

## The Daily Bulletin: 2025-04-15

### PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 4 (2025-2026) [SAM'S LAW](#). Filed Jan 29 2025, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE MEDICAL CONDITION ACTION PLANS FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS AND MEDICAL EMERGENCY PLANS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS.*

House committee substitute to the 2nd edition rewrites the bill as follows.

#### Section 1.

Amends GS 115C-357.1 as follows. Requires the State Board of Education (Board) to adopt a medical action plan (Plan) with three required components, including detailed instructions to ensure that all individuals designated by the principal or if there is no principal, the staff member with the highest decision-making authority, to provide medical care for a student at risk for a medical emergency as diagnosed by a doctor, know how to address the medical emergency. Directs governing bodies of a public school unit to implement the MAP for each student at risk of a medical emergency as diagnosed by a doctor. Requires that at least one public school unit employee per school be trained in first aid and lifesaving techniques, including seizure recognition. Exempts school administrators from the statute's bar on requiring public school unit employees to administer medication or attend lifesaving techniques programs. Modifies the indemnity provisions for authorized volunteers administering emergency health care so that the governing body of a public school unit is the entity authorizing the provision of those measures. Specifies that the immunity applies when the emergency health care is given when reasonably apparent circumstances indicate that any delay would seriously worsen the physical condition or endanger the life of the student. Allows the staff member with the highest decision-making authority to determine the staff members who will participate in the medical care program if a school does not have a principal at the beginning of the school year. Makes technical and conforming changes, including to statute's title.

Tasks the Board in GS 115C-12 with adopting a rule establishing the MAP and, in consultation with the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), adopt a rule establishing the required response of public school unit employees when a student has a medical emergency not otherwise covered by a MAP. Requires DPI to provide each public school unit with a copy of the rule and each unit to implement the rule. Authorizes the Board to adopt temporary rules to implement Section 1.

#### Section 2.

Modifies the duties of local boards of education in GS 115C-47 so that they have to implement the MAP and the emergency action plan adopted by the Board. Requires charter schools (GS 115C-218.75), regional schools (GS 115C-238.66), laboratory schools (GS 116-239.8), and renewal school systems (Section 6(d) to SL 2018-32) to implement the MAP and emergency action plan adopted by the Board.

Applies beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

Removes provisions specifying the name of the act, enacting new GS 115C-375.7, making provisions applicable to the school for deaf and blind students and to UNC, and the appropriation to the Department of Public Instruction.

**Intro. by Kidwell, Cairns, Biggs, Paré.**

GS 115C, GS 116

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

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

Modifies definition of *payment card network* to mean an entity that: (1) directly or through licensed members, processors, or agents, provides the proprietary services, infrastructure, and software to route information and data for the purpose of conducting electronic payment transaction authorization, clearance, and settlement; and (2) a merchant uses to accept as a form of payment a brand of debit card, credit card, or other device that may be used to carry out electronic payment transactions (was, an entity involved in facilitating or processing an electronic transfer of funds between a merchant and a customer using a payment card). Keeps exclusions. Expands the conduct prohibited under GS 66-531 so that a payment card network also cannot permit a firearms code in connection with a payment transaction involving a firearms merchant located in the State. Changes the cap for civil penalties under GS 66-514 from \$10,000 to \$5,000 for each violation.

**Intro. by Pyrtle, Miller, Goodwin, Chesser.**

[GS 66](#)

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[Banking and Finance, Business and Commerce](#)

House committee substitute to the 1st edition deletes the content of the previous edition and replaces it with the following.

Enacts new GS 7B-521A allowing a qualified establishment (a physical building of an emergency department, a fire department, or a rescue or emergency medical services squad that is staffed onsite 24 hours per day by an emergency medical technical or other emergency health care provider) to install a newborn safety device that has a temperature-controlled interior, is properly ventilated to ensure the safety of infants, and has an exterior door that automatically locks upon placing the newborn in the device, has a door to access the device from inside the establishment, and that is physically attached to the exterior of the establishment in an area that is conspicuous and visible to employees. Requires the establishment to comply with six listed criteria, including installing an adequate dual alarm system connected to the physical location of the newborn safety device, weekly testing, visual inspection of the device at least twice per day, and development of an emergency plan for rendering of emergency care to an infant. Allows an employee of the qualified establishment to take temporary custody of a surrendered infant under GS 7B-521, without a court order, through placement in a newborn safety device so long as the infant is reasonably believed to be not more than 30 days old and is voluntarily placed in the device by a parent who does not express an intent to return for the infant. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Social Services (Division), to perform an initial inspection and annually inspect each newborn safety device installed in accordance with this statute.

Amends GS 7B-101 amending the definition of the term safely surrendered infant to allow the infant, meeting other qualifications, to be placed in a newborn safety devices in the alternative of being voluntarily delivered to an individual.

Amends GS 7B-526 making conforming changes to the notice that must be published in a newspaper when an infant is surrendered by setting out information that must be listed when an infant was placed in a safety device.

Modifies the immunity of a parent surrendering an infant under GS 7B-527 clarifying that the immunity does not create an affirmative defense to any prosecution arising from any other acts taken by the surrendering parent.

Amends GS 7B-528 requiring information created by the Division on infant safe surrender and the rights of parents to also be available at a qualified establishment with an installed newborn safety device and attached to or near the devices. Makes other technical changes and corrects a statutory cross-reference.

Amends GS 7B-1105.1 making conforming changes to the notice that must be published by the court for the preliminary hearing to address the infant's safe surrender that takes place after the filing of a petition to terminate the parental rights of a surrendering or non-surrendering parent of a safely surrendered infant, by setting out information that must be listed when an infant was placed in a safety device.

Changes the act's effective date from October 1, 2025, to when the act becomes law.

Makes conforming changes to the act's long title.

**Intro. by Balkcom, Pickett, Potts, Ward.**

GS 7B

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**Courts/Judiciary, Juvenile Law, Abuse, Neglect and Dependency, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Social Services, Child Welfare**

H 150 (2025-2026) [EXPEDITE SURPLUS PROP./SCHOLAR PATH \(NEW\)](#). Filed Feb 17 2025, *AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND STATE AGENCIES TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN SURPLUS AND DECOMMISSIONED FEDERAL MATERIAL AND PROPERTY AND TO REQUIRE THAT CERTAIN FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR A TWELFTH GRADE TRANSITION PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN INDIAN EDUCATION STUDENTS.*

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

Amends new GS 143-64.5A by no longer specifying that the provisions of Part 2 of the Article do not apply to educational organizations, to the extent set out in the statute.

Enacts new GS 143-64.5B allowing State agencies (any board, bureau, commission, department, institution, or agency of the State), notwithstanding Part 2 of the Article (designating the Department of Administration as the state agency for federal surplus property), to obtain decommissioned and surplus material and property under contracts and agreements with the federal government or its departments or agencies as long as the material and property is intended to promote public safety.

Reallocates \$5 million appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction to contract with MyScholar, to the Department of Administration to be used by the Commission on Indian Affairs to contract with MyScholar to support the ScholarPath platform in developing the Twelfth Grade Transition program.

Makes conforming changes to the act's titles.

**Intro. by Johnson.**

APPROP, GS 143

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

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

House committee substitute to the 2nd edition makes the following changes.

Amends GS 58-56A-1 changing the term special pharmacy accreditation, to special pharmacy, now defined as a pharmacy accredited as a specialty pharmacy by a nationally recognized, independent accrediting organization that evaluates a pharmacy's compliance with quality, safety, and service standards for handling, dispensing, and managing specialty drugs (was, a certification granted by an independent, nationally recognized accrediting organization that evaluates a pharmacy's

compliance with quality, safety, and service standards for handling, dispensing, and managing specialty medications). Makes conforming changes by referring to accreditation as a special pharmacy throughout.

Amends GS 58-56A-15 prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from requiring multiple specialty pharmacy accreditations as a prerequisite for participation in a retail pharmacy network that dispenses specialty drugs or from excluding a specialty pharmacy from the right to participate in the network (was, prohibited from requiring require multiple specialty pharmacy accreditations as a prerequisite for participation in a retail pharmacy network that dispenses specialty drugs and prohibited from denying the right of any properly licensed pharmacist or pharmacy that has a specialty drug accreditation to participate in a retail pharmacy network that includes network participants that dispense specialty drugs on the same terms and conditions of other similarly situated participants in the network).

Clarifies that it is the Commissioner of Insurance who may adopt temporary rules to implement the act.

**Intro. by Rhyne, Blackwell, Huneycutt, Lowery.**

**GS 58, GS 90**

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

H 188 (2025-2026) **AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS**. Filed Feb 24 2025, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN AUTOMATICALLY RENEWING CONSUMER CONTRACTS*.

House committee substitute to the 2nd edition makes the following changes.

Amends proposed GS 75-41 amending the content of the disclosure statement as follows; (1) no longer requires that it be in at least 12-point type and in bold print; and (2) no longer require a space for the consumer's initials acknowledging their consent to the provision of the contract that automatically renews the contract unless the consumer gives notice of their intention to terminate the contract before the renewal date. Makes conforming changes to the prohibition on charging for automatic renewal so that it now applies when the consumer did not give consent to the agreement including the automatic renewal provision.

Adds new requirements related to the format of the disclosure to ensure that the written disclosure differs from the surrounding contract terms, and if it is audio, then it must be made in a volume and cadence to make it readily audible and understandable.

Amends the allowable methods of delivering the notice to the consumer for any automatic renewal of six months or more, to allow a form of notice customarily used to communicate with the customer (was, any other form of notice agreed to by the consumer). Instead of deleting the entirety of subsection (d), now reinstates that this statute does not apply to any entity subject to regulation by the Federal Communications Commission under Title 47 of the US Code.

**Intro. by Stevens, Kidwell.**

**GS 75**

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**Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection**

H 244 (2025-2026) **DEPOLITICIZE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY ACT**. Filed Feb 27 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY OFFICIAL GOVERNMENTAL FLAGS MAY BE FLOWN OR DISPLAYED ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE*.

House committee substitute to the 2nd edition makes the following changes.

Adds an exclusion from the requirements of new GS 144-7.1 (display of official governmental flags on State and local government properties) for a historic display at a museum, or a reenactment of a prior US war.

**Intro. by Echevarria, N. Jackson, B. Jones, Biggs.**

**GS 144**

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**Government, State Government, State Property, Local Government**

H 250 (2025-2026) **ANNUAL REP'T DUE DATE/DEPLOYED SERVICEMEMBERS (NEW)**. Filed Feb 27 2025, *AN ACT TO EXTEND THE ANNUAL REPORT DUE DATE FOR BUSINESS ENTITIES OWNED BY DEPLOYED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES*.

House committee substitute to the 2nd edition makes the following changes.

Amends proposed GS 55-16-22.3 (concerning exemptions for corporations owned by deployed members of the Armed Forces), GS 57D-2-26 (concerning exemptions for LLCs owned by deployed members of the Armed Forces), and GS 59-84.6 (exemptions for limited liability partnerships owned by deployed members of the Armed Forces) as follows. Makes organizational changes by officially setting out definitions for Armed Forces and deployed members, and adds the Space Force to the definition of Armed Forces. Requires corporations to electronically file, before the start of deployment, a sworn affidavit of deployment executed by the deployed member (was, file notice of deployment in electronic or paper format), and expands upon what must be included in the affidavit, including adding the expected start and end dates of the deployment. Makes conforming changes throughout the statute to refer to the deployment dates in the affidavit. Adds the requirement that the corporation electronically file an affidavit of extended deployment when deployment is extended beyond the date stated in the affidavit of deployment, within 180 days of the end of the date stated in the affidavit of deployment; sets out information that must be included. Amends the due date provisions so that they now refer to days instead of business days. Further amends GS 57D-2-26 by amending the due date of the annual report so that it now aligns with the due date for corporations, which is the 90th day following the end date stated in the affidavit of deployment (was, April 15 of the year immediately following the end of deployment) or the 90th day following the end date in the affidavit of extended deployment (was, submit a verification of the extension when submitting the late annual report which will be been timely filed and any adverse actions will be reversed). Makes other clarifying, organizational, and technical changes.

Amends GS 132-1.2 adding that GS Chapter 132 does not require or authorize public agencies to disclose information that reveals information contained in an affidavit of deployment or an affidavit of extended deployment.

Makes additional conforming changes. Changes the act's titles.

**Intro. by Carver, Campbell.**

GS 55, GS 57D, GS 59, GS 132

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**Business and Commerce, Government, State Agencies, Secretary of State, Military and Veteran's Affairs**

H 301 (2025-2026) **SOCIAL MEDIA PROTECTIONS FOR MINORS UNDER 16**. Filed Mar 5 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE SOCIAL MEDIA PROTECTIONS FOR MINORS UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE*.

House committee substitute to the 2nd edition makes the following changes.

Increases the exceptions to the definition of a *social media platform* under GS Chapter 114B, "Social Media Protections for Minors Act" by now also exempting an online service, website, or application that consists primarily of news, sports, entertainment, or other information or content that is not user generated but preselected by the provider, and for which any chat, comments, or interactive functionality is incidental to, directly related to, or dependent on the provision of such content. Now exempts all interactive video game services equipped with parental controls (was, just those that must be deactivated for minors to use).

**Intro. by Zenger, N. Jackson, Almond, Willis.**

GS 114B

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**Government, State Agencies, Department of Justice, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Child Welfare**

H 307 (2025-2026) [VARIOUS CRIMINAL LAW REVISIONS](#). Filed Mar 5 2025, *AN ACT TO SET LIMITS ON MOTIONS FOR APPROPRIATE RELIEF IN NONCAPITAL CASES; TO CREATE A NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR EXPOSING A CHILD TO A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE; TO REQUIRE RECORDATION OF ALL CRIMINAL MATTERS IN DISTRICT COURT; TO REVISE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE OF AUTOPSY INFORMATION COMPILED OR PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER; TO REVISE THE LAW GOVERNING THE GRANTING OF IMMUNITY TO WITNESSES; AND TO REPEAL THE FILIAL RESPONSIBILITY CRIME.*

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Makes organizational changes. Makes conforming changes to act's long title.

Section 1.

Now sets two-year deadline (was, 120-day deadline) from the latest of five listed events in GS 15A-1415 for filing of postconviction motion for appropriate relief in noncapital cases.

Removes provisions constitution prior Section 2, which added xylazine to the list of Schedule II controlled substances in GS 90-91, and kratom (defined) to the list of Schedule IV controlled substances in GS 90-94.

Section 3 (was, Section 4).

Allows a judge to order a recording of a district court proceeding to be stopped for a legal reason, which must be stated on the record before the recording is paused and again when the recording resumes. Requires the judge to provide information on what transpired during the time the recording was stopped. Makes technical changes. Now designates the recording a public record. Prevents the clerk from editing the audio or preparing a written transcript. Requires that the audio recordings be retained for at least 90 days. Makes conforming changes.

Section 4 (was, Section 5).

Further modifies GS 130A-385 (duties of medical examiners), as follows. Now triggers the treatment of the listed materials as part of a criminal investigation in GS 130A-385 upon notice from the investigating or prosecuting entity. Specifies that autopsy photographs or video or audio records can only be disclosed or released pursuant to GS 130A-389.1 (governing those recordings made pursuant to autopsy). Specifies that only finalized reports may be released to the specified persons, which now also includes (1) a beneficiary of a benefit or claim associated with the decedent for purposes of receiving the benefit or resolving the claim, or (2) to the decedent's spouse, child or stepchild, parent or stepparent, sibling, or legal guardian. Expands authorized disclosures to include: (1) when necessary to conduct a thorough and complete death investigation, to consult with outside physicians and other professionals during the death investigation, and to conduct necessary toxicological screenings and (2) when disclosing information to the investigating public law enforcement agency or prosecuting district attorney. Provides for notice by the investigating or prosecuting entity of the conclusion of the investigation. Specifies that the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) and its staff, the county medical examiner, and the autopsy center and its staff have no liability for relying upon such notices.

Designates listed records and other information that is compiled, prepared, or conducted by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, a pathologist designated by the Chief Medical Examiner, a county medical examiner appointed under GS 130A-382, an investigating medical examiner, or an autopsy center in connection with the death of a child who was under 18 years of age at the time of death, including any autopsy photographs or video or audio recordings, as confidential, only to be disclosed or released: (1) with the prior written consent of the deceased child's parent or guardian or (2) a person standing in loco parentis to the deceased child to the personal representative of the decedent's estate to enable them to fulfill their duties under law.

Specifies that no person is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor for disclosing, releasing, possessing, or disseminating records or materials if, at the time of the disclosure, release, possession, or dissemination, notice that the record or material is a record of a criminal investigation had not been provided as required by GS 130A-385. Directs the Chief Medical Examiner to provide the finalized autopsy report to the Commissioner of Labor upon written request within five months from the date of the request. Makes organizational, clarifying, and conforming changes.

Makes conforming changes to GS 130A-389(a) (autopsies), GS 130A-389.1 (photos, video, or audio recordings made pursuant to autopsy), and GS 132-1.8 (confidentiality of photos, video, or audio recordings made pursuant to autopsy).

Removes provisions that would have granted standing to the DA of the prosecutorial district standing to appear and be heard in matters where the State is a party triggering the Attorney General's duties under GS 114-2 as well as changes to GS 7A-61.

Section 6.

Repeals the crime of filial responsibility under GS 14-326.1. Applies to offenses committed on or after July 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Stevens.**

[GS 7A, GS 14, GS 15A, GS 90, GS 114, GS 130A, GS 132](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Public Records and Open Meetings, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health](#)

H 318 (2025-2026) [THE CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIEN ENFORCEMENT ACT](#). Filed Mar 5 2025, *AN ACT TO MODIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR RELEASE AND REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE TO IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT WHEN A PRISONER IS SUBJECT TO AN IMMIGRATION DETAINER AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANT.*

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

Removes the list of charged felonies triggering an examination into a detained person's citizenship/residency status under GS 162-62, and instead has any felony trigger the inquiry. Makes technical and organizational change. Effective October 1, 2025 (was, December 1, 2025), and adds that it applies to any person confined in or released from a county jail, local confinement facility, district confinement facility, satellite jail or work release unit on or after that date.

Amends GS 15A-534 (governing pretrial release) to require judicial officials to attempt to determine if the defendant is a legal resident or citizen of the United States by an inquiry of the defendant, or by examination of any relevant documents, or both if the defendant is charged with an offense that would trigger a citizenship/residency inquiry under GS 162-62. Specifies that if the judicial official is unable to do so, then the official will set the conditions of pretrial release and commit the defendant to an appropriate detention facility to be fingerprinted, for a query of Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the United States Department of Homeland Security (ICE), and to be held for a period of two hours from ICE's query. Specifies, that if, by the end of the two-hour period, no detainer and administrative warrant have been issued by ICE, the defendant will be released pursuant to the terms and conditions of the release order. Directs for the defendant to be processed under GS 162-62 if ICE issues a detainer and administrative warrant before the end of the two-hour period. Effective October 1, 2025, and applies to any person appearing before a judicial official for a determination of pretrial release conditions on or after that date.

Specifies that the remainder of the act is effective October 1, 2025.

**Intro. by D. Hall, Carson Smith, B. Jones, Echevarria.**

[GS 162](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Corrections \(Sentencing/Probation\), Immigration](#)

H 372 (2025-2026) [HOME-BASED BUSINESS FAIRNESS ACT](#). Filed Mar 11 2025, *AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CITIES SHALL NOT PROHIBIT CERTAIN HOME-BASED BUSINESSES WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS.*

House committee substitute to the 2nd edition makes the following changes. Amends new GS 160A-205.8 (preventing cities from barring such businesses within its jurisdiction, as described) to refer to cities throughout (replacing any references to municipalities). Makes an additional clarifying change.

**Intro. by Johnson, Chesser, Rhyne, Schietzelt.**

[GS 160A](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Government, Local Government](#)



H 402 (2025-2026) [NC REINS ACT](#). Filed Mar 13 2025, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE REGULATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN NEED OF SCRUTINY ACT AND TO CLARIFY THE JUDICIAL DEFERENCE AFFORDED TO AGENCY INTERPRETATIONS OF RULES.*

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Makes conforming changes to act's long title.

Modifies the economic impact rule delaying a new permanent rule's effective date until ratified by the NCGA under GS 150B-21.3 (effective date of rules under the APA) so that the rule would have to have a substantial economic impact as calculated under GS 150B-21.4 (was, an aggregate economic impact on all persons affected of at least \$1 million as calculated under law in a 12-month period). Makes conforming changes. Removes proposed (b3), which concerned rules and substantial economic impact. Provides a calculation in GS 150B-21.4 for how to determine whether a rule has a substantial economic impact by having the agency estimate the combined cost of the baseline conditions and the proposed rule. Specifies that the agency should estimate the cost of the baseline if the proposed rule amends or readopts an existing rule. (Previously, expanded what an agency must consider in determining the substantial economic impact of a rule under GS 150B-21.4 to include an estimate of the combined cost of the baseline conditions and the proposed rule, including direct costs as well as opportunity costs, as described. Removes changes to GS 150B-21.11 (procedure when Commission approves a permanent rule), and GS 120B-70.101 (purpose and powers of Committee)

Authorizes an administrative law judge to exercise independent judgment in making a final decision or order in GS 150B-34, while being informed by the demonstrated knowledge and expertise of the agency, as specified (was, judge had to give due regard to the agency's demonstrated knowledge and expertise). Makes clarifying changes. Modifies the judge's deference in GS 150B-51 (scope and standard of review) so that in conducting its review of the final decision, the court must be informed by the demonstrated knowledge and expertise of the agency with respect to facts and inferences within the specialized knowledge of the agency but should exercise independent judgment in making its order. Applies to actions pending or filed on or after the act becomes law.

**Intro. by Chesser, Bell, Zenger, Schietzelt.**

[GS 150B](#)

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[Government, APA/Rule Making](#)

H 412 (2025-2026) [CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS](#). Filed Mar 17 2025, *AN ACT TO DECOUPLE THE CHILD CARE RATED LICENSE SYSTEM AND SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE SUBSIDY REIMBURSEMENT RATES AND TO MAKE OTHER CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS.*

House amendment to the 2nd edition makes the following changes.

Modifies the proposed changes to GS 110-91 by removing the provision allowing assigning a floater to relieve one teacher at a time for 0 to 24 month old age groups if the floater meets the federal requirements to care for infants or holds an Early Education credential or higher educational level.

Removes the provision that required the Child Care Commission to develop standards for infant and toddler care provider staff in licensed child care facilities caring for infants and toddlers from birth to 24 months old that provides staff the option to either (1) meet all of the federal health and safety requirements tied to the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) funding, including CPR and SIDS training and age-appropriate health and safety training requirements set by the Commission, or (2) hold an Early Childhood credential.

Adds a provision requiring caregivers for children aged 0 to 24 months to meet Federal Child Care and Development Block Grant health and safety standards as well as the following Commission rules: (1) Daily Routines for Children Under Two Years of Age, (2) Supervision in Child Care Centers, and (3) Staff/Child Interactions. Requires child care center operators, or the care of children aged 0-24 months, to have the option of either employing a lead teacher or a caregiver meeting the standards in the section.

Makes additional technical changes.



**Intro. by Arp, Lambeth, Paré, Rhyne.**

GS 110

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**Business and Commerce, Insurance, Occupational Licensing, Education, Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, Department of Health and Human Services**

H 414 (2025-2026) **1-TO-1 CREDIT FOR CAREER AND COLLEGE PROMISE**. Filed Mar 17 2025, *AN ACT TO GIVE EQUAL CREDIT TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL COURSES TAKEN BY CAREER AND COLLEGE PROMISE STUDENTS AND TO REMOVE THE MATH III GRADUATION REQUIREMENT*.

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Makes technical, clarifying, organizational, and conforming changes, including to act's long title.

Section 1.

Removes provision from GS 115D-5(x1) specifying that completion of courses developed under the statute does not constitute a completion of any end-of-course tests required to graduate.

Section 2.

Extends the State Board of Community College's (SBCC) and the State Board of Education's (Board) reporting deadline on the results of the act's course development from January 15, 2026, to January 15, 2028. Directs that the courses developed pursuant to GS 115D-5(x1), as amended by the act, be offered beginning with the next academic year after SBCC and the Board submit the report (previously, conditioned offering of classes by submission of the report by January 15, along with developing the courses listed in GS 115D-5(x1), as amended by the act).

Section 3.

Removes the described biology courses from the listing of courses that would complete the biology requirement. Specifies that any of the listed mathematics courses only satisfy the fourth mathematics requirement (was, third or fourth math requirement). Removes provision specifying that completion of the specified courses does not constitute a completion of any end-of-course tests required to graduate.

Section 4.

Directs the Board to end its requirement that students complete NC Math III as one of the four required math courses for graduation beginning with the 2025-26 school year. Now requires public school units to encourage students to complete additional math courses beyond the state requirements. Requires Math III and all other math courses existing on the effective date of the act to continue to be made available to high school students (was, required the Board to adopt a rule to modify the high school graduation requirements to require completion of NC Math 1 and 2 and two additional math courses that align with the student's postsecondary plans and to require that NC Math 3 and all other existing math courses continue to be offered by all high schools to the extent that there is sufficient student interest).

**Intro. by Willis, Cotham, Biggs, Pickett.**

GS 115C, GS 115D

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

H 424 (2025-2026) **GAMING LAWS/ALLOW CERTAIN SOCIAL GAMES**. Filed Mar 17 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE LAWS REGULATING GAMING DO NOT APPLY TO CERTAIN SOCIAL GAMES PLAYED IN A PRIVATE RESIDENCE, HOME, OR COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE AND TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO GAME NIGHTS FOR A QUALIFIED FACILITY*.

House committee substitute to the 2nd edition makes the following changes. Makes conforming changes to act's long title.

Modifies new GS 14-309.4, which makes an exception to the prohibitions on lotteries and gambling in GS Chapter 14, Part 1 of Article 37, for the playing of board games and games of tiles, cards, or dice, in private residences, homes, and community clubhouses (was, all of the above and similar structures), as follows. Also requires that the games be played no more than one day in any seven-day period at any private residence, home, or community clubhouse, so that there are five conditions that must be met for the exception to apply.

Increases the amount of game nights that can be hosted under GS 14-309.28's limitations on game nights so that a facility authorized to do so can now host up to twenty-four games nights (was, two) in a calendar year.

**Intro. by Willis, Johnson, Hawkins, Tyson.**

GS 14

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

H 432 (2025-2026) **PROTECT OUR HOMES ACT**. Filed Mar 18 2025, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE EXCLUSION AMOUNT UNDER THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION, TO EXPAND THE DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION, TO CREATE THE HOMEOWNER ADVANTAGE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM AND THE ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD CIRCUIT BREAKER PROGRAM AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THOSE PROGRAMS, AND TO CREATE EXEMPTIONS TO THE FORCED SALE OF A HOMESTEAD.*

House committee substitute replaces the 1st edition in its entirety with the following.

Directs the Revenue Laws Study Committee (Committee) to study options for enhancing the property tax relief currently afforded to low-income, elderly, and disabled citizens and disabled veterans and consider other property tax reforms that may reduce the property tax burden while balancing the potential impact on local government revenue. Lists six matters that the Committee may consider as part of the study. Authorizes the Committee to consult with any other relevant State, local, or private entity in conducting the study. Requires the Committee to report its findings, along with any legislative recommendations, to the 2026 Regular Session of the 2025 General Assembly.

**Intro. by Echevarria, Winslow, N. Jackson, Dixon.**

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

H 477 (2025-2026) **RETIREMENT DEATH BENEFITS REWRITE.-AB** Filed Mar 20 2025, *AN ACT TO RECODIFY AND STANDARDIZE THE LAWS RELATING TO THE DEATH BENEFIT PLAN, INCLUDING BY MAKING TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND CONFORMING CHANGES, UNDER THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE SURVIVOR'S ALTERNATE BENEFIT UNDER THOSE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS, AND TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS.*

House committee substitute to the 2nd edition makes the following changes.

Adds an appropriation of \$2,702,000 in recurring funds for the 2025-27 biennium from the General Fund to the Department of State Treasurer to expand eligibility for the survivor's alternate benefit in the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System, Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System, Consolidated Judicial Retirement System, and Legislative Retirement System.

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

APPROP, GS 120, GS 128, GS 135, GS 143

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**Courts/Judiciary, Government, Budget/Appropriations, General Assembly, State Agencies, Department of State Treasurer, State Government, State Personnel, Local Government**

H 480 (2025-2026) [MEDICAL BOARD LICENSING EFFICIENCY ACT](#). Filed Mar 20 2025, *AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD*.

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

Amends new GS 90-12.2B, by correcting a reference to one of the rules applicable to licensing requirements that the applicant must attest they have satisfied.

**Intro. by Campbell, Reeder.**

GS 90

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

H 546 (2025-2026) [INMATE MEDICAID SUSPENSION/TEAM-BASED CARE](#). Filed Mar 26 2025, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE TEAM-BASED CARE COORDINATION IN MEDICAID SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT AND TO MODIFY THE MEDICAID PROGRAM TO SUSPEND RATHER THAN TERMINATE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS*.

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

Clarifies that the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits (DHB) must continue to implement its policy changes to suspend, rather than terminate, Medicaid benefits upon a Medicaid beneficiary's incarceration, (was, update Medicaid policy to implement the federal directive to suspend rather than terminate Medicaid coverage upon a Medicaid recipient's incarceration). Instead of requiring DHB and the Department of Adult Correction to enter into a memorandum of understanding to share information regarding the Medicaid eligibility status of individuals entering confinement or being released from jails, now requires DHHS, by October 1, 2025, to report to the specified NCGA committee and division on: (1) DHHS' progress in implementing the automated process in the NCFASST eligibility information system that allows data sharing between county jails and DHHS, and (2) any ongoing challenges to meeting the federal requirement to suspend, rather than terminate Medicaid benefits upon a beneficiary's incarceration. Removes the requirement for the Department of Adult Correction to update its internal and external policies and manuals to reflect the updated policy and its implementation.

**Intro. by White, Chesser, Reeder, Rhyne.**

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**Government, State Agencies, Department of Adult Correction, Health and Human Services, Health**

H 559 (2025-2026) [MAKE ELEVATORS GREAT AGAIN.-AB](#) Filed Mar 27 2025, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS FEE MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATE LABOR REGULATIONS*.

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

Amends new GS 95-110.5A, GS 95-111.4A, and GS 95-120A to require the adjustment to the relevant fee amounts be in accordance with the percent change in the annual Consumer Price Index (was, in accordance with the Consumer Price Index).

**Intro. by Howard, Setzer, Gillespie, K. Hall.**

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**Government, State Agencies, Community Colleges System  
Office, Department of Labor**

H 568 (2025-2026) [2025 OMNIBUS LABOR AMENDMENTS.-AB](#) Filed Mar 27 2025, *AN ACT MAKING OMNIBUS AMENDMENTS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.*

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

Amends proposed GS 95-136.2 by no longer requiring the party that issued the subpoena of the Commissioner of Labor or any Department of Labor employees or former employees to pay a witness fee of \$500 per day.

Amends GS 95-110.5 by no longer allowing the Commissioner to waive or amend the American National Safety Standards from the American National Standards Institute as they relate to the qualifications of inspectors if the Commissioner sets alternative standards that are reasonably equivalent. No longer increases the cap on fees for the inspection and issuance of certificates of operation for devices and equipment upon installation or alteration for each follow-up inspection and for annual periodic inspections.

Amends GS 95-111.4 by no longer allowing the Commissioner to waive or amend the American National Safety Standards from the American National Standards Institute as they relate to the qualifications of inspectors if the Commissioner sets alternative standards that are reasonably equivalent. No longer increases the cap on fees for the inspection and issuance of certificates of operation for devices.

**Intro. by K. Hall, Huneycutt, Gable, Schietzelt.**

**GS 95, GS 130A, GS 150B**

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**Government, State Agencies, Department of Labor**

H 575 (2025-2026) [THE HUNTER ROBINSON ACT.](#) Filed Mar 31 2025, *AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS GOVERNING POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS.*

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

Amends GS 15A-1368(a)(5) making the maximum imposed term for a prisoner serving consecutive prison terms the sum of all maximum terms imposed in the court judgment or judgments, less 24 months (was, 36 months in previous edition and 12 months under current law) for each of the second and subsequent sentences imposed for Class B1 through Class C felonies not otherwise covered; 18 months for each of the second and subsequent sentences imposed for Class D through Class E (was, through Class F) felonies not otherwise covered; and 9 months for each of the second and subsequent sentences imposed for Class F (was, Class G) through Class I felonies. Makes conforming changes to GS 15A-1368.2.

Amends GS 15A-1340.17 setting out new maximum sentencing charts for Class D through E felonies, and for Class B1 through Class C felonies. Provides that when the minimum sentence is 340 months or more, the corresponding maximum term is equal to the sum of the minimum term and 20% of the minimum term, rounded to the next highest month, push 24 (was, 12 additional months), unless provided otherwise in a statute providing a punishment for a specific crime.

**Intro. by Carson Smith, Biggs, N. Jackson, Greene.**

**GS 15A**

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

H 576 (2025-2026) [DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REVISIONS.-AB](#) Filed Mar 31 2025, *AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL, CONFORMING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.*

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

#### Section 2.

Specifies, in GS 108C-3, that the categorical risk level for provider screening of skilled nursing facilities (SNF) is the categorical risk required by federal law or regulation. Instructs that if federal law does not require a particular categorical risk level, SNF's are a limited categorical risk. Removes provisions that would have designated prospective (newly enrolling) skilled nursing facilities and those undergoing a change in ownership as high risk provider types. Makes technical, organizational, clarifying, and conforming changes.

Further modifies GS 108C-3, as amended by the act, as follows. Removes provisions that would have designated certain revalidating skilled nursing facilities as a moderate categorical risk provider. Expands the type of hospice organizations that are considered a high categorical risk provider to include those that are revalidating. Specifies that prospective hospice organizations and those that are newly enrolling are separate things. Clarifies that the described revalidating agencies falling into the high categorical risk category that provide durable medical equipment include orthotics and prosthetics (was, included but not limited to). Removes revalidating skilled nursing facilities. Makes technical, organizational, clarifying, and conforming changes.

#### Section 5.

Clarifies that magistrates authorized to hear ex parte motions for emergency services to disabled adults under GS 108A-106.2 are authorized to issue a show-cause notice in the order as required by law. Removes provisions specifying when an ex parte order is effective under the statute. Limits the person responsible for the delivery of such orders to the clerk's office for processing to the magistrate (was, magistrate or district court judge). Limits what can be heard by telephone when other means of communication are impractical to authorizations for ex parte orders for emergency services (was, communications, notices, and other requests). Removes requirement that the copy of the petition for such an order in these circumstances be provided through secure or encrypted methods. Makes technical and conforming changes, including to statute's title.

#### Section 6.

Specifies, in new GS 122C-256 that all county sheriffs choosing to participate in a regional Detention Center Capacity Restoration Program must enter into an operational agreement with the sheriff hosting the regional program prior to referring defendants to the program (was, all participating sheriffs just had to consent to participate in the program with the hosting sheriff).

**Intro. by Potts.**

[GS 7B](#), [GS 15A](#), [GS 20](#), [GS 48](#), [GS 108A](#), [GS 108C](#), [GS 108D](#), [GS 122C](#), [GS 130A](#), [GS 131D](#), [GS 143](#)

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

H 592 (2025-2026) [TOXIC-FREE MEDICAL DEVICES ACT OF 2025](#). Filed Mar 31 2025, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MANUFACTURING, SELLING, AND DISTRIBUTING OF INTRAVENOUS SOLUTION CONTAINERS AND INTRAVENOUS TUBING THAT ARE INTENTIONALLY MADE WITH DEHP.*

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

Amends new GS 130A-453.34 as follows. Removes from the definition of *intentionally added DEHP* DEHP that is an intentional breakdown product of an added chemical. Adds and defines the term *unintentionally added DEHP* as DEHP in an intravenous solution container or intravenous tubing product that is not used for functional or technical effect on the product.

Amends proposed GS 130A-453.35 by adding that a person or entity, due to pending USFDA approval for the DEHP-free intravenous solution container or due to the manufacturer not having adequate equipment to manufacture the DEHP-free intravenous solution container, must meet the requirements of the statute concerning the solution containers by January 1,

2032, if: (1) they notified their NC customers, no later than October 1, 2025, that it commenced development of the DEHP-free intravenous solution container to meet the statute's requirements and (2) it provides notice to its customers and posts to its website, by January 1, 2028, that it will not meet the January 1, 2030 deadline.

**Intro. by Reeder, Rhyne.**

[GS 130A](#)

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[Health and Human Services, Health](#)

H 612 (2025-2026) [FOSTERING CARE IN NC ACT](#). Filed Mar 31 2025, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING JUVENILES AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES, COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, REGIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, CONSOLIDATED HUMAN SERVICES BOARDS AND AGENCIES, AND THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.*

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

Section 11.

Bars the relevant county child welfare agency (was, DHHS's Division of Social Services) from placing the juvenile in any unlicensed facility or without sanction of the court designated by court order under GS 7B-903 or GS 7B-505, as amended by the act.

Section 16.

Modifies the time within which the LME/MCO or PHP must arrange for a comprehensive clinical assessment, psychiatric evaluation, or other substantially equivalent assessment under GS 122C-142.2 to within three business days following notification from the director (was, within 72 hours). Specifies that business days are Monday through Friday, including holidays.

**Intro. by Chesser, Bell, Loftis, Alston.**

[GS 7B, GS 48, GS 50, GS 108A, GS 110, GS 122C](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Family Law, Juvenile Law, Abuse, Neglect and Dependency, Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Justice, Health and Human Services, Health, Mental Health, Social Services, Child Welfare](#)

H 620 (2025-2026) [AOC AGENCY REQUESTS.-AB](#) Filed Mar 31 2025, *AN ACT TO MODIFY PROVISIONS AFFECTING THE COURTS OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS.*

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

Section 5.

Makes a clarifying change to GS 35A-1231 (pertaining to required bonds before letters of guardianship are issued), giving only the clerk the ability to approve the bond.

Section 6.

Makes conforming change to GS 29-30 (election of surviving spouse to take a life interest in lieu of intestate share) to reflect change from jury to commission. Extends the time periods relating to the clerk's issuance of notice under GS 28A-5-2(b) (implied renunciation) when no person applies for letters of administration within 30 days of the death of a person who died intestate from 15 days to 20 days.

Section 9.

Makes technical changes to GS 50B-2 (relating to domestic violence protective orders), and to GS 50B-4 (concerning service of motions for contempt). Changes the effective date from December 1, 2025, to when the section becomes law.

#### Section 11.

Changes the time that a court order of either inpatient or outpatient commitment must be sent to the listed parties under GS 122C-271 to within 48 hours of the hearing (was, in no event less than 48 hours after the hearing).

#### Section 13.

Now provides for a certificate of service to accompany the initial filing of a proceeding to remove or suspend a clerk of superior court under GS 7A-105. Requires the proceeding to be filed in the superior court division and county where the clerk resides. Subjects the sworn affidavit to the requirements of Rule 11 of the NC Rules of Civil Procedure (good faith filings). Provides for waiver of court costs if the petitioner is an elected or appointed official of the NC Judicial Branch. Requires dismissal without prejudice, as described, if court costs are not paid within 30 days of the proceeding's commencement. Now requires that the chief judge provide notice to the senior regular resident superior court judge (senior judge) when the action is commenced and costs are paid (was, after filing and senior judge's obligation to review the filing did not kick in until costs were paid). Requires the senior judge to make findings of fact and conclusions of law, in addition to a written order in their probable cause determination (was, just a written order with specified findings). Now requires that the senior judge find immediate and irreparable injury, loss, or damage to the public or administration of justice if the clerk remains in office before the senior judge may remove the clerk from office while the proceedings are ongoing. Now requires service under Rule 5 (was, 4j) of the NC Rules of Civil Procedure (service of pleadings and other papers) as soon as practicable after entry of the order (was, within 10 days). Makes conforming changes. Extends the time that the senior judge has to set a hearing if there is probable cause for the allegations to not less than 30 days but not more than 60 days after service (was not less than 10 days but no more than 30 days after service). Sets the burden of proof at clear and convincing evidence. Requires findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a written order if, after the hearing, the court finds that grounds for removal exist (was, just an order). Requires the court to enter an order of dismissal if no grounds for removal exist. Specifies that the State rules of evidence and certain State rules of civil procedure apply to proceedings. Makes clarifying, conforming, and technical changes.

#### Section 18 (new).

Expands the proceedings where statements and conduct occurring during settlement proceedings are admissible under GS 7A-38.1(l) (designating settlement negotiations in mediated settlement conferences in superior court and other settlement proceedings inadmissible), GS 7A-38.4(j) (same-district court), GS 7A-38.3B (same-clerk of superior court), and GS 7A-38.3D(k) (same-district criminal courts) to include proceedings of abuse, neglect, or dependence of a juvenile under GS Chapter 7B or for an adult under Articles 6 or 6A of Chapter 108A. Makes clarifying changes. Clarifies that nothing in any of the above listed statutes should be construed as permitting an individual to obtain immunity from prosecution for criminal conduct or excusing an individual from reporting requirements under the General Statutes, including those specified.

#### Section 19 (new).

Makes clarifying change to GS 1A-1, Rule 63 so that it is clear that the senior resident superior court judge for the district may take over a trial or other proceeding if the presiding judge is unavailable, as specified. Requires, in GS 20-79.6, a special license plate, as described, be issued to a senior resident superior court judge serving in the listed districts. Removes provisions pertaining to district groupings having the same numeric designations, that have more than one regular resident superior court judge, and provisions pertaining to when "A" plates are issued in districts with two or more regular resident superior court judges.

#### Section 20 (new).

Expands the disciplinary authority of the State bar under GS 84-28 to include discipline of attorneys admitted for limited practice or attorneys not licensed to practice law in the State but who render or who offer to render legal services in the State. Makes conforming changes.

#### Section 21 (new).

Allows for the specified physical documents to be converted to an electronic format for filing with the General Court of Justice under GS 7A-49.5. Requires original wills and codicils to also be submitted in hard copy to the clerk.



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**Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Civil Procedure, Family Law, Juvenile Law, Abuse, Neglect and Dependency, Delinquency, Motor Vehicle, Court System, Administrative Office of the Courts, Health and Human Services, Mental Health**

H 636 (2025-2026) **PROMOTING WHOLESOME CONTENT FOR STUDENTS**. Filed Apr 1 2025, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT CONTENT THAT IS HARMFUL TO MINORS IS NOT MADE AVAILABLE IN SCHOOLS AND TO ESTABLISH A PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, OR RESIDENTS OF A COUNTY AGAINST A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT THAT IS VIOLATING THOSE PROCEDURES*.

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

Section 1.

Removes “materials” from the State Board of Education’s (Board) requirement to maintain and annually update a publicly available database of all library media rejected by public school units.

Section 2.

Makes technical, clarifying, and conforming changes to GS 115C-78. Changes definition of *library media* so that it means any media excluding textbooks, for independent use by students and school personnel and not used as part of the standard course of study for any grade or course, whether held in a formal school library or in a classroom (was, electronic, print, or non-print resources, as described). Defines *media* to mean any electronic, print, or non-print resources, including those described. Defines *school library* to include any location within a school that contains library media. Removes terms *harmful to minors* and *material*.

Requires removal of library media within one year that no longer meets the Board’s criteria for removal (previously, no timeframe for removal). Now requires the community library advisory committee (CLAC) to identify library media to be recommended for the addition to a school library (was, superintendent must delegate that responsibility to the CLAC). Removes criteria that: (1) prospective library media not contain material that is harmful to minors; (2) for nonfiction resources, incorporates accurate and authentic factual content from authoritative sources; and (3) fiction, graphic novels, and narrative nonfiction (including memoirs and biographies) can only be added for literary or artistic value. Changes the deadline for the governing body of the local public school unit to consider CLAC’s recommended library media from ninety days to sixty days. Expands the categories of individuals that the public school unit should include in its instructions on how to object to the approval of the library media to include a parent, teacher, or resident of the county in which the public school unit is located (was, parent, guardian or resident of the county). Removes requirement that the objection must include information on how the submission fails to meet the criteria. Specifies that the provisions requiring review of library media by CLAC upon receipt of 10 letters of objection as specified also apply to library media that has been approved and included in a school library.

Now authorizes the superintendent to select the SLAC members of each public school unit. Removes Board’s requirement to establish guidelines to be followed by CLAC’s. Now requires the CLAC (was, principal) to review the media to be made available at school book fairs. Changes the report deadline for the report to the Board on rejected library materials from the conclusion of each year to June 30.

Makes technical, conforming, and organizational changes.

Creates in new GS 115C-78.5 a civil action for violations of new Part 7 to Article 7B of Chapter 115C (which includes GS 115C-78) to authorize a parent, legal guardian, or resident of the county in which the public school unit is located to bring a cause of action against the public school unit for a variety of relief, include statutory damages of \$5,000 per violation and reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs. Requires a plaintiff to first exhaust their administrative remedies before bringing suit. Specifies that for library media which was purchased by a public school unit prior to this act becoming law, the governing

body of the public school unit must use the CLAC to investigate and evaluate challenges using the same procedure in GS 115C-78.

Section 3.

Exempts library media and library books from GS 115C-98 (requiring local boards of education to provide for local operation of the textbook program, the selection and procurement of other instructional materials, and the use of nonadopted textbooks).

Makes conforming changes to act's long title.

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

[GS 115C](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

H 648 (2025-2026) [DISPOSITION PLACEMENT/FINDINGS OF FACT \(NEW\)](#). Filed Apr 1 2025, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY DISPOSITION PLACEMENT ANALYSIS AND REQUIRE WRITTEN FINDINGS OF FACT*.

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

Amends GS 7B-903 (regarding disposition alternatives for abused, neglected, or dependent juveniles) as follows. Clarifies that a court must determine instead of considering whether a relative of the juvenile is willing and able to provide proper care and supervision of the juvenile in a safe home. Clarifies that a court must make a best interest determination (was, finding) regarding such placement. Allows a court to compare all placement options to determine which option is the juvenile's best interest if a juvenile has been placed in out-of-home care with a non-relative. Removes provisions that would have required that the court cannot consider out-of-home placement with a nonrelative unless the court determines that there is either no relative willing and able to care for and supervise the juvenile in a safe home, or placement with a relative willing and able to do so would not be in the juvenile's best interest. Requires the court to make written findings of fact when determining whether it is the juvenile's best interest to remain in their community of residence. Adds that all findings and determinations made by the court under the statute must be supported by written findings of fact.

Removes proposed changes to GS 7B-505 (concerning placement of a juvenile while in secure custody). Makes conforming changes, including to act's titles.

**Intro. by Stevens.**

[GS 7B](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Juvenile Law, Abuse, Neglect and Dependency](#)

H 671 (2025-2026) [COMPETITIVE SPEECH AND DEBATE GRANT PILOT](#). Filed Apr 1 2025, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR GRANTS FOR COMPETITIVE SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAMS*.

House committee substitute to the 1st edition removes provisions adding two members to the board of directors of the Tarheel Forensic League, who would have been appointed, one each, by the Speaker of the House and by the President Pro Tempore of Senate. Makes organizational changes.

**Intro. by Willis, Cotham, Biggs, T. Brown.**

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

H 707 (2025-2026) [DRONES/CERTAIN VENDOR PURCHASES PROHIBITED](#). Filed Apr 2 2025, *AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE STATE AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE SHALL NOT PURCHASE ANY UNMANNED AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURED OR ASSEMBLED BY CERTAIN FOREIGN VENDORS*.

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

Amends proposed GS 143-59.5 which prohibits the State and its political subdivisions from purchasing or otherwise acquiring any small, unmanned aircraft system manufactured or assembled by a covered foreign entity and prohibits using State funds for those purposes, by removing references to "small, unmanned aircraft systems," now prohibiting purchasing or acquiring any unmanned aircraft manufactured or assembled by a covered foreign entity, and prohibiting the use of State funds for those purposes.

Makes conforming changes, including removing the definition of small, unmanned aircraft systems, and changing the statute's title. Makes additional technical changes and makes conforming changes to the act's long title.

**Intro. by Torbett, Greene, Miller, Pyrtle.**

[GS 143](#)

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[Government, State Government, State Property, Local Government](#)

H 729 (2025-2026) [FARMLAND PROTECTION ACT](#). Filed Apr 2 2025, *AN ACT TO REPEAL THE PROPERTY TAX EXCLUSION FOR SOLAR ENERGY ELECTRIC SYSTEMS*.

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

Instead of amending GS 105-275(45), now repeals that provision, which included the 40% property tax exclusion for solar energy electric systems. Removes the remainder of the content of the previous edition. Makes conforming changes to the act's long title.

**Intro. by Dixon, Howard, Riddell.**

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Environment, Energy, Government, Tax](#)

H 762 (2025-2026) [MODERNIZE NC S.A.F.E. ACT](#). Filed Apr 2 2025, *AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE NORTH CAROLINA SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT (S.A.F.E) MORTGAGE LICENSING ACT*.

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

Makes a technical change in GS 53-244.103.

Amends proposed GS 53-244.143 to require covered institutions, instead of the Commissioner, to take the listed actions within 15 days of discovering that they no longer meet the statute's requirements, or when specified actions happen with the FHFA waiver.

**Intro. by Ross, Arp, N. Jackson, Setzer.**

[GS 53](#)

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[Banking and Finance, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing](#)

H 1007 (2025-2026) [ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION TO DATE CERTAIN](#). Filed Apr 15 2025, *A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN*.

Provides that when the House and Senate adjourn on Thursday, April 17, 2025, they stand adjourned to reconvene on Monday, April 28, 2025, at noon.

**Intro. by Bell.**

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**Government, General Assembly**

H 1008 (2025-2026) **STALKING/ENHANCED PENALTIES**. Filed Apr 15 2025, *AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE PENALTIES FOR SEXUAL BATTERY AND STALKING WHEN THE PERPETRATOR IS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTED OFFICIAL AND THE VICTIM IS A FELLOW GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OR SUBORDINATE EMPLOYEE.*

Amends the offenses of sexual battery (GS 14-27.33) and stalking (GS 14-277.3A) by adding the following to each offense. Makes it a Class H felony to commit the offense while serving as a public official when the victim was also serving on the same governing board or was an employee of the governing board at the time of the offense. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2025.

**Intro. by Baker.**

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

H 1009 (2025-2026) **PLANNING ETJ PROHIBITED**. Filed Apr 15 2025, *AN ACT PROVIDING THAT NO CITY IN THE STATE MAY HAVE OR EXERCISE PLANNING JURISDICTION OUTSIDE ITS CORPORATE LIMITS.*

Amends GS 160D-201 by limiting a city's exercise of powers granted by GS Chapter 160D to within the city's corporate limits, no longer including extraterritorial areas. Amends the following by removing provisions related to extraterritorial jurisdiction and areas: GS 160D-202 (municipal extraterritorial jurisdiction), GS 160D-602 (notice of hearing on proposed zoning map amendments), GS 160D-903 (agricultural uses), GS 160D-912 (outdoor advertising), GS 160D-925 (stormwater control), GS 160D-1125 (enforcement), and GS 113A-208 (regulation of mountain ridge construction by counties and cities). Makes conforming changes to GS 160A-58.4.

Repeals GS 160D-307, extraterritorial representation on boards.

Repeals any provision in a local act, (including a local act establishing or amending a city charter), granting a city the power to exercise extraterritorial planning jurisdiction under Article 19 (Planning and Regulation of Development) of GS Chapter 160A, or its successor, GS Chapter 160D.

Specifies that the relinquishment of jurisdiction over an area that a city is regulating under the authority of extraterritorial planning jurisdiction will be effective January 1, 2026. Requires that upon relinquishment of jurisdiction over an area a city is regulating under the authority of extraterritorial planning jurisdiction: (1) the city regulations and powers of enforcement remain in effect until the earlier of the effective date of the land use regulations adopted by the county with jurisdiction over the area or 60 days after the effective date set above for that county and allows the county to have hearings and take other measures required to adopt county regulations for the area prior to the relevant effective date and (2) any person who has acquired vested rights under a permit, certificate, or other evidence of compliance issued by the city may exercise those rights as if no change of jurisdiction had occurred, and allows the county acquiring jurisdiction to take any action regarding the permit, certificate, or other evidence of compliance that could have been taken by the city surrendering jurisdiction pursuant to the city ordinances and regulations. Specifies that except as provided in this section, any building, structure, or other land use in a territory over which a county has acquired jurisdiction is subject to the county's ordinances and regulation.

Amends GS 122C-3 by defining *extraterritorial jurisdiction* as the boundaries of the area over which the Town of Butner was exercising extraterritorial planning jurisdiction under Article 19 of GS Chapter 160A, or its successor GS Chapter 160D, before the municipality's relinquishment of jurisdiction over the area on or before January 1, 2026. Makes conforming changes to GS

122C-403 (Secretary's authority over Camp Butner Reservation); GS 122C-405 (procedure applicable to rules), and GS 122C-410 (authority of county or city over Camp Butner Reservation) to account for new definition. Removes references to "extraterritorial jurisdiction" and "extension" in GS 122C-410.

Amends GS 130A-317 by defining *extraterritorial jurisdiction* for purposes of defining the service area of a municipality that has established its own approval program instead of State approval for water system plans, as the boundaries of the area over which a municipality was exercising extraterritorial planning jurisdiction under Article 19 of GS Chapter 160A, or its successor GS Chapter 160D, before the municipality's relinquishment of jurisdiction over the area on or before January 1, 2026.

Removes references to "extraterritorial jurisdiction" in GS 136-55.1 (notice of abandonment of roads), GS 136-63 (change or abandonment of roads), GS 136-66.3 (local government participation in improvements to the State transportation system), and GS 143-138 (North Carolina State Building Code); GS 160A-176.1 (ordinances effective in the Atlantic Ocean-swimming, surfing and littering); GS 160A-176.2 (ordinances effective in the Atlantic Ocean-personal watercraft, swimming, surfing, and littering); GS 160A-299 (procedure for permanently closing streets and alleys); and GS 160A-58.4 (extraterritorial powers of satellite corporate limits).

Amends GS 143-215.1 (control of sources of water pollution; permits required) to define *extraterritorial jurisdiction* for the purpose of local permit programs for sewer extension and reclaimed water utilization, as the boundaries of the area over which a municipality was exercising extraterritorial planning jurisdiction under Article 19 of GS Chapter 160A, or its successor GS Chapter 160D, before the municipality's relinquishment of jurisdiction over the area on or before January 1, 2026.

Removes provisions from GS 153A-317.14 (extension of economic development and training districts) that provide for annexation of areas that are wholly or partially within a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction to the district. Removes provisions from GS 160A-296(a1) that pertain to the establishment and control of streets by certain cities within its extraterritorial planning jurisdiction.

Defines *extraterritorial jurisdiction* under GS 160A-340.2(c) as the boundaries of the area over which the City of Statesville was exercising extraterritorial planning jurisdiction under Article 19 of GS Chapter 160A, or its successor GS Chapter 160D, prior to the City's relinquishment of jurisdiction over the area on or before January 1, 2026.

Specifies that the act has no effect on the extraterritorial jurisdiction of law enforcement officers. Specifies that the headings of the act are for reference and convenience only and that they do not expand, limit, or define the text of this act.

Effective January 1, 2026.

**Intro. by Humphrey.**

[Granville, Iredell, GS 113A, GS 122C, GS 130A, GS 136, GS 143, GS 153A, GS 160D](#)

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

H 1010 (2025-2026) [HOME OWNERSHIP MARKET MANIPULATION](#). Filed Apr 15 2025, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT HOUSING MARKET MANIPULATION AND TO PROTECT AGAINST ARTIFICIAL INFLATION BY EXCESSIVE HOME BUYING BY ENTITIES PURCHASING HOMES FOR USE AS RENTAL PROPERTIES*.

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

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

Makes it illegal for any person (as defined), including affiliates of the person, to purchase a single-family home in a qualifying county for a purpose other than for use by the person as a residence if the person, including affiliates of the person, owns 100 or more single-family homes in qualifying counties that are used primarily for rental purposes. Defines a qualifying county as a

county with a population greater than 150,000 as of the most recent decennial census. Defines a single family home as a residential structure that is either a fully detached or semi-detached building or that is a row or town home that (1) is separated from the adjacent unit by a ground-to-roof wall, (2) does not share heating or air-conditioning systems or utilities, and (3) does not have units located above or below.

Gives the Attorney General the same authority under this Article to make rules, conduct civil investigations, bring civil actions, and enter into assurances of discontinuances as provided under GS Chapter 75. Allows the court to award or impose any relief available under GS Chapter 75. Allows bringing a civil action for violations, allowing courts to impose civil penalties of up to \$100 per day for each single-family home acquired in violation of this Article. Also allows the court to award a prevailing plaintiff one or more of the following: (1) equitable relief; (2) damages; (3) costs and fees, including reasonable attorneys' fees; and (4) exemplary damages equal to the greater of \$50,000 or three times the total of damages, costs, and fees. Allows awarding a prevailing defendant costs and fees, including reasonable attorneys' fees, upon a finding by the court that the action was not well-grounded in fact and warranted by existing law or was interposed for any improper purpose.

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

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

**Intro. by Dew.**

[GS 75](#)

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

H 1011 (2025-2026) [NC COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT](#). Filed Apr 15 2025, *AN ACT ENACTING THE NORTH CAROLINA COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT*.

Enacts new Article 5H to GS Chapter 90, to be cited as the "NC Compassionate Care Act," requiring the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to issue "registry identification cards" to persons who qualify as qualified patients or designated caregivers under the Article's provisions. Sets forth legislative findings, the purpose of the Act, and defined terms for the Article.

Establishes an 11-member Compassionate Use Advisory Board (Advisory Board), consisting of seven gubernatorially appointed members and four legislatively appointed members, appointed for up to two four-year terms. States member qualifications. Provides for meetings, vacancies, and member expenses. Grants the Advisory Board authority to approve adding a debilitating medical condition to those defined by the Article by majority vote of members present and voting, and requires the Advisory Board to meet at least twice per year to review petitions and add debilitating conditions. Requires initial appointments to be made within 45 days of the date the act becomes law and staggers initial terms.

Sets standards for physicians issuing written certification of debilitating medical conditions under the Article. Requires physicians to complete a ten-hour continuing medical education course on prescribing cannabis and an annual three-hour supplemental medical education course thereafter. Requires maintaining records of compliance for six consecutive years with permitted inspection by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or the NC Medical Board or its agents. Establishes a requirement for physicians to register written certifications in the medical cannabis registry database electronically, and limits issuance to patients with whom the physician has a bona fide physician-patient relationship. Includes patient screening and patient education requirements. Requires physicians to have a physical office in the state to conduct in-person exams. Requires physicians to reevaluate patients as needed to determine the efficacy of the use of cannabis as a treatment for the patient's medical condition, at least quarterly in the first year and annually thereafter, with the Medical Cannabis Production Commission (Commission, as established below) authorized to set shorter reevaluation intervals or in-person exam requirements. Sets requirements for checking patients' prescription history. Requires physicians to update the medical cannabis registry database within 48 hours after any change is made to the original written certification. Charges

DHHS with monitoring written certifications and referring cases to the NC Medical Board or SBI as appropriate. Requires DHHS, upon request, to provide information in the medical cannabis registry database to the North Carolina Medical Board (Medical Board). Prohibits physicians from evaluating patients on the site of a medical cannabis center and from advertising their ability to issue written certifications. Prohibits physicians who provide written certifications from being employed by or have any direct or indirect economic interest in a supplier or independent testing laboratory, or profiting from a patient obtaining a written certification, aside from visit fees. Authorizes the Commission to adopt rules regarding physicians and the issuance of written certifications.

Specifies criteria and procedures for DHHS's issuance or renewal of registry identification cards. Provides for limited issuance of registry identification cards to minors. Details required card information; notice requirements for information changes; and DHHS's authority to deny, suspend or revoke cards. Directs DHHS to adopt implementing rules and to establish requirements for card issuance that include six specified components, which must include setting a limit on the number of written certifications a physician may issue; requires adoption within 270 days of the date the act becomes law. Requires registry identification cardholders or supplier registry identification cardholders to carry the card(s) and valid identification whenever the cardholder is carrying cannabis or cannabis-infused products. Also requires a cardholder approached or addressed by an officer to display both the registry identification card/supplier registry identification card and valid identification.

Requires DHHS to create a secure, confidential, electronic medical cannabis registry database of all qualified patients and designated caregivers to whom DHHS has issued cards, consisting of the name, address, and photo of the cardholder; the name, address, and hospital affiliation of the physician that issued the respective written certification; a photo of the cardholder; the adequate supply of cannabis or cannabis-infused product prescribed to the cardholder; and the prescribed delivery method for the cannabis or cannabis-infused product for the cardholder. Allows law enforcement to contact DHHS to confirm a cardholder's identity if the law enforcement agency is unable to verify the registry identification cardholder by using the medical cannabis verification system. Deems card applicants' information confidential and not public record, with limited exceptions for authorized DHHS employees and law enforcement. Makes it a Class 2 misdemeanor for any person (including a State or local employee) to breach confidentiality of such protected information, punishable by a civil penalty of up to \$1,000. Specifies that the provisions do not prevent DHHS from notifying law enforcement of falsified or fraudulent information submitted with a card application.

Establishes the 11-member Medical Cannabis Production Commission (Commission) with oversight of medical cannabis supplier licensing and licensee discipline. Requires approval of licensee applications upon recommendation by DHHS, as described, by majority vote of members present and voting. Details Commission membership with some members appointed by the Governor and legislature, terms, leadership, vacancies, removal, quorum, and member expenses. Details disciplinary authority. Gives the Commission the power to approve applications for medical cannabis supplier licenses upon recommendation of DHHS by a majority vote of those present and voting. Details DHHS's process for evaluation of applications and referral to the Commission. Limits number of licenses that can be approved by the Commission to ten. Limits the amount of medical cannabis centers owned by each supplier to not more than eight. Suppliers must also operate at least one medical cannabis center in a Tier 1 county (i.e., the 2023 County Tier Designations published by the Department of Commerce according to the specified statute). Requires that the Commission must also consider the following criteria in awarding licenses: (1) requires giving priority to any supplier who commits to establishing a medical cannabis center in more than one Tier 1 county and (2) requires giving priority to a supplier who commits to establishing the eight allowed medical cannabis centers in a way that demonstrates a commitment to ensuring the equitable distribution of medical cannabis centers throughout the State in order for registry ID card holders to access an adequate supply of cannabis and cannabis-infused products, while preventing an overconcentration of medical cannabis centers in any one area (allows considering county population in making this determination).

Gives the Commission, in consultation with the NC Medical Care Commission, the authority to adopt implementing rules to establish qualifications and requirements of licensure, for production by a supplier, and for proper regulation of medical cannabis centers and cannabis product facilities operated by suppliers; ensure equitable distribution of medical cannabis centers across the State; and establish civil penalties for minor violations. Includes member disqualifications concerning conflicts of interest as an owner or employee of a licensed medical cannabis supplier or testing lab, or as a qualified patient, a designated caregiver, or physician issuing written certifications. Adds that the rules become effective when adopted and pursuant to the provisions of GS Chapter 90. Requires initial appointments to be made within 45 days of the date the act becomes law and staggers initial terms.



Directs the Commission to establish a medical cannabis supply system to provide a safe, regulated supply of cannabis appropriate for medical use by qualified patients that are valid cardholders; ensure statewide access to safe and affordable cannabis to cardholders; establish a system that is well-regulated and financially viable; and to generate revenue sufficient for the Commission to verse and DHHS to maintain and operate the system. Directs the Commission to adopt regulatory rules that consist of at least 14 specified components, such as security, sanitation, storage and transportation requirements. Directs the Commission to establish, maintain, and control a computer software tracking system that traces cannabis from seed to sale and allows real time, 24-hour access by DHHS, the Commission, and any State or local enforcement agency to data from all production facilities, medical cannabis centers, and testing labs. Details further requirements of the tracking system. Explicitly requires medical cannabis suppliers to use the tracking system or integrate its own system with the system established by the Commission. Authorizes the Commission to contract to establish the tracking system, so long as the vendor does not have a direct or indirect financial interest in a medical cannabis supplier or testing lab. Allows for legislative appropriations to establish the system, but states the NCGA's intent that the operation be funded by authorized fees.

Establishes criteria for licensing medical cannabis suppliers to (1) grow, cultivate, produce, or sell cannabis or cannabis-infused products; (2) operate a business to produce cannabis or cannabis-infused products; or (3) establish or operate a medical cannabis center for the sale of cannabis, cannabis-infused products, and paraphernalia relating to the administration of cannabis to qualified patients and designated caregivers who hold valid registry identification cards. Requires suppliers to begin cultivation within 120 days of receiving a license and begin selling cannabis or cannabis-infused products in medical cannabis centers within 270 days of initiating cultivation. Includes criminal history check requirements. Specifies licensure disqualifications, including being less than 21, or having served a sentence of any of the listed felonies within the previous five years. States sales and supply restrictions of licensees. Establishes monthly fees and reporting requirements for licensees. Authorizes DHHS to impose fines of up to \$10,000 on suppliers for certain enumerated violations, including improperly disclosing confidential patient information or failing to maintain required records. Authorizes the Commission to require financial audits at cost to the supplier. Provides for criminal immunity for licensed medical cannabis suppliers and their employees, agents, or principal, as specified, excluding conduct described in four instances, such as delivering cannabis to and individual that the person knows is not a qualified patient or designated caregiver or a licensed provider.

Provides civil and criminal immunity for a registry identification cardholder for purchasing or possessing cannabis for medical use if the quantity does not exceed an "adequate supply" for the patient as determined by their physician and the cannabis or cannabis-infused product is contained in packaging bearing the label required by GS 90-113.132. *Adequate supply* is defined by the act as an amount, as determined by the qualified patient's physician, of usable cannabis derived solely from an intrastate source that is possessed by a qualified patient, or collectively possessed by a qualified patient and the qualified patient's designated caregiver, in an amount that does not exceed what is reasonably necessary to assure the uninterrupted availability of cannabis for a period of 30 days, in any form recommended by the qualified patient's physician for the purpose of alleviating the symptoms or effects of the qualified patient's debilitating medical condition. Provides for exclusion of the weight of other ingredients infused or added to cannabis for consumption or use by a qualified patient in determining whether the patient is in possession of an amount that exceeds the patient's adequate supply. Prohibits law enforcement from considering a qualified patient or designated caregiver's possession or use differently than any other lawful possession or use of a controlled substance so long as the possession or use complies with the Article.

Specifies that the new Article does not authorize a registry identification cardholder to engage in the smoking of cannabis or the vaping of cannabis for medical use in seven places identified by the act, including (1) in a public place or a place open to the public, (2) in any place of employment, (3) in a vehicle, or (4) in or within 1,000 feet of the property line of a church, child care facility, public school or nonpublic school, community college or UNC facility or grounds. Provides further specifications relating to smoking or vaping near a child care facility or community college or UNC facility or grounds. Makes smoking or vaping cannabis in violation of these prohibitions an infraction punishable by a fine of up to \$25.

Makes it a Class G felony to manufacture, sell, deliver, or possess with intent to manufacture, sell, or deliver cannabis in violation of this Article at a medical cannabis center or production facility. Makes it a Class H felony to create, sell, deliver, or possess with intent to sell or deliver counterfeit cannabis in violation of this Article at a medical cannabis center or production facility. Makes it a Class A1 misdemeanor to possess an amount of cannabis up to 1 1/2 ounces in violation of this Article, at a medical cannabis center or production facility. Makes it a Class H felony to possess an amount of cannabis that exceeds 1 1/2 ounces in violation of this Article, at a medical cannabis center or production facility. Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor to provide DHHS with false or misleading information in relation to a registry identification card or license. Makes it a Class I felony for any person who has been issued a valid registry identification card who is found to be in possession of cannabis in violation of this Article. Adds that if a person is convicted of a violation of GS 90-95(h)(1) (trafficking in marijuana), and it is

found that the offense was committed at a medical cannabis center or production facility or with cannabis from a medical cannabis center or production facility, then the person must be sentenced at a felony class level one class higher than the principal felony for which the person was convicted, and an additional 12 months will be added to the mandatory minimum sentence. Prohibits sentencing at a level higher than a Class C felony. Requires an indictment or information for the felony to allege the facts that qualify the offense for an enhancement under this provision. Provides that one pleading is sufficient for all felonies that are tried at a single trial. Makes it a Class 3 misdemeanor to possess cannabis or a cannabis-infused product, other than in a closed retailer's container as packaged, in a passenger compartment of a vehicle in a public vehicular area or on a public street or highway. Makes it a Class 2 misdemeanor to enter or attempt to enter a licensed medical cannabis center where cannabis or a cannabis-infused product is sold, or to obtain or attempt to obtain cannabis or a cannabis-infused product, or to obtain or attempt to obtain permission for such a purchase, by using or attempting to use a fraudulent or altered registry identification card. Specifies that these new penalties can be imposed in addition to any other penalties provided by law.

Requires DHHS to establish a web-based verification system allowing DHHS personnel, State and local law enforcement personnel, and medical cannabis centers to enter a registry identification card number to determine whether the number corresponds with a current, valid registry identification card. Limits the information that the system may disclose to eight specified items. Specifies who may have access to the system. Requires before cannabis or cannabis-infused products are dispensed to a registry identification cardholder that a medical cannabis center employee access the system and determine that: (1) the registry identification card presented at the medical cannabis center is valid; (2) each person presenting a registry identification card is the person identified on the card; (3) the amount to be dispensed would not cause a qualifying patient to exceed the limit on obtaining no more than an adequate supply of cannabis or cannabis-infused products during any thirty-day period; (4) the cannabis to be dispensed complies with the delivery method; and (5) after making the determinations required in (3), but before dispensing cannabis or cannabis-infused products to a registry identification cardholder, a medical cannabis center employee must enter specified information into the system on the amount of the product, who it is dispensed to, date and time it is to be dispensed, and the dispensing center's registry identification number.

Requires DHHS to perform annual inspections of the premises of licensees, including any production facility or medical cannabis center. Establishes security measures and inspection requirements of suppliers, production facilities, and medical cannabis centers, including requiring suppliers to implement security measures adopted by the Commission in consultation with the SBI, and subjecting production facilities and medical cannabis centers owned and operated by a supplier to random inspection by DHHS and the SBI in accordance with rules adopted by the Commission.

Establishes hour, location, and age restrictions for medical cannabis centers. Prohibits licensed medical cannabis centers from selling cannabis or cannabis-infused products between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Bars locating a medical cannabis center within 1,000 linear feet of the property line of a church, child care facility, public school or nonpublic school, or community college or UNC facility or grounds. Limits entry to individuals who are qualified patients, designated caregivers, and persons whose job duties require their presence in the medical cannabis center. Requires employees to be 21 or older. Prohibits consuming cannabis or cannabis-infused products on the site of the medical cannabis center. Prohibits cannabis, cannabis-infused products, and paraphernalia from being visible to the public from the outside of the medical cannabis center. Authorizes the Commission to establish rules to allow the delivery of cannabis, cannabis-infused products, and paraphernalia used to administer cannabis products by medical cannabis centers to the home of a qualified patient or designated caregiver.

Requires DHHS to establish standards for and license up to five independent testing labs to test cannabis and cannabis-infused products that are to be sold in this State. Requires an independent testing lab to analyze a representative sample before the sale or transfer to a medical cannabis center by a production facility; requires the lab to report the results of all required testing to DHHS and the Commission. Makes an independent testing lab responsible for selecting, picking up, and testing samples. Requires DHHS to adopt rules to establish certain standards related to testing, lab licensing, and lab fees, as well as remedial actions that may be taken for samples which do not meet the established standards. Includes disqualifications for owners or employees of a supplier, production facility, or medical cannabis center.

Establishes advertising restrictions as follows. Requires the production facility or medical cannabis center logo, advertising, and signage to be tasteful, respectful, and medically focused; prohibits it from appealing to minors or containing cartoon-like figures or attempts at humor. Prohibits suppliers from using marijuana leaves or cannabis slang on their signs, logos, packaging or structures, as well as prohibiting the use of neon in signs, logos, packaging, or on structures. Requires suppliers to submit logos or signs to DHHS for review. Requires medical cannabis centers to only use signs that include its name, logo and hours of operation. Establishes prohibited advertisements by suppliers and centers, such as distributing handbills in public areas. Authorizes the Commission to take action against a licensee or retailer who engages in nonconforming signage or advertising.

Establishes parameters for medical cannabis center websites. Requires production facilities and medical cannabis centers owned and operated by a supplier to have a discreet, professional appearance compatible with existing commercial structures or land uses in the immediate area. Requires DHHS to consult with the Commission to adopt rules to define and monitor standards for centers' names, signage, and logo.

Requires suppliers to safely package and accurately label cannabis or cannabis-infused products and requires items sold at a medical cannabis center to be properly labeled and in child-resistant packaging. Prohibits labels from including strain names and requires labels to include at least 10 specified items, including the name of the medical cannabis center, the percentage of tetrahydrocannabinol and the percentage of cannabidiol within a profile tolerance range of 10%, and the length of time it takes for the product to take effect. Requires cannabis products to be placed in child-resistant packaging before leaving the medical cannabis center. Requires DHHS to adopt rules that accomplish three specified objectives, including establishing restrictions on the forms and appearance of edible cannabis-infused products in order to reduce their appeal to minors.

Requires the destruction and disposal of (1) production center cannabis by-product, cannabis scrap, and harvested cannabis not intended for distribution to a medical cannabis center or independent testing lab, and (2) cannabis and cannabis-infused products that are not sold to qualifying patients by medical cannabis centers. Requires keeping documentation of the destruction or disposal for at least one year and requires a record of the date of destruction and the amount destroyed. Requires a medical cannabis center to also destroy all unused cannabis products that are returned to the center by a formerly qualifying patient who no longer qualifies or by the former qualifying patient's caregiver.

Expresses legislative intent that the NC Collaboratory undertake scientific research regarding the administration of cannabis or cannabis-infused products as a part of medical treatment and directs the Collaboratory to create the North Carolina Cannabis Research Program. Details parameters for the research and includes immunity for the Collaboratory and its partners to possess, transport, test, and dispose of cannabis within the scope of its research.

Establishes the North Carolina Medical Cannabis Program Fund within DHHS to ensure there are funds to carry out DHHS's responsibilities under this Article. Requires revenues in excess of the amount needed to implement, administer, and enforce the Article to be distributed to the General Fund annually.

Appropriates system revenues from license fees and monthly revenue fees to the Commission, with three authorized uses, with priority to costs associated with establishing and operating the regulated medical cannabis supply system. Provides for revenues in excess of the authorized uses to be annually transferred to the General Fund.

Requires DHHS, in consultation with the Commission and Advisory Board, to report annually on the effectiveness of the medical cannabis program and any recommended changes. Sets out nine items that must be included in the report, while protecting the identity of specified individuals and entities. Requires the report to be submitted to the specified NCGA committees annually by October 1, beginning in the first year in which cannabis or cannabis-infused products are sold in medical cannabis centers. Authorizes DHHS to develop surveys for qualified patients, and the Commission to require completion of the survey by the patients.

Provides for construction of the Article. Provides a severability clause.

Amends GS 105-164.13 to exempt from sales tax cannabis or cannabis-infused products sold by a medical cannabis center to a registry identification cardholder.

Amends GS 106-121 (definitions under Food, Drugs, and Cosmetics Act) to exclude cannabis and cannabis-infused products manufactured by a production facility or sold by a medical cannabis center from the definition of the terms drug and food.

Amends GS 15A-974, regarding the exclusion or suppression of unlawfully obtained evidence. Adds new subsection (a1) to bar the suppression of evidence obtained as the result of a search that was supported by probable cause at the time of the search solely on the basis that either: (1) a subsequent determination that a substance believed to be a controlled substance at the time of the search was not a controlled substance; or (2) a subsequent determination that the presence of a controlled substance at the time of the search was not a violation of law. Applies to motions filed on or after December 1, 2023.

Amends GS 90-87 to exclude from the defined term marijuana, an adequate supply of cannabis for medical use in compliance with new Article 5H.

Makes conforming changes to GS 90-94.

Specifies that the act is effective when it becomes law, except as otherwise provided.

**Intro. by Dew.**

GS 15A, GS 90, GS 105, GS 106

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## **PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS**

S 257 (2025-2026) **2025 APPROPRIATIONS ACT**. Filed Mar 10 2025, *AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS.*

Senate committee substitute, as amended, makes various changes to the 1st edition. We will not be including a summary of the Appropriations Act. For the content of the bill, please follow the [View NCGA Bill Details](#) link. Further information on the budget, including the committee report, can be found on the “News” section of the General Assembly’s website at: <https://www.ncleg.gov/News>(link is external).

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

APPROP, STUDY, GS 1, GS 6, GS 7A, GS 7B, GS 9, GS 14, GS 15A, GS 18B, GS 20, GS 45, GS 47, GS 50, GS 50A, GS 55D, GS 58, GS 62, GS 63A, GS 65, GS 66, GS 74C, GS 74D, GS 84, GS 88B, GS 90, GS 90D, GS 93A, GS 95, GS 105, GS 108A, GS 108D, GS 110, GS 113A, GS 115C, GS 115D, GS 116, GS 116B, GS 120, GS 121, GS 126, GS 127A, GS 130A, GS 131D, GS 131E, GS 135, GS 136, GS 143, GS 143B, GS 143C, GS 147, GS 153A, GS 159G, GS 160A, GS 160B, GS 161, GS 166A

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**Transportation, Office of Information Technology Services, Office of State Auditor, Office of State Budget and Management, Secretary of State, State Board of Elections, State Government, Executive, State Personnel, State Property, Tax, Local Government, Native Americans, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Health Insurance, Public Health, Mental Health, Social Services, Adult Services, Child Welfare, Public Assistance, Military and Veteran's Affairs**

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

Senate committee substitute to the 2nd edition makes the following changes. Makes technical changes.

Part III.

Removes changes to GS 90-85.40 which would have specified that an independent pharmacy or pharmacist's act of declining to provide a covered drug, device, or service as described, could not be construed to be a violation of the NC Pharmacy Practice Act (GS 80-85.40). Makes conforming changes to the section's effective date.

Part V.

Reorganizes those provisions of deleted GS 90-85.40 into new GS 90-85.21E (concerning independent pharmacy prescriptions).

Part VIII.

Removes defined cost-sharing from what must be reduced by an amount equal to 90% of all described rebates under the provisions calculating an insured's defined cost-sharing for a covered prescription drug at the point of sale under GS 58-3-182.

Part X.

Modifies the defined terms: (1) *large retail pharmacy* so that it is more than 25 pharmacies under common ownership (was termed a "chain retail pharmacy" meaning four or more pharmacies under common ownership) and (2) *small retail pharmacy* so that is 25 or fewer pharmacies under common ownership (was, "independent retail pharmacy" with three or fewer such pharmacies) in GS 90-85.42 (Board of Pharmacy reporting). Makes conforming changes.

Part XI.

Enacts GS 135-49, requiring that Board of Trustees (Board) for the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees (Plan), before awarding a Request for Proposal for Third-Party Administrative Services for the Plan, to work to determine how to incorporate the nine listed items in an economically feasible manner in the Plan, including: (1) allowing the Plan's pharmacy benefits managers (PBM) to provide a monetary advantage to pharmacies in North Carolina neighborhoods, communities, and counties that are underserved by pharmacies; (2) preventing the Plan's PBM's from contractually requiring independent pharmacies to accept reimbursement for a drug, device, or pharmacy service in an amount that is less than the acquisition cost of the drug, device, or pharmacy service; and adhering to the cost-sharing consumer protection provisions of GS 58-3-182, as enacted by the act. Requires each item that the Board determines to be economically feasible to be included in the "Product and Plan Design Management Minimum Requirements" section, or any other substantially similar section of the Request for Proposal for Third-Party Administrative Services for the Plan.

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

[GS 58, GS 90, GS 135](#)

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**Business and Commerce, Insurance, Occupational Licensing, Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Insurance, State Government, State Personnel, Health and Human Services,**

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

S 528 (2025-2026) **CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS & FLEXIBILITIES**. Filed Mar 25 2025, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS AND PROVIDE FOR FLEXIBILITIES IN SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE.*

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

Adds the requirement that the Division of Child Development and Early Education (the Division) establish the Licensed Childcare Licensure Workgroup (Workgroup) to examine streamlining regulatory requirements related to the physical structures of licensed childcare facilities, consisting of representatives from the nine listed agencies along with other representatives deemed necessary by the Division. Tasks the Workgroup with developing findings and recommendations related to streamlining the regulatory requirements related to the physical structures of childcare facilities, as described, and resolving conflicts between various code requirements for licensed childcare facilities. Requires the Division to report its findings and recommendations to the specified NCGA committees and division by no later than on year after the act becomes law.

**Intro. by Burgin, Galey, Corbin.**

STUDY, GS 110

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**Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Education, Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services**

S 602 (2025-2026) **H'CANE HELENE BLDG CODE WINDOW EXEMPTION**. Filed Mar 25 2025, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN STATE BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO FIRE-RESISTANT WINDOWS FOR DOWNTOWN, COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES DAMAGED BY HURRICANE HELENE.*

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

Amends the definition of *eligible building* to require that the commercial building or structure be located within the central business district or downtown commercial district, as of September 27, 2024, of a city as defined by GS 160A-1 (was, with the central business district or downtown commercial district of a city or own, as defined by that municipality's governing board or zoning maps, with no date indicated). No longer requires the affidavit to include an acknowledgment that alternative means of fire protection have been considered and discussed with the project's contractors or design professionals. Amends the act's effective date provision to make the act applicable to eligible buildings for which a Certificate of Occupancy is issued on or after the date the act becomes law (was, applicable to eligible buildings for which construction or repair work is commenced on or after the date the act becomes law). Makes additional clarifying changes.

**Intro. by Hise.**

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

**LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS**

H 226 (2025-2026) **CITY OF GREENSBORO/DEANNEXATIONS**. Filed Feb 26 2025, *AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO.*

House committee substitute to the 1st edition removes an additional described parcel from the corporate limits of the City of Greensboro, so that three parcels total are removed by the act.

**Intro. by Blust.**

Guilford

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**Government, Local Government**

## LOCAL/SENATE BILLS

S 131 (2025-2026) [TEMP LOCAL SALES TAX CHANGES/BUNCOMBE CO.](#) Filed Feb 21 2025, *AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY MODIFY BUNCOMBE COUNTY'S USE OF ONE-HALF OF ARTICLE 39 LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX PROCEEDS TO INCLUDE BOTH SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY AND SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENSES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE BUNCOMBE SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND COMMISSION.*

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

Clarifies that the act rewrites and recodifies SL 1983-134, as amended, as subsections (b)-(m) of Section 2 of the act; makes organizational and technical changes.

**Intro. by Moffitt, Mayfield, Daniel.**

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**Government, Tax**

## ACTIONS ON BILLS

## PUBLIC BILLS

### **H 4: SAM'S LAW.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2*

*House: Re-ref Com On Appropriations*

### **H 13: CHARGES FOR PAYMENTS BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On Finance*

### **H 38: SECOND AMENDMENT FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/29/2025*

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

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

### **H 107: ADOPT SUDEP AWARENESS WEEK.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

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



**H 113: CREATE COMMITTEE ON MEDICAID SUSTAINABILITY.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

**H 114: EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On Commerce and Economic Development*

**H 126: REVISE VOLUNTARY AG. DISTRICT LAWS.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/29/2025*

**H 133: NC FARMLAND AND MILITARY PROTECTION ACT.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/16/2025*

**H 139: BABY BOXES/NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICE.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Health*

**H 150: EXPEDITE SURPLUS PROP./SCHOLAR PATH (NEW).**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

**H 152: ACCESS TO TRANSCRANIAL MAGNETIC STIMULATION.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/29/2025*

**H 163: PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER PROVISIONS.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/29/2025*

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

*House: Withdrawn From Cal*

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

**H 188: AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2*

*House: Re-ref Com On Commerce and Economic Development*

**H 210: PERPETUAL CARE OF CERTAIN CEMETERIES.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On State and Local Government*

**H 211: THE KELSEY SMITH ACT.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 213: POST NC VETERANS' BENEFITS.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 217: DRIVER EDUC./18 YRS & OLDER & UNLICENSED.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/29/2025*

**H 218: EMERGENCY INFO ON DMV APPLICATIONS.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

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

*House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/16/2025*

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

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 250: ANNUAL REP'T DUE DATE/DEPLOYED SERVICEMEMBERS (NEW).**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/29/2025*

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

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 288: POW/MIA FLAG/STATE BLDGS. & AMP SCHOOLS.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

**H 297: BREAST CANCER PREVENTION IMAGING PARITY.**

*House: Withdrawn From Cal*

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

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/29/2025*

**H 301: SOCIAL MEDIA PROTECTIONS FOR MINORS UNDER 16.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2*

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

**H 307: VARIOUS CRIMINAL LAW REVISIONS.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

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

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 318: THE CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIEN ENFORCEMENT ACT.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

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

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/16/2025*

**H 329: TOBACCO AND HEMP ON NONPUBLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS.**

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/16/2025*

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

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 368: CLARIFY LAW REGARDING CAR SEATS.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

**H 372: HOME-BASED BUSINESS FAIRNESS ACT.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2*

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

**H 373: UNC TUITION DISCOUNTS FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

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

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 390: ALLEVIATE THE DANGERS OF SURGICAL SMOKE.**

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/16/2025*

**H 399: NC BOARD OF NURSING LICENSURE FEES.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On Finance*

**H 402: NC REINS ACT.**

*House: Serial Referral To Commerce and Economic Development Stricken*

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/16/2025*

**H 412: CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS.**

*House: Amend Adopted A1*

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

*House: Ordered Engrossed*

**H 414: 1-TO-1 CREDIT FOR CAREER AND COLLEGE PROMISE.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Higher Education*

**H 424: GAMING LAWS/ALLOW CERTAIN SOCIAL GAMES.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2*

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

**H 432: PROTECT OUR HOMES ACT.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/16/2025*

**H 434: THE CARE FIRST ACT.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On Insurance*

**H 437: ESTABLISH DRUG-FREE HOMELESS SERVICE ZONES.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 443: CONST. AMENDMENT: COUNCIL OF STATE VACANCIES.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

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

*House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2*

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

**H 479: TOWN OF BURGAW PROPERTY TRANSFER.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**H 480: MEDICAL BOARD LICENSING EFFICIENCY ACT.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Finance*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/16/2025*

**H 512: EMER. CARE/ANIMALS/VET. PRACTICE.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

**H 537: ALENA'S LAW.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/16/2025*

**H 546: INMATE MEDICAID SUSPENSION/TEAM-BASED CARE.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Insurance*

**H 558: CRITERIA FOR PHP CONTRACT PROCUREMENT.**

*House: Serial Referral To Insurance Stricken*

*House: Serial Referral To Finance Stricken*

**H 559: MAKE ELEVATORS GREAT AGAIN.-AB**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/16/2025*

**H 568: 2025 OMNIBUS LABOR AMENDMENTS.-AB**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Serial Referral To Commerce and Economic Development Stricken*

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

**H 575: THE HUNTER ROBINSON ACT.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

**H 576: DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REVISIONS.-AB**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Finance*

*House: Withdrawn From Com*

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

**H 578: THE JASON FLATT ACT OF NORTH CAROLINA.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On Education - K-12*

**H 592: TOXIC-FREE MEDICAL DEVICES ACT OF 2025.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/16/2025*

**H 612: FOSTERING CARE IN NC ACT.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/29/2025*

**H 615: ENROLLMENT STABILITY FOR MILITARY STUDENTS.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On Education - K-12*

**H 620: AOC AGENCY REQUESTS.-AB**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

**H 636: PROMOTING WHOLESOME CONTENT FOR STUDENTS.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/16/2025*

**H 640: PUBLIC ASSISTANCE VERIFICATION ENHANCEMENTS.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On Health*

**H 648: DISPOSITION PLACEMENT/FINDINGS OF FACT (NEW).**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

**H 649: COUNTY TIER DESIGNATION STUDY BILL.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

**H 659: LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING TRANSPARENCY.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On State and Local Government*

**H 671: COMPETITIVE SPEECH AND DEBATE GRANT PILOT.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Appropriations*

**H 703: MEMORIALS IN VETERANS CEMETERIES.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On State and Local Government*

**H 707: DRONES/CERTAIN VENDOR PURCHASES PROHIBITED.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

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

**H 729: FARMLAND PROTECTION ACT.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Agriculture and Environment*

**H 734: MODERNIZE DEBT SETTLEMENT PROHIBITION.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)*

*House: Placed On Cal For 04/16/2025*

**H 741: VETERANS REGISTRATION PLATE MODIFICATIONS.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On Transportation*

**H 754: FIN. EXPLOIT. PREVENTION/SAVINGS BANK UPDATES.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

*House: Re-ref Com On Finance*

**H 762: MODERNIZE NC S.A.F.E. ACT.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Finance*

**H 771: CRIMINAL LAW PROCEDURES.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

**H 1007: ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION TO DATE CERTAIN.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1008: STALKING/ENHANCED PENALTIES.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1009: PLANNING ETJ PROHIBITED.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1010: HOME OWNERSHIP MARKET MANIPULATION.**

*House: Filed*

**H 1011: NC COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT.**

*House: Filed*

**S 177: ADD PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS TO MEDICAID HASP.**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

**S 190: PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSURE COMPACT.**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

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

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 257: 2025 APPROPRIATIONS ACT.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Sub with Unengrossed Amend*

*Senate: Com Amend Adopted A1*

*Senate: Com Amend Adopted A2*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Finance*

*Senate: Reptd Fav*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Pensions and Retirement and Aging*

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

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

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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



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

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

**S 369: MEDICAID TELEHEALTH SERVICES.**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

**S 370: REPEAL CERTIFICATE OF NEED LAWS.**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

**S 449: FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND K-20 TECH PLANNING.**

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

**S 479: SCRIPT ACT.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

*Senate: Re-ref Com On Finance*

**S 528: CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS & FLEXIBILITIES.**

*Senate: Amend Adopted A1*

*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*

*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*

*Senate: Engrossed*

**S 602: H'CAINE HELENE BLDG CODE WINDOW EXEMPTION.**

*Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*Senate: Com Substitute Adopted*

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

**S 664: JMAC COMPLIANCE FLEXIBILITY.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

**S 675: SECOND MORTGAGE FEE ALIGNMENT ACT.**

*House: Passed 1st Reading*

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

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**H 226: CITY OF GREENSBORO/DEANNEXATIONS.**

*House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute*

*House: Re-ref Com On Finance*

**H 279: FILLING VACANCIES/HAYWOOD COUNTY BD. OF COMM.**

*House: Reptd Fav*

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

**H 333: JACKSONVILLE/ETJ PROHIBITED.**

*House: Passed 2nd Reading*

*House: Passed 3rd Reading*

**S 131: TEMP LOCAL SALES TAX CHANGES/BUNCOMBE CO.**

*Senate: Amend Adopted A1*  
*Senate: Passed 2nd Reading*  
*Senate: Passed 3rd Reading*  
*Senate: Engrossed*

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