intent to claim the credit and provide the required information to the department. Specifies that the production must acknowledge the NC Film Office and the regional film office for the area of production in the credits of the production.

Repeals the sunset provision in former subsection (k).

Reenacts GS 105-130.47, which has effectively the same language and creates a credit applicable to corporation income tax, and repeals the sunset provision in former subsection (k).

Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

Intro. by Dew, Cervania.

GS 105

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development, Government, Tax

H 916 (2025-2026) **STRENGTHEN DO NOT CALL/TEXT REGISTRY**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE DO NOT CALL/DO NOT TEXT REGISTRY*.

Amends GS 75-101 to include creating a lead or referral for compensation in the definition of telephone solicitation. Amends the definition of telephone solicitor to include subagents, contractors, or other third-party vendors, and to include any party that receives a sales lead or incoming call that was generated by a telephone call to a telephone subscriber.

Amends GS 75-102 to require that a telephone solicitor must stop contacting a telephone subscriber who is on the Do Not Call list and who indicates they do not want to be contacted further within 30 business days. Previously the section provided for 60 business days.

Amends GS 75-104 subsection (a) to provide that no person, directly or through a salesperson, agent, subagent, contractor, or other third party vendor, may use automatic dialing and recorded messages to make unsolicited calls. Previously this subsection did not reference other third parties. Creates new subsection (c), which makes jointly liable any party that knows the sales leads or incoming calls it receives were generated by calls placed by another party in violation of subsection (a).

Intro. by Harrison, Morey.

GS 75

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Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection

H 917 (2025-2026) **ESTABLISH DATA DIVISION**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE DATA ANALYTICS, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY DIVISION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY*.

Section 1: Reenacts repealed statutes in Chapter 143E of the General Statutes (The North Carolina Measurability Assessment Act of 2016), Article 7C (Program Evaluation) of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes (General Assembly), and GS 120-32(1)j., GS 120-79(c), GS 120-131.1(a1), and GS 143-49(16).

Section 2: Adds requirement to GS 63A-23 that the North Carolina Global Transpark Authority provide its annual report to the Data Analytics, Transparency, and Accountability Division of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Section 3: Adds requirement to GS 90-414(b) that the North Carolina Health Information Exchange Authority shall provide, upon request, aggregate analysis of data and information provided through the Health Information Exchange (HIE) to the Data Analytics, Transparency, and Accountability Division of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Section 4: Adds requirement to GS 120-32.01 that State departments, agencies, or institutions shall furnish, upon request, information, records, and access to personnel and facilities to the Data Analytics, Transparency, and Accountability Division of the North Carolina General Assembly. Also provides access to BEACON/HR payroll by the Data Analytics, Transparency, and Accountability Division of the North Carolina General Assembly through the Fiscal Research Division Director and two employees of the Division as designated by the Director.

Section 5: Amends GS 126-85(c) to extend protections from retaliation to State employees who make certain reports to the Data Analytics, Transparency, and Accountability Division of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Section 6: Amends GS 143-341.2(a) to add the Data Analytics, Transparency, and Accountability Division of the North Carolina General Assembly to the list of required State agencies to which the Department of Administration must make reports

about its comprehensive State facilities plan and its performance management procedures and the State's portfolio of real property. This section applies to reports due on or after July 1, 2025.

Section 7: Appropriates from the General Fund to the General Assembly \$2,000,000 for 2025-26 in recurring funds for reenacting and operating the Data Analytics, Transparency, and Accountability Division of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Section 8: Revisor of Statutes is directed to replace "Program Evaluation Division" with "Data Analytics, Transparency, and Accountability Division" in the General Statutes.

Section 9: Effective date July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Cervania, Howard, Logan.

[APPROP, GS 63A, GS 90, GS 120, GS 126, GS 143, GS 143E](#)

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, General Assembly, State Agencies, State Government, State Personnel, Health and Human Services, Health](#)

H 918 (2025-2026) [STANDARDIZED TESTING CHOICE ACT](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USE OF STANDARDIZED TESTS FOR ADMISSIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO INCLUDE THE CLT10 AMONG STANDARDIZED TESTS OFFERED IN HIGH SCHOOL.*

Part I

Enacts GS 116-11.5, setting minimum standardized testing requirements for admission and scholarships at the University of North Carolina constituent institutions. Specifies that if an institution requires or permits an applicant to submit a standardized test score from any of the SAT, the ACT, or a test known as the Classic Learning Test (CLT), then it must permit an applicant to submit a score from the other two tests. Requires that if the institution sets a minimum score for one of the tests, it must accept a concordant minimum score on any of the other two tests. Applicable beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year.

Part II

Amends GS 115C-174.18 to require that students in eighth through tenth grades who are eligible must be given an opportunity to take the CLT10 test, in addition to the existing requirement for the PSAT/NMSQT or the PreACT test. Makes corresponding changes to the title of the part and the statute. Applicable beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year.

Intro. by Blackwell, Torbett, Willis.

[GS 115C, GS 116](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies, UNC System](#)

H 919 (2025-2026) [FAIR ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO PROTECT CONSUMERS THROUGH FAIR ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES.*

Enacts GS 53C-6-21, listing five factors for which it is unlawful for a bank to deny or cancel services, or otherwise discriminate against, a person, including (1) the person's political opinions, speech, or affiliations; (2) any factor that is not quantitative, impartial, and risk-based standard, including those related to the person's business; and (3) the use of rating, scoring, analysis, tabulation or action that considers a social credit score based on five criteria, such as lawful ownership of a firearm. Authorizes banks to offer services based on subjective standards upon full disclosure and explanations provided to the person before contracting for the service, subject to the person's attestation of the bank's compliance with the requirement. Requires banks to annually attest, under penalty of perjury, their compliance with the statute. Creates a cause of action for persons aggrieved by a bank's violation of the provisions. Deems any violation an unfair and deceptive trade practice.

Amends GS 54B-78 and GS 54C-64, making new GS 53C-6-21 applicable to State associations and State savings banks.
Makes technical changes.

Enacts GS 54-109.23, making new GS 53C-6-21 applicable to credit unions, and requires annual reports of credit unions be submitted to the Administrator of Credit Unions.

Enacts GS 58-63-15(7)e. to add to the acts constituting unfair discrimination which are unfair and deceptive trade practices, refusing to insure or charging a different rate solely in consideration of the risks relating to environmental, social, and governance criteria, as defined by state law; diversity, equity, or inclusion policies; or political and ideological factors, unless the refusal or different rate is the result of the application of sound underwriting and actuarial principles related to actual or reasonably anticipated loss experience.

Intro. by Scott, Balkcom, N. Jackson, Biggs.

[GS 53C](#), [GS 54](#), [GS 54B](#), [GS 54C](#), [GS 58](#)

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Banking and Finance

H 920 (2025-2026) [NC DIGITAL ASSET FREEDOM ACT](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF DIGITAL ASSETS IN ECONOMIC TRANSACTIONS AND IN THE PAYMENT OF TAXES AND TO ESTABLISH PROTECTIONS FOR NEW CUSTOMERS TRANSMITTING DIGITAL ASSETS.*

Enacts GS Chapter 66, Article 52 (North Carolina Digital Asset Freedom Act), and presents the General Assembly's findings that digital assets are useful mediums for economic exchange and transactions. Provides for the scope of the Article in GS 66-513, including the characteristics of the digital currency that qualify under the Article. Requires a decentralized digital currency with market longevity of at least 10 years, market capitalization of at least \$750,000,000,000, daily volume of \$10,000,000,000, commodity status from the federal SEC, proof-of-work mechanism for security, and a predictable and non-inflationary supply. Recognizes digital currency falling under the scope of the Article as a valid medium of exchange in North Carolina in GS 66-514. Provides privacy and security protections for transactions in digital currency in GS 66-515. Allows in GS 66-516 for payment of taxes in digital currency as allowed under GS 105-241.

Enacts GS 53-208.70, imposing a daily transaction limit of \$2,000 on new customers within the first 72 hours of using virtual currency kiosks. Establishes a refund procedure if the new customer was fraudulently induced to transmit currency in the kiosk.

Amends GS 105-241 (Where and how taxes payable) to include a reference to taxes being payable in digital currency under the new GS 66-513 in subsection (a). Creates new subsection (a1), which specifies that the payment amount is the digital-to-dollar exchange rate in effect at the time of payment, and a reported transaction is the digital-to-dollar exchange rate in effect at the time of the transaction. Directs the Department of Revenue to maintain digital currency exchange rates on its website and update them daily.

Contains a severability clause.

Makes the provisions regarding digital currency payment of taxes in GS 66-516 and GS 105-241 effective January 1, 2026.

Intro. by N. Jackson, Ross, Biggs.

[GS 66](#), [GS 105](#)

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Government, State Agencies, Department of Revenue, Tax

H 921 (2025-2026) [ABC & AMP GAMING OMNIBUS BILL](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ALCOHOL LAWS OF THIS STATE, TO REVISE THE LAW GOVERNING GAME NIGHTS, AND TO REMOVE THE LIMITATIONS ON RAFFLES FOR 50/50 RAFFLES CONDUCTED BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS OR GOVERNMENT ENTITIES.*

Amends GS 18B-200 to allow ABC stores to comply with the requirement to display spirits distilled or produced in NC in an area dedicated solely to NC products by identifying the product as a NC product by a price or shelf tag.

Section 2

Amends GS 18B-1001(12a), which provides for mobile bar services permits and requires such permittees to purchase spirituous liquor from a mixed beverage ABC store operating in the same county where the permittee's principal place of business is operated. Specifies that the requirement only applies if the permittee serves spirituous liquor.

Section 3

Repeals GS 18B-1116(a)(4), which prohibits manufacturers, bottlers, and wholesalers of alcoholic beverages from providing draft line cleaning services to alcoholic beverage retailers unless the retailer pays fair market value for the services.

Section 4

Amends GS 18B-404 to allow mixed beverage permittees to purchase spirituous liquor from any mixed beverage ABC store in the State rather than only those designated as mixed beverage ABC stores by the local board operating in the same county as the permittee. Makes technical changes.

Section 5

Amends GS 153A-145.7 to allow a county to adopt an ordinance permitting Sunday operation of ABC stores if the local ABC board petitions the board of county commissioners to do so. Enacts the same procedure and authority for cities by amending GS 160A-205.3, and for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and Catawba Indian Nation by creating new subsection (b2) in GS 18B-112. Makes conforming changes to include the possibility of Sunday sales at ABC stores in GS 18B-802 and GS 18B-1004(c). Amends GS 18B-802 to prohibit opening the store or selling alcoholic beverages before 10:00 am on a Sunday where Sunday sales are authorized by local appointing authorizes, or noon where Sunday sales are authorized by either tribal nation.

Section 6

Enacts Article 14, GS Chapter 18B, Premixed Cocktail Franchise Law. Details the Article's purpose and defined terms. Defines the nature of a franchise agreement between a wholesaler or supplier whereby a wholesaler is granted the right to offer and sell the brands of premixed cocktails offered by the supplier, or a supplier grants to a wholesaler a license to use a trade name, trademark, service mark, or related characteristic and in which there is a community of interest in the marking of products of the supplier by lease or otherwise. Lists four situations that create a franchise agreement, including (1) when the supplier has shipped malt premixed cocktails to a wholesaler or accepted an order for premixed cocktails from the wholesaler, or (2) when a wholesaler has paid or the supplier has accepted payment for an order of premixed cocktails intended for sale within the State. Makes it unlawful for a supplier to provide premixed cocktails to a wholesaler unless the supplier has notified the ABC Commission (Commission) of the brands the wholesaler is authorized to sell and the territory for the sales. Details limitations and requirements of distribution agreements and exceptions thereunder. Prohibits discrimination in distribution to retail permittees except, at the direction of retail permit holder, retail permit holder private label brands, as defined. Bars establishing or maintaining a resell price of any brand of premixed cocktails by a wholesaler through a franchise agreement. Enumerates ten prohibited actions of suppliers and their agents, including (1) terminating, canceling, or not renewing, or an attempt to do the same, a franchise agreement on the basis that the wholesaler fails to agree or consent to an amendment to the agreement; and (2) refusing to approve or require a wholesaler to terminate a brand manager or successor manager without good cause, limited as described. Establishes criteria for terminating a franchise agreement based on good cause, subject to specified periods for the supplier to give notice and an opportunity for the wholesaler to take corrective action. Lists six circumstances where termination is permitted without advanced notice. Details seven actions or circumstances that do not constitute good cause, including the desire of a supplier to consolidate its franchises. Establishes a right of action for a wholesaler whose franchise agreement is altered, terminated, or not renewed in violation of the Article, and provides for available relief. Provides rights, procedures, and available damages for transfers or mergers of interests in a wholesaler's business. Incorporates the Article's provisions into all franchise agreements and prohibits altering its provisions or waiving or superseding a wholesaler's rights thereunder. Authorizes the Commission to require participation in mediation for disputes arising under the Article and details the mediation procedures and requirements.

Enacts GS 18B-1109.1, setting forth authorities of a spirituous liquor wholesaler permit holder with regard to premixed cocktails. Enacts GS 18B-1113.2, setting forth authorities of a nonresident premixed cocktail vendor permit holder with regard

to premixed cocktails.

Adds to the authorities of a liquor importer/bottler permit under GS 18B-1105.1 to include receiving premixed cocktails in closed containers into the State for storage, sale, shipment, and transshipment to premixed cocktail wholesalers for purposes of resale.

Amends GS 18B-1100 and GS 18B-902, authorizing the Commission to issue premixed cocktail wholesaler permits and nonresident premixed cocktail vendor permits and setting their application fees at \$300 and \$100, respectively.

Amends GS 18B-804 to make the uniform State retail price set in subsection (a) applicable to the price of premixed cocktails sold by a mixed beverages permittee if the premixed cocktails were purchased from a premixed cocktail wholesaler permit holder.

Adds to the authorized acts of the holder of a salesman permit under GS 7B-1111 to include selling and transporting premixed cocktails for a premixed cocktail wholesaler.

Amends GS 18B-1115, exempting premixed cocktails from the provisions of subsections (b) and (e) pertaining to the transportation of spirituous liquor. Makes technical and clarifying changes.

Amends GS 18B-1110.1 to authorize the holder of a packaging and logistics permit to deliver and ship premixed cocktails in closed containers to licensed suppliers and wholesalers.

Expands GS 18B-105(c) to authorize premixed cocktail wholesalers to give, furnish, rent, loan, or sell retailer advertising specialty items and product displays to retail permittees, subject to existing limitations for beer and wine wholesalers.

Amends GS 18B-112(f) to exempt premixed cocktails sold to mixed beverages permittees by premixed cocktail wholesaler permittees from the purchasing restrictions set forth for purchases by a tribal alcoholic beverage control commission.

Amends GS 18B-204 to specify that the statute does not prohibit the receipt, storage, and distribution of premixed cocktails pursuant to specified Articles of the Chapter.

Amends GS 18B-404 to authorize a mixed beverage permittee to purchase premixed cocktails from a premixed cocktail wholesaler permittee.

Amends GS 18B-603 to authorize sports clubs holding mixed beverage permits to purchase their premixed cocktails from premixed cocktail wholesaler permittees.

Makes conforming changes to GS 18B-900 relating to residency requirements for nonresident premixed cocktail vendor permit applicants.

Makes conforming changes to GS 105-113.68(a)(13) to include premixed cocktail wholesaler permittees in the definition of wholesaler.

Amends GS 105-113.79, authorizing cities to require and charge an annual tax for premixed cocktail wholesaler licensees for business in the city.

Amends GS 105-113.80, establishing a 30% excise tax on premixed cocktails. Specifies that the price taxes is that calculated pursuant to GS 18B-804(b). Amends GS 105-113.81, making the tax exemption for product rendered unsalable by a major disaster applicable to premixed cocktails. Makes conforming changes. Amends GS 105-113.83 to detail payment and filing requirements for wholesalers and importers.

Amends GS 105-113.83A to require premixed cocktail wholesaler permittees and nonresident premixed cocktail vendor permittees to register with the Secretary of Revenue.

Applies to premixed cocktails sold on or after October 1, 2025.

Section 7

Amends GS 18B-101 to include manufactured and packaged whipped cream containing at least 0.5% alcohol by volume in the definition of *alcohol consumable*. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2025.

Section 8

Amends GS 18B-800 to require the local board conducting a lottery or other random drawing to sell apportioned products, as defined, to customers of an ABC store to give 30 days' written notice to mixed beverage permittees. Permits electronic notice. Applies to lotteries or other random drawings to sell apportioned products on or after July 1, 2025.

Section 9

Enacts GS 18B-1005(c) establishing conditions that ABC permit holders can satisfy to offer temporary pricing adjustments on alcoholic beverages sold by the establishment, such as offering the pricing within a specified and limited duration on a single business day. Applies establishments holding an on-premises malt beverage permit, on-premises unfortified wine permit, on-premises fortified wine permit, and/or mixed beverages permit. Applies to alcoholic beverages sold on or after October 1, 2025.

Section 10

Amends GS 18B-300.1(f) to allow a permittee business that is not permitted to sell mixed beverages to allow a customer to possess and consume on the business's premises mixed beverages purchased from a mixed beverages permittee in the social district.

Section 11

Amends GS 18B-1002 to clarify that nonprofit organizations holding ticketed events for fund-raising on specified permitted premises are not required to obtain a one-time permit if the wine, malt beverages, and spirituous liquor sold at the event are sold by a retail permittee from the retail permittee's inventory.

Section 12

Amends GS 18B-905 to provide for an applicant for an ABC permit under GS 18B- 1001 or GS 18B-1100 to submit a sworn affidavit with their application stating they have applied to the local government for the Inspection/Zoning Compliance and Local Government Opinion approvals required for the application, in lieu of those approvals. Requires the person to send the approvals or denials to the Commission within three business days of receipt. Applies to applications received on or after October 1, 2025.

Section 13

Amends GS 18B-1010, eliminating the restrictions for selling and delivering alcoholic beverages to a single patron based on type of alcoholic beverage. Instead, enacts a general restriction to limit holders of an on-premises malt beverage permit, on-premises unfortified wine permit, on-premises fortified wine permit, or mixed beverages permit from selling and delivering more than two alcoholic beverage drinks at one time to a single patron. Applies to alcoholic beverages sold on or after October 1, 2025.

Section 14

No longer allows possession and consumption of up to eight liters of fortified wine or spirituous liquor, or the two combined, without an ABC permit at properties not primarily used for commercial purposes and not open to the public at a time of possession with consent of the property owner for the possession and consumption. Applies to fortified wine and spirituous liquor possessed and consumed on or after October 1, 2025.

Section 15

Amends GS 14-309.28 to increase the annual limit on game nights for those conducted or sponsored by an exempt organization from four to 24, and for those hosted by a qualified facility from two to 24. Applies to game nights conducted on or after October 1, 2025.

Section 16

Amends GS 14-309.15, governing raffles, to exempt 50/50 raffles from the restrictions for raffles set forth in subsections (c) through (g) of the section, which provide for annual caps on the number of raffles, maximum prize amounts, a prohibition against raffles conducted in conjunction with bingo, requirements for raffle proceeds, and limitations on offering real property prizes. Defines "50/50" raffle as a raffle conducted by a nonprofit organization or any government entity within the State

whereby funds collected by the sale of raffle tickets are split evenly between the prize winner(s) and the organization or entity after the raffle drawing. Applies to offenses committed before or after December 1, 2025.

Section 17

Includes a severability clause.

Intro. by Pickett, Pyrtle, Cairns.

[GS 14, GS 18B, GS 105](#)

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[Alcoholic Beverage Control, Business and Commerce, Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Tax, Local Government, Nonprofits](#)

H 922 (2025-2026) [NORTH CAROLINA CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT THAT REVISES CERTAIN DEFINITIONS IN PUBLIC UTILITY LAW AND ADDS ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO PROTECT RATEPAYERS FROM PAYING UNJUST OR UNREASONABLE FEES TO PUBLIC UTILITIES.*

Substantively identical to [S 720](#), filed 3/25/25.

Adds terms advertising, Commission (NC Utilities Commission), lobbying, political influence activities, public official, public utility, rate base, regulatory matters, and test-year method to GS 62-133.8. Makes technical changes. Expands the fees that must be just and reasonable under GS 62-131 to include tolls, charges, and schedules made by public utilities. Specifies that those fees will only be deemed reasonable if all of the three listed criteria are met, including (1) the utility demonstrates that the aggregate rates provide revenues that are no greater than the actual costs incurred in serving NC customers, as described; (2) the utility demonstrates that no part of its rates, tolls, or charges include recovery of the 13 described prohibited costs; and (3) rates must equitably classify customer groups and ensure fairness across all categories, including residential, commercial, and industrial customers. Authorizes the Commission to apply a test-year method of estimating revenue needs and to approve special rates or contracts for individual customers or customer classes if it determines that such measures are in the public interest, do not unreasonably burden other customers, and align with State emissions reductions goals.

Enacts GS 62-131A, preventing public utilities from attempting to recover in rates any of the listed prohibited costs in GS 62-131. Requires regulated public utilities to submit an annual report to the Commission on the four specified matters, including a written, itemized description of any expenses associated with prohibited activities. Requires the Commission to review those reports for compliance with the act. Requires a public utility to clearly and conspicuously disclose in all its public messaging and advertising whether the costs of the public messaging or advertising are being paid for by the corporation's shareholders or ratepayers and publish its report to the Commission on its website. Requires the Commission to: (1) impose penalties on public utilities that recover prohibited costs through rates, equal to the amount improperly recovered and refund them to the ratepayers; and (2) assess civil penalties for the described violations that is not less than \$50,000 or more than \$150,000 per violation. Describes how these settlements and penalty funds are to be used. Enacts GS 62-131B authorizing the Commission to adopt alternative regulatory mechanisms, including performance-based rates or special customer rates, provided that such measures accomplish all of the following: (1) protect the public interest; (2) ensure equitable treatment across customer classes; and (3) do not compromise the reliability of electric service. Before approving any alternative regulatory plan, requires the Commission to ensure that the plan will not increase costs for other customers beyond reasonable limits or conflict with State energy goals, including renewable energy deployment. Requires the Commission to initiate rulemaking to amend its rules by November 1, 2025, to implement the act. Specifies that the rules cannot require public utilities to file more than one annual report related to advertising and political activities, except as required under GS 62-133.6.

Contains a severability clause.

Intro. by Harrison, Hawkins, von Haefen, Cervania.

[GS 62](#)

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[Public Enterprises and Utilities](#)

H 923 (2025-2026) [PROTECT PERSONAL INFO/JUDICIAL PERSONNEL](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE CITIES AND COUNTIES TO REMOVE PERSONAL INFORMATION FROM WEBSITES MAINTAINED BY COUNTIES AND CITIES WHEN REQUESTED BY CERTAIN PROSECUTORS, PUBLIC DEFENDERS, AND JUDICIAL PERSONNEL, AND TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PERSONNEL RECORDS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.*

For purposes of the act, defines personal information to include the physical address and phone number, but not the name, of the individual. Enacts GS 153A-148.2 and GS 160A-208.2 to require counties and cities, respectively, to develop and make available a process by which any named official can request that the county or city remove that individual's personal information from any website maintained by that county or city and available to the general public. Allows for the request to include removal of personal information of the individual's spouse. Limits the right to request removal of personal information to: (1) a State judge, justice, or magistrate; (2) a district attorney or assistant district attorney; (3) a prosecutor employed by the NC Department of Justice; (4) a US Attorney or Assistant US Attorney; (5) a public defender or assistant public defender; and (6) a federal judge. Details required content of written requests. Requires the county or city to remove the personal information if properly requested, and prohibits placing the information on the website again without written revocation from the individual. Deems the request or revocation not public record. Specifies that personal information removed from the website continues to be public record if it would otherwise be subject to disclosure under GS Chapter 132. Grants civil immunity to counties and cities and their officers, officials, employees and agents, past and present, acting within the course and scope of their duties and pursuant to the statute.

Requires counties and cities to develop and implement the above described process by October 1, 2025.

Amends GS 153A-98 and GS 160A-168 to prohibit counties and cities from disclosing county or city law enforcement officer employee's information concerning the officer's residence (previously prohibited from disclosing information that might identify the residence; previously specified the disclosures were prohibited even if considered part of an employee's personnel file).

Intro. by Chesser, Schietzelt, Alston.

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

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[Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Government, Public Records and Open Meetings, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Government, State Personnel](#)

H 924 (2025-2026) [BOARD FOR GEN. CONTRACTORS/CRIM. REFERRALS](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR GENERAL CONTRACTORS TO REFER VIOLATIONS TO APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.*

Enacts new GS 87-13.2, allowing the State Licensing Board for General Contractors to refer violations of Article 1 of GS Chapter 87 to law enforcement or the district attorney if it has reasonable grounds to believe that a person committed a violation subject to criminal penalty. Allows the Board to disclose confidential investigative records as part of such a referral. Provides that nothing in Article 1 shall be construed to limit the Board's ability to assist in criminal prosecutions, and that nothing in the Article limits the power of the State to punish any person for any conduct that constitutes a crime under any other statute. Authorizes the Board to adopt rules to implement the new statute. Effective October 1, 2025, for violations committed on or after that date.

Intro. by Greene, Budd, Brody, Arp.

[GS 87](#)

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction](#)

Enacts new Article 94, Consumers in Crisis Protection Act (Act), in GS Chapter 58, providing as follows.

Sets out and defines terms as they are used in the act. Defines a consumer legal funding company as a person that enters into a consumer legal funding transaction with a consumer, whether or not the person is registered under this Article.

Defines consumer legal funding contract as a contract for a consumer legal funding transaction. Defines consumer legal funding transaction as a nonrecourse transaction in which a consumer sells an unvested, contingent future interest in the potential net proceeds of a settlement or judgment obtained from a legal claim so long as: (1) the consumer is required to use the funds to address personal needs or household expenses; (2) the consumer is prohibited from using the funds to pay for attorneys' fees, legal filings, legal marketing, legal document preparation or drafting, appeals, expert testimony, or other litigation-related expenses; and (3) the consumer is not required to use the funds in a particular manner, including to make specific payments or secure specific services.

Requires registering as a consumer legal funding company with the Commissioner of Insurance (Commissioner) before entering into a consumer legal funding transaction with a consumer. Requires submission of a registration fee and proof of financial stability. Voids a consumer legal funding contract between a consumer and a consumer legal funding company that has not registered under this Article. Sets the registration and renewal fee at \$1,000 and requires registrations to be renewed every three years. Allows a consumer legal funding company's registration or renewal to be denied for failure to comply with this Article. Exempts from the Article: (1) a consumer's immediate family member; (2) a bank, lender, financing entity, or other special purpose entity that either provides financing to a consumer legal funding company or receives an interest in a consumer legal funding from a consumer legal funding company; and (3) an attorney or accountant who provides services to a consumer.

Specifies that a consumer legal funding transaction that complies with this Article is not a loan and is not subject to any provision of law governing loans or investment contracts. Provides that to the extent that this Article conflicts with any other law, this Article supersedes that law for purposes of regulating consumer legal funding transactions in this State.

Sets out content that must be included in an application for registration. Allows the Commissioner to deem an application abandoned if the applicant fails to respond to a written request for information by the Commissioner within 30 days of the date of the request.

Requires a consumer legal funding company, before entering into a consumer legal funding transaction in this State, to file a template of a consumer legal funding contract with the Commissioner. Requires the contract to be written using plain language and be understandable to the average consumer who makes a reasonable effort under ordinary circumstances to read and comprehend the terms of the contract without needing professional assistance. Requires that all terms of the consumer legal funding contract be completed when it is presented to the consumer for their signature. Sets out required content for the contract. Requires the contract to include consumer disclosures, including 11 specified disclosures, on the first two pages, including a description of a consumer's right to rescission, total amount due from the consumer in six-month intervals for 36 months, and a statement that, if the net proceeds of the claim are insufficient to repay the consumer's financial obligation to the company, defined as the complete funded amount and charges, the consumer is not responsible to the company for any amount in excess of the net proceeds. Also requires the contract to include a written acknowledgment by the attorney retained by the consumer for the legal claim that attests to seven specified requirements, including that to the best of the attorney's knowledge, the funded amounts and any charges relating to the consumer legal funding transaction have been disclosed to the consumer, and that gross proceeds of the legal claim must be deposited into the client trust account of the attorney or a settlement fund established to receive the gross proceeds of the legal claim on behalf of the consumer. Specifies that failure of the attorney to provide this written attestation renders the contract null and void; however, the contract remains valid and enforceable if subsequent to execution, a consumer moves to substitute counsel or pursue the legal claim pro se.

Provides that if a consumer obtains no recovery from the consumer's legal claim, the consumer is not required to repay a consumer legal funding company unless the consumer committed fraud against the consumer legal funding company. Provides that if the net proceeds of the claim are insufficient to repay the consumer's financial obligation to the company, defined as the complete funded amount plus authorized charges, the consumer is not responsible to the company for any amount in excess of the net proceeds. Limits the charges a consumer legal funding company may charge a consumer to the following. (1) Upon funding, a charge not to exceed 18% of the funded amount and a servicing charge not to exceed 3.5% of the funded amount. (2) Upon every subsequent six-month anniversary, a charge not to exceed 18% of the funded amount and a servicing charge not to exceed 3.5% of the funded amount. If, however, within five days after the start of a new six-month interval, the consumer legal

funding company receives payment of the full amount owed by the consumer for the immediately preceding six-month interval, no additional charges can be charged for the new six-month interval. (3) A document preparation charge, not to exceed \$250, that may be deducted from the funded amount. Prohibits charges from accruing on a consumer legal funding transaction more than 36 months after execution of the consumer legal funding contract; however, allows the company to assess charges on any additional funding, whether by amendment to the consumer legal funding contract or by execution of a new consumer legal funding contract, for 36 months after the provision of the additional funding.

Prohibits a legal funding company from performing 12 specified acts, including (1) paying or offering to pay commissions, referral fees, or any other form of consideration to any attorney, law firm, health care provider, or an employee of a law firm or health care provider for referring a consumer to the company; (2) providing legal advice to the consumer regarding the consumer legal funding transaction or the underlying legal claim; and (3) reporting a consumer to a credit reporting agency if insufficient funds remain from the net proceeds to repay the company unless the consumer has committed fraud against the consumer legal funding company.

Prohibits an attorney retained by a consumer for a legal claim from having a financial interest in the consumer legal funding company offering consumer legal funding to the consumer. Also prohibits an attorney who has referred the consumer to the consumer's retained attorney from having a financial interest in the consumer legal funding company offering consumer legal funding to the consumer. Specifies that a consumer legal funding contract that violates these requirements is null and void, and no person has a right to collect, attempt to collect, receive, or retain any funded amount or charges related to the consumer legal funding.

Specifies that communications between a consumer's attorney and a consumer legal funding company necessary to ascertain the status of a legal claim or a legal claim's expected value are not discoverable by a party with whom the claim is filed or against whom the claim is asserted.

Requires a consumer, within 30 calendar days of receipt of a written request, to disclose to any party to a legal claim whether the consumer has entered into a consumer legal funding transaction. Requires that if a consumer enters into a consumer legal funding transaction after responding to a request, the consumer must disclose this fact to the requesting person within 30 calendar days of entering into the transaction.

Provides that consumer legal funding contracts are presumed to be discoverable in a civil action; allows a consumer to seek to rebut this presumption. Presumes that consumer legal funding transactions that have been disclosed and consumer legal funding contracts discovered are inadmissible as evidence; allows a party to seek to rebut this presumption.

Allows the Commissioner to examine a consumer legal funding company and requires the company to reimburse the reasonable costs and expenses of the examination. Allows the Commissioner to waive the reimbursement in unusual circumstances and in the interests of justice.

Allows the Commissioner to adopt rules necessary for the enforcement of this Article, but requires the Commission to give notice before proposing a rule, to all companies registered or pending registration under this Article.

Allows the Commissioner, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, to take the following actions against a consumer legal funding company that willfully violated any provision of this Article: (1) revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew a consumer legal funding company's registration; (2) order a consumer legal funding company to cease and desist from entering into additional consumer legal funding transactions; (3) assess a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 for each violation, the clear proceeds of which must be remitted to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund; and (4) order the consumer legal financing company to make restitution to an injured consumer.

Includes a severability clause.

Effective October 1, 2025.

Intro. by Eddins, Huneycutt, Humphrey, Lowery.

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**Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection,
Courts/Judiciary, Government, State Agencies, Department of
Insurance**

H 927 (2025-2026) [DURHAM FUNDING BILL](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS NEEDS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DURHAM AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REEVALUATE THE FUNDING OF ROADS.*

Section 1

Appropriates \$1 million dollars from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) in nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year as a directed grant to the City of Durham to be used as follows: (1) \$500,000 for maintenance and equipment needs for city parks, and (2) \$500,000 for expansion of landfills.

Section 2

Appropriates \$30 million dollars from the General Fund to the OSBM in nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year as a directed grant to Durham County to be used to enhance and upgrade County wastewater utility infrastructure in the Research Triangle Park area to support economic development and growth.

Section 3

Appropriates \$237,000 from the General Fund to the OSBM in nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year as a directed grant to The Stagville Memorial Project to support the design and development of an art installation honoring the history of the Stagville descendants.

Section 4

Appropriates \$500,000 from the Highway Fund to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for the 2025-2026 fiscal year in nonrecurring funds to be allocated to Durham County for the repair and improvement of orphan roads to meet DOT minimum construction requirements for addition to the State highway system.

Section 5

Appropriates \$503,481 from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts in nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and \$14,004,393 in recurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to provide 219 total positions statewide for staffing needs to implement the eCourts system.

Section 6

Appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the OSBM in nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year as a directed grant to Durham County to establish a legal support center, modeled after Wake County's center.

Section 7

Appropriates \$180,000 from the General Fund to the OSBM in recurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to annually provide a directed grant to Durham County for salary enhancements and retention incentives for, and professional development of, court staff.

Section 8

Appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the OSBM in nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year as a directed grant to Durham County to the Durham County Special Proceedings and Estates courtroom with CRAVE hardware to provide for remote hearing capability, meet other system hardware and software needs, and train personnel to improve court efficiency.

Section 9

Directs the DOT to perform a study that reevaluates the procedures, policies, and criteria used in the funding of roadway projects and expansion in relation to rural counties and municipalities impacted by increases in population, residential development, and traffic congestion.

Section 10

Section 1-8 are effective July 1, 2025. Section 9 is effective when it becomes law.

Intro. by Hawkins, Morey, Alston, Jeffers.

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies,
Department of Transportation, Office of State Budget and
Management**

H 928 (2025-2026) **ALLOW PTS IN SCHOOL CONCUSSION PROTOCOL**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ALLOW PHYSICAL THERAPISTS TO EVALUATE STUDENT ATHLETE HEAD INJURIES DURING ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES*.

Amends GS 115C-407.57(b)(2) to allow a licensed physical therapist to evaluate a student athlete injured in an interscholastic athletic activity for a concussion and give written clearance for participation.

Intro. by Chesser, Pyrtle, Cairns, Cunningham.

GS 115C

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Health and
Human Services, Health**

H 929 (2025-2026) **WATER SAFETY BILL**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH BY PROHIBITING THE ADDITION OF FLUORIDE FROM WATER SYSTEMS*.

Adds subdivision (7) to GS 130A-325, prohibiting any person from introducing fluoride or chemicals containing fluoride to a public water system. Provides an exception for naturally occurring fluoride in a water treatment process or the use of fluoride in industrial or manufacturing processes not related to public water treatment.

Effective January 1, 2026.

Intro. by Almond.

GS 130A

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**Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health, Public
Enterprises and Utilities**

H 930 (2025-2026) **FIRST RESPONDER BONUS/APPRECIATION FUND/\$1500**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE 2025 FIRST RESPONDERS AND NURSES APPRECIATION BONUS PROGRAM*.

Part I

Creates the First Responder Appreciation Bonus Program, a \$1,500 bonus payment to law enforcement, firefighters, EMS, public safety dispatchers, and nurses employed by public hospitals and other government healthcare facilities. Appropriates \$130,000,000 from the General Fund in each year of the 2025-2027 biennium to the Department of Public Safety to distribute to employing authorities (State agency, or a local government employing first responders) based on the number of eligible first responders on staff. Specifies that the \$1,500 bonus payment will be made to each first responder in each fiscal year of the biennium. Specifies that all funds must be used for bonus payments and no other purpose, and exempts bonus payments from retirement deductions.

Directs that the Office of State Budget and Management must help coordinate the disbursement of payments, and that payments must be distributed to employers no later than November 1st of each fiscal year. Requires employers to pay bonus payments no later than December 31st of each fiscal year. Specifies that first responders must be employed by the employing entity on the first day of October for the year the bonus is paid to be eligible. Requires employers to certify the number of eligible employees by October 15th of each fiscal year, and submit a verification that all bonuses have been paid by February 15th of the following year.

Part II

Creates the Teachers' Appreciation Bonus Program, a \$1,500 bonus payment to teachers, instructional support staff, principals and assistant principals employed by public schools, charter schools, regional schools, schools for deaf and blind students, and laboratory schools. Appropriates \$165,000,000 from the General Fund in each year of the 2025-2027 biennium to the Department of Public Instruction to distribute to school units based on the number of teachers on staff. Specifies that the \$1,500 bonus payment will be made to each teacher in each fiscal year of the biennium. Specifies that all funds must be used for bonus payments and no other purpose, and exempts bonus payments from retirement deductions.

Specifies that the Department of Public Instruction must distribute payments to school units no later than November 1st of each fiscal year. Requires employers to pay bonus payments no later than December 31st of each fiscal year. Specifies that teachers must be employed by the school on the first day of October for the year the bonus is paid to be eligible. Requires schools to certify the number of eligible employees by October 15th of each fiscal year, and submit a verification that all bonuses have been paid by February 15th of the following year.

Part III

Makes the provisions of the act subject to GS Chapter 143C (State Budget Act), and in any conflict between the act and that chapter, GS Chapter 143C prevails.

Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by A. Jones.

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies,
Department of Public Instruction, Department of Public
Safety, Office of State Budget and Management**

H 931 (2025-2026) [END PREDATORY TOWING FEES AND PRACTICES](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO END PREDATORY TOWING FEES AND PRACTICES*.

Enacts GS 20-219.25 requiring fees charged by a towing company to be reasonable, not excessive, and clearly disclosed (before towing if possible). Prohibits towing a car to a location that does not offer recovery of the vehicle within 24 hours of towing. Prohibits charging storage fees for days when the company is not open from at least 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Requires the company to wait one business day since the towed vehicle could first be recovered before charging a storage fee, unless it is open 24 hours per day. Requires a towing company to accept credit cards, debit cards, and cash. Provides for a limit on payment processing fees. Allows the Utilities Commission (UC) to adopt rules to implement this statute. Allows the UC Public Staff to investigate a towing company to determine whether it has complied with the statute and rules. Allows accessing penalties of up to \$5,000 per violation of the statute or rules adopted under it, with proceeds of the penalties remitted to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund. Also allows the UC to take other appropriate enforcement action. Sets out factors for the UC to consider when deciding if a fee is reasonable and not excessive. Violations of the statute are considered an unfair and deceptive trade practice. Effective October 1, 2025.

Intro. by Longest, Warren, Hawkins, Buansi.

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**Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Government, State Agencies,
Public Enterprises and Utilities**

H 932 (2025-2026) [TEN PERCENT RAISE/TEACHERS/FIRST RESPONDERS](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE 2025 TEACHERS' AND FIRST RESPONDERS' PAY INCREASE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A TEN PERCENT RAISE TO TEACHERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS*.

Part I

Creates the First Responder Pay Increase Program, increasing by 10% the base salary of a law enforcement officer, firefighter, EMS, dispatcher, or nurse employed by a public hospital or government healthcare facility. Appropriates \$700,000,000 from the General Fund in each year of the 2025-27 biennium to the Reserve for First Responder Pay Increases to provide for the permanent 10% pay increases. Directs the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Health and Human Services to distribute the funds to eligible employers (State agencies or local governments employing first responders) based on the total cost of implementation based on eligible employees. Specifies that the full amount must be used for pay increases and may not be used for administrative costs or other purposes. Makes the 10% increase effective July 1, 2025, in addition to the employee's base salary on that date. Clarifies that the pay is subject to retirement contributions.

Requires the Office of State Management and Budget to coordinate with state agencies to distribute funds to employers no later than August 15 of each fiscal year in the 2025-27 biennium. Requires that to be eligible, a first responder must be employed as of July 1 of the fiscal year, and requires employers to certify the cost of implementing the 10% increase by August 1 of the fiscal year. Requires employers to submit a certification that the pay increase is implemented by January 15 of each fiscal year.

Part II

Creates the Teachers' Pay Increase Program, increasing by 10% the base salary of a teacher, instructional support staff, principal, or assistant principal employed by a local school unit, charter school, or regional schools. Appropriates \$900,000,000 from the General Fund in each year of the 2025-27 biennium to the Reserve for Teachers' Pay Increases to provide for the permanent 10% pay increases. Directs the Department of Public Instruction to distribute the funds to eligible schools based on the total cost of implementation based on eligible employees. Specifies that the full amount must be used for pay increases and may not be used for administrative costs or other purposes. Makes the 10% increase effective July 1, 2025, in addition to the teacher's base salary on that date. Clarifies that the pay is subject to retirement contributions.

Requires the Office of State Management and Budget to coordinate with the Department of Public Instruction to distribute funds to employers no later than August 15 of each fiscal year in the 2025-27 biennium. Requires that to be eligible, a teacher must be employed as of July 1 of the fiscal year, and requires schools to certify the cost of implementing the 10% increase by August 1 of the fiscal year. Requires schools to submit a certification that the pay increase is implemented by January 15 of each fiscal year.

Part III

Makes the programs subject to GS Chapter 143C (State Budget Act), and provides that if there is a conflict between the act and GS Chapter 143C, that chapter controls.

Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by A. Jones.

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Public Instruction, Department of Public Safety, Office of State Budget and Management

H 933 (2025-2026) **IDD OMNIBUS**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT VARIOUS CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE JOINT CAUCUS FOR INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TO POSITIVELY IMPACT THE LIVES OF NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS WITH INTELLECTUAL OR OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.*

Part I.

Declares the General Assembly's intent to increase the hourly wage of direct care workers in the state to a minimum of \$18 per hour. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Health Benefits (DHB), to provide a Medicaid rate increase to all of the following:

- Home and community-based providers enrolled in the Medicaid program.
- Intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IIDs), including ICF/IID-level group homes.

- Providers who provide services to Medicaid beneficiaries receiving services through the North Carolina Innovations waiver program, the Community Alternatives Program for Children, or the Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults, and who are either (i) enrolled in the Medicaid program or (ii) approved financial managers or financial support agencies billing for personal care service or waiver service hours provided by direct care workers hired by employers of record or managing employers under consumer-directed or self-directed options in accordance with any of the listed Medicaid Clinical Coverage Policies in the act.

Requires DHB to determine the definition of direct care worker to be applied, the amount of rate increases, how a provider or facility will use the increased rate and demonstrate compliance, including required documentation. Provides that any rate increase provided will be effective on the date approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMMS). Upon implementation of an applicable rate increase required by this section, DHB must adjust the per member per month (PMPM) capitation amount paid to LME/MCOs accordingly. All LME/MCOs will be required to implement the increase, and it shall also apply to BH IDD tailored plans.

Appropriates \$183 million (the State's match for the \$335 million in recurring federal funds) in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 biennium from the General Fund to DHB to implement the above wage increase. Appropriates the federal funds to DHB for the same purpose. Effective July 1, 2025.

Part II.

Effective July 1, 2025, requires DHB to amend the NC innovations waiver to increase the number of slots under the waiver by a minimum of 1,000, made available upon approval by CMMS. Appropriates \$36 million (the State's match for the \$65 million in recurring federal funds) in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 biennium from the General Fund to DHB to implement the above slots increase. Appropriates the federal funds to DHB for the same purpose. Effective July 1, 2025.

Requires DHB to convene a workgroup of relevant stakeholders to develop a plan to satisfy the registry of unmet needs for the waiver within the next ten years. Requires DHB to submit a report containing the ten-year plan to the specified NCGA Committee by February 1, 2026.

Part III.

Removes income limits from the eligibility requirements for the Medicaid buy-in for workers with disabilities in GS 108A-66.1. Makes technical and conforming changes. Prevents DHB from considering income 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 in determining an individual's counting income. Requires DHB to submit the necessary documentation to CMMS for approval to remove the unearned income limit and the resource limit from the eligibility requirements for the Health Coverage for Workers with Disabilities Medicaid eligibility category by no later than 90 days after the act becomes law. Provides for notice to the Revisor of Statutes upon approval by CMMS. Effective on the date approved by CMMS for the removal of the unearned income and resource limits for Health Coverage for Workers with Disabilities program eligibility.

Appropriates \$165,000 in recurring funds from the General Fund to DHB for each year of the 2025-27 biennium to provide a State match for the \$301,000 in recurring funds for that time. Appropriates those federal funds to DHB. Effective July 1, 2025.

Part IV.

Requires DHB to study the feasibility of adding coverage of a new Medicaid service, entitled "Community Activities and Employment Transitions" (CAET), that provides individualized services and supports for individuals age 16 or older with intellectual or other developmental disabilities and that meets the three specified criteria established in the subsection. Directs DHB to consider the feasibility of adding the coverage in any of the following ways: (i) by adding an "in-lieu-of" service offered through the 1115 waiver for Medicaid transformation, (ii) by adding or amending a 1915(i) home and community-based State Plan amendment to include the service, or (iii) by adding the service to any existing Medicaid waiver in this state. Requires DHB to collaborate with listed stakeholders. Requires the Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (Commission) to also collaborate with those stakeholders to review any relevant rules. Allows the Commission to amend any relevant rules and, if necessary, to adopt additional rules to account for the numerous community-based activities and employment services that may be provided to Medicaid beneficiaries as part of a new CAET service. Allows DHB to submit any State Plan waivers or amendments or request any other approval from CMMS necessary to implement any new CAET service. Specifies that coverage of the new service cannot begin until on or after

January 1, 2026. Requires DHB to submit a report on the CAET service to the specified NCGA committee by April 1, 2026. Effective July 1, 2025, appropriates \$2 million from the General Fund to DHB for 2025-26 to be used to support the feasibility study and for drafting requests for the authorities or supports needed to implement any proposed new CAET service.

Part V.

Requires Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services (DHM) to develop a State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP), modeled after the Transitions to Community Living Program, to provide vouchers to assist individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to transition to integrated housing as required by the 2024 consent order entered in *Samantha R., et al. v. State of North Carolina, et al.*, 17 CVS 6357-910 (Wake County Superior Court). Effective July 1, 2025, appropriates \$100,000 in recurring funds to DHM for each year of the 2025-27 biennium to support the SRAP.

Requires DHM to convene a workgroup of relevant stakeholders to develop a five-year plan for monthly housing rental subsidies to be provided to individuals with intellectual or other developmental disabilities for use in integrated settings. Specifies that the plan must create 200 new monthly housing rental subsidies to be provided to individuals with intellectual or other developmental disabilities each year over the course of five years, resulting in the creation of a total of 1,000 monthly housing rental subsidies by the end of the five-year period. Directs that by no later than October 1, 2025, DHM must submit a report containing the five-year plan to the specified NCGA committees.

Part VI.

Appropriates \$4,755,071 from the General Fund to the DHHS Division of Employment and Independence for People with Disabilities (DEIPD) in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 biennium to increase pay to address the vacancy rate in DEIPD, raise rates for Community Rehabilitation Programs, and sustain the vocational rehabilitation workforce to ensure individuals with disabilities can access paid employment services. Specifies that the funds provide a State match for the \$17,569,207 in recurring federal funds, which are appropriated to DEIPD for the same purpose. Appropriates \$995,163 from the General Fund to the DHHS Division of Services for the Blind (DSB) in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 biennium to increase pay to address the vacancy rate in DSB, raise rates for Community Rehabilitation Programs, and sustain the vocational rehabilitation workforce to ensure individuals with disabilities can access paid employment services. Specifies that the funds provide a State match for the \$3,676,959 in recurring federal funds, which are appropriated to DSB for the same purpose. Effective July 1, 2025.

Part VII.

Amends GS 115C-391.1 to ban school personnel from physically restraining a student in a prone position. Requires a public school unit to request confirmation that parents have received the school's policy on seclusion and restraint. Amends the GS 115C-391.1(j) notice, consent, reporting, and documentation provisions as follows. Requires school personnel to promptly notify the principal or designee of any use of mechanical restraint (currently, just prohibits uses of mechanical restraint), any use of physical restraint (currently, any use of physical restraint resulting in observable physical injury to a student), any use of seclusion (currently, any prohibited use of seclusion or seclusion that exceeds 10 minutes or the amount of time specified on their behavior intervention plan), and adds notification if the seclusion or restraint was used in a prohibited manner, caused observable physical injury to a student, or exceeded 10 minutes or the amount of time specified on a student's behavior intervention plan. Changes the time limit to promptly notify by the end of the school day when the incident occurred (currently, end of the workday when the incident occurred but in no event later than the end of the following workday). Requires teachers to take at least one credit on the use of seclusion and restraint, including State policies, safe techniques, and trauma-informed practices as part of the licensure renewal. Applies beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

Part VIII.

Requires the data on the numbers of students who have dropped out of school, been subjected to corporal punishment, been suspended, been expelled, been reassigned for disciplinary purposes, or been provided alternative education services that the State Board of Education (Board) is required to annually report to the General Assembly under GS 115C-12 to also be available to the public on an electronic dashboard established and maintained by the Board. Applies beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

Part IX.

Appropriates \$25 million from the General Fund to the University of North Carolina Board of Governors in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 biennium to increase pay to be allocated to the State Education Assistance Authority for the North Carolina Personal Education Student Accounts for Children with Disabilities Program (Accounts) in accordance with Article 41 of GS Chapter 115C. Increases the appropriations to the Accounts by \$25 million from fiscal year 2027-28 through fiscal year 2032-33 so that the appropriation for the Accounts after fiscal year 2032-33 is \$107,643,166. Effective July 1, 2025.

Part X.

Directs DPI to establish a grant program for local school administrative units to apply for funds from the Special State Reserve Fund (SSRF) for children with disabilities for the purpose of covering the extraordinary costs of certain students with disabilities, including costs associated with the placement of students in private schools with approved nonpublic education programs providing special education in accordance with a student's individualized education program (IEP), starting with the 2025-26 school year. Directs that funds administered pursuant to this act are to supplement and not supplant existing federal, State, and local funding for children with disabilities. Provides for an application process for local school administrative units and eligibility requirements, including that the total cost of the services equals or exceeds four times the State average per pupil expenditure for children with disabilities in the prior fiscal year. Provides for reimbursement of 75% of the *extraordinary costs* (defined). Provides for oversight by DPI, as described, to ensure that if a student covered by grant funds is placed in a private school that has an approved nonpublic education program providing special education in accordance with a student's IEP, the school is approved by DPI as adhering to State and federal laws governing education services for students with disabilities and State and federal laws governing seclusion and restraint of students. Appropriates \$1 million from the General Fund to the State Special Reserve Fund in recurring funds for the 2025-26 school year for DPI to implement the above grant program. Requires DPI to submit a report to the specified NCGA committees and division on the amount of grant applications, as described, by March 15, 2026.

Expands the matters in GS 115C-107.5 upon which the Board has to report to the specified NCGA committee pertaining to the educational performance of children with disabilities to include a summary analysis of the listed data monitored and collected by DPI. Directs the Board to submit the data beginning with the report submitted on October 15, 2026.

Effective July 1, 2025.

Part XI.

Requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to create an office within DOT to be known as the Office of Accessible Transportation and Mobility (Office). Specifies the Office's purpose, and requires all appropriate State and local agencies to coordinate with the Office. Requires the Office to consult with stakeholders. Requires DOT to submit a report on the Office's mission and scope of responsibilities and include a five-year plan to guide the Office's work to the specified NCGA committees by no later than March 31, 2026.

Intro. by Hawkins, Crawford, White.

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H 934 (2025-2026) [AI REGULATORY REFORM ACT](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT AMENDING THE CRIMINAL LAWS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OF A DEEPPFAKE AND AMENDING THE CIVIL PROCEDURE LAWS TO GRANT IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY TO DEVELOPERS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTS USED BY LEARNED PROFESSIONALS.*

Section 1.

Creates new GS 14-459, in Article 60 of Chapter 14, adding criminal and civil consequences for unlawful distribution of a deepfake. Defines a deepfake as an image or audio or video recording that has been created with the intent to deceive and that appears to depict a natural person speaking or acting in a manner that the person did not actually speak or act. Makes it unlawful for a person, without consent of the depicted individual, to knowingly create or solicit the creation of a deepfake with the intent to distribute a deepfake or to distribute a deepfake with the purpose of (1) harassing, extorting, threatening, or causing physical, emotional, reputational, or economic harm to an individual falsely depicted or (2) injuring a candidate for elected office or influencing an election. A violation of GS 14-459 is a Class 1 misdemeanor and a court can order the destruction of the deepfake. Any person aggrieved by a deepfake in violation of GS 14-459 has a civil cause of action against the creator, solicitor, or distributor of the deepfake and can recover actual damages of \$1,000 each time the deepfake is redistributed, punitive damages, and attorney's fees and litigation costs.

Effective December 1, 2025, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Section 2.

Creates new GS 1-539.30, providing immunity for developers of artificial intelligence products for errors when the artificial intelligence product is being used by a learned professional providing professional services to a client. Provides definitions for the following terms: artificial intelligence product or AI product; client; developer; error; and learned professional. Effective December 1, 2025, and applies to acts or omissions occurring on or after that date.

Intro. by Johnson, Zenger, Hawkins, Alston.

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

H 935 (2025-2026) [FIRE/EMERGENCY AGENCY PROPERTY VOTING LIMITS](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO EXCLUDE FIRE OR EMERGENCY RESPONSE AGENCY PROPERTY FROM ELECTION USE IF THE USE WILL INHIBIT THE ABILITY TO CARRY OUT EMERGENCY RESPONSE*.

Amends GS 163-129(a), which provides for county boards of elections' demand and use of certain property for conducting registration and voting for any primary or election, to exempt fire or emergency response agency property from demand and use provided that the fire chief determines the use will inhibit emergency responsiveness and makes an appeal to the board of county commissioners (BOCC) and the BOCC rules in favor of the fire chief.

Intro. by Greene.

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

H 936 (2025-2026) [ROBOCALL SOLICITATION MODIFICATIONS](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS GOVERNING TELEPHONE SOLICITATIONS TO ADDRESS ROBOCALLS*.

Makes changes throughout GS Chapter 75, Article 4, to address robocall solicitations.

Amends GS 75-101 removing the definitions of "automatic dialing and recorded message player," "express invitation or permission," and "unsolicited telephone call," and add definitions for "prior express written consent," "robocall," and "robocaller." Amends the definition of "telephone solicitor" to include any person that provides assistance or support for making telephone solicitations.

Amends GS 75-102 (Restrictions on telephone solicitations) prohibiting solicitation calls and robocalls before 8am or after 9pm in subsection (f). Amends (h) to prohibit robocalls from engaging in threats, intimidation, or the use of profane or obscene language. Repeals subsection (i), moving the substance of this subsection to the new GS 75-104A(a). Amends subsection (k)

and subsection (l) to require prior express written consent instead of express invitation or permission for obtaining consent from a telephone subscriber on the “Do Not Call” Registry.

Amends GS 75-103 to require prior express written consent instead of express invitation or permission for the exception to prohibitions on contact and the dispute resolution procedure for whether a telephone provider has provided consent.

Amends GS 75-104 to change the statute's title to “Restrictions on use of robocalls” and replace automatic dialing and recorded message player with robocall throughout.

Enacts GS 75-104A (Restrictions on spoofing and impersonating government officials), prohibiting telephone solicitors and robocallers from impersonating officials. Provides in subsection (a) that robocallers may not use misleading information, but does not hold telephone providers responsible for violations, and allows solicitors to use the name of the organization they are soliciting on behalf of in the call. Makes it unlawful to impersonate any federal, state, or local government official, law enforcement professional, or government agency to defraud, confuse, or injure a telephone subscriber in subsection (b).

Amends GS 75-105 (Enforcement) to include robocaller throughout the statute. Provides that if a single call violates multiple parts of the Article, penalties are assessed for each violation. Makes it a rebuttable presumption that a telephone subscriber with a North Carolina area code is a resident of North Carolina when a solicitation is made. Includes reference to the new GS 75-104A for enforcement under subsection (c).

Amends GS 75-115(3) to require prior express written consent as outlined in GS 75-101 for the solicitation of advertisements.

Effective and applicable to telephone solicitations in violation of the act on or after October 1, 2025.

Intro. by Greene.

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Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection

H 937 (2025-2026) [KEEPING OUR COACHES ACT](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ALLOCATE TAX PROCEEDS FROM SPORTS BETTING TO PROVIDE SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR ATHLETIC COACHES*.

Identical to [S 657](#), and filed on 3/25/25.

Amend GS 105-113.128, concerning the use of proceeds from the tax on interactive sports wagering operators to require that \$11 million be credited annually to the Department of Public Instruction to be allocated to eligible public school units for salary supplements to all eligible athletic coaches to ensure that each eligible athletic coach receives a total annual salary supplement for serving as an athletic coach of at least \$3,000 in State and non-State funds. Requires eligible public school units providing non-State funds for salary supplements for athletic coaches in the prior school year to continue to provide at least that amount. Defines an eligible athletic coach as a person employed full-time in a public school unit who serves as an athletic coach and who receives a salary supplement from non-State funds for serving as an athletic coach that is equal to or less than \$3,000 each school year. Define eligible public school unit as a public school unit that reports to the Department of Public Instruction by August 15 of each year on the amount of non-State funds provided for salary supplements for athletic coaches in the prior school year. Allows any unexpended funds to be allocated to the North Carolina Alliance of YMCAs, Inc. to support youth sports programming in the state. Effective July 1, 2025, and applies beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

Intro. by Helfrich, Hawkins, Ager, R. Pierce.

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, State Agencies, Department of Public Instruction, Tax, Lottery and Gaming

H 938 (2025-2026) [RIGHT TO REPAIR DIGITAL ELECTRONICS ACT](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT ESTABLISHING FAIR REPAIR REQUIREMENTS FOR MANUFACTURERS OF DIGITAL ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS*.

Enacts Article 9, GS Chapter 75, the Fair Repair Requirements Act. Defines 11 terms. Requires manufacturers of digital electronic products sold or used in the State to: (1) make available described diagnostic and repair, free of charge, to independent repair facilities or owners of products manufactured by the manufacturer in the same manner the manufacturer makes the information available to its authorized repair providers; and (2) make available service parts for purchase by the product owner or their authorized agent, unless the parts are no longer available to the manufacturer or the authorized repair channel of the manufacturer. Defines *digital electronic products* as a part or machine containing a microprocessor originally manufactured for distribution and sale in the US. Defines *manufacturer* as an individual or business who, in the ordinary course of its business, is engaged in the business of selling or leasing new digital electronic products to consumers or other end users and is engaged in the diagnosis, service, maintenance, or repair of that product.

Prohibits manufacturers from requiring authorized repair providers from continuing to purchase diagnostic, service, or repair information in a proprietary format when the manufacturer sells the information to an independent repair provider or third-party provider in a format that is standardized with other manufacturers on more favorable terms unless the proprietary format includes information or functionality not available in the standardized format.

Requires manufacturers to make available for purchase by owners and independent repair facilities all diagnostic repair tools as those available to its own repair or engineering staff or authorized repair providers. Requires the tools be offered at *fair and reasonable terms*, defines to mean an equitable price in light of relevant factors which include three listed, such as the price charged by other manufacturers for similar parts or products. States that manufacturers that provide repair information to aftermarket tool, diagnostics, or third-party service information publications and systems have fully satisfied their obligations and thereafter are not responsible for the content and functionality of aftermarket diagnostic tools or service information systems. Prohibits excluding diagnostic, service, and repair information necessary to reset a security-related function from information provided to owners and independent repair facilities and allows for provision of relevant information through an appropriate secure data release system.

Specifies that the Article does not require manufacturers to divulge trade secrets, as defined. Provides that the Article has no effect on contracts between the manufacturer and authorized repair providers. Specifies that authorized repair providers have all rights and remedies under the section except for compliance disputes related to existing repair agreements.

Defines the scope of the Article to exclude requiring access to non-diagnostic and non-repair information provided by a manufacturer to an authorized repair provider pursuant to an authorizing agreement.

Requires an independent repair provider or owner who believes that a manufacturer has failed to provide information or a tool required by the Article to give the manufacturer 30 days' notice and an opportunity to cure the complaint, wherein if the manufacturer cures the complaint, damages are limited to actual damages in any subsequent litigation. Authorizes bringing a civil action upon the manufacturer's failure to respond or cure the complaint to the satisfaction of the independent repair facility. Details required content of the complaint.

Effective October 1, 2025.

Intro. by Longest, Belk, T. Brown, Pittman.

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[Business and Commerce, Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law](#)

H 939 (2025-2026) [SCHOOL CHAPLAINS](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO HIRE CHAPLAINS*.

Enacts GS 115C-77.80 authorizing governing bodies of public schools to employ, contract for, or accept as a volunteer a school chaplain. Requires schools governing bodies to adopt a school chaplain policy meeting four requirements prior to having a school chaplain serve the school, including chaplain certification and continuing education requirements. Provides for criminal history check requirements prior to when a school chaplain begins service to the school. Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to review the chaplain's criminal history and direct the public school unit to revoke any offer of employment or reject the chaplain as volunteer if the criminal history includes conviction of any crime defined in GS 115C-332(a)(1), which defines "criminal history" as it applies to school personnel as meaning a conviction that indicates the person (1) poses a threat to the physical safety of students or personnel, or (2) has demonstrated that they do not have the integrity or honesty to fulfill

their duties as public school personnel. Provides limited civil immunity to school chaplains in the performance of their duties. Specifies that the statute does not mandate public schools hire or accept a volunteer school chaplain. Further specifies that employment is not an endorsement of any particular religion. Applies beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

Intro. by Eddins, Biggs, Scott, N. Jackson.

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

H 940 (2025-2026) [PROTECTION AGAINST PREGNANCY DISCRIMINATION](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT PROTECTING AGAINST EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION BASED ON PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH, AND PREGNANCY RELATED CONDITIONS*.

Enacts GS 143-422.4, prohibiting discrimination based upon pregnancy, childbirth, or pregnancy related conditions, as follows. Defines five terms including *pregnancy related conditions* (medical conditions directly related to pregnancy or childbirth, including miscarriage, pregnancy termination, pregnancy complications, recovery from childbirth, and lactation). States the State's public policy to protect and safeguard the right and opportunity of individuals to seek, obtain, and hold employment without discrimination or abridgement on account of pregnancy, childbirth, or pregnancy related conditions. Specifies that a person does not violate the statute solely because the individual followed a bona fide occupational qualification (BFOQ) reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the particular business or because the person made a distinction or differentiation based on a bona fide business necessity. Requires that individuals affected by pregnancy, childbirth, or pregnancy related conditions be treated the same for all employment-related purposes, including receipt of benefits under fringe benefit programs, as other individuals not so affected but similar in their ability or inability to work. Provides for leaves of absences, return to work guarantees, reasonable accommodations that do not cause undue hardship (defined), and the elements of a BFOQ defense. Allows an individual aggrieved by violations of GS 143-422.4 to file a civil action as described, with back pay, reinstatement, compensatory damages, injunctive relief, and reasonable costs and attorneys' fees available. Adds pregnancy, childbirth, and pregnancy related conditions, when such conditions cause temporary disability to the definition of *person with a disability* under GS 168A-3 (definitions under the Persons with Disabilities Protection Act). Makes conforming changes to GS 168A-5 (discrimination in employment) to account for reasonable accommodations for pregnancy, childbirth, or pregnancy related conditions that cause temporary disability unless they cause undue hardship) and GS 7A-759 (OAH's role as a deferral agency).

Applies to acts or omissions occurring after the act becomes law.

Intro. by von Haefen, Clark, Helfrich.

[GS 7A](#), [GS 143](#), [GS 168A](#)

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[Employment and Retirement, Health and Human Services, Health](#)

H 941 (2025-2026) [EXPAND & ENHANCE THE TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO EXPAND AND ENHANCE THE NORTH CAROLINA TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM*.

Contains whereas clauses.

Part I.

Expands the qualifying licensure areas under the NC Teaching Fellows Program to include middle grades language arts and social studies, and English, social studies and history for grades 9-12.

Amends GS 116-209.62 as follows. Modifies the use of the Program's Trust Fund, now authorizing up to an additional \$600,000 to be used for extracurricular enhancement activities of the Program, such as summer programs and alumni programs, and up to another \$500,000 to be used for the Director of the Program to implement recruitment activities required by subsection (d) of the statute, annually. Maintains the current authority to use the greater of \$600,000 or 10% of available funds for administrative costs and the salary of the Director and other Program staff (previously, this amount was to also cover

expenses of the Teaching Fellows Commission and for the Commission to fund extracurricular activities). Makes technical changes. Now requires the Program to be administered in cooperation with up to 14 institutions of higher education (was, 10) selected by the Commission from both constituent institutions of UNC and private postsecondary institutions operating in the State.

Makes conforming changes to subsection (g) regarding award of forgivable loans to reflect these changes to institutions eligible under the Program. Increases the forgivable loan award under the Program from \$5,000 per semester to \$12,000 per semester; maintains existing semester limits based on the individual seeking licensure. Allows the forgivable loans to also be used for room and board. Makes technical and conforming changes.

Amends GS 116-209.63 to now provide for forgiveness of the loan if it the Authority finds that its impossible for the recipient to work for up to four years (was, eight years), within 10 years after the program leading to teacher licensure, as described.

Part II.

Sets forth the following two additional criteria for the initial selection of the additional four institutions of higher education to be selected by the Commission: (1) two of the additional four selected institutions shall be constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina and two shall be private postsecondary institutions operating in the State and (2) the additional four selected institutions shall reflect a wider statewide geographic diversity than the current participating institutions.

Part III.

Clarifies that SL 2023-134's changes to the Program includes teachers who are continuing or entering service repayment beginning in the 2024-25 academic year.

Clarifies that SL 2024-1's changes to GS 116-209.60 (pertaining to the definition of qualifying teacher under the Program) applies to teachers who are continuing or entering service repayment beginning in the 2024-25 academic year.

Part IV.

Appropriates \$10 million in recurring funds for 2025-26 from the General Fund to the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program Trust Fund to revise the Program in accordance with Part I of the act.

Effective July 1, 2025, and applies beginning in the 2025-26 academic year.

Intro. by Ball, Prather, Johnson-Hostler, von Haefen.

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education,
Government, State Agencies, UNC System**

H 942 (2025-2026) **FUNDS TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE NORTH CAROLINA COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DISTRIBUTED TO VICTIM ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS*.

Appropriates \$10 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety for 2025-26 to be allocated as a directed grant as title indicates. Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Buansi, Turner.

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies,
Department of Public Safety**

H 943 (2025-2026) **TURNING HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS INTO TEACHERS**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPROVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TEACHER PIPELINE*.

Includes whereas clauses.

Appropriates \$100,000 for each year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to be provided to the North Carolina Foundation for Public School Children for the North Carolina Teacher Cadet Program. Requires the funds to be used for three specified services related to expansion of the educator pipeline. Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Ball, Pittman, Cohn, F. Jackson.

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[Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Public Instruction](#)

H 944 (2025-2026) [FUND COMMUNITY HEALTH SVCS/MECKLENBURG COUNTY](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT, OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH, TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY HEALTH GRANT SUPPORT TO MECKLENBURG COUNTY*.

Appropriates \$1.5 million from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Central Management and Support, Office of Rural Health, for 2025-26 to be allocated as a directed grant to support the operations of Care Ring, Inc., a nonprofit community health clinic in Mecklenburg County that assists in providing primary care services to medically vulnerable residents. Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Carney, Cotham, Lofton.

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

H 945 (2025-2026) [REPORTING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT ON SCHOOL BUSES](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE REPORTS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OR HARASSMENT TO SPECIFY IF THE INCIDENT OCCURRED ON A SCHOOL BUS, TO INCREASE THE FREQUENCY OF ACTS OF SCHOOL VIOLENCE REPORTING, AND TO ESTABLISH A PENALTY FOR FAILING TO REPORT AN ACT OF VIOLENCE*.

Amends GS 115C-12(21) to require the State Board of Education (SBE) to compile a biannual report (was, annual report) on acts of violence in public schools.

Creates new sub-subdivision a. from existing language regarding the SBE definitions for acts of violence, and adds a requirement that local schools report acts of violence within five days and to specify in the reports if the violence occurred on a school bus. Requires the SBE to include the information reported regarding school bus violence in reports required under the subdivision. Makes failure by a local school employee to submit a report under the sub-subdivision a Class I felony.

Enacts sub-subdivision b., which requires the SBE to submit its biannual reports to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, in addition to the existing requirement to submit to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee. Requires the reports to be submitted at the end of the second and fourth quarters of each school year.

Enacts sub-subdivision c., making reports submitted under the subdivision public records, except for sensitive identifying information that must be redacted for the privacy of minors.

Effective and applicable to the 2025-26 school year.

Intro. by Cotham, Biggs, Bell.

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

H 946 (2025-2026) **MONTESSORI TEACHING LICENSE**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW CLASS OF TEACHING LICENSE THAT MAY ONLY BE USED AT A SCHOOL USING MONTESSORI INSTRUCTION AS ITS PRIMARY METHOD OF INSTRUCTION.*

Amends GS 115C-270.20(a), adding new subdivision (7), creating rules for Montessori Licenses. Allows holder of a license to teach only in a school that uses Montessori instruction as its primary method. Sets criteria to obtain a license, requiring (a) valid credential from the American Montessori Society, the Association Montessori Internationale, or a program accredited by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teaching Education and (b) bachelor's degree in any field, and (c) completion of exam requirements adopted by State Board. Prohibits holder of a license from teaching in a public school that is not a Montessori school without another license issued by the State for public school teachers. Applies to applicants for Montessori licenses on or after the date act becomes law.

Intro. by Cotham, Biggs, Brockman.

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Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Education

H 947 (2025-2026) **EVERY CHILD READS**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR DYSLEXIA SCREENING AND INTERVENTIONS IN SCHOOLS, TO REQUIRE DYSLEXIA TRAINING FOR TEACHERS, TO REQUIRE LITERACY INSTRUCTION IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS BE ALIGNED WITH THE SCIENCE OF READING, AND TO TRANSFER THE NC PRE-K PROGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.*

Section 1

Adds a new Article 9D to Chapter 115C to address screening, assessment, and intervention strategies for students with dyslexia. Defines dyslexia as a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in the understanding or in using language, spoken or written, characterized by difficulty with accurate or fluent word recognition, or both, and by difficulty with spelling and decoding. Requires the State Board of Education (SBOE) to provide informational materials and screening materials to local boards of education (LBOE) to identify students who display potential indicators of dyslexia. Requires LBOE to provide informational materials about dyslexia to parents of students who exhibit indicators. Requires local school administrative units to screen every student in kindergarten and grades one, two, three, six, and nine, and administer a comprehensive assessment if the screening shows potential indicators of dyslexia. Requires teachers for kindergarten and grades one, two, three, six, and nine to be trained to administer screening. Applies beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

Adds a new subdivision, GS 115C-12(50), to the powers and duties of the State Board of Education requiring it to develop dyslexia screening instruments, comprehensive assessments, intervention strategies, and informational materials for parents. Applies beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

Adds a new requirement to GS 115C-83.10(b) that LBOE report to the SBOE a description of literacy interventions provided to students exhibiting indicators of dyslexia and students with dyslexia. Applies beginning with the report submitted by September 1, 2027.

Adds a new requirement to GS 115C-83.6A(a) that local school administrative units submit with its plan for literacy interventions to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) information about specific interventions and curricula that will be used for students exhibiting indicators of dyslexia and students with dyslexia. Applies beginning with the literacy intervention plans submitted by October 1, 2026.

Amends GS 115C-83.6B(a) to require that the results of any dyslexia screening be incorporated into an Individual Reading Plan. Applies beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

Requires LBOE to report to the SBOE by September 15, 2026, a description of literacy interventions provided to students exhibiting indicators of dyslexia and students with dyslexia, a list and description of literacy curricula provided to students with dyslexia, and a list and description of professional development to teachers about dyslexia. The SBOE shall report this information in the aggregate to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by November 15, 2026.

Section 2

Adds new subsection to GS 115C-83.4B(b) requiring the Department of Instruction, as part of the Early Literacy Program, to focus on ensuring that dyslexia screening instruments are administered to every student in the NC Pre-K program and that results are shared with the child's kindergarten teacher and provide training to those working with children in the NC Pre-K program to ensure appropriate instruction and intervention strategies are used with students exhibiting indicators of dyslexia.

Section 3

Amends GS 115C-269.20 to add to elementary and special education general curriculum teachers' educator preparation programs (EPPs) instruction in the identification of and intervention strategies for students with dyslexia.

Amends GS 115C-269.20 to add to middle and high school teachers' educator preparation programs (EPPs) instruction in the identification of and intervention strategies for students with dyslexia.

Requires one credit of instruction on dyslexia for literacy renewal credits under GS 155C-270.30(b)(2) for elementary and middle school teachers and expands the requirement for three continuing education credits related to literacy to middle school teachers.

Section 4

Adds new GS 155C-81.37, requiring literacy instruction in middle schools, to the extent it is provided, be aligned with the Science of Reading as defined in GS 155C-83.3.

Section 5

Transfers the NC Pre-K program from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to the DPI effective July 1, 2025.

Makes conforming changes to language in GS 143B-168.10A to align with the transfer of the NC Pre-K program from DHHS to DPI.

Makes conforming changes to language in GS 143B-168.10F to align with the transfer of the NC Pre-K program from DHHS to DPI.

Establishes 8 provisions that DPI must comply with in the administration of the NC Pre-K program, related to eligibility of children, staff-to-child ration and class size, use of multiyear contracts, building standards, programmatic standards, use of Pre-K committees, reporting to DPI, and audits.

Section 6

Applies to the 2025-2026 school year.

Intro. by Cotham, Biggs, Brockman.

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

Amends GS 14-269.2(g), the statute generally prohibiting weapons on campus or other educational property, by adding new subdivision (8), making the law inapplicable to a sworn law enforcement officer hired as an armed security guard by a nonpublic school operating under Part I or II of Article 39 of GS Chapter 115C, provided that the officer is acting in the discharge of the officer's official duties on the premises of that school. Provides that for purposes of the new subdivision, a sworn law enforcement officer shall include a sworn law enforcement officer certified under GS Chapter 17C or 17E, a company police officer commissioned under GS Chapter 74E, or a campus police officer commissioned under GS Chapter 74G. Effective for offenses committed on or after December 1, 2025.

Intro. by Johnson, Branson, McNeely.

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

H 950 (2025-2026) [ELDERLY/DISABLED PROP. TAX MODS.](#) Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION TO INCREASE THE AGE REQUIREMENT, TO REMOVE THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMIT, AND TO EXCLUDE FROM TAXATION ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE APPRAISED VALUE OF THE RESIDENCE, AND TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THOSE CHANGES.*

Modifies the elderly or disabled property tax homestead exclusion under GS 105-277.1 as follows. Changes the exclusion amount to 100% of the appraised value of the residence (currently, the greater of \$25,000 or 50% of the appraised value of the residence). Increases the age a person can become a qualifying owner from 65 years of age to 70 years of age. Removes the requirement that the person have an income for the preceding calendar year of not more than the income eligibility limit. Makes conforming changes.

Changes the amount of the income eligibility limit for the property tax homestead circuit breaker in GS 105-277.1B, as follows:

- For the taxable year beginning on July 1, 2008, the income eligibility limit is \$25,000.
- For taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2009, the income eligibility limit is the amount for the preceding year, adjusted by the same percentage of this amount as the percentage of any cost-of-living adjustment made to the benefits under Titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act for the preceding calendar year, rounded to the nearest \$100.

On or before July 1 of each year, directs the Department of Revenue to determine the income eligibility amount to be in effect for the taxable year beginning the following July 1 and to notify the assessor of each county of the amount to be in effect for that taxable year.

Effective for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Wheatley.

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[Government, State Agencies, Department of Revenue, Tax](#)

H 951 (2025-2026) [SOS \(STATE OWNED STRUCTURES\) CHILD CARE ACT.](#) Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF STATE-OWNED PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF CHILD CARE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES, TO REQUIRE RENOVATIONS OR NEW BUILDS OF STATE-OWNED PROPERTY TO INCLUDE A CHILD CARE CENTER OR ADULT CARE CENTER, TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM FOR USE OF STATE-OWNED PROPERTY FOR CHILD CARE FACILITIES FOR STATE EMPLOYEES, TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM FOR COUNTY GRANTS FOR THIRD-SHIFT CHILD CARE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS, TO REQUIRE A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR ON-SITE CHILD CARE AT EACH NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND COLLEGE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM, AND TO ESTABLISH A WORKGROUP TO EXAMINE STREAMLINING LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PHYSICAL STRUCTURES FOR COMMERCIAL CHILD CARE FACILITIES.*

Substantively identical to [S 677](#), filed 3/25/25.

Part I.

Require the Department of Administration (DOA) to report to the specified NCGA committee and commission by March 31, 2026, on the feasibility and advisability of using obsolete and underutilized state-owned buildings (available buildings) to house childcare facilities giving priority to state employees. Specifies items that must be included in the report, including estimated costs for asbestos and lead remediation and barriers to the use of available buildings for childcare. Requires any state project to build or renovate property with a budget more than \$5 million to include a child care center or adult day care center if more than 250 people would work in the building. Specifies that this includes current projects that have no broken ground by July 1, 2025, unless one of the specified exceptions apply.

Part II.

Requires the Division of Child Development and Early Education (Division) to establish a pilot program for onsite childcare for state employees, that meets the specified parameters, including that (1) the childcare facility must operate an apprenticeship program in conjunction with a public or private university or community college who operates an early childcare education program; and (2) the State will provide the upfit cost of the space to meet the licensure requirements at reasonable levels that are customary at the operators' other facilities and those similarly situated and provide use of the space rent free.

Appropriates \$5 million for 2025-26 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the Division to use in establishing the childcare centers. Provides that if the state incurs any expenses for asbestos or lead remediation in establishing the childcare centers the state is eligible for reimbursement from the Asbestos and Lead Remediation Fund subject to the rules of the fund for up to \$500,000. Effective July 1, 2025.

Requires the Division to report to the specified NCGA committees and division, by April 1, 2027, on the implementation of the pilot program.

Part III.

Appropriates \$6 million for 2025-26 from the General Fund to DHHS for a pilot program giving counties grants to establish third-shift childcare for first responders, with priority to be given to third shift facilities operated in unused or underutilized county-owned buildings. Requires a report by April 1, 2027, to the specified NCGA committees and division on the implementation of the pilot program. Effective July 1, 2025.

Part IV.

Requires the State Board of Community Colleges to study and report to the specified NCGA committees and division by March 31, 2026, on implementation of a publicly available child care program on every community college campus with priority given to children of community college employees and students. Appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Community College System Office for the study, effective July 1, 2025.

Requires the UNC Board of Governors to study and report to the specified NCGA committees and division by March 31, 2026, on implementation of a publicly available child care program on every constituent institution campus with priority given to children of university employees and students. Appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors or the study, effective July 1, 2025.

Part V.

Requires the Division to establish the Commercial Childcare Licensure Workgroup to examine streamlining requirements for the physical structure of commercial childcare centers. Sets out membership of the workgroup and requires the workgroup to develop findings and recommendations related to three specified issues. Requires the Division to report by January 1, 2026, to the specified NCGA committees and division.

Intro. by Helfrich, Hawkins, Liu, Colvin.

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Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, Department of Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, State

H 952 (2025-2026) **COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL FOR CHILDCARE EXPANSION**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE FINANCE AGENCY*.

Substantively identical to [S 680](#), filed 3/25/25.

Enacts GS Chapter 122F, termed as the NC Child Care Finance Agency Act. Declares five legislative findings and public purposes in GS 122F-2. Lists six areas of priority for the new NC Child Care Finance Agency (Agency). Defines thirteen terms. Creates the Agency as a body politic and corporate to be considered a public agency and instrumentality of the State for the performance of essential public functions in GS 122F-4. Provides for a twelve-member Agency Board of Directors, appointed as described to serve four-year terms. Provides for vacancies, removal for the specified reasons, a chair and vice-chair, quorum, and Executive Director of the Agency, appointed by the Board of Directors, subject to approval by the Governor. Instructs that Agency employees are exempt from the State Human Resources Act and eligible to participate in the State Employees' Retirement System. Provides for salary parameters, as described. Requires Agency to maintain its own books and records, subject to periodic review and audit by the State. Specifies duties of the Executive Director, including to administer, manage and direct the affairs and business of the Agency, subject to the policies, control and direction of the members of the Agency's Board of Directors. Designate Secretary of the Agency its custodian of books, documents, and papers filed with the Agency.

Sets forth twenty-two general powers of the Agency in GS 122F-5, including (1) to make or participate in the making of mortgage loans, construction loans, and rehabilitation loans to licensed child care providers for rehabilitation and construction; provided, however, that such loans shall be made only upon the determination by the Agency that mortgage loans, construction loans, and rehabilitation loans are not otherwise available wholly or in part from private lenders upon reasonably equivalent terms and conditions; (2) to provide technical and advisory services to sponsors, builders and developers of child care facilities; and (3) to acquire, hold, rent, encumber, transfer, convey, and otherwise deal with real property and utilities in the same manner as a private person or corporation, subject only to the approval of the Governor and Council of State. The Board of Directors may pledge or encumber income and assets of the Agency to secure financing for real property.

Requires the Agency to periodically adopt, modify or repeal rules and regulations governing the purchase of federally insured securities by the Agency and the purchase and sale of mortgage loans, construction loans, and rehabilitation loans and the application of the proceeds thereof, including rules and regulations on the six matters specified in GS 122F-6. Requires that those rules effectuate the following objectives: (1) the construction of decent, safe and sanitary full day child care facilities; (2) the rehabilitation of present child care facilities; (3) increasing the supply and access to affordable child care for all families, regardless of income level; (4) the encouraging of private enterprise and investment to sponsor, build and rehabilitate child care facilities; and (5) the restriction of the financial return and benefit to that necessary to protect against the realization by lenders of an excessive financial return or benefit as determined by prevailing market conditions. Provides for interest rates to be at least sufficient to assure the payment of the described bond. Allows for mortgages, construction loans, and rehabilitation loans to be forgivable in full after fifteen years if the licensed child care provider (1) serves at least 25% more children than when the loan was received, and (2) at least 50% of the children served by the child care facility receive a child care subsidy. Requires the Agency to require from any mortgage lender from whom it purchases federally insured securities to proceed as promptly as practicable to make from the sale proceeds, new mortgage loans with respect to child care facilities in the State having a stated maturity of not less than 20 years from the date thereof in an aggregate principal amount equal to the amount of such sale proceeds.

Authorizes the Agency to provide mortgage insurance as described in GS 122F-7 so long as the underlying mortgage loan (1) is made and held by a mortgagee approved by the Agency as responsible and able to properly service the mortgage; (2) do not exceed 90% of the estimated cost of the proposed child care facility; (3) has a maturity satisfactory to the Agency as specified; (4) contains amortization provisions satisfactory to the Agency as specified; and (5) is in such form and contain such terms and provisions with respect to maturity, property insurance, repairs, alterations, payment of taxes and assessments, default reserves, delinquency charges, default remedies, anticipation of maturity, additional and secondary liens, equitable and legal redemption rights, prepayment privileges and other matters as the Agency may prescribe. Provides for fees, premiums, default, and child care mortgage insurance fund.

Authorizes the Agency to periodically adopt, modify, amend or repeal rules and regulations governing the making of loans to lenders and the application of the proceeds thereof, as specified in GS 122F-8. Requires that the rules and regulations serve the same five purposes as set forth in GS 122F-6. Sets out additional requirements for the loans.

Clarifies, in GS 122F-9 that the obligations issued under GS Chapter 122F are not deemed to constitute a debt, liability or obligation of the State or of any political subdivision thereof or a pledge of the faith and credit of the State or of any such political subdivision, but shall be payable solely from the revenues or assets of the Agency.

Authorizes the Agency in GS 122F-10 to provide for the issuance, at one time or from time to time, (1) of bonds and notes of the Agency to carry out and effectuate its corporate purposes; (2) bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds and (3) construction loan notes to finance the making or purchase of mortgage loans, construction loans, and rehabilitation loans, for the construction, rehabilitation or improvement of child care facilities. Caps the total amount of bonds, bond anticipation notes, and construction loan notes outstanding at any one time at \$12 billion. Provides for interest rates, processes for the sale of such bonds, and temporary bonds. Specifies that the proceeds of any bonds or notes must be used solely for the purposes for which issued and disbursed in such manner and under such restrictions, if any, as the Agency may provide as specified. Authorizes, at the discretion of the Agency, any obligations issued under the provisions of GS Chapter 122F to be secured by a trust agreement by and between the Agency and a corporate trustee, as described, in GS 122F-11. Confirms the validity of the Agency's pledge of any its assets or revenues to the payment of the principal of or the interest on any obligations of the from the time when the pledge is made, as specified, in GS 122F-12.

Deems all money received under the authority of GS Chapter 122F to be held and provided solely as provided in GS Chapter 122F, in GS 122F-13. Provides for temporary investments, as described. List three ways money available to the Agency may be invested. Provides for remedies in GS 122F-14 by holders or obligations or coupons appertaining to those obligations under GS Chapter 122F, as described. Makes all obligations and interest coupons appertaining made negotiable instruments under State law in GS 122F-15. Makes, in GS 122F-16, obligations issued under the provisions of GS Chapter 122F securities in which all public officers and public bodies of the State and its political subdivisions, and other specified persons may properly and legally invest funds, including capital in their control or belonging to them. Authorizes the Agency to provide for the issuance of refunding obligations for the purpose of refunding any obligations then outstanding which shall have been issued under GS Chapter 122F, including the payment of any redemption premium thereon and any interest, as specified, in GS 122F-17. Allows for refunding obligations to be sold or exchanged for outstanding obligations, as described.

Designates the specified NCGA committees as those having oversight over the Agency in GS 122F-18. Requires the Agency to submit a comprehensive annual report of its activities to the specified NCGA committees and the Fiscal Research Division, as specified. Requires the Agency to be audited annually. Specifies that no member or other officer of the Agency is subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of his execution of any obligations or the issuance thereof in GS 122F-19. Authorizes the Agency to accept appropriated moneys as specified, in GS 122F-20. Specifies, in GS 122F-21, that the Agency is not required to pay any tax or assessments on its property and that any obligations issued by the Agency under GS Chapter 122F are also free from taxation. Prevents conflicts of interest, as described, in GS 122F-22. Specifies, in GS 122F-23, that the provisions of GS Chapter 122F are in addition to existing powers conferred by other laws, except that the issuance of bonds or notes need not comply with the requirements of any other law applicable to the issuance of bonds or notes. Provides for liberal construction of GS Chapter 122F and that the chapter prevails over any inconsistent general or special laws.

Provides for the initial appointments to the Agency, with the term to begin on October 1, 2025. Provides for end dates of either June 30, 2027, or June 30, 2029, to stagger reappointments. Requires the State Treasurer to invest 3.5% of the corpus of the NC Innovation Fund with the Agency. Appropriates \$20 million from the General Fund to the Department of Administration for 2025-26 for the Agency to use as directed by the act.

Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Helfrich, Crawford, Turner, Rubin.

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Banking and Finance, Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction, Education, Preschool, Government, State Agencies, Department of Administration, Public Enterprises and Utilities

H 953 (2025-2026) [STUDY COMMITTEE ON ADA/APD/PAC PAY](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND PRIVATE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PAY RATES*.

Establishes the 12-member Study Committee on Assistant District Attorney, Assistant Public Defender, and Private Assigned Counsel Pay Rates (Committee). Provides for membership and member appointment, officers, vacancies, meetings, staff, and member expenses. Charges the Committee with studying and advising on the pay rates of ADAs, assistant public defenders, and private assigned counsel. Lists seven required components of the study, including their current pay throughout the State separated by three cost-of-living categories, their current pay structure, and comparisons of their existing pay and pay structures in comparison to comparable positions in neighboring and nearby states. Includes a catchall component for the Committee to study any other relevant subject. Requires the Committee to submit an interim report by March 1, 2026, and a final report by March 1, 2027, to specified NCGA committees.

Intro. by Budd, Carson Smith, T. Brown.

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[Courts/Judiciary, Employment and Retirement, Government, State Government, State Personnel](#)

H 954 (2025-2026) [LOCAL GOV'TS DISASTER FUND](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO CREATE A FUND FOR RESILIENCY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR LOCAL DISASTER RESPONSE*.

Section 1

Adds new GS 143C-4-4.1, establishing within the General Fund a State Critical Infrastructure and Construction Resiliency Fund (SCICRF) that is administered by the Governor. The Governor can use the SCICRF to pay for new construction and infrastructure within counties affected by a disaster and within the emergency area of the Type I, II, or III disaster declaration for specific resiliency and disaster preparedness purposes. The Governor may also use the SCICRF to pay for State and local disaster response activities following a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States under the Stafford Act (P.L. 93-288) in the area affected by the disaster.

The SCICRF is comprised of funds appropriated from the General Assembly and funds reserved by the Department of Revenue in the amount of 5% of the highway use tax collected from a county each year if that county was within an emergency area for a Type I, II, or III disaster as declared by the Governor. Counties that have been included in an emergency area under a declared Type I, II, or III disaster by the Governor in the previous three fiscal years are eligible counties to deposit monies into the SCICRF.

Section 2

Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Hawkins.

[GS 143C](#)

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and Emergency Management](#)

H 955 (2025-2026) [NC JUNK FEE PREVENTION ACT](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA JUNK FEE PREVENTION ACT*.

Enacts Article 52, in GS Chapter 66, the North Carolina Junk Fee Prevention Act, to regulate *covered entities*, defined as providers of short-term lodging (limited to six months or less), entities that advertise rates or the purchase of short-term lodging and other entities determined appropriate by the Attorney General (AG). Requires covered entities to clearly display

the total price of the good or service provided in each advertisement and when a price is first shown to a customer, including any mandatory fees a consumer would incur during the transaction. Defines *mandatory fees* to include required, reasonably unavoidable, or unexpected fees or surcharges, with discretion for the AG to include others deemed appropriate in this definition.

Bars increasing pricing during the purchase process and imposing or advertising excessive or deceptive mandatory fees. Requires clearly disclosing any guarantee or refund policy prior to purchase, and providing refunds at total cost, including mandatory fees. Prohibits charging a fee, or imposing an excessive or unreasonable requirement, for early termination of a *covered service*, defined to include internet, voice, commercial mobile, commercial mobile data, or multichannel video programming services, or other services offered or provided as a bundle or package with these described services. Specifies that the Article does not prohibit charging consumers the cost of rental or loan equipment not returned within a reasonable amount of time, or the outstanding cost of a purchased device.

Authorizes the AG to adopt implementing rules. Authorizes the AG to assess penalties of up to \$5,000 for each violation of the Article and take other appropriate enforcement action. Lists factors the AG must consider in determining whether a fee is excessive, including whether the fee is reasonable and proportional to the cost of the good or service and the reason for the charge. Deems a violation of the Article to be an unfair and deceptive trade practice under GS Chapter 75.

Prevents a secondary ticket exchange, ticket issuer, or reseller (collectively, Secondary Ticket Sellers) from charging an order processing fee that is greater than the charge the secondary ticket exchange, ticket issuer, or reseller pays to a payment card entity to facilitate or process the payment in GS 75-44 (ticket price transparency). Requires Secondary Ticket Sellers to clearly and conspicuously disclose to the public, including at the point of sale, the total number of tickets offered for sale by it for the given event not less than 72 hours prior to the first public sale or presale. Provides for required disclosures and refunds if the Secondary Ticket Sellers does not possess a ticket at the time of sale, as described.

Repeals GS 14-344 (concerning sale of admission tickets in excess of the printed price).

Effective October 1, 2025.

Intro. by Longest.

GS 14, GS 66, GS 75

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**Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection,
Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and
Procedure, Government, State Agencies, Department of
Justice**

H 956 (2025-2026) **ENHANCE FINANCIAL PROTECTIONS/OLDER ADULTS**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ENHANCE FINANCIAL PROTECTIONS FOR DISABLED ADULTS AND OLDER ADULTS*.

Enacts new Article 6B of GS Chapter 108A to create additional protections for disabled adults and older adults triggered by certain behaviors observed by covered entities. Defines *covered entities* in new GS 108A-118(1) to include financial institutions and entities involved in facilitating or processing electronic transfers of funds using a payment card. Through new GS 108A-119, requires covered entities who observe or suspect that a *disabled adult* (defined as indicated in new GS 108A-118(2)) or *older adult* (defined in new GS 108A-118(3)) as an individual residing in North Carolina who is 65 years of age or older) is exhibiting a pattern of behavior that is materially harmful to the adult's financial well-being, or who has ceased all communication with the covered entity for a period of six months, to report that information to the adult's list of trusted persons and to the appropriate county department of social services. Additionally prohibits covered entities from charging any late fees or other penalties from the time the covered entity observes the behavior triggering the reporting requirement, the date of certain diagnoses of cognitive impairment, or the date on which an adult began to receive cognitive care, whichever comes first, to the date on which the covered entity submits the required report. Provides that a covered entity may not charge interest on any loan or extension of credit to the adult during that period. Makes a conforming change to GS 24-10.1(b)(7) regarding the limitation on late fees during the relevant period.

Effective October 1, 2025, and applicable to late fees, penalties, and interest charged on or after that date.

Intro. by Willis, Wheatley, Campbell, Eddins.

GS 24, GS 108A

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Banking and Finance, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Adult Services

H 960 (2025-2026) [UI/GIVE ENHANCED BENEFITS DURING DISASTERS](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING ACTIVATION OF AN INCREASED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT WHEN A DISASTER IS DECLARED UNDER THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT.*

Enacts subsection (f) in GS 96-14.2, providing for a temporary increase in maximum weekly unemployment benefits to \$600 for claims filed during a disaster declaration.

Enacts subsection (f) in GS 96-9.2, providing for earmarking of funds for benefits in GS 96-14.2 from the Unemployment Insurance Fund, and requiring the Department of Commerce, Division of Employment Security (Division) to project the annual needs for the enhanced benefits. Requires the Division to report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Unemployment Insurance regarding the projections and earmarks on January 1, 2027, and annually thereafter.

Enacts subsection (f) in GS 96-9.3, requiring the Division to certify that sufficient funds have been earmarked for the benefits in GS 96-14.2 before the implementation of benefits under that statute. Provides that if the Division determines funds are insufficient, then enhanced benefits will not be implemented during that disaster declaration, unless the General Assembly enacts a temporary enhancement.

Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Longest, Ager, Butler, Lofton.

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Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of Commerce, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Public Assistance

H 961 (2025-2026) [CRIMINAL INTENT SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT FOR FELONY OFFENSES COMMITTED BECAUSE OF A VICTIM'S CHARACTERISTIC AND TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE TO AN AGGRAVATING FACTOR FOR AN OFFENSE COMMITTED BECAUSE OF A VICTIM'S CHARACTERISTIC.*

Cites the act as the "Hate Crimes Prevention Act."

Enacts GS 15A-1340.16H establishing a sentence enhancement for felonies committed against the victim because of the victim's race, ethnicity, color, religion, nationality, country of origin, or gender. Provides for sentencing at a felony class level one class higher than the principal felony. Requires factual allegations qualifying the offense for the enhancement in the indictment or information for the felony. Establishes the standard of proof to be beyond a reasonable doubt and requires the issue be proved at the same trial as the felony, unless the defendant pleads guilty or no contest to the enhancement issue or, if the defendant pleads guilty or no contest to the felony but not guilty to the enhancement issue, then a jury must be impaneled to determine the issue.

Amends GS 15A-1340.16, expanding aggravating factors for sentencing to include when the offense was committed against the victim because of the victim's ethnicity or gender (was limited to race, color, religion, nationality, or country of origin).

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

Intro. by Charles Smith, Davis, Balkcom, Majeed.

GS 15A

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**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Corrections
(Sentencing/Probation)**

H 962 (2025-2026) **FUNDS FOR ECU ENGINEERING**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY AT EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY*.

Appropriates \$25 million from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors to be allocated to East Carolina University for the College of Engineering and Technology for improvements to buildings and to purchase and refurbish equipment.

Appropriates \$4 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors for each year of the 2025-27 biennium to be allocated to East Carolina University to expand positions at the College of Engineering and Technology.

Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Gable, Reeder, G. Brown.

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**Education, Higher Education, Government,
Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, UNC System**

H 964 (2025-2026) **CCW PERMIT/ALLOW CARRY OF OTHER WEAPONS**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ALLOW THE CONCEALED CARRY OF A WEAPON OTHER THAN A HANDGUN IF THE PERSON HAS A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT ISSUED OR CONSIDERED VALID UNDER STATE LAW OR IS OTHERWISE EXEMPTED BY LAW FROM OBTAINING A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT*.

Amends GS 14-269(a) to provide specific circumstances where a person can carry concealed a deadly weapon like a bowie knife, loaded cane, or metallic knuckles. Outlines the circumstances as (1) when the person is on their own premises (existing law); (2) when the person has a concealed handgun permit, a valid out-of-state concealed handgun permit, or is exempt from obtaining such a permit, and they are not carrying the weapon in a place where a concealed handgun is prohibited; or (3) the person is a military permittee and provides proof to law enforcement, and is not carrying the weapon in a place where a concealed handgun is prohibited.

Amends GS 14-415.11 by adding new subsection (c4), allowing any person who has a concealed handgun permit to carry concealed any weapon listed in GS 14-269(a) as long as they are not carrying the weapon in a place where a concealed handgun is prohibited.

Provides that prosecutions for offenses before the effective date are not abated or affected by the act and the statutes remain in force for those prosecutions.

Effective and applicable to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2025.

Intro. by Echevarria, Pike, Moss.

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

H 965 (2025-2026) **ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO PURE WATER, CLEAN AIR, AND A PRESERVED ENVIRONMENT*.

Subject to voter approval at the November 2026 general election, enacts new Section 39 to Article I of the NC Constitution establishing the inalienable right to clean water, clean air, and the preservation of the natural, cultural, and healthful qualities of

the environment. Mandates equal protection of these self-executing rights by the State. Appoints the State (including all agencies and local governments) as trustee of the State's natural resources and requires the State to conserve, protect, and maintain the State's natural resources for the benefit of present and future generations. Provides for certification and enrollment. Makes the amendment effective upon certification.

Intro. by K. Brown, Harrison, Moss, Lowery.

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Constitution, Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, State Agencies, Local Government

H 966 (2025-2026) **COLLEGE COST REDUCTION ACT**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA FROM REQUIRING STUDENTS TO USE LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS THAT COME WITH ADDITIONAL COSTS.*

Adds a new section to GS 116-11 requiring the University of North Carolina Board of Governors (BOG) to adopt a policy that prohibits constituent institutions from requiring students to use any Learning Management System (LMS) that would increase costs to the student beyond the student fees previously approved by the BOG. Effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2025-26 academic year.

Intro. by Gable, Willis, Setzer, Echevarria.

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, State Agencies, UNC System

H 967 (2025-2026) **DISORDERLY CONDUCT AT VOTING PLACES**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT PUBLIC BUILDINGS INCLUDE VOTING PLACES FOR PURPOSES OF THE CRIME OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT IN OR NEAR PUBLIC BUILDINGS.*

Amends GS 14-132, which makes it a Class 2 misdemeanor to engage in disorderly conduct in or injure public buildings and facilities. Pertaining to the authority of persons in charge of public buildings and facilities to arrest persons summarily and without warrant for a violation of the statute, eliminates the qualification that the public building or facility must be owned or controlled by the State, a subdivision thereof, or any other public agency. Includes in the definition of *public building or facility*: (1) any private institution or agency of a philanthropic nature (was eleemosynary nature) and (2) one temporarily in use as a voting place during the hours for voting (not included under current law). Makes organizational and technical changes.

Adds to GS 163-166.4, making it a Class 3 misdemeanor for a person to steal, deface, vandalize, or unlawfully remove political advertising lawfully placed pursuant to the statute.

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

Intro. by Cotham.

GS 14, GS 163

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

H 968 (2025-2026) **YOUTH CERT PREPAREDNESS K-12 TRAINING**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.*

Enacts Part 7, concerning instructional requirements, to Article 7B of GS Chapter 115C. Directs all public school units to provide instruction in emergency preparedness from kindergarten through high school in GS 115C-76.85. Requires the State Board of Education (Board) to adopt standards for instruction in emergency preparedness, differentiated between elementary school starting from grades three and up, middle school, and high school. Sets forth instructional criteria for the three groups, all of which include the school's or local school administrative unit's emergency response plan (in elementary school) and updated instruction in middle school and high school to reflect any changes that have occurred or to reflect the student's new school placement. Authorizes local school administrative units to determine the appropriate courses during which instruction on emergency preparedness will be provided. Requires local boards of education (GS 115C-81.67), UNC School of the Arts (GS 116-69.05), and the NC School of Science and Mathematics (GS 116-235) to provide instruction in emergency preparedness in conformity with GS 115C-76.85.

Applies beginning with the 2025-26 year.

Intro. by Cervania, Carson Smith, Miller.

GS 115C, GS 116

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, State Board of Education

H 969 (2025-2026) [STUDY THE ABOLITION OF CONTRIB. NEGLIGENCE](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ABOLITION OF CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE*.

Directs the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) to study the abolition of contributory negligence, including evaluating whether contributory negligence is harming citizens, whether abolition of contributory negligence would improve outcomes for citizens, the fiscal impacts of a new negligence framework and recommending the most beneficial negligence framework for the State. Requires the LRC to submit a report on its study to the 2026 Regular Session of the 2025 General Assembly upon its reconvening.

Intro. by Longest, Blust.

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Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Government, General Assembly

H 970 (2025-2026) [PREVENTING ALGORITHMIC RENT FIXING](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO PREVENT ALGORITHMIC RENT FIXING IN THE RENTAL HOUSING MARKET*.

Enacts Article 8, titled "Prevention of Algorithmic Rent Fixing," to GS Chapter 42 making it unlawful: (1) for any real estate lessor, or any agent or subcontractor of a real estate lessor, within North Carolina to subscribe to, contract for, or otherwise exchange anything of value in return for *coordinating functions* (defined) and (2) for any service provider to facilitate an agreement to not compete among real estate lessors with respect to residential dwelling units within the State. Defines *coordinate or coordinating function* as: (1) collecting of historical or contemporaneous prices, price changes, supply levels, occupancy rates, or lease or rental contract termination and renewal dates of residential dwelling units from two or more real estate lessors or from public databases; (2) analyzing or processing of the information described above using a system, software, or process that uses computation; (3) recommending rental prices, lease terms, or occupancy levels to a real estate lessor; or (4) using a pricing algorithm that uses, incorporates, or was trained with nonpublic competitor data to set the amount of rent for a residential dwelling unit or any other commercial term contained within a residential rental agreement. Designates violations of the Article an unfair or deceptive trade practice under GS 75-1.1, which can be invoked by private persons aggrieved by the violation or the Attorney General in their role as the enforcement authority of new Article 8. At the election of the person alleging conduct constituting a violation of this statute, or the named representative of a class in a collective action alleging such conduct, specifies that no pre-dispute arbitration agreement or pre-dispute joint-action waiver is valid or

enforceable with respect to a case which relates to a violation of the Article. Applies to acts or omissions occurring on or after October 1, 2025.

Intro. by Longest, Lopez, Morey, Prather.

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Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, State Agencies, Department of Justice

H 972 (2025-2026) **FUNDS FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS IN WAYNE COUNTY.** Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO WAYNE COUNTY FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PROJECTS.*

Appropriates \$15.760 million from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management for 2025-26 to provide a directed grant to Wayne County:

- (1) for a capital project at Rosewood Middle School,
- (2) to update the athletic track at Dillard Middle School,
- (3) for water and sewer upgrades for the Village of Walnut Creek,
- (4) for the "Saving Union Station" revitalization project,
- (5) for a training facility for the Wayne County Sheriff's Office,
- (6) for the Wayne County United Way,
- (7) for Wayne County Alcohol Anonymous,
- (8) for the Tuscarora Council Scouting Program,
- (9) for the Mattamuskeet Lodge Restoration Initiative, and
- (10) for the Pricetown Volunteer Fire Department.

Appropriates \$162,351 in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 biennium and \$3,752 in nonrecurring funds for 2025-26 from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts to hire one assistant district attorney for Prosecutorial District 9.

Appropriates \$2,347,071 in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 biennium and \$96,730 in nonrecurring funds for 2025-26 from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts, Office of Indigent Defense Services, to create a new Defender District 9 serving Green, Lenoir, and Wayne counties and to hire the following positions:

- (1) one chief public defender,
- (2) ten assistant public defenders,
- (3) two chief investigators,
- (4) one social worker,
- (5) one administrative assistant II, and
- (6) two legal assistant I positions.

Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Bell, Dixon.

APPROP, Wayne

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Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Administrative Office of the Courts, Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Office of State Budget and Management, Health and Human Services, Mental Health

H 973 (2025-2026) **UNIFORM RESTRICTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT ACT**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE UNIFORM RESTRICTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT ACT.*

Creates new GS Chapter 1H (Uniform Restrictive Employment Agreement Act), which adopts the uniform act regulating agreements that prohibit or limit employees from working elsewhere after their relationship with the original employer ends, such as noncompete, nonsolicitation, and no-recruit agreements. Also regulates restrictive agreements after the sale of a business is completed. Does not affect agreements related to the transfer or enforcement of patents, copyrights, trade secrets, or similar rights. Provides definitions for the chapter.

Creates notice requirements applicable to restrictive employment agreements. Directs the North Carolina Department of Labor to prepare required notice to be included with any proposed agreement, and outlines requirements that must be met for enforceability of an agreement.

Prohibits restrictive employment agreements for low-wage workers, which are defined as employees earning less than the annual mean wage for North Carolina. Establishes that restrictive employment agreements are not enforceable if the employee resigns for good cause attributable to the employer or if the employer terminates the employee for a reason other than misconduct or completion of agreed work or contract term. Requires all restrictive employment agreements to be reasonable for enforceability.

Provides that a noncompete agreement, which is an agreement that prohibits an employee from working for other employers, is only enforceable if it meets certain criteria provided in new GS 1H-8. Requires noncompete agreements to be narrowly tailored and limited in time as provided in that section.

Sets requirements for the enforceability of confidentiality agreements, including the ability of employees to use or disclose information in specified circumstances.

Establishes requirements for the enforceability of no-business agreements, which are agreements that prohibit an employee from working for a prospective or current client or customer of the employer. Requirements include a limitation on applicability only to prospective and ongoing clients/customers the employee worked with personally, and a six-month time period limitation.

Provides requirements for the enforceability of nonsolicitation agreements, which are agreements that prohibit an employee from contacting the clients or customers of an employer. Requirements include a limitation on applicability only to prospective and ongoing clients/customers the employee worked with personally, and a one-year time period limitation.

Enacts requirements for the enforceability of no-recruit agreements, which are agreements that prohibit an employee from recruiting current or former employees of the employer. Requirements include a limitation on applicability only to employees of the employer that the employee worked with personally, and a six-month time period limitation.

Mandates requirements for the enforceability of payment-for-competition agreements, which are agreements that impose financial consequences on employees for working for other employers, but does not directly prohibit the employee working for another employer. Requirements include a limitation on the financial penalty cannot be more than the competitive harm to the employer, and that the agreement cannot last more than one year after employment has ended.

Provides limitations on training-repayment agreements, including that the repayment must be only for the special training, the agreement cannot last longer than two years after the training is completed, and that the agreement must prorate the payments for the training.

Prevents a party to an agreement under the chapter from waiving a requirement of the Chapter, except in specific circumstances such as litigation or other dispute resolution. Outlines enforceability provisions, including judicial remedies and civil penalties for violating the chapter. Prohibits choice of law and choice of venue provisions unless they require the choice of law or venue to be the location where the employee primarily works or worked when the relationship ended, or the venue where the employee resides at the time of the dispute.

Directs a court to consider the uniform application of the act in other jurisdictions that have adopted the uniform act. Contains a severability provision.

Contains a savings provision that allows agreements entered into before the effective date of the Chapter to remain in effect, except that the Chapter also contains a transitional provision that makes GS 1H-4(a)(4)-(5), requiring the agreement to be separately signed by the employee and that an employee receives a copy of the agreement when signed and an additional copy within 14 days of request, applicable to agreements entered into before, on, or after the effective date of the Chapter.

Effective January 1, 2026.

Intro. by Longest, Cohn, Dahle, Harrison.

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[Employment and Retirement](#)

H 974 (2025-2026) [DHHS STUDY/HOSPICE PATIENT COMPLAINTS](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON WAYS TO ENCOURAGE GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY BY HOSPICE CARE FACILITIES FOR COMPLAINTS BY HOSPICE CARE PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES*.

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to conduct a study to examine ways to improve the responsiveness of hospice care facilities to complaints by hospice care patients and their families. Instructs DHHS to (1) analyze complaint data collected from hospice care facilities, hospice care patients, and families of hospice care patients and (2) to engage the listed stakeholders in conducting the study. Requires DHHS to report its findings and recommendations, including recommendations on best care practices, a summary of the most common complaints, and recommendations on legislation, to the specified NCGA committee and division by April 1, 2026.

Intro. by G. Pierce, Cervania, White, Wheatley.

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

H 975 (2025-2026) [EMS PERSONNEL/ALLOW CARRY OF PEPPER SPRAY](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ALLOW EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL, WHILE ON DUTY, TO CARRY PEPPER SPRAY OPENLY OR CONCEALED*.

Amends GS 131E-157 and GS 143-508 to prevent the NC Medical Care Commission (Commission) and the NC Office of Emergency Medical Services (Office) from adopting or enforcing any rule prohibiting EMS personnel from carrying concealed or openly any pepper spray (meaning, a chemical irritant such as mace, oleoresin capsicum or pepper spray or tear gas) otherwise allowed under GS 14-401.6. Requires the Commission and the Office to adopt or amend their rules consistent with the provisions of the act. Authorizes the use of the APA's procedures for adopting a temporary rule to adopt the rules under the act.

Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Scott, N. Jackson, Biggs.

[GS 131E, GS 143](#)

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**Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management,
Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities
and Providers**

H 978 (2025-2026) **EST. YOUTH MENTORING COMM./MENTORING FUNDS**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON YOUTH MENTORING AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT YOUTH MENTORING INITIATIVES*.

Enacts GS 143B-208.20, establishing the 15-member NC Commission on Youth Mentoring (Commission) of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Grants the Commission five duties, including establishing a grant program for specified youth mentoring organizations and annually reporting to the specified NCGA committees and division the number of grant applications, the grant recipients and amounts awarded, the findings of social impact, and the balance of funds remaining. Details member qualifications and terms, and provides for appointment of members by the Governor. Further provides for Commission meetings, vacancies, removal, compensation, staffing, and funding.

Appropriates \$1.5 million in recurring funds to DHHS for the Commission for each year of the 2025-27 biennium to be used to provide grants to mentoring organizations which meet the criteria established pursuant to new GS 143B-208.20.

Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Hawkins, Willis, Colvin.

[APPROP, GS 143B](#)

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

H 983 (2025-2026) **PROHIBIT CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOLS**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS*.

Identical to [S 714](#), filed on 3/25/25.

Contains whereas clauses.

Prohibits corporal punishment in public school units by amending GS 115C-390.4. Provides that physical restraint under GS 115C-391.1 and reasonable use of force under GS 115C-390.3 are not considered corporal punishment.

Makes corresponding changes to remove corporal punishment references in GS 115C-12(27), GS 115C-107.7, GS 115C-276(r), and GS 115C-390.2(h).

Repeals GS 6-21.4, regarding counsel fees and costs in lawsuits regarding corporal punishment against public school principals or teachers. Not applicable to civil actions arising before the effective date of the act.

Effective and applicable for the 2025-2026 school year.

Intro. by Cervania, Morey.

[GS 6, GS 115C](#)

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Education, Elementary and Secondary Education

H 986 (2025-2026) **SUPPORT OUR TEACHERS**. Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS FROM REQUIRING LESSON PLANS OR LESSON OBJECTIVES BE POSTED, TO PROVIDE FOR DUTY-FREE LUNCHES FOR TEACHERS, AND TO REQUIRE THAT TEACHERS WHO LEAD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BE COMPENSATED FOR THEIR TIME*.

Amends GS 115C-12 (powers and duties of the State Board of Education) to require the State Board of Education (Board) to adopt rules as follows. Prevents the Board from adopting policies that require teachers to post lesson plans or lesson objectives and directs the Board to adopt rules preventing local school administrative units from doing the same. Requires the Board to adopt rules prohibiting local school administrative units or schools within local school administrative units from imposing any duties on teachers during the teacher's allotted lunch time. Requires local boards of education to compensate teachers employed by that board who provide professional development to other teachers in the local school administrative unit for the time spent leading the professional development in GS 115C-47. Applies beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

Intro. by Cotham, Biggs.

GS 115C

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

H 988 (2025-2026) [REVISE LAW ON INSTANT BINGO](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS GOVERNING INSTANT BINGO GAMES, TO REVISE THE METHOD BY WHICH FUNDS RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH A BINGO GAME MAY BE DISBURSED, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.*

Adds *instant bingo*, a game of chance played by the selection of one or more predesignated paper or digital tickets, with winners determined by the appearance of a preselected designation on the ticket to GS 14-309.6 (definitions relating to bingo and raffles). Excludes *instant bingo* from *beach bingo games* and removes its exclusion from *bingo game*. Makes technical changes.

Broadens the organizations exempted from the GS 14-309.8 limits on bingo games to include organizations exempt from taxation under the IRS Code sections 501(c)(8) (fraternal benefit societies), 501(c)(10) (lodges), or 501(c)(19) (veterans' organizations or their auxiliaries) (collectively, the Tax Exempt Organizations). Limits the maximum prize in cash or merchandise that may be offered for one game of instant bingo to \$600 in GS 14-309.9. Makes technical changes. Stipulates in GS 14-309.10 that only the Tax Exempt Organizations can conduct instant bingo. Requires that paper instant bingo tickets comply with the standards for instant bingo tickets or cards established by the North American Gaming Regulators Association. Requires electronic instant bingo systems to be tested by an independent test laboratory and certified as compliant as specified prior to use. Expands the authorized use of sequestered funds received in connection with a bingo game under GS 14-309.11 to allow funds to be expended for materials related to conducting the raffles. Allows payments to be made by electronic funds transfer. Applies to bingo games conducted on or after October 1, 2025.

Intro. by Hawkins.

GS 14

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**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and
Procedure, Lottery and Gaming**

H 994 (2025-2026) [WESTERN NC SUPPORT; EXPAND COMM. ECO. DEV.](#) Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR RECOVERY EFFORTS IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA AND TO EXPAND COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.*

Identical to [S 542](#), and filed on 3/25/25.

Appropriates \$20.3 million for 2025-26 from the General Fund to the National Institute of Minority Economic Development, Inc. (Institute) to be used in the specified amounts for (1) programming support for three women's business centers providing technical support and capacity building in western North Carolina, the Triad, and the Piedmont, (2) Community Development Corporations (CDC), and to communities without CDCs, to expand community economic development services, (3) assist residents in western North Carolina whose primary residence was damaged because of Hurricane Helene with long-term residential housing recovery efforts, and (4) the Institute Capital (I-CAP) institution for funding activities in the State.

Appropriates \$1 million in recurring funds for 2025-26 from the General Fund the Institute to: (1) assist with housing recovery efforts in western North Carolina, (2) provide State match funding for federal disaster-recovery State match requirements, and (3) provide technical assistance and community development services in other parts of the State.

Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Hawkins.

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development, Land Use, Planning and Zoning, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and Emergency Management](#)

H 995 (2025-2026) [SHOTGUN HOUSE FUNDING ACT](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR A MULTIUSE CENTER.*

Appropriates \$750,000 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management for 2025-26 to be allocated as a directed grant to Triad Cultural Arts, Inc., to develop the Shotgun House Legacy Site project in the City of Winston-Salem. Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Baker, K. Brown.

[APPROP, Forsyth](#)

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, Cultural Resources and Museums, State Agencies, Office of State Budget and Management](#)

H 998 (2025-2026) [FUNDS FOR CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG LIBRARY](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG LIBRARY FOUNDATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW MAIN LIBRARY.*

Identical to [S 741](#), filed 3/27/25.

Appropriates \$5 million for 2025-26 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management to provide a directed grant to the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Foundation to be used as title indicates. Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Carney, Belk, Lopez.

[APPROP, Mecklenburg](#)

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

PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 335 (2025-2026) [PHARMACISTS/TEST AND TREAT/INFLUENZA & STREP. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Mar 19 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.*

Senate amendment to the 3rd edition makes a technical change to the provisions of the act directing the State Health Director to issue a standing order authorizing a pharmacist to order and perform a CLIA-waived test and initiate treatment, as described.

Intro. by Sawrey, Galey, Burgin.

GS 58, GS 90

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

S 336 (2025-2026) [INTERSTATE MED.L LIC. COMP./INTERN'L PHYS.](#) Filed Mar 19 2025, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND TO CREATE A PROCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL PHYSICIAN EMPLOYEE LICENSE.*

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

Removes the NC Medical Board's authority to adopt rules pertaining to adequate supervision of internationally-trained physicians under GS 90-12.03. Modifies the requirements for an applicant to qualify for internationally-trained physician employee license in GS 90-12.03, as follows. No longer requires the employing hospital be accredited by the Joint Commission, or that applicant be supervised in a rural area. Now requires that the applicant have completed two years of postgraduate training in a graduate medical education program approved by their country of licensure (was, accredited by an agency with the World Federation for Medical Education Recognition Status after graduation from medical school). Makes technical change. Clarifies that an applicant can apply for an internationally-trained physician employee license before receiving federal work authorization, but cannot begin employment before receiving that approval. Changes one of the triggering conditions for when an internationally-trained physician employee license becomes inactive to when the physician ceases to be employed at a medical practice located in a rural county or practices if a physician licensed by the State under GS Chapter 90 is not physically practicing on-site at the medical practice (was, ceases to be employed at a medical practice located in a rural county or who practices without supervision by a physician licensed by the State of North Carolina who is physically practicing on-site at the medical practice).

Automatically converts internationally-trained physician employee licenses to a full license to practice medicine in the State after four years of active in North Carolina and if the physician is in good standing. Directs the Board to collect information on the twelve specified matters to evaluate the implementation and success of the pathway to licensure established in GS 90-12.0. Requires the Board to annually report the information to the specified NCGA committee by December 1.

Adds a severability clause.

Intro. by Sawrey, Galey, Burgin.

GS 90

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

S 479 (2025-2026) [SCRIPT ACT.](#) Filed Mar 25 2025, *AN ACT SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RETAIL PHARMACIES AND IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY.*

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

Part I.

Modifies the term, *pharmacy desert*, in GS 58-51-37 so that it now means either (1) an urban community or neighborhood without a pharmacy within a 2-mile radius of any point in the community or neighborhood or (2) a rural community without a pharmacy within a 15-mile radius of any point in the community (was, either an urban community or neighborhood without a pharmacy within a one-mile radius of any point in the community or neighborhood or a rural community without a pharmacy within a ten-mile radius of any point in the community). Makes technical changes. Now excludes those monetary advantages

imposed upon a county with a population of fewer than 20,000 residents (was, 5,000 residents) from prohibited monetary advantage practices.

Part II.

Removes new GS 58-56B-25 which would have required certain patient cost-sharing assistance by a Pharmacy Services Administrative Organization (PSAO)'s as described.

Enacts GS 58-56B-45, requiring a PSAO to act as a fiduciary and perform its duties to a pharmacy exercising good faith and fair dealing, including avoiding self-dealing and conflicts of interest. Changes statutory codification of the Commissioner of Insurance (COI) rulemaking authority under new Article 56B of GS Chapter 58 from GS 58-56B-45 to GS 58-56B-50. Requires the COI to adopt rules necessary to implement new Article 56. Makes conforming change to Part's effective date.

Part III.

Changes the annual report due date under new GS 58-56A-22 from March 1 to May 1 (requiring all Pharmacy Benefits Managers (PBM) to submit an annual report to the Commissioner by March 1 of each year on the specified information regarding prescription drug benefits specific to insurers within the State with which a pharmacy benefits manager has a contract). Modifies the third, fourth, sixth, and seventh required components of the report so that the PBM must now instead provide the following information:

- The aggregated amount of difference between the amount paid by the health benefit plan for prescription drugs and the aggregated amount paid to pharmacies for claims paid under the health benefit plan, including point-of-sale and retroactive charges.
- The spread between aggregate amount paid to pharmacies for prescription drugs and the aggregated amount charged to insurers for prescription drugs.
- A pharmacy benefits manager that is affiliated with a retail pharmacy shall provide the aggregated amount of any differences between what the pharmacy benefits manager reimburses or charges affiliated retail pharmacies and what it reimburses or charges non-affiliated retail pharmacies.
- The aggregate amount of all fees or other assessments, including point-of-sale and retroactive charges, that are imposed on, or collected from, contracted, preferred, or in-network pharmacies. Retroactive charges shall not include any funds recouped from an audit conducted under Part 8 of Article 50 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes.

Removes required reporting on details on any fees, other than a rebate that a PBM receives from a drug manufacturer or wholesale distributor. Makes organizational changes. Changes the scope of the new GS 58-56A-4(g) and GS 90-58-40(i) so that it only applies to independent pharmacies (was, a pharmacy or pharmacist).

Part V.

Requires the NC Board of Pharmacy (Board) to implement rules to implement Part V of the act by no later than October 1, 2025. Makes conforming changes to effective date.

Part VI.

Adds defined term *claim* to GS 58-50-400 (the NC Pharmacy Practice Act). Makes technical change to GS 58-50-405 (rights of a pharmacy/audits). Modifies number of total prescriptions to be audited in an audit conducted for a reason other than an identified problem to the lesser of 1% of claims or 100 claims (was, 25 prescriptions, including refills) under GS 58-50-405 (pharmacy rights during an audit). Makes technical change. Specifies that the 14-day notice provisions do not apply in the case of an audit conducted because of an identified problem in GS 58-50-405(a)(8), as created by and amended by the act. Now requires the auditing entity to provide the pharmacy with an approximate date when recoupment will occur under GS 58-50-410(j), as created by and amended by the act (was, auditing entity had to provide pharmacy with actual date of recoupment).

Part VII.

Clarifies that GS 58-56A-20's reimbursement requirements apply when PBM's are reimbursing a pharmacy or pharmacist in the State.

Part VIII.

When calculating an insured's defined cost-sharing for a covered prescription drug at the point of sale under new GS 58-3-182, now directs the insurer to base the calculation on the price of the prescription drug after considering all rebates (was, pharmacy rebates) associated with that prescription drug.

Part IX.

Adds new term *price* to the definitions provisions of new Article 4D (Prescription Drug Transparency) in GS Chapter 90. Changes the types of price increases that a manufacturer is required to disclose under GS 90-85.56 from the 20 highest drug price increases to those drugs with a price of \$100 or more for a 30-day supply that were increased in price by 15% or greater during the prior calendar year. Changes the triggering event for the manufacturer's notification requirements pertaining to new prescription drugs from after it receives FDA approval to after it is made available for purchase in the State. Specifies that a manufacturer's obligations are fulfilled under GS 90-85.56 by the submission of information and data that a manufacturer includes in its annual consolidated report on Securities and Exchange Commission Form 10-K or any other public disclosure. Specifies that nonpublic information is considered a trade secret and exempt from public records disclosure. Makes conforming changes to GS 90-85.58 to account for new confidentiality provisions, and removes requirement that Secretary submit a plan for the implementation of data collection as part of its first annual report.

Part X.

Enacts GS 90-85.42, requiring the Board, by no later than October 1 of each year, to report on the five specified matters to the Department of Insurance and the specified NCGA Committee, including the number of chain pharmacies (defined) and independent pharmacies (defined) that have opened and closed in the preceding five years.

Makes organizational changes.

Intro. by Sawrey, Britt, Galey.

GS 58, GS 90

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Business and Commerce, Insurance, Occupational Licensing, Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Insurance, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Health Insurance

S 664 (2025-2026) **JMAC COMPLIANCE FLEXIBILITY**. Filed Mar 25 2025, *AN ACT TO ALLOW FLEXIBILITY IN THE EVENT OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH A JMAC AGREEMENT, TO AMEND ABC LAWS TO EXPAND USE OF ALTERNATING PROPRIETORSHIPS, AND TO AMEND MEGASITES AND SELECTSITES READINESS PROGRAMS.*

Senate amendments to the 2nd edition makes the following changes.

Amendment #1.

Modifies the applicable employment level under GS 143B-437.012(j)(2)a (job maintenance and capital development fund) so that if the grant agreement is for a business that has qualified as a major employer under subsection (d) of this section, a provision requiring the business to maintain the employment level at the project that is the subject of the agreement that is the lesser of the level required in subdivision (d)(1) of GS 143B-437.012 (i.e., \$2 million of private funds in the described property improvements, employment of at least 2,000 full-time employees or the equivalent full-time contractors as described, and the project is located in a development tier one area at the time the business applies for a grant). Specifies that the act's changes to GS 143B-437.012 apply to awards in effect on or after the act becomes law.

Amendment #2 changes the effective date of Section 4C.13(b) of SL 2024-53 (temporary moratorium for certain Job Development Investment Grant requirements) from January 31, 2025, to July 31, 2025, retroactive to October 25, 2024. Makes organizational changes and conforming changes to the act's long title.

Intro. by B. Newton, McInnis.

GS 18B, GS 143B

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Housing, Community and Economic Development,
Government, State Agencies, Department of Commerce,
Public Enterprises and Utilities

ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 53: INCREASE ACCIDENT THRESHOLDS/SAFE DRIVER PLAN.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 69: MILITARY AND VETERANS EDUCATIONAL PROMISE ACT. (NEW)

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 04/15/2025

H 123: CRIMINAL FALSIFICATION OF MEDICAL RECORDS.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 126: REVISE VOLUNTARY AG. DISTRICT LAWS.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

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

H 149: SCHOOL FINANCIAL FLEXIBILITY PILOT PROGRAM.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

House: Withdrawn From Cal

House: Placed On Cal For 04/16/2025

H 211: THE KELSEY SMITH ACT.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 04/15/2025

H 213: POST NC VETERANS' BENEFITS.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 04/15/2025

H 218: EMERGENCY INFO ON DMV APPLICATIONS.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 04/15/2025

H 246: LIAM'S LAW.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 04/15/2025

H 258: UTILITY WORKER PROTECTION ACT.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 266: ADOPT WOMEN VETERANS DAY.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 272: THE SERGEANT MICKEY HUTCHENS ACT. (NEW)

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 04/15/2025

H 297: BREAST CANCER PREVENTION IMAGING PARITY.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

H 298: LOCAL GOV'TS/SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES.

House: Reptd Fav

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

H 308: CRIMINAL LAW CHANGES.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 309: BLDG. CODE FAM. CHILD CARE HOME CLASS.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 04/15/2025

H 328: BAN DELTA-8 & AMP DELTA-9 ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

H 329: TOBACCO AND HEMP ON NONPUBLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

H 349: UPDATE REQS./ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 04/15/2025

H 354: CIVIL PROCEDURE/GATEKEEPER ORDERS/DATABASE.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 358: MAINTAIN NAIC ACCREDITATION OF DOI-AB

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 373: UNC TUITION DISCOUNTS FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 04/15/2025

H 377: CHANGES TO ESTATES AND TRUSTS STATUTES.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 378: LEON'S LAW (DUAL ENROLLMENT INFO PARENTS).

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 04/15/2025

H 389: CHILD CARE WORKFORCE PILOT PROGRAM. (NEW)

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 390: ALLEVIATE THE DANGERS OF SURGICAL SMOKE.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

H 394: DISTRACTED DRIVING/CHILDREN AND ANIMALS.

House: Withdrawn From Com

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

H 397: USE OF EPINEPHRINE NASAL SPRAY. (NEW)

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 412: CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 04/15/2025

H 437: ESTABLISH DRUG-FREE HOMELESS SERVICE ZONES.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 04/15/2025

H 479: TOWN OF BURGAW PROPERTY TRANSFER.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 04/15/2025

H 481: GSC TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS 2025 PART 2.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 535: TITLE FRAUD PREVENTION ACT.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On Judiciary 2

H 557: THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW AS STATE TV SHOW.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 04/16/2025

H 574: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROJECT.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 04/16/2025

H 584: PERMIT/PROVISIONAL LICENSE MODIFICATIONS.

House: Serial Referral To Judiciary 1 Stricken

House: Withdrawn From Com

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

House: Withdrawn From Com

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

H 610: STUDY ON YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 04/16/2025

H 661: BUILDING INDUSTRY EFFICIENCY ACT OF 2025.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Re-ref Com On Finance

H 729: FARMLAND PROTECTION ACT.

House: Serial Referral To Finance Stricken

House: Serial Referral To Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House Stricken

House: Serial Referral To Energy and Public Utilities Added

House: Serial Referral To Finance Added

House: Serial Referral To Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House Added

H 734: MODERNIZE DEBT SETTLEMENT PROHIBITION.

House: Serial Referral To Finance Stricken

H 763: NEIGHBOR STATE LICENSE RECOGNITION ACT.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref to the Com on Commerce and Economic Development, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 830: THE ROLLING INK ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 831: COMM. INSPECT. EFFICIENCY ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 832: REVISE SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 833: THE FRESH ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 834: SPORTSMAN'S VOTER ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 835: LEARNING AAPI CONTRIBUTIONS IN SCHOOLS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 836: NORTH CAROLINA SOUND MONEY ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 837: STUDY ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR HIGHWAY FUNDING.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 838: DIT AGENCY BROADBAND BILL.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 839: ADVANCED TEACHING ROLES UPDATES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 840: REWARD SCHOOLS FOR STUDENT GROWTH.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 841: SHELLFISH LEASING STUDY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 842: VIS., HEAR., DENTAL SCREENINGS OPT-OUT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 843: LAKE WACCAMAW DAM REPAIRS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 844: FINDING GRACE FAMILY BILL.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 845: REDUCE DROWNING RISK/PUBLIC DOCKS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 846: TEACHER RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 847: CLARIFY MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 848: CLEVELAND CULTIVATION OF EXCELLENCE PILOT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 849: UTILITY FORCED RELOCATION EXPENSES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 850: INTERBASIN TRANSFER MORATORIUM/STUDY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 851: HOSPITAL POLICE OFFICER/AUTHORITY/INFO ACCESS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 852: SAFE DOGS, SAFE OWNERS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 853: SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE AFTER REVOCATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 854: REQUIRE LICENSURE OF EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETERS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 855: RESIDENCY LICENSES FOR NONPUBLIC EC TEACHERS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 856: CLARIFY DEED RESTRICTIONS/SOLAR COLLECTORS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 857: CREATE ALERT/MISSING PERSON W/ DISABILITY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 858: FUNDS/N. MECKLENBURG PUBLIC SAFETY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 859: LOCAL GOVTS/GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAMS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 860: SOCIAL MEDIA CONTROL IN IT ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 861: TAXPAYER ACCOUNTABILITY/PREGNANCY CENTERS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 862: JUSTICE IMPROVEMENTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 863: DISASTER RECOVERY ACT OF 2025 - PART 1(B).

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 864: TRAFFIC LAW REVISIONS/COLLEGIATE PLATES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 865: CLARIFY ANIMAL WELFARE STATUTES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 866: AUTOMATIC ORD/EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION CLAIM.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 867: POULTRY WASTE MANAGEMENT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 868: DUE PROCESS IN LEO FIELD DRUG TESTING.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 869: DYNAMIC SYMBOL OF ACCESS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 870: SEDIMENTATION ACT & OTHER ENV.'L CHANGES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 871: NORTH CAROLINA MICROPLASTICS STUDY ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 872: SCHOOL EMPLOYEE PROTECTIONS FOR USE OF FORCE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 873: DEQ AGENCY BILL.--AB

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 874: NORTH CAROLINA HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 875: DPI TO REDESIGN MATH INSTRUCTION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 876: DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REVIEW TIME LINES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 877: CHILDCARE PILOT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 878: INCREASED ACADEMIC TRANSPARENCY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Education - K-12, if favorable, Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 879: AIR CONDITIONING FOR RENTAL PROPERTIES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 880: AGGIE ACADEMY LEARNING LAB/FUNDS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 881: PFAS FREE NC.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 882: BREAK FREE FROM PLASTIC & AMP FOREVER CHEMICALS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 883: SUPPORT STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 894: GUN DEALER DOOR LOCK EXEMPTION.

House: Filed

H 895: EMERGENCY CITIZEN PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM.

House: Filed

H 896: JESSE'S LAW.

House: Filed

H 897: DPS AGENCY CHANGES.-AB

House: Filed

H 898: BROADBAND EQUIPMENT SALES TAX EXEMPTION.

House: Filed

H 899: RETURN OVERSIGHT OF OSFM TO DOI COMMISSIONER.

House: Filed

H 900: LEGISLATORS DOCUMENTS CONFIDENTIALITY CHANGE.

House: Filed

H 901: RECOGNIZE SAFETY HOLD AGREEMENTS.

House: Filed

H 902: FREE TO LEARN - LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS ACT.

House: Filed

H 903: HIGHWAY AND ROAD SAFETY ACT.

House: Filed

H 904: HOUSE BOG ELECTIONS.

House: Filed

H 905: PUBLIC SCHOOL PART-TIME ENROLLMENT.

House: Filed

H 906: REAGAN'S LAW.

House: Filed

H 907: NC RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY ACT.

House: Filed

H 908: DISCRETIONARY DISMISSAL OF CHARGES/CAPACITY.

House: Filed

H 909: STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK BOARD.

House: Filed

H 910: DRIVE RECOMMENDATIONS/TEACHER DIVERSITY.

House: Filed

H 911: OCCUP. & AMP PHYS. THERAPIST SALARIES/EMPLOYMENT.

House: Filed

H 912: THE HOMETOWN OPP. FOR MENTORING EDUCATORS ACT.

House: Filed

H 913: LIABILITY/UNFAIR/DECEPTIVE DEVELOP. ACTIONS.

House: Filed

H 914: HIGHER ED./RELIGIOUS INST. AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

House: Filed

H 915: REENACT FILM CREDIT.

House: Filed

H 916: STRENGTHEN DO NOT CALL/TEXT REGISTRY.

House: Filed

H 917: ESTABLISH DATA DIVISION.

House: Filed

H 918: STANDARDIZED TESTING CHOICE ACT.

House: Filed

H 919: FAIR ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES.

House: Filed

H 920: NC DIGITAL ASSET FREEDOM ACT.

House: Filed

H 921: ABC & AMP GAMING OMNIBUS BILL.

House: Filed

H 922: NORTH CAROLINA CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT.

House: Filed

H 923: PROTECT PERSONAL INFO/JUDICIAL PERSONNEL.

House: Filed

H 924: BOARD FOR GEN. CONTRACTORS/CRIM. REFERRALS.

House: Filed

H 925: CONSUMERS IN CRISIS PROTECTION ACT.

House: Filed

H 926: REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 2025.

House: Filed

H 927: DURHAM FUNDING BILL.

House: Filed

H 928: ALLOW PTS IN SCHOOL CONCUSSION PROTOCOL.

House: Filed

H 929: WATER SAFETY BILL.

House: Filed

H 930: FIRST RESPONDER BONUS/APPRECIATION FUND/\$1500.

House: Filed

H 931: END PREDATORY TOWING FEES AND PRACTICES.

House: Filed

H 932: TEN PERCENT RAISE/TEACHERS/FIRST RESPONDERS.

House: Filed

H 933: IDD OMNIBUS.

House: Filed

H 934: AI REGULATORY REFORM ACT.

House: Filed

H 935: FIRE/EMERGENCY AGENCY PROPERTY VOTING LIMITS.

House: Filed

H 936: ROBOCALL SOLICITATION MODIFICATIONS.

House: Filed

H 937: KEEPING OUR COACHES ACT.

House: Filed

H 938: RIGHT TO REPAIR DIGITAL ELECTRONICS ACT.

House: Filed

H 939: SCHOOL CHAPLAINS.

House: Filed

H 940: PROTECTION AGAINST PREGNANCY DISCRIMINATION.

House: Filed

H 941: EXPAND & ENHANCE THE TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM.

House: Filed

H 942: FUNDS TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS.

House: Filed

H 943: TURNING HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS INTO TEACHERS.

House: Filed

H 944: FUND COMMUNITY HEALTH SVCS/MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

House: Filed

H 945: REPORTING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT ON SCHOOL BUSES.

House: Filed

H 946: MONTESSORI TEACHING LICENSE.

House: Filed

H 947: EVERY CHILD READS.

House: Filed

H 948: THE P.A.V.E. ACT.

House: Filed

H 949: SCHOOL PROTECTION ACT.

House: Filed

H 950: ELDERLY/DISABLED PROP. TAX MODS.

House: Filed

H 951: SOS (STATE OWNED STRUCTURES) CHILD CARE ACT.

House: Filed

H 952: COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL FOR CHILDCARE EXPANSION.

House: Filed

H 953: STUDY COMMITTEE ON ADA/APD/PAC PAY.

House: Filed

H 954: LOCAL GOV'TS DISASTER FUND.

House: Filed

H 955: NC JUNK FEE PREVENTION ACT.

House: Filed

H 956: ENHANCE FINANCIAL PROTECTIONS/OLDER ADULTS.

House: Filed

H 957: HBCU/HMSI OMNIBUS.

House: Filed

H 958: ELECTION LAW CHANGES.

House: Filed

H 959: SOCIAL MEDIA LITERACY IN SCHOOLS.

House: Filed

H 960: UI/GIVE ENHANCED BENEFITS DURING DISASTERS.

House: Filed

H 961: CRIMINAL INTENT SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT.

House: Filed

H 962: FUNDS FOR ECU ENGINEERING.

House: Filed

H 963: CODE ENFORCEMENT PATHWAYS & PROCEDURES ACT.

House: Filed

H 964: CCW PERMIT/ALLOW CARRY OF OTHER WEAPONS.

House: Filed

H 965: ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

House: Filed

H 966: COLLEGE COST REDUCTION ACT.

House: Filed

H 967: DISORDERLY CONDUCT AT VOTING PLACES.

House: Filed

H 968: YOUTH CERT PREPAREDNESS K-12 TRAINING.

House: Filed

H 969: STUDY THE ABOLITION OF CONTRIB. NEGLIGENCE.

House: Filed

H 970: PREVENTING ALGORITHMIC RENT FIXING.

House: Filed

H 971: CAREER DEVELOPMENT ADJUSTMENT.

House: Filed

H 972: FUNDS FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS IN WAYNE COUNTY.

House: Filed

H 973: UNIFORM RESTRICTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT ACT.

House: Filed

H 974: DHHS STUDY/HOSPICE PATIENT COMPLAINTS.

House: Filed

H 975: EMS PERSONNEL/ALLOW CARRY OF PEPPER SPRAY.

House: Filed

H 976: UNIFORM PARTITION OF HEIRS PROPERTY ACT.

House: Filed

H 977: DEFEND NC.

House: Filed

H 978: EST. YOUTH MENTORING COMM./MENTORING FUNDS.

House: Filed

H 979: UPDATE VOLUNTEER SYSTEM/LTC OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM.

House: Filed

H 980: REMOVE BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT FROM COURT DEBT.

House: Filed

H 981: LSAU OPEN ENROLLMENT.

House: Filed

H 982: NC HIGHWAY SAFETY ACT OF 2025.

House: Filed

H 983: PROHIBIT CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOLS.

House: Filed

H 984: REGULATE RESEARCH OF MEDICAL CANNABIS.

House: Filed

H 985: INCREASE PUNISHMENT FOR ASSAULTING TEACHERS.

House: Filed

H 986: SUPPORT OUR TEACHERS.

House: Filed

H 987: CREATE POLICE LEADERSHIP FELLOWS PROGRAM.

House: Filed

H 988: REVISE LAW ON INSTANT BINGO.

House: Filed

H 989: BUILD SAFER COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS ACT.

House: Filed

H 990: NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR LANDLORD FEES.

House: Filed

H 991: ESTABLISH DMORT.

House: Filed

H 992: TIMESHARE FORECLOSURES.

House: Filed

H 993: HOA ORGANIZATION AND REPORTING ACT.

House: Filed

H 994: WESTERN NC SUPPORT; EXPAND COMM. ECO. DEV.

House: Filed

H 995: SHOTGUN HOUSE FUNDING ACT.

House: Filed

H 996: FURTHER LIMIT GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET.

House: Filed

H 997: CERTIFY READING OF NC CONSTITUTION.

House: Filed

H 998: FUNDS FOR CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG LIBRARY.

House: Filed

H 999: REGULATION OF VIDEO GAMING TERMINALS.

House: Filed

H 1000: DETRANSITIONERS BILL OF RIGHTS.

House: Filed

H 1001: REPORTS RELATED TO SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMS.

House: Filed

H 1002: RATE PAYER PROTECTION ACT.

House: Filed

H 1003: BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE MODIFICATIONS.

House: Filed

H 1004: UNC AI & AMP TECHNOLOGY HUBS.

House: Filed

H 1005: CLARIFY BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR ART. 46 TAX.

House: Filed

H 1006: CONST. AMEND. SINGLE SUBJECT BILLS.

House: Filed

S 171: MODERNIZE REG/MASTER'S LEVEL PSYCHOLOGISTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 220: PROTECT PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS.-AB

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

S 257: 2025 APPROPRIATIONS ACT.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to Pensions and Retirement and Aging

S 335: PHARMACISTS/TEST AND TREAT/INFLUENZA & STREP. (NEW)

Senate: Amend Adopted A1

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Engrossed

S 336: INTERSTATE MED.L LIC. COMP./INTERN'L PHYS.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Finance

S 345: PA TEAM-BASED PRACTICE.

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: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 375: AMEND HAZING LAWS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 403: MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS.

Senate: Reptd Fav

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

S 474: THE DAVE ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 479: SCRIPT ACT.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Commerce and Insurance

S 507: AUTO ENROLLMENT IN ADVANCED ELA COURSES.

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received From Senate

S 558: ELIMINATING "DEI" IN PUBLIC HIGHER ED.

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received From Senate

S 664: JMAC COMPLIANCE FLEXIBILITY.

Senate: Amend Adopted A1

Senate: Amend Adopted A2

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Engrossed

S 675: SECOND MORTGAGE FEE ALIGNMENT ACT.

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

LOCAL BILLS

H 26: TOWN OF MADISON/SATELLITE ANNEXATION.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 63: TOWN OF ANDREWS/DEANNEXATION.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 143: MAYSVILLE OCCUPANCY TAX.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Regular Message Received From House
Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 147: ELIZABETH CITY AND KING/DEANNEXATIONS (NEW).

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate
Senate: Regular Message Received From House
Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 183: LAKE GLENVILLE/RESTRICT WAKE SURFING.

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

H 333: JACKSONVILLE/ETJ PROHIBITED.

House: Reptd Fav
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