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PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 87 (2025-2026) [EDUCATIONAL CHOICE FOR CHILDREN ACT \(ECCA\)](#). (NEW) Filed Feb 10 2025, *AN ACT TO ELECT THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS TO CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY TO PUBLISH AND MAINTAIN AN ANNUAL LIST OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS.*

Senate committee substitute to the 3rd edition replaces the content of the previous edition with the following. Makes conforming changes to the act's titles.

Amends GS 116-204 to authorize the State Education Assistance Authority (Authority) to certify and submit a list of qualifying scholarship granting organizations to the US Secretary of Treasury.

Adds new Part 8, Compliance with Requirements of Federal Tax Credit for Contributions of Individuals to Scholarship Granting Organizations, to Article 23 of GS Chapter 116, providing as following. Enacts new GS 116-209.110 electing the State to: (1) participate in the federal tax credit established under the specified federal law for individuals who make qualified contributions to scholarship granting organizations; and (2) identify scholarship granting organizations located in this State.

Enacts new GS 116-209.111 requiring the Authority to submit to the US Secretary of Treasury, and publish on the Authority's website, a list of scholarship granting organizations that meet the specified federal Internal Revenue Code requirements and are located in the State. Requires that the Authority certify its authority to submit the list on behalf of the State and comply with any other specified federal requirements. Allows the Authority to establish rules governing the process and documentation necessary for an entity to qualify to be listed as a scholarship granting organization. Also allows the Authority to enter into an agreement with other State agencies to meet the statute's requirements.

Requires that the Authority comply with all federal regulations on the administration of the federal tax credit to ensure that the State is eligible to participate in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2026.

Allows qualifying scholarship granting organizations on the list to provide scholarships for any qualified elementary or secondary education expense, including home school expenses, to the extent allowed under federal law.

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

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Senate amendments to the 4th edition makes the following changes.

Amendment #2 makes technical correction to refer to the North Carolina Constitution in GS 116-209.110.

Amendment #4 directs the State Education Assistance Authority to adopt any necessary rules by the later of July 1, 2026, or within 120 days of publication of federal regulations.

Intro. by N. Jackson, Biggs, Schietzelt, Eddins.**GS 116**[View summary](#)**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, Tax**

H 125 (2025-2026) **CONTINUING BUDGET OPERATIONS. (NEW)** Filed Feb 13 2025, *AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT VARIOUS BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE.*

Conference report to the 3rd edition removes the content of the previous edition, except where indicated, and replaces it with the following. Changes the act's long title.

Part I. Appropriations

Section 1.1

Appropriates State funds for each year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium to all budget codes listed in the Governor's recommended Based Budget for the 2025-27 fiscal biennium, up to the amounts specified, and as adjusted by the NCGA in this or another act.

Section 1.2

Amends Section 2A.3 of SL 2025-26 by correcting a cross-reference to SL 2025-2.

Section 1.3

Amends the provision previously found in Section 5.10, concerning funding for the Agricultural Disaster Crop Loss Program (Program) to now require that \$142 million be transferred from the Stabilization and Inflation Reserve to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) for 2025-26 for the Program for verifiable losses from an agricultural disaster in 2024; appropriates those transferred funds. No longer provides that these funds that are not expended or encumbered on the date that the Program expires revert to the Savings Reserve.

Section 1.4

Requires that those receiving funds under Section 1.3 [Agricultural Disaster Crop Loss Program (Program)] use best efforts and take reasonable steps to obtain alternative funds that cover the losses or needs for which the State funds are provided, including funds from insurance and available federal aid; for institutions of higher education, alternative funds include private donations. Declares State funds paid under Section 1.3 to be excess over funds received by a recipient from the settlement of a claim for loss or damage covered under the recipient's applicable insurance policy in effect or federal aid. Requires agencies awarding State funds for disaster relief to include a notice to the recipient of these requirements. Requires recipients obtaining alternative funding to remit the funds to the agency from which they were received, which must transfer those funds to the Savings Reserve. These requirements are to be included in any contract entered into by a recipient for receipt of funds under Section 1.3.

Prohibits the Governor from using funds in Section 1.3 to make budget adjustments. Requires the Governor to ensure that funds allocated in Section 1.3 of this Part are expended in a manner that does not adversely affect any person's or entity's eligibility for federal funds that are made available, or anticipated to be made available, as a result of natural disasters. Also requires the Governor, to the extent practicable, to avoid using State funds to cover costs that will be, or likely will be, covered by federal funds.

Requires OSBM to add the appropriations and allocations in Section 1.3 to the reporting requirements Section 4.1(g) of SL 2025-2.

Requires the Governor's Office to continue reporting requirements in Section 4.2 of SL 2025-2 for funds described in Section 1.3. Requires the State Auditor to include all funds appropriated and allocated under Section 1.3 of this Part in their report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and include the expenditure of these funds in the public dashboard.

Part II. Transfers, Reductions, Adjustments, and Offsets

Part II-A. Education

Section 2A.1

Includes the provisions previously found in Section 3.13, concerning Education Lottery Fund Allocations and Adjustments to the Appropriations from the Escheat Funds, with the following changes. No longer reduces the funds appropriated for the Longleaf Commitment Community College Grant Program from the General Fund by \$125,000 for each year of the 2025-27 biennium. Increases the amount that is appropriated from the Escheat Fund to the Need-Based Scholarship for Public Colleges and Universities program from \$96,445,964 to \$98,418,512 in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium. Increases the reduction in funds appropriated to the Need-Based Scholarship for Public Colleges and Universities program from \$73 million, to \$74,972,548 in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium.

Section 2A.2

Allocates funds in the specified amounts for 2025-26 and 2026-27 from the Indian Gaming Education Revenue Fund, to be used for textbooks and digital resources, and classroom material allotment. Reduces the funds appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for the Classroom Materials/Instructional Supplies/Equipment allotment by \$2.5 million in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 biennium and \$12 million in nonrecurring funds for 2025-26.

Section 2A.3

Allocates funds in the specified amounts for 2025-26 and 2026-27 from the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund, to be used for School Technology Fund, Drivers Education, and State Public School Fund. Reduces the funds appropriated to DPI for the State Public School Fund by \$20 million for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Section 2A.4

Reduces the funds appropriated to the Community Colleges System Office for Nursing Faculty Salary Adjustments for each year of the 2025-27 biennium by \$1,123,659 in recurring funds.

Section 2A.5

Retains the provisions from previous Section 3.1, which makes adjustments form Community College enrollment growth.

Section 2A.5A

Increases the amount previously appropriated in Section 3.9 from the General Fund to the Community Colleges System Office from \$5 million to \$10 million for 2025-26 to provide funds to Wilson Community College for operation of the biologics training center.

Section 2A.6

Increases receipts for DPI to the State Public School Fund for 2025-26 by \$41,358,016, and for 2026-27 by \$5,014,214. Reduces the net General Fund appropriations to DPI for each year of the 2025-27 biennium for the State Public School Fund by an amount equal to this increase in receipts. Specifies how those increases are allocated.

Reduces funds appropriated to DPI for 2025-26 by \$9,122,184, and for 2026-27 by \$9,122,184 and allocates those reductions across Reduced-Price Meal Copays, Small Specialty High Schools, Learn and Earn, Plasma Games, and Beginnings.

Section 2A.7

Retains the provisions from previous Section 3.2 concerning an appropriation to DPI for changes in average salaries, special population headcounts, supplemental funding in low-wealth counties, and other technical adjustments.

Section 2A.8

Amends GS 115C-264 to require local boards of education operating school nutrition programs to provide school meals (including school lunch and, if the local board of education participates in the School Breakfast Program, school breakfast) at no cost to students who qualify for reduced-price meals under the federal National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast

Program. Allows DPI, if funds from alternate sources are insufficient to provide school meals at no cost to students who qualify for reduced-price meals, to use funds appropriated to the State Aid for Public Schools Fund for this purpose.

Section 2A.9

Repeals Section 7.69 of SL 2023-134, as amended, which established the Plasma Games Grant Program.

Section 2A.10

Repeals Section 7.28(b) of SL 2023-134, which required Beginnings for Parents of Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Inc., to report on specified information to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee.

Section 2A.10A

Retains the provisions from previous Section 3.6, appropriating funds for the Uniform Education Reporting System.

Section 2A.10B

Amends Section 2A.3 of SL 2025-26 to change the allowable use of the \$25 million from interest earned as of June 30, 2025, from the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund, that was allocated to Yancey County so that it is now to be used for constructing new or upgrading existing school facilities (was, for total rebuilds of destroyed public school infrastructure and buildings damaged by Hurricane Helene and required public school units to have sought insurance coverage and have damage that is not reimbursable under federal aid). Effective retroactively to June 27, 2025.

Section 2A.11

Reduces the funds appropriated to the UNC Board of Governors for 2025-26 by \$3,625,000 and for 2026-27 by \$3,625,000, with the reductions allocated as cuts to the Longleaf Commitment Community College Grant Program and Graduate Tuition Waiver.

Section 2A.12

Retains the provisions from previous Section 3.4, concerning funds for the NC Promise Tuition Plan.

Section 2A.13

Retains the provisions from previous Section 3.7, concerning UNC Building Reserves.

Part II-B. Health and Human Services

Section 2B.1

Reduces the funds appropriated for the 2025-27 biennium to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Central Management and Support, for the North Carolina Loan Repayment Program by \$2 million in recurring funds for each year of the biennium.

Section 2B.2

Reduces the funds appropriated for each year of the 2025-27 biennium to the DHHS, Division of Child Development and Early Education, for the Child Care Subsidy program by \$8 million in recurring funds, to be offset by the TANF block grant for each year of the 2025-27 biennium currently budgeted for Work First Family Assistance.

Section 2B.3

Repeals Section 12F.3 of SL 2016-94, which established the Mental Health and Substance Use Task Force Reserve Fund (Reserve Fund).

Requires the DHHS, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services (DMH/DD/SUS) to transfer the Reserve Fund's unrestricted fund balance, less obligations for services provided in 2024-25, to the DMH/DD/SUS General Fund. Reduces the funds appropriated for 2025-26 to DMH/DD/SUS for single-stream funding by an equivalent amount, no less than \$41,816,351 in nonrecurring funds. Requires funds remaining in the Reserve Fund for obligations for services provided in 2024-25 to be transferred to the DMH/DD/SUS General Fund and specifies that they do not revert.

Reduces funds appropriated for each year of the 2025-27 biennium to DMH/DD/SUS for the Reserve Fund by \$10 million in recurring funds.

Reduces departmental receipts appropriated from the Reserve Fund to DMH/DD/SUS to provide funding for the non-federal share of the Projects for Assistance in Transitions from Homelessness (PATH) by \$460,000 in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium.

Appropriates \$460,000 from the General Fund to DMH/DD/SUS in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium to offset the reduction in departmental receipts for funding the non-federal share of the PATH grant.

Reduces departmental receipts appropriated from the Reserve Fund to the DHHS, Division of Child and Family Well-Being, for Child Case Management by \$4,875,000 in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium.

Appropriates \$3,447,205 from the General Fund to the DHHS, Division of Child and Family Well-Being, in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium to partially offset the reduction in departmental receipts for Child Case Management.

Section 2B.4

Reduces the funds appropriated for each year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium to DMH/DD/SUS for inpatient psychiatric treatment at local community hospitals (three-way bed contracts) by \$15,675,205 in recurring funds.

Section 2B.5

Reduces the funds appropriated for each year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium to DMH/DD/SUS, for single-stream funding by \$18,562,645 in recurring funds.

Requires, each year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium, that each LME/MCO offer at least the same level of service utilization as during the 2024-25 fiscal year across its catchment area.

Section 2B.6

Reduces the funds appropriated from the General Fund for the 2025-27 fiscal biennium to the DHHS, Division of Social Services, for the State-County Special Assistance Program (SA Program) by \$8,647,002 for the 2025-26 fiscal year and by \$2,250,000 for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

Reduces departmental receipts budgeted by the DHHS, Division of Social Services, for the SA Program by \$750,000 for the 2025-26 fiscal year and by \$2,250,000 for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

Section 2B.7

Transfers from the Talc Settlement funds (funds received by the State in the specified case and relating to claims regarding deceptive marketing about the safety and purity of products containing talcum powder) to the DHHS, Division of Public Health, \$7,000,905 for 2025-26 and \$13,475,394 for 2026-27; appropriates those funds for the fiscal year in which they are transferred.

Reduces funds appropriated for the 2025-27 fiscal biennium to the DHHS, Division of Public Health by \$7,000,905 for 2025-26 and \$13,475,394 for 2026-27; requires the reductions to be offset with the Talc Settlement funds.

Section 2B.8

Requires the DHHS, Division of Health Benefits (DHB) to transfer \$19,302,000 for 2025-26 from the Health Advancement Receipts Special Fund to the DHB General Fund.

Reduces the funds appropriated pursuant for 2025-26 to DHB to support Medicaid by \$19,302,000.

Section 2B.9

Reduces funds appropriated for 2025-26 fiscal year to the DHHS, Division of Social Services, for the operations and maintenance of a new County Administration Reimbursement System (CARS) by \$1,578,905 for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Section 2B.10

Amends the provisions previously found in Section 4.1, appropriating funds for the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits, by reducing the amount from \$640 million to \$600 million. Also expands upon the allowable uses of these funds to also include contracts needed to operate the State's Medicaid managed care program.

Section 2B.11

Exempts qualified ambulatory surgical facilities in counties with a population greater than 125,000 that were licensed prior to November 21, 2025, from GS 131E-147.5's charity care requirements.

Section 2B.12

Retains the provisions from previous Section 4.2, which pertains to gross premium tax offset changes, except for the following change. Sets the effective date of the act's changes to GS 108A-147.11 (health advancement reconciliation adjustment components) to the first day of the next assessment quarter after the act becomes law and applies to assessments imposed on or after that date.

Section 2B.13

Retains the provisions from previous Section 4.6, accounting for Medicaid receivables as nontax revenue.

Part II-C. Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources

Section 2C.1

Retains the provisions from previous Section 5.11 but removes CSS Neuse as one of the sites in the Sunday Opening State Historic Site Pilot Program established under the section.

Section 2C.2

Retains the provisions from previous Section 5.8 (economic development project funds), except for the following changes. Removes the appropriation of \$133.9 million for 2026-27 to be allocated for acquisitions and improvements at the project site. Instead declares the NCGA's intent to appropriate that amount in 2026-27. Makes conforming changes to the allocated amounts.

Part II-D. Justice and Public Safety

Section 2D.1

Retains the provisions from previous Section 6.1 (addressing the Private Assigned Counsel-PAC shortfall) except for the following changes. Removes the appropriation of \$4.5 million in recurring funds beginning in 2025-26 to the Administrative Office of the Courts, Office of Indigent Defense Services to be used for PAC.

Section 2D.2

Appropriates \$421,544 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety (DPS), North Carolina National Guard (National Guard) in recurring funds beginning in 2025-26 and \$5,266,000 in 2025-26 to support the opening of the McLeansville Readiness Center, scheduled to open in January 2026.

Appropriates \$400,000 from the General Fund to the National Guard in 2025-26 to be used for furniture, fixtures, equipment, and other needs to support the opening of the North Wilkesboro Readiness Center.

Part II-E. General Government

Section 2E.2

Retains the provisions from previous Section 7.7, establishing the Division of Accountability, Value, and Efficiency within the Department of the State Auditor.

Section 2E.3

Retains the provisions from previous Section 7.9, pertaining to SBE exemptions and funding, except for the following changes. Reduces the total number of exempt positions (was, exempt positions, policymaking and managerial) from ten to seven under GS 126-5.

Section 2E.4

Retains the provisions from previous Section 7.11, pertaining to litigation funds for the State Board of Elections (SBE).

Section 2E.5

Appropriates \$15 million for 2025-26 from the Information Technology Reserve to SBE to complete the State Election Information Management System upgrade and campaign finance software update. Tasks SBE with developing and issuing a request for proposal for the Statewide Elections Information Management System Modernization Project Plan.

Part II-F. Transportation

Section 2F.1

Retains the provisions from previous Section 11.2, pertaining to DMV driver license examiner positions.

Section 2F.2

Appropriates (1) \$1,836,223 in recurring funds in 2025-26; (2) \$11,471,966 in 2025-26; and (3) \$2,754,334 in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the Highway Fund to the Department of Transportation to:

- Establish new DMV offices in the four listed counties.
- Create 24 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in 2025-26 and 12 additional FTE positions in 2026-27 fiscal year within the new offices.

Directs DMV to execute contracts that provide for the operation of the new DMV offices by no later than October 1, 2025. Requires DMV to report on the contract terms, including the staffing, capital, and operational needs of the new offices to the specified NCGA committee and division by December 1, 2025.

Part II-G. Miscellaneous Reductions and Adjustments

Section 2G-1

Directs State agencies by October 1 of each year of the 2025-27 biennium to eliminate positions that remain vacant at the end of 2024-25 to achieve the listed General Fund budgeted reduction in the Department of Public Instruction, Department of Environmental Quality, and Department of Information Technology in each of those years. Requires each State agency with vacant position reductions to report to the Fiscal Research Division by December 1 of each year of the 2025-27 biennium on the actions taken to achieve the budgeted reduction for vacant position eliminations for that fiscal year as specified.

Part III. Salary and Benefits

Section 3.1

Retains the provisions from previous Section 9.1, consisting of appropriations to support employee benefits.

Section 3.2

Retains the provisions from previous Section 9.2, transferring the listed funds Insurance Regulatory Fund in the Department of Insurance to the General Fund to support the provisions laid out in Part III.

Section 3.3

Retains the provisions from previous Section 9.3, consisting of authorizations related to compensation of State employees and public school personnel.

Section 3.4

Retains the provisions from previous Section 9.4, consisting of authorization to State agencies to implement salary adjustments during the period of continuing budget authority.

Section 3.5

Retains the provisions from previous Section 9.5, pertaining to use of funds appropriated for employee benefits.

Section 3.6

Retains the provisions from previous Section 9.6, consisting of the specified salary-related contributions.

Part IV. Department of Information Technology

Section 4.1

Expands the entities exempt from the provisions of Article 15 (Department of Information Technology) of GS Chapter 143B under GS 143B-1320 to include the State Highway Patrol (SHP), and the State Board of Elections unless they elect to participate in the information technology programs, services, or contracts offered by the Department of Information Technology (DIT). Designates the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections and the Commander of the SHP as the persons authorized to make the elections.

Amends GS 143B-1320 further, if H 549 becomes law, by making conforming and technical changes.

Amends Section 38.4 of SL 2023-134 by removing the State Highway Patrol and State Bureau of Investigation from those entities that must initiate the pilot project, leaving the Division of Emergency Management as the sole entity that will be deemed under the project as a separate, stand-alone entity within DPS in matters related to information technology and will manage its own information technology infrastructure and associated services. Makes additional conforming and technical changes. Changes the expiration of Section 38.4 from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2027.

Amends GS 143B-1325 by no longer excluding the State Bureau of Investigation from those with DPS that are to transfer information technology personnel, operations, projects, assets, and funding to DIT.

Section 4.2

Retains the provisions from previous Section 8.1, concerning the Broadband Pole Replacement Program, but adds the following. Amends Section 38.10(b) of SL 2021-180, as amended, to also allow a communications service provider paying or incurring the cost of placing facilities underground to better protect the critical infrastructure from natural disasters, in connection with a qualified project to apply for reimbursement in an amount equal to 50% of those costs. Further amends Section 38.10(j) by amending the definition of qualified project to also include those specified activities occurring in an undeserved area. Adds that the project may be affiliated with a cooperatively organized entity owning utility poles but must not be affiliated with a city owning utility poles. Prohibits a pole owner whose affiliate seeks reimbursement from passing through the costs for which reimbursement is sought to unaffiliated communications service providers and requires scheduling and performing all work in a nondiscriminatory way.

Section 4.3

Repeals GS 143B-1373.2 (the GREAT program fixed wireless and satellite broadband grants) and GS 143B-1374 (satellite-based broadband grant program). Instructs the Department of Information Technology (DIT) to use funds appropriated for the Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology (GREAT) program for fixed wireless and satellite broadband grants, established in GS 143B-1373.2, to award grants to eligible entities to purchase installation materials for satellite internet service and for the provision of satellite internet service for a period of up to one year. Specifies that installation materials and internet service must be for the grantee's own use and not for distribution to other parties. Requires DIT to prioritize grant applicants that operate in one of the 39 counties designated as a disaster area due to Hurricane Helene. Defines *eligible entity* to include a State agency, local government entity, a volunteer firefighter, or an anchor point (defined).

Authorizes DIT to provide emergency funding to *communications service providers* to rebuild, repair, or replace broadband infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Helene, including reimbursement of costs already incurred for rebuilding, repairing, or replacing broadband infrastructure so long as three listed criteria are met, including prioritization of restoration of broadband service. Allows DIT to use up to \$50 million of the funds available from the Broadband Make Ready Accelerator appropriation in SL 2021-180 for this purpose. Authorizes DIT to use its emergency procurement authority.

Amends Section 38.15 of SL 2021-180, so that DIT's flexibility to transfer funding between the specified programs commences after the intent of the original appropriation has been satisfied to the extent practicable. Removes requirements that the total allocations for the program remain the same.

Section 4.4

Retains the provisions from previous Section 8.2, concerning the BEAD Deployment changes, but adds the following. Amends Section 10.2(p) of SL 2024-55 by providing that the BEAD Fund (Fund) is established (was, the State Controller must establish a BEAD Reserve) to maintain federal funds received from the IJJA for the BEAD Program. No longer requires the State Controller to transfer funds to the Fund. Allows monies received in the Fund to be used for purposes set out in the section, subject to applicable federal rules and regulations, and appropriates those funds for those purposes.

Section 4.5

Enacts GS 62-30.1, authorizing the Utilities Commission (UC) to, solely upon petition of any provider or reseller of mobile radio communications service, designate the petitioning provider or reseller of mobile radio communications service as an eligible telecommunications carrier for purposes of providing Lifeline service. Permits the UC to adopt rules to effectuate the purposes of this statute. Clarifies that GS 62-30.1 does not confer any regulatory jurisdiction upon the UC over providers or resellers of mobile radio communications service previously designated as eligible telecommunications carriers for purposes of providing Lifeline service prior to the enactment of the statute.

Part V. Capital

Section 5.1

Amends the provisions from previous Section 10.1 by reducing the amount appropriated from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund to OSBM from \$1,750,477,389, to \$823,565,897, for 2025-26 and reduces the number of listed projects that are to receive funding from 64 to 34. No longer require that \$100 million be used exclusively for repairs and renovations at NC Central University and removes related language.

No longer requires that \$11.3 million of the funds allocated for project code R&R21 for 2025-26 be allocated to the Legislative Services Office for renovations and upgrades to the downtown education complex chilled water system.

No longer assigns a project code to the funds allocated to NCSU for the purpose of rehabilitating or replacing Poe Hall in Section 2H.6 of SL 2024-57 and removes the cap on the authorization for the project at \$185 million.

No longer transfers \$208.5 million from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund to the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund for 2025-26.

Appropriates \$1.6 million for 2025-26 from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund to OSBM to be allocated to the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics for temporary housing and caps the project authorization at \$1.6 million.

Section 5.2

Amends Section 40.8 of SL 2023-134, as amended, to allow the funds for UNC Health Blue Ridge Hospital that is transferred from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund in the amount of \$1.5 million for each year of the 2023-25 biennium for capital improvements or equipment to also be used to offset expenditures incurred before July 1, 2023, for the purposes for which the funding was intended.

Transfers \$8.3 million from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund to the Highway Fund for capital improvements, equipment, and Sate Highway patrol aviation relocation at Johnston Regional Airport and appropriates those funds.

Part VI. Miscellaneous

Section 6.1

Retains the applicability statement previously in Section 12.1.

Section 6.2

Retains the severability clause previously in Section 12.2.

Part VII.

Clarifies that the act is now effective retroactively to July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Lambeth, Paré, K. Hall, White.

Brunswick, Cabarrus, Sampson, Wake, Yancey, GS 62, GS 105, GS 108A, GS 115C, GS 126, GS 131E, GS 135, GS 143B, GS 143C

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[Agriculture, Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Court System, Administrative Office of the Courts, Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development, Education, Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Cultural Resources and Museums, Elections, General Assembly, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources \(formerly Dept. of Cultural Resources\), Department of Environmental Quality \(formerly DENR\), Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Insurance, Department of Public Instruction, Department of Public Safety, Department of Transportation, Office of Information Technology Services, Office of State Auditor, Office of State Budget and Management, Office of State Controller, State Board of Elections, State Government, Executive, State Personnel, Tax, Native Americans, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Health Insurance, Public Health, Mental Health, Social Services, Child Welfare, Public Assistance, Lottery and Gaming, Transportation](#)

H 193 (2025-2026) [FIREARM LAW REVISIONS](#). Filed Feb 25 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS AT NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS MAY CARRY CERTAIN WEAPONS ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY WHEN AUTHORIZED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MAY CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY THAT IS THE LOCATION OF BOTH A SCHOOL AND A PLACE OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP WHEN ATTENDING WORSHIP SERVICES AND OTHER SACERDOTAL FUNCTIONS AT THE PLACE OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP, TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR AN ASSAULT OR THREAT AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LEGISLATIVE OFFICER, COURT OFFICER, OR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER, TO REQUIRE PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS FOR ANY PERSON CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING OR MAKING A THREAT AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LEGISLATIVE OFFICER, COURT OFFICER, LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER, OR ELECTION OFFICER TO BE DETERMINED BY A JUDGE, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FROM RESTRICTIONS ON USE FOR RELOCATED LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOOTING RANGES.*

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS AT NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS MAY CARRY CERTAIN WEAPONS ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY WHEN AUTHORIZED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MAY CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY THAT IS THE LOCATION OF BOTH A SCHOOL AND A PLACE OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP WHEN ATTENDING WORSHIP SERVICES AND OTHER SACERDOTAL FUNCTIONS AT THE PLACE OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP, TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR AN ASSAULT OR THREAT AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LEGISLATIVE OFFICER, COURT OFFICER, OR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER, TO REQUIRE PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS FOR ANY PERSON CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING OR MAKING A THREAT AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LEGISLATIVE OFFICER, COURT OFFICER, LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER, OR ELECTION OFFICER TO BE DETERMINED BY A JUDGE, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FROM RESTRICTIONS ON USE FOR RELOCATED LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOOTING RANGES. SL 2025-81. Enacted July 29, 2025. Section 7 is effective July 29, 2025. The remainder is effective December 1, 2025.

Intro. by McNeely, Pyrtle, Miller, Carver.

[GS 14, GS 15A, GS 163](#)

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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.*

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. SL 2025-85. Enacted July 29, 2025. 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 402 (2025-2026) [LIMIT RULES WITH SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL COSTS. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Mar 13 2025, *AN ACT TO PUT LIMITATIONS ON RULES WITH SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL COSTS.*

AN ACT TO PUT LIMITATIONS ON RULES WITH SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL COSTS. SL 2025-82. Enacted July 29, 2025. Effective July 29, 2025.

Intro. by Chesser, Bell, Zenger, Schietzelt.

[GS 150B](#)

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[Government, APA/Rule Making](#)

H 549 (2025-2026) [CLARIFY POWERS OF STATE AUDITOR](#). Filed Mar 26 2025, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE POWERS OF THE STATE AUDITOR, TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES RELATED TO THE STATE AUDITOR, AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO FORCE COLLECT DEBTS OWED TO STATE AGENCIES THROUGH LEVY AND SALE AND ATTACHMENT AND GARNISHMENT.*

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE POWERS OF THE STATE AUDITOR, TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES RELATED TO THE STATE AUDITOR, AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO FORCE COLLECT DEBTS OWED TO STATE AGENCIES THROUGH LEVY AND SALE AND ATTACHMENT AND GARNISHMENT. SL 2025-83. Enacted July 29, 2025. Sections 1, 2, and 3 are effective July 1, 2025, and apply to contracts entered into or renewed on or after that date. GS 147-64.6(c)(21), as amended by Section 10, is effective December 1, 2025. The remainder is effective July 29, 2025, except as otherwise provided.

Intro. by B. Jones, Setzer, Torbett, Kidwell.

[GS 105A, GS 126, GS 143, GS 143B, GS 147](#)

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[Government, State Agencies, UNC System, Department of Revenue, Office of State Auditor](#)

H 805 (2025-2026) [PREVENT SEXUAL EXPLOITATION/WOMEN AND MINORS](#). Filed Apr 7 2025, *AN ACT TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE TWO SEXES IN NORTH CAROLINA, TO PREVENT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND MINORS, TO LIMIT THE USE OF STATE FUNDING, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO CIVIL REMEDIES FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES ON NON-MINORS, TO ALLOW STUDENTS WITH RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS TO BE EXCUSED FROM CERTAIN CLASSROOM DISCUSSIONS OR ACTIVITIES, AND TO ALLOW PARENT ACCESS TO LIBRARY BOOKS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOL SLEEPING QUARTERS.*

AN ACT TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE TWO SEXES IN NORTH CAROLINA, TO PREVENT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND MINORS, TO LIMIT THE USE OF STATE FUNDING, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO CIVIL REMEDIES FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES ON NON-MINORS, TO ALLOW STUDENTS WITH RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS TO BE EXCUSED FROM CERTAIN CLASSROOM DISCUSSIONS OR ACTIVITIES, AND TO ALLOW PARENT ACCESS TO LIBRARY BOOKS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOL SLEEPING QUARTERS. SL 2025-84.
Enacted July 29, 2025. Effective July 29, 2025, except as otherwise provided.

Intro. by N. Jackson, Budd, Stevens, Balkcom.

[GS 12](#), [GS 66](#), [GS 90](#), [GS 115C](#), [GS 130A](#), [GS 143C](#)

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H 926 (2025-2026) [REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 2025](#). Filed Apr 10 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA.*

Senate committee substitute to the 5th edition removes the content of the previous edition, except where indicated, and replaces it with the following. Removes part titles and makes organizational changes throughout the act.

Retains the following content unchanged:

Section 8 (was, Section 4).

Changes to GS 93D-14 that end dual licensure requirements for audiologists, as described.

Section 10 (was, Section 8).

The Officer and Sales Contracts Rule that allow buyer's agent compensation to be included in the offer to purchase, as specified.

Section 11 (was, Section 9.2).

Changes to GS 160D-601 that prohibit waiting period for refiling development applications.

Section 12 (was, Section 17).

New GS 160A-205.8, which limits the authority of local governments to regulate the display of American flags on private property, as specified.

Section 15 (was, Section 30).

Provisions encouraging Article 3A agencies to negotiate informally.

Section 21 (was, Section 9).

The Falls Lake New Development Rule, which modifies the Falls Reservoir water supply nutrient strategy rules as specified.

Section 23 (was, Section 31).

The effective date.

Amends the following retained content:

Section 9 (was, Section 5).

Clarifies that a *locked hearing aid* under GS 93D-7.1 refers to both a prescription and over-the-counter hearing aid. Expands the type of activities subject to the statute's notice provisions to include fitting locked hearing aids. Specifies that the software at issue includes nonproprietary or proprietary programming software (was, just locked programming software). Specifies that receipt signatures can either be physical or electronic. Replaces references to "seller" with "licensee" throughout. Changes the licensee's retention period of the signed notice and other specified records from seven years to three years. Makes technical and clarifying changes. Makes conforming changes to the content of the required notice.

Specifies that the software at issue in GS 90-308 includes nonproprietary or proprietary programming software (was, just locked programming software). Specifies that notice signatures can either be physical or electronic. Changes the audiologist's retention period of the specified records from seven years to three years. Makes technical and clarifying changes. Makes conforming changes to the content of the required notice.

Section 13 (was, Section 17.5).

Makes technical changes to provisions of GS 130A-248 that allow off-site food service for workplace events.

Section 14 (was, Section 28).

Reduces the amount of time that the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) must give of the week and county (was, location) where the contested case hearing will be conducted from 45 to 30 days. Specifies that OAH must give formal notice in writing to the parties not less than 15 days before the hearing (was, OAH issued a notice of hearing). Makes conforming change to GS 150B-38 (pertaining to hearing notices in contested cases).

Section 22 (was, Section 14).

Changes one of the triggers for the deadline for a person to request a public hearing under GS 74-50 back to thirty days within issuance of the notice (was, receipt of notice). Reduces the time for a surety bond to be replaced from 60 days to 45 days of the department's receipt of the notice. Extends the Department's time to complete any required subsequent technical review under GS 74-51 from 30 calendar days to 45 calendar days.

Adds the following new content:

Section 1.

Adds the requirement that the application Submittal Rule, 15A NCAC 02T .0604, be implemented so that a letter from either the local county health department or a certified Authorized On-Site Wastewater Evaluator denying the site for all subsurface systems be submitted to the Division by the applicant. Requires adopting a new permanent rule consistent with these provisions, at which time this section will expire.

Section 2.

Repeals GS 89C-19.2 (limited right of entry by professional land surveyors) but now recodifies the language of GS 89C-19.2 as GS 14-159.15 with the following changes. Removes provisions requiring a professional land surveyor to make reasonable efforts to notify adjoining landowners upon whose land its necessary to enter. Removes lessee liability to a professional land surveyor or a person under their supervision for damages and injury to them that was willfully or deliberately caused by the lessee. Removes defined term *critical infrastructure facilities* and adds *practice of land surveying*. Clarifies that new GS 14-159.15 does not give a professional land surveyor the authority to either (1) enter lands traversed by an operating railroad or properties owned, held, used, or operated by the railroad or its subsidiaries or (2) enter lands containing critical infrastructure. Makes technical, conforming, and organizational changes. Applies to acts occurring on or after the act's effective date.

Section 3.

Amends GS 160D-1104 by prohibiting an inspection department from charging permit holders a fee or failing to complete an inspection if the permit holder cancels a scheduled inspection more than one business day before it is scheduled.

Section 4.

Expands the types of actions a local government is prevented from taking under a zoning regulation under GS 160D-702 to include establishing or requiring pavement design standards for public roads (defined) or private roads that are more stringent than the minimum requirements adopted by the Department of Transportation. Applies to projects initiated on or after January 1, 2026.

Section 5.

Enacts GS 160D-1504 requiring a local government that requires a developer to construct pedestrian facilities or roadway improvements, which include improvements within public right-of-way located outside of a construction project boundary, to standards or with attributes which would preclude a pedestrian facility or roadway improvement from acceptance by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT), to coordinate with DOT to enter into agreements for the local government to assume maintenance and repair responsibilities for the portions of pedestrian facilities or street improvements precluded from acceptance by DOT. Applies to projects within a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction initiated on or after January 1, 2026.

Section 6.

Requires the Office of State Fire Marshal, the Building Code Council and Residential Code Council (Councils), and State and local governments enforcing the State Building Code (Code) to implement Water Supply Rules (Section 3312.1 of the Fire Code and Section 3313.1 of the Building Code) as follows. Allows the fire code official to reduce the fire-flow requirements for an isolated model home at a subdivision project site where development of full-fire flow requirements is impractical or pending. Requires adopting rules to amend the Water Supply Rules to be consistent with this change. This provision expires once the permanent rules become effective.

Section 7.

Authorizes the State Board of Education, for any ATR unit (defined) that received its final year of grant funding under GS 115C-310.11 in the 2024-2025 school year, to permit ATR schools (defined) withing the ATR unit to exceed the maximum class size requirements for kindergarten through third grade for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years. Amends GS 115C-310.15 to task DPI with creating designations for teachers serving in advanced teaching roles in the student information system.

Section 16.

Amends GS 130A-39 by prohibiting local boards of health from adopting a rule concerning a private pool serving a single family dwelling that is otherwise exempt from regulation under GS 130A-280.

Section 17.

Modifies GS 130A-280 (concerning scope of laws applying to public swimming pools), as amended by Section 4.51 of SL 2024-49, as follows. Removes list of minimum requirements that a private pool serving a single family dwelling must meet if it is offered to, and used by, individuals on a temporary basis utilizing a *sharing economy platform* (defined). Instead, now specifies that in all cases in which a fee is exchanged for access to a private pool serving a single family dwelling used only by the residents of the dwelling and their guests, the private pool must be maintained in good and safe working order. Makes organizational changes. Makes technical changes to account for organization of statute in GS Chapter 130A and other conforming changes, including to the statute's title.

Section 18.

Expands the exemption from the provisions of GS Chapter 160D (Zoning) for construction projects by the University of North Carolina (UNC) to also include projects located in whole or in part in Buncombe or Watauga Counties (currently, just Wake County) and which are managed or authorized by UNC (currently, only applies to projects managed by the State Construction Office).

Section 19.

Excludes Emergency Action Plans and downstream inundation maps associated with impoundments or dams not regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from *sensitive public security information* considered confidential under GS 143-215.31 (supervision over maintenance and operation of dams).

Section 20.

Prevents the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) in GS 143-214.7, after issuing a letter or electronic response requesting additional information based on the original stormwater permit submission, from subsequently requesting additional information that was not previously identified as missing or required in that additional information letter or electronic response from the original submittal. Allows the EMC to respond to follow ups from the applicant with requests for further information limited to information missing from that subsequent additional information letter or electronic response.

Intro. by Riddell, Zenger, Chesser.

Nash, GS 14, GS 74, GS 89C, GS 90, GS 93D, GS 115C, GS 130A, GS 143, GS 150B, GS 160A, GS 160D

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H 1015 (2025-2026) [GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS](#). Filed Jul 24 2025, *AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS.*

House amendment to the 1st edition makes the following changes.

Part I.

Appoints individuals, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House, to the following boards and committees, for the specified terms: Wilson Community College Board of Trustees; NC Board of Barber and Electrolysis Examiners; State Board of Community Colleges; Centennial Authority; NC Agricultural Finance Authority; NC Investment Authority; and the State Human Resources. Removes appointee to the Economic Investment Committee. Extends the expiration date of the term for the appointee to the Vance-Granville Community College Board of Trustees from June 30, 2027, to June 30, 2029.

Part II.

Appoints an individual, upon the Speaker Pro Tempore's recommendation, to the NC Professional Educator Preparation and Standards Commission, for the specified term.

Part III.

Amends SL 2025-29 by: (1) repealing Section 2.78, which appointed Hon. Kenneth J. Fontenot to the Wilson Community College Board of Trustees and (2) changing the name of the appointee from Davidson County to the Criminal Justice and Training Standards Commission.

Intro. by Bell.

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PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 245 (2025-2026) [EXPAND REMOTE DRIVERS LICENSE SERVICES. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Mar 5 2025, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL REMOTE RENEWALS OF DRIVERS LICENSES AND TO ELIMINATE THE DRIVING LOG REQUIREMENT AND AUTHORIZE REMOTE ISSUANCE FOR FULL PROVISIONAL LICENSES.*

House committee substitute to the 2nd edition replaces the prior edition in its entirety with the following.

Expands the actions that can be done for a driver's licenses remotely under GS 20-7(f) to include issuing full provisional licenses. Expands the types of licenses that a license holder can possess to be eligible for remote licensed renewal, issuance, or conversion under the statute to include a valid limited provisional license so long as the holder is at least 16 years old but less than 18 years old at the time of the remote issuance. Now requires that the license holder have previously renewed their license in person and included a new color photograph for the person to be able to renew their license remotely (was, just in-person renewal). Also permits a license holder to remotely renew a license a second consecutive time if: (1) the license being renewed is not REAL ID compliant or (2) the license being renewed is REAL ID compliant but is being converted to a non-REAL ID compliant license for purposes of the renewal. Makes technical, organizational, and conforming changes. Removes the requirement that holders of a provisional license who are at least 16 but less than 18 years old complete a driving log under GS 20-11 in order to obtain a full provisional license. Makes conforming change to account for the fact that those persons are able to obtain provisional licenses remotely under the act's changes to GS 20-7. Repeals Part V (authorizing remote driver's license renewals of active-duty military and their families) of SL 2025-72.

Applies to licenses issued or renewed on or after the act becomes law.

Makes conforming changes to act's titles.

Intro. by B. Newton, Lazzara, Brinson.

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Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle

S 254 (2025-2026) [CHARTER SCHOOL CHANGES. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Mar 10 2025, *AN ACT TO AMEND CHARTER SCHOOL LAWS.*

AN ACT TO AMEND CHARTER SCHOOL LAWS. SL 2025-80. Enacted July 29, 2025. Effective July 29, 2025, and applies with the 2025-26 school year.

Intro. by Daniel, Britt, B. Newton.

GS 115C

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

S 266 (2025-2026) [THE POWER BILL REDUCTION ACT. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Mar 11 2025, *AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE INTERIM DATE FOR CARBON REDUCTION BY CERTAIN ELECTRIC PUBLIC UTILITIES, TO ALLOW AN ALTERNATIVE COST RECOVERY MECHANISM FOR THE FINANCING COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION WORK IN PROGRESS FOR BASELOAD ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES, TO MODIFY THE STATUTES GOVERNING COST RECOVERY FOR FUEL-RELATED CHARGES AND PERFORMANCE-BASED RATEMAKING, AND TO CODIFY A PROVISION AUTHORIZING SECURITIZATION OF COSTS FOR RETIREMENT OF COAL-FIRED GENERATING UNITS.*

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Intro. by Moffitt, Daniel, Britt.

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Environment, Energy, Public Enterprises and Utilities

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

AN ACT TO ENACT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT. SL 2025-79. Enacted July 29, 2025. Effective December 1, 2025.

Intro. by Daniel, Hise, Moffitt.

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

S 772 (2025-2026) [ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION](#). Filed Jun 26 2025, *A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN AND LIMITING THE MATTERS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON RECONVENING*.

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

Removes bills and resolutions introduced in 2025 that (1) passed third reading in 2025 in the house in which introduced, were received in the other house and not disposed of in the other house by tabling, unfavorable committee report, indefinite postponement, or failure to pass any reading and which do not violate the rules of the receiving house or (2) are not subject to the deadline set forth in the described Senate and House rules from what the General Assembly can consider when it reconvenes in August. Changes the start date of the September regular session from Tuesday, September 23, 2025, to Monday, September 22, 2025.

Intro. by Rabon.

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PUBLIC BILLS

- H 8: NC MANAGING ENVIRONMENTAL WASTE ACT OF 2025.**
House: Passed 2nd Reading
House: Passed 3rd Reading
- H 87: EDUCATIONAL CHOICE FOR CHILDREN ACT (ECCA). (NEW)**
Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute
Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

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

Senate: Reptd Fav

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Amend Adopted A2

Senate: Amend Failed A1

Senate: Amend Adopted A4

Senate: Amend Failed A3

Senate: Amend Tabled A5

Senate: Amend Tabled A6

Senate: Amend Tabled A7

Senate: Amend Tabled A8

Senate: Amend Tabled A9

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Engrossed

Senate: Special Message Sent To House

House: Special Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub

House: Cal Pursuant 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 07/30/2025

H 125: CONTINUING BUDGET OPERATIONS. (NEW)

Senate: Conf Com Reported

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Conf Report Adopted

House: Conf Com Reported

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 44(d)

House: Placed On Cal For 07/30/2025

H 193: FIREARM LAW REVISIONS.

House: Veto Overridden

Senate: Veto Received From House

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Veto Overridden

House: Ch. SL 2025-81

H 318: THE CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIEN ENFORCEMENT ACT.

House: Veto Overridden

Senate: Veto Received From House

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Veto Overridden

House: Ch. SL 2025-85

H 402: LIMIT RULES WITH SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL COSTS. (NEW)

House: Veto Overridden

Senate: Veto Received From House

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Veto Overridden

House: Ch. SL 2025-82

H 549: CLARIFY POWERS OF STATE AUDITOR.

House: Veto Overridden

Senate: Veto Received From House

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Veto Overridden

House: Ch. SL 2025-83

H 805: PREVENT SEXUAL EXPLOITATION/WOMEN AND MINORS.

House: Veto Overridden

Senate: Veto Received From House

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Veto Overridden

House: Ch. SL 2025-84

H 926: REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 2025.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

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H 1015: GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS.

House: Amend Adopted A1

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

House: Ordered Engrossed

House: Special Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Special Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Ordered Enrolled

S 50: FREEDOM TO CARRY NC.

Senate: Veto Overridden

House: Veto Received from Senate

House: Placed On Cal For 07/30/2025

S 55: EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS. (NEW)

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

House: Special Message Sent To Senate

Senate: Special Message Received For Concurrence in H Com Sub

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Concurred In H Com Sub

Senate: Ordered Enrolled

S 153: NORTH CAROLINA BORDER PROTECTION ACT.

Senate: Veto Overridden

House: Veto Received from Senate

House: Placed On Cal For 07/30/2025

S 227: ELIMINATING "DEI" IN PUBLIC EDUCATION.

Senate: Veto Overridden

House: Veto Received from Senate

House: Placed On Cal For 07/30/2025

S 245: EXPAND REMOTE DRIVERS LICENSE SERVICES. (NEW)

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

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S 254: CHARTER SCHOOL CHANGES. (NEW)*Senate: Veto Overridden**House: Veto Received from Senate**House: Added to Calendar**House: Veto Overridden**Senate: Ch. SL 2025-80***S 266: THE POWER BILL REDUCTION ACT. (NEW)***Senate: Veto Overridden**House: Veto Received from Senate**House: Added to Calendar**House: Veto Overridden**Senate: Ch. SL 2025-78***S 416: PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT.***Senate: Veto Overridden**House: Veto Received from Senate**House: Added to Calendar**House: Veto Overridden**Senate: Ch. SL 2025-79***S 558: ELIMINATING "DEI" IN PUBLIC HIGHER ED.***Senate: Veto Overridden**House: Veto Received from Senate**House: Placed On Cal For 07/30/2025***S 772: ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION.***House: Amend Adopted A1**House: Passed 2nd Reading**House: Passed 3rd Reading**House: Special Message Sent To Senate**Senate: Special Message Received For Concurrence in H Com Sub and H Amend**Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar**Senate: Concurred In H Com Sub**Senate: Ordered Enrolled***LOCAL BILLS****H 305: GUILFORD COUNTY SALES TAX DISTRIBUTION MODS.***House: Concurred On 2nd Reading***S 214: VARIOUS LOCAL BOUNDARIES.(NEW)***House: Passed 2nd Reading***© 2025 School of Government The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

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