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PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 42 (2025-2026) **BACK THE BLUE PAY ACT. (NEW)** Filed Feb 3 2025, *AN ACT (1) AWARDING LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED ANNUAL SALARY INCREASES TO STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES AND GRANTING BONUSES TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; (2) AUTHORIZING RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION BONUSES FOR MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD; (3) ENHANCING BENEFITS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS' AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' PENSION FUND; (4) INCREASING BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD PENSION FUND; AND (5) INCREASING THE AMOUNT AWARDED FOR LINE OF DUTY DEATHS UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' DEATH BENEFITS ACT.*

Senate committee substitute to the 2nd edition replaces the content of the previous edition with the following. Makes conforming changes to the act's titles.

Part I.

Section 1.1

Effective July 1, 2025, appropriates \$62,718,122 in recurring funds for 2025-26 and \$64,218,122 in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to a Reserve for State Law Enforcement Compensation Increases for legislative salary increases provided in Part II of this act. Allocates the funds in specified amounts to the Department of Public Safety, the State Highway Patrol, the State Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Adult Correction, the Wildlife Resources Commission, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental Quality, and the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

Effective July 1, 2025, appropriates \$41,039,231 for 2025-26 and \$41,039,231 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to a Reserve for State Law Enforcement Compensation Increases for legislatively mandated bonuses as provided by this act. Allocates the funds in the specified amounts to the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM), the Department of Public Safety, and the State Bureau of Investigation.

Section 1.2

Appropriates any receipts that are required to be used to pay the legislatively mandated salary increases and employee benefits increases provided in this act, up to the actual amount received for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.

Part II.

Section 2.1

Effective July 1, 2025, compensates law enforcement officers of the State Highway Patrol, State Bureau of Investigation, and Alcohol Law Enforcement according to an experience-based salary schedule and requires compensation be based on the officer's respective work experience pursuant to the specified salary schedule which ranges from \$58,575 for 0 years of experience to \$85,468 for 6+ years of experience.

Section 2.2

Compensates probation and parole officers under the specified experience-based salary schedule based on the officer's respective work experience. Compensates state employees serving in the Department of Public Safety, Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, as Juvenile Court Counselors under this probation and parole officer salary schedule. Sets out the salary schedule, effective July 1, 2025, with a range of \$46,898 for 0 years of experience to \$68,432 for 6+ years of experience.

Section 2.3

Compensates state employees serving as correctional officers in the Department of Adult Correction based on the salary schedule determined according to the duration of the employee's correctional officer work experience. Requires those serving in the Department of Public Safety, Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, to be compensated at a specific pay rate set on the basis of a salary schedule determined according to the duration of the employee's work experience, as follows: (1) Youth Counselor Technicians paid under the Correctional Officer I (COI) salary schedule; (2) Youth Services Behavioral Specialists paid under the Correctional Officer II (COII) salary schedule; and (3) Youth Counselors paid under the Correctional Officer III (COIII) salary schedule. Sets out the schedule with a range for COI from \$40,066 with 0 years of experience to \$52,135 with 6+ years of experience; COII from \$41,385 with 0 years of experience to \$53,850 with 6+ years of experience; and for COIII from \$44,259 with 0 years of experience to \$57,593 with 6+ years of experience.

Specifies that with respect to the Department of Adult Correction and Division of Juvenile Justice, these salary funds are granted with the administrative flexibility necessary to address salary compression and related issues connected with these increases.

Section 2.4

Effective July 1, 2025, give a 6.5% raise to employees serving as sworn law enforcement officers in one of the following: (1) Department of Agriculture, Forestry; (2) Department of Environmental Quality, Marine Fisheries; (3) Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Parks; (4) Wildlife Resources Commission; and (5) State Capitol Police. Prohibits denying the full salary increase because the employee's salary after applying the legislative increase is above the maximum of the salary range.

Section 2.5

Effective July 1, 2025, gives the non-sworn administrative employees of the State Bureau of Investigation employed on June 30, 2025, a raise of 5.75%. Prohibits denying the full salary increase because the employee's salary after applying the legislative increase is above the maximum of the salary range.

Part III.

Section 3.1

Awards bonuses of \$1,500 in 2025 and 2026 to a State employee (1) who is a sworn law enforcement officer eligible for compensation under Part II of this act or who is a sworn law enforcement officer employed by another State agency or the UNC System and (2) who is employed on June 30, 2025/2026 (as applicable).

Requires that exceeds funds appropriated for bonuses revert to the General Fund. Specifies that the compensation bonuses are not compensation for the purposes of any State retirement system and sets out other guidelines for the payment of the bonuses. Requires the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) to award these law enforcement compensation bonuses and report on the administration of the awards to the Fiscal Research Division by March 15, 2026, and March 15, 2027.

Part IV.

Section 4.1

Awards bonuses of \$1,500 in 2025 and 2026 to a sworn local law enforcement officer employed on June 30, 2025/2026 (as applicable).

Requires that exceeds funds appropriated for bonuses revert to the General Fund. Specifies that the compensation bonuses are not compensation for the purposes of any State retirement system and sets out other guidelines for the payment of the bonuses. Requires the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) to award these law enforcement compensation bonuses and report on the administration of the awards to the Fiscal Research Division by March 15, 2026, and March 15, 2027.

Section 4.2

Requires, effective July 1, 2025, for recruitment and retention bonuses to be issued to the members of the North Carolina National Guard (NCNG) who refer enlistments or extend their service during the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium. Species that the bonuses are not compensation for the purposes of any State retirement system and are to be paid out separately from salary.

Requires the NCNG to award these compensation bonuses and report on the administration of the awards to the Fiscal Research Division annually by March 15, 2026, and March 15, 2027.

Part V.

Section 5.1

Increases the monthly pension benefit for eligible firefighters or rescue squad workers under GS 58-86-55 from \$175 per month to \$180 per month. Changes the pension eligibility for members serving 20 years and who are 55 and older to those who are eligible firefighters or eligible rescue squad workers in the State, as provided in GS Chapter 58, Article 86 (currently, eligibility extends to eligible firefighters and eligible rescue squad workers in the State as provided in GS 58-86-25 and G.S. 58-86-30, respectively). Makes technical and conforming changes.

Adds new GS 58-86-41 (concerning amount due for membership and payments credited to separate member accounts). Reorganizes \$15 monthly Fund membership fee requirement into this new statute along with requirement that such payments cannot exceed a period of twenty years. Further reorganizes the following into new GS 58-86-41: (1) the March 31st payment deadline for all monthly fees for the prior calendar year; (2) directives to the Fund prohibiting it from fully crediting service based on payments received after March 31st unless the payment is applied; and (3) requirement that the Fund credit the monthly payments to the member's separate account and be retained by the custodian. Makes conforming deletions in GS 58-86-35 and GS 58-86-40. Makes organizational, clarifying, technical, and conforming changes. Directs the Revisor of Statutes to make conforming changes to GS 58-86-2 (definitions for Article 86) to account for new GS 58-86-41.

Effective January 1, 2026. Applies to pension benefit amounts payable from the Fund due to a member or beneficiary on or after January 1, 2026. Specifies that if a member or beneficiary becomes eligible to receive a pension benefit from the Fund on or before December 31, 2025, but the pension benefit amount is paid from the Fund on or after January 1, 2026, then the pension benefit amount due to the member or beneficiary will be the amount applicable to the pension benefit amount that was effective for each respective month to which the benefit applies.

Section 5.2

Amends GS 127A-40 to increase the pension amounts paid to member of the North Carolina National Guard to \$108 (was, \$105) per month for 20 years' creditable military service with an additional \$10.80 (was, \$10.50) per month for each additional year of such creditable military service. Increases the cap on the total pension to \$216 (was, \$210) per month. Makes organizational and clarifying changes.

Applies to pension benefit amounts payable from the Pension Fund due to a member on or after January 1, 2026. Provides that if a member becomes eligible for a pension benefit from the Pension Fund on or before December 31, 2025, but the pension benefit amount is paid from the Pension Fund on or after January 1, 2026, then the pension benefit amount due to the member is the amount applicable to the pension benefit amount that was effective for each respective month to which the benefit applies.

Effective January 1, 2026.

Section 5.3

Amends GS 143-166.3 by increasing the amount of the death benefit payable when a person covered under the Public Safety Employees' Death Benefit Act is killed or murdered in the line of duty, from \$100,000, to \$150,000.

Appropriates \$1,260,750 in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium from the General Fund to the Department of State Treasurer for benefits awarded for line of duty deaths under the Public Safety Employees' Death Benefits Act.

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

Part VI.

Section 6.1

Requires OSBM to ensure that the appropriations made by this act are used only for those purposes.

Provides that if the Director of the Budget determines that funds appropriated to a State agency exceed the amount required by that agency for those purposes, the Director may reallocate those funds to other State agencies that received insufficient funds for the employee salaries or benefits as authorized by this act.

Prohibits using funds appropriated by this act to adjust the budgeted salaries of vacant positions, to provide salary increases in excess of those required by the General Assembly, or to increase the budgeted salary of filled positions to the minimum of the position's respective salary range.

Requires funds appropriated for employee benefits in excess of the amounts required to provide for employee benefits shall be credited to the Pay Plan Reserve.

Requires OSBM to report by May 1, 2026, to the Fiscal Research Division on the expenditure of funds for employee benefits under this Part and set out what must be included in the report.

Section 6.2

Provides that if this act and SL 2025-89 or GS 143C-5-4 conflict, then the provisions of this act prevail. Keeps the appropriations and the authorizations to allocate and spend funds in this act in effect until the Current Operations Appropriations Act for the applicable fiscal year becomes law, at which time that act will become effective and govern appropriations and expenditures. When the Current Operations Appropriations Act for that fiscal year becomes law, requires the Director of the Budget to adjust allotments to give effect to that act from July 1st of the fiscal year.

Section 6.3

Includes a severability clause.

Part VII.

Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Balkcom, Carson Smith, Miller, Pyrtle.

[APPROP, GS 58, GS 127A, GS 143](#)

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[Animals, Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Employment and Retirement, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, UNC System, Department of Adult Correction, 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 Public Safety, Office of State Budget and Management, State Highway Patrol, Local Government, Military and Veteran's Affairs](#)

H 56 (2025-2026) [UNC ENROLLMENT. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Feb 4 2025, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO ACCOUNT FOR INCREASED ENROLLMENT.*

Senate committee substitute replaces the 2nd edition in its entirety with the following. Makes conforming changes to the act's titles.

Appropriates \$46,375,508 from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 biennium to be allocated to the UNC constituent institutions to account for increased enrollment at those institutions.

Directs that if the act and any provision of GS 143C-5-4 (procedures to be followed when the Current Operations Appropriations Act does not become law prior to the end of certain fiscal years) are in conflict, then the act prevails. Specifies that the appropriations and the authorizations to allocate and spend funds are set out in the act remain in effect until the Current Operations Appropriations Act for the applicable fiscal year becomes law. When the Current Operations Appropriations Act for

that fiscal year becomes law, instructs the Director of the Budget to adjust allotments to give effect to that act from July 1 of the fiscal year.

Effective retroactive to July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Paré, Loftis, Zenger, Tyson.

APPROP, GS 115C

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

H 192 (2025-2026) **DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD & COST TRANSPARENCY. (NEW)** Filed Feb 25 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE GREATER FAIRNESS IN BILLING AND COLLECTIONS PRACTICES FOR HOSPITALS AND AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITIES AND TO PROHIBIT PLANNED PARENTHOOD PARTICIPATION IN MEDICAID.*

Senate committee substitute to the 2nd edition removes the content of the previous edition and replaces it with the following. Makes conforming changes to the act's titles.

Includes whereas clauses.

Section 1

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits, to: (1) disenroll Planned Parenthood Federation of America Inc. and associated entities as Medicaid providers; (2) discontinue any Medicaid contracts with Planned Parenthood Federation of America Inc. and associated entities; and (3) engage other Medicaid providers to provide Medicaid services previously provided by Planned Parenthood Federation of America Inc. and associated entities.

Section 2

Adds new Article 11C to GS Chapter 131E, entitled "Fair Billing and Collection Practices for Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Facilities," as follows. Recodifies GS 131E-91(fair billing and collections practices for hospitals and ambulatory surgical facilities) as GS 131E-214.50, and reorganizes that provision into new Article 11C. Requires a hospital or ambulatory surgical facility to first present an itemized list of charges to the patient detailing the specific nature of the charges or expenses incurred by the patient before referring the bill to collections as another required collections practice under new GS 131E-214.50. Enacts new GS 131E-215.52 (patient's right to a good faith estimate) as part of new Article 11C, as follows. Defines *CMS, facility* (licensed hospital or ambulatory surgical facility), *items and services, service package, and shoppable service* (a non-urgent service that can be scheduled by the patient in advance). Requires a facility to provide, upon request, a good faith estimate for a shoppable service as described. Limits a patient's final bill from exceeding more than 5% of the good faith estimate. Requires DHHS to adopt rules to implement the statute.

Effective on the later of January 1, 2026, or the date the rules adopted by DHHS under GS 131E-214.52 take effect and applies to acts occurring on or after that date. Requires DHHS to notify the Revisor of Statutes when the rules required under GS 131E-214.52 take effect.

Section 3

Provides that if there is a conflict between this act and GS 143C-5-4, the provisions of this act prevail. The appropriations and the authorizations to allocate and spend funds which are set out in this act remain in effect until the Current Operations Appropriations Act for the applicable fiscal year becomes law, at which time that act becomes effective and governs appropriations and expenditures. When the Current Operations Appropriations Act for that fiscal year becomes law, the Director of the Budget must adjust allotments to give effect to that act from July 1 of the fiscal year.

Section 4

Includes a severability clause.

Section 5

Effective retroactively to July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Paré, Lambeth, Cotham, Schietzelt.

GS 131E

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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, Social Services, Public Assistance

H 268 (2025-2026) **ADDITIONAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS. (NEW)** Filed Mar 3 2025, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND AND THE STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.*

Senate committee substitute to the 1st edition removes the content of the previous edition and replaces it with the following. Makes conforming changes to the act's titles.

Section 1.1

Increases the amount appropriated under Section 5.1 of SL 2025-89 from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management from \$823,565,897 to \$1,066,700,516 and adds allocations to the following budget codes: DPS23-3, DPS23-7, UNC/NCS23-4, UNC/A&T23-2, and UNC/NCC23-1. Requires that \$100 million for 2025-26 be used exclusively for repairs and renovations projects at North Carolina Central University. Prohibits the Board of Governors from negatively weighing repair and renovations project funding allocations against North Carolina Central University with respect to the additional funding described in this subsection, and the funds described are in addition to and shall not supplant any funds currently earmarked or projected to be allocated to North Carolina Central University for repairs and renovations during the 2025-27 biennium. Makes conforming changes.

Amends Section 40.1(b) of SL 2023-134 by increasing the amount authorized for the following capital projects: DPS23-3 and DPS23-7.

Adds the following to Section 5.1 of SL 2025-89. Appropriates \$2 million from the General Fund to the State Bureau of Investigation for 2025-26, with \$1 million to be used for each of the following: (1) up to 125 Viper radios and (2) up to 14 replacement cars. Appropriates \$3 million from the IT Reserve to the State Bureau of Investigation for 2025-26 for a case management system.

Part II.

Section 2.1

Provides that if this act and GS 143C-5-4 are in conflict, the provisions of this act prevail. The appropriations and the authorizations to allocate and spend funds which are set out in this act remain in effect until the Current Operations Appropriations Act for the applicable fiscal year becomes law, at which time that act becomes effective and governs appropriations and expenditures. When the Current Operations Appropriations Act for that fiscal year becomes law, the Director of the Budget is required to adjust allotments to give effect to that act from July 1 of the fiscal year.

Section 2.2

Effective retroactively to July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Hastings, Pickett.

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, UNC System, Department of Public Safety

H 307 (2025-2026) [IRYNA'S LAW. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Mar 5 2025, *AN ACT TO ENACT IRYNA'S LAW; TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS; TO ADD AN AGGRAVATING SENTENCING FACTOR; TO MODIFY SUSPENSION OF MAGISTRATES; TO DIRECT THE COLLABORATORY TO STUDY MENTAL HEALTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM; TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TASK FORCES; TO MODIFY DEATH PENALTY PROCEEDINGS; TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT OF A DEFENDANT FOUND INCAPABLE OF PROCEEDING; TO EXTEND TERMS OF PROBATION AND POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION FOR YOUTH ADJUDICATED OF CERTAIN VIOLENT OFFENSES AND TO CLARIFY A VICTIM'S RIGHT TO BE NOTIFIED ABOUT TERMINATION OF PROBATION OR POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION; TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND LEGAL ASSISTANTS IN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 26; AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT RESPONDENTS TO REMAIN IN CUSTODY PENDING HEARING.*

Senate amendments to the 3rd edition make the following changes.

Amendment #1 does the following.

Amends the act's long title.

Amends GS 15A-534(c) by specifying that in orders authorizing pretrial release for a defendant who has been convicted of three or more offenses, each of which is a Class 1 misdemeanor or higher offense in the previous 10 years, the convictions for the offenses must have been in separate sessions of court.

Adds the following new content.

Amends GS 122C-266, concerning inpatient commitment, by adding that if the custody order states that the respondent has been convicted of a violent offense within the previous 10 years, and has been subject to a prior order of involuntary commitment within the previous five years, the physician must examine the respondent as required under the statute. Prohibits the respondent from being released from the facility until either: (1) the court has ordered the respondent's release following the district court hearing or (2) both of the following occurred—(a) the physician has certified in writing that imminent risk has been remitted, any necessary follow-up appointments or medication have been arranged or provided, any necessary safety plan or housing plan is in place, and reasonable efforts have been made to contact the next of kin or a designated support person and (b) a district court judge has issued an order authorizing release before the district court hearing. Effective December 1, 2025, and applies to custody orders issued on or after that date.

Amendment #5 changes the language in Amendment #3 to now change the effective date provision of new Section 9.5 of the act from December 1, 2025, to December 1, 2027.

Amendment #7 makes the following changes. Amends GS 15-187 to no longer abolish death by execution or lethal gas. Sets the default method of execution as intravenous injection of a substance(s) in a lethal quantity sufficient to cause death and until the person is dead; however, if this is declared unconstitutional, then the new provisions of GS 15-188(b) (discussed below), apply. Makes conforming changes.

Amends GS 15-188 by adding the following provisions. New (b) requires the Secretary of the Department of Correction to establish, within 120 days of being notified that legal injection has been declared unconstitutional, or that it is unavailable, to select another method of executing a death sentence that has been adopted by another state, unless it has been declared unconstitutional. Also adds new provisions that require the Department of Adult Correction to establish protocols and procedures within 120 days once it establishes a method of execution and for the Secretary of the Department of Adult Correction to immediately schedule a date for the execution of the original death sentence not more than 60 days from the establishment of the protocols and procedures in this subsection, or within the timeframe specified in GS 15-194, if applicable. Requires a report within 14 days on alternative methods chosen, to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations. Requires the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Department of Adult Correction to report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations in every case in which a mode of execution under this statute is challenged by a defendant, deemed unconstitutional by a North Carolina court of competent jurisdiction, or is not an available mode for some other reason within 7 days of that event.

Makes conforming changes to GS 15-188.1 and GS 15-190(a).

Amends GS 7A-27 to provide that appeal lies of right directly to the Supreme Court for cases where a defendant is challenging the manner of execution, and a trial court has declared the method unconstitutional.

Exempts from Article 2A of GS Chapter 150B the Department of Adult Correction, with respect to the establishment and administration of any method of execution.

Intro. by Stevens.

APPROP, STUDY, GS 7A, GS 7B, GS 15, GS 15A, GS 122C, GS 150B

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Courts/Judiciary, Juvenile Law, Delinquency, Court System, Administrative Office of the Courts, Criminal Justice, Corrections (Sentencing/Probation), Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, APA/Rule Making, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, UNC System, State Government, Executive, Health and Human Services, Mental Health

H 307 (2025-2026) [IRYNA'S LAW. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Mar 5 2025, *AN ACT TO ENACT IRYNA'S LAW; TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS; TO ADD AN AGGRAVATING SENTENCING FACTOR; TO MODIFY SUSPENSION OF MAGISTRATES; TO DIRECT THE COLLABORATORY TO STUDY MENTAL HEALTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM; TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TASK FORCES; TO MODIFY DEATH PENALTY PROCEEDINGS; TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT OF A DEFENDANT FOUND INCAPABLE OF PROCEEDING; TO EXTEND TERMS OF PROBATION AND POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION FOR YOUTH ADJUDICATED OF CERTAIN VIOLENT OFFENSES AND TO CLARIFY A VICTIM'S RIGHT TO BE NOTIFIED ABOUT TERMINATION OF PROBATION OR POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION; TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND LEGAL ASSISTANTS IN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 26; AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT RESPONDENTS TO REMAIN IN CUSTODY PENDING HEARING.*

Senate committee substitute to the 2nd edition, as amended, replaces the prior edition in its entirety. Makes conforming changes to act's long and short titles.

Section 1

Increases the duties of an arresting law enforcement officer under GS 15A-501 to require the officer to inform any judicial official determining conditions of pretrial release of any of the defendant's behavior observed by the officer prior to, during, or after the arrest that may provide reasonable grounds for the judicial official to believe the defendant is a danger to themselves or others.

Adds *violent offense* to GS 15A-531's definitions, which encompass:

- any A through G felonies requiring assault, use of physical force or threat of physical force against a person as an essential element of the offense;
- felonies that require registration in any of the databases under the sex offender and public protection registration programs listed in Article 27A of GS Chapter 14;
- first or second degree murder;
- the eighteen listed offenses under GS 15A-533 that require a judge (not a magistrate) to determine whether a defendant may be granted pretrial release;
- eight listed drug-related offenses, including an offense under GS 90-95 (the Controlled Substances Act) that involves fentanyl; or
- any offense that is an attempt to commit any of the above described offenses.

Establishes a rebuttable presumption for the eighteen offenses listed in GS 15A-533 that no condition of release will reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required and the safety of the community for a defendant charged with any of those offenses. Requires the conditions of pretrial release for a defendant who is either (1) charged with a violent offense and for whom the judge determines has been previously subject to an order of involuntary commitment in the past three years or (2) is charged with any offense and the judge has reasonable grounds to believe the defendant is a danger to themselves or others, to include:

- requiring the defendant to receive an initial exam by a commitment examiner, as described, to determine if there are grounds for a petition for involuntary commitment;
- directing the arresting officer to transport the defendant to a hospital emergency room or other crisis facility with certified commitment examiners for the initial examination. Specifies that the transporting officer can only release the defendant if the other conditions of pretrial release are met and either no petition for involuntary commitment is filed or a petition is filed but no custody order issued;
- ordering the commitment examiner to either petition for involuntary commitment if there are grounds to do so or provide written notice to the judge that there are no grounds for involuntary commitment;
- determining custody of a defendant when a petition for involuntary commitment is filed, whether or not the defendant has met all other conditions of pretrial release, under the provisions of Article 5 of GS Chapter 122C during the pendency of that petition and any hearings and orders issued pursuant to that Article;
- providing, that if the defendant has not met the other conditions for pretrial release, the defendant will be held in the local confinement facility until all conditions are met, if (1) a petition for involuntary commitment is not filed; (2) no custody order for involuntary commitment is issued; or (3) at any other time, the conditions of GS Chapter 122, Article 5, governing the procedure for admission and discharge pertaining to voluntary and involuntary commitment require the defendant's release.

Removes the authority for a judicial officer to grant pretrial release on a written promise to appear under GS 15A-534.

Requires a judicial official to either impose (1) house arrest with electronic monitoring or (2) an appearance bond for defendants who have been convicted of three or more Class 1 misdemeanor or higher offenses in the past ten years. If the judge has found that a defendant charged with a violent offense has rebutted the presumption of dangerousness (discussed above), then requires the judge to impose either home detention with electronic monitoring or an appearance bond for a defendant charged with a first violent offense and home detention with electronic monitoring for a defendant charged with a second or subsequent violent offense after being convicted of a prior violent offense or after being released on pretrial release conditions for a prior violent offense. Requires the defendant's criminal history to be made available to the judicial official and for it to be considered when determining conditions of release. Adds the defendant's housing situation to those factors the judicial official must consider on the basis of any available information. Requires written findings of fact in an order of pretrial release for defendants either charged with a violent offense or who have been convicted of at least three Class 1 misdemeanors or higher offenses within the previous 10 years. Makes clarifying and conforming changes. Makes conforming changes to GS 15A-535(b) (issuance of pretrial release policies) and, effective when the act becomes law, to GS 122C-54 (access to records of involuntary commitment).

Effective December 1, 2025, and applies to persons appearing before a judicial official for the determination of pretrial release conditions on or after that date. Requires, by no later than December 1, 2025, for (1) each judicial district that does not already have the capability of imposing house arrest with electronic monitoring to enter into a memorandum of agreement with a qualified vendor to provide such services, with the defendant to pay for such services; (2) the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to provide a method for judicial officials to determine if a defendant has been subject to a prior order of involuntary commitment for purposes of complying with the new pretrial release procedures set forth in the act; and (3) for the AOC to develop or modify any forms necessary to implement the above new pretrial procedures.

Section 2

Effective December 1, 2025 and applying to offenses committed on or after that date, adds committing an offense while the victim was using a public transportation system as an aggravating sentencing factor for capital and felony offenses.

Section 3

Amends GS 7A-171.3 by expanding upon the types of rules that must be included in the rules of conduct for magistrates to also include rules governing conflicts of interest.

Amends GS 7A-173 expanding upon who may suspend a magistrate to also include the Chief Justice (magistrates may already be suspended by the chief district judge of the district court district in which the magistrate's county of appointment is located). Requires that when the Chief Justice is ordering suspension, the order must include the charges constituting grounds for removal and requires the order to be filed with the office of the clerk of superior court for the county in which the magistrate was appointed; the clerk must then notify the chief district judge who must implement the suspension until a final determination of the charges on the merits is made under the specified hearing requirements. Requires that the magistrate's salary continue during this suspension. Expands the grounds upon which a magistrate may be suspended or removed to include

failure to make statutorily required written findings. Prohibits permanently removing a magistrate, when at the hearing, the judge finds that the only grounds for removal are the magistrate's failure to make statutorily required written findings, and the magistrate has no prior charges of or suspensions for failure to make statutorily required written findings.

Section 4

Requires the North Carolina Collaboratory (Collaboratory) to study: (1) the intersection of mental health in the justice system for both adults and juveniles in North Carolina, including initial response, mental health evaluation, inpatient and outpatient involuntary commitment, incarceration, post-release monitoring and treatment, and any other items the Collaboratory deems relevant; (2) the availability of house arrest as a condition of pretrial release in each county or judicial district; and (3) methods of execution other than those currently authorized by State law. Allows the study to include issuing research awards to provide, as necessary, planning grants for a preliminary investigation to: (1) identify, obtain, and analyze existing data; (2) identify other critical data that could be acquired and analyzed; (3) identify appropriate stakeholder groups for engagement; (4) develop a holistic and longer-term research team and plan with a formal scope of work, timeline, and deliverables; and (5) any other items the Collaboratory deems relevant. Also allows using these preliminary findings to fund awards for additional research to support the study.

Requires units of State or local government that receive requests from the Collaboratory to cooperate and assist within 30 calendar days. Shared information that is confidential or not public record is required to remain confidential, must be withheld from public inspection, will only be used for study purposes, and may not be publicly disclosed except as deidentified, aggregated information or data.

Requires a preliminary report to the specified NCGA Commission by April 1, 2026, and a final report by March 1, 2027.

Requires the Collaboratory to reallocate up to \$1 million of the funds appropriated to UNC (Budget Code 16020) for the Collaboratory for the purposes described in Item 188 on Page B-56 of the Committee Report referenced in Section 43.2 of SL 2021-180 (which provided funding for the Collaboratory to study the effectiveness and efficacy of an approved in situ treatment of the nutrient impaired surface waters in lakes and reservoirs on cyanobacterial harmful algal blooms), for this study, including consultants or faculty, staff, or students affiliated with institutions of higher education.

Section 5

Prohibits the recreation of The Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice, which was created by the Governor's Executive Order No. 145 and has expired, except by act of the General Assembly.

Section 6

Amends GS 15A-1415(a), which sets out the timing by which a defendant in a capital case may file a postconviction motion for appropriate relief based on any of the grounds sets out in the statute. Adds the requirement that a hearing for a motion for appropriate relief based on grounds in the statute must be heard within 24 months of the motion being filed; if the hearing is continued beyond 24 months, then the court must make a written finding of extraordinary circumstances that provide good cause for a delay.

Amends GS 15A-2000(d)(1), which specifies that the judgment of conviction and sentence of death is subject to automatic review by the NC Supreme Court of North Carolina under procedures established by the Rules of Appellate Procedure; adds the requirement that the review occur within 24 months of entry of judgment unless the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court makes a written finding of extraordinary circumstances that provide good cause for a delay.

The above changes become effective December 1, 2025, and apply to: (1) motions filed and judgments entered on or after that date and (2) motions filed or judgments entered prior to that date, and any motions pending on that date, except that any motion filed or judgment entered more than 24 months prior to that date must be heard no later than December 1, 2027, and must be scheduled for hearing or review by December 1, 2026.

Enacts new GS 15A-2007, setting the venue for any filing, claim, or proceeding related to the conviction, sentencing, treatment, housing, or execution of a defendant convicted of a capital offense and sentenced to death, as in the county of conviction. Specifies that this does not apply to matters authorized by law to be filed directly with the NC Supreme Court. Effective December 1, 2025, and applies to any filings made and any proceedings or hearings held on or after that date.

Requires that the AOC, no later than the effective date of the provisions above, develop or modify any forms necessary to implement this section. Requires any provision where a written finding of fact may be required, that the form provide a blank area for that written finding to be entered.

Section 7

Amends GS 15A-1003 by adding that before dismissing any charges under GS 15A-1008 (concerning the dismissal of charges when a defendant lacks capacity to proceed), if the defendant is not subject to an involuntary commitment order issued under Part 7 (Involuntary Commitment of the Mentally Ill) of Article 5 of GS Chapter 122C, the court must make the determinations and findings required by subsection (a) of the statute upon motion of the district attorney. Applies to dismissals and proceedings occurring on or after December 1, 2025.

Amends GS 15A-1008 to no longer allow a district attorney to reinstate proceedings that had been dismissed either (1) when it appeared to the court's satisfaction that the defendant will not gain capacity to proceed or (2) upon the expiration of a period of five years from the date of determination of incapacity to proceed in the case of misdemeanor charges and a period of 10 years in the case of felony charges. Also prohibits expunging criminal charges under GS 15A-146 (providing for the expunction of records when charges are dismissed or there are findings of not guilty). Applies to dismissals and proceedings occurring on or after December 1, 2025.

Amends GS 122C-268 to require that notice of the hearing be given to the chief district judge and the district attorney in the county in which the defendant was found incapable of proceeding when the respondent's custody order indicates that the respondent was charged with a violent crime, and the respondent was found incapable of proceeding. Under current law, the district attorney in the county in which the respondent was found incapable of proceeding may represent the State's interest at the hearing; adds that if the district attorney elects to represent the State's interest, upon motion of the district attorney, the venue for the hearing, rehearings, and supplemental rehearings will be the county in which the respondent was found incapable of proceeding. Applies to commitment proceedings initiated on or after December 1, 2025.

Amends GS 122C-277(b) to make the facility, instead of the attending physician, responsible for providing notice when a respondent who was initially committed as the result of conduct resulting in the respondent being charged with a violent crime, and respondent was found incapable of proceeding, of the attending physician's determination regarding the proposed discharge or conditional release. Expands who must receive the notice to include the district attorney of the district where the respondent was found incapable of proceeding. Also adds that if the district attorney elects to represent the State's interest, upon motion of the district attorney, the venue for the hearing, rehearings, and supplemental rehearings will be the county in which the respondent was found incapable of proceeding. Applies to commitment proceedings initiated on or after December 1, 2025.

Section 8

Amends GS 7B-2510, which concerns juveniles placed on probation after adjudication of an offense by adding the following. Allows the court to extend probation for additional periods up to one year after notice and a hearing, before the expiration of an order of probation for an adjudication of an offense that would be a Class A, B1, or B2 felony if committed by an adult, when the court finds that the extension is necessary to protect the community or to safeguard the juvenile's welfare. Caps the total period of probation at three years. Allows the hearing on extending probation to occur after the expiration of an order of probation at the next regularly scheduled court date or if the juvenile fails to appear in court. Also allows the prosecutor, in addition to the juvenile court counselor or counselor, the juvenile, or the court, to make a motion for the court to review the progress of any juvenile on probation at any time during probation or at the end of probation.

Amends GS 7B-2511, concerning the termination of a juvenile's probation, to allow the termination order in cases involving a victim to be entered with the juvenile present after notice and a hearing. Requires giving notice to the victim if they have requested to be notified of court proceedings under GS 7B-2053, and requires the court to give the prosecutor, the victim, or the person who may assert the victim's rights the opportunity to be heard at the hearing.

Amends GS 7B-2514, concerning post-release supervision planning by requiring every plan developed for an offense that would be a Class A, B1, B2, or C felony if committed by an adult to require the juvenile to complete three years of post-release supervision. Requires the plan to be in writing and based on the juvenile's needs and public protection. Allows post-release supervision in these instances to be terminated with the juvenile present after notice and a hearing. Requires providing notice of the hearing to the victim if the victim has requested to be notified of court proceedings under GS 7B-2053, and requires giving the prosecutor, the victim, or the person who may assert the victim's rights the opportunity to be heard at the hearing.

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

Section 9

Amends GS 7A-60(a1) by increasing the number of full-time assistant district attorneys in prosecutorial district 26 (Mecklenburg County) by 10, from 61 to 71.

Appropriates \$1,623,510 in recurring funds beginning in 2025-26 and \$37,520 in nonrecurring funds in 2025-26 from the General Fund to the AOC to hire 10 full-time assistant district attorneys in Prosecutorial District 26.

Appropriates \$433,000 in recurring funds beginning in 2025-26 and \$20,990 in nonrecurring funds in 2025-26 from the General Fund to the AOC to hire five full-time legal assistant positions in Prosecutorial District 26.

Effective retroactively to July 1, 2025.

Section 10

Includes a severability clause.

Intro. by Stevens.

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H 358 (2025-2026) [CONTINUING BUDGET OPERATIONS PART II. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Mar 10 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DISASTER RELIEF, TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES.*

Senate committee substitute replaces the content of the 1st edition in its entirety with the following. Changes the act's titles.

Part I.

Subpart I-A.

Contains the NCGA's findings pertaining to Tropical Storm Chantal's impact in the central region of the State, including a listing of State and federal disaster declarations. Directs that funds allocated by Part I of the act apply only to the *impacted area*, which means Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Granville, Moore, Orange, Person, and Wake counties.

Subpart I-B.

Appropriates \$65 million from the State Emergency Response and Disaster Relief Fund (Fund) for 2025-26 to be allocated to the Department of Public Safety (DPS), Division of Emergency Management (NCEM), the Office of the State Auditor (Auditor), Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM), and the UNC Board of Governors in the specified amounts for the purposes described.

Requires that \$5.5 million from the Transportation Emergency Reserve (Transportation Reserve) be used to provide the nonfederal share for State highways damaged by Tropical Storm Chantal from the funds appropriated to the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Provides for appropriation of funds received on or after September 1, 2025, under the federal Stafford Act and other federal disaster assistance programs for Tropical Storm Chantal in the amounts provided in the notifications of award from the federal government or any entity acting on behalf of the federal government to administer federal disaster recovery funds. Directs OSBM to provide notice to the specified NCGA commission and division, as described.

Subpart I-C.

Amends Section 4.2 of SL 2020-4, as amended, so that *net loan funds* no longer deducts an amount equal to the amount of non-State funds provided as matching funds from the total loan fund allocated as described.

Subpart I-D.

Reverts funds appropriated under I-B to the Savings Reserve if not expended or encumbered by June 30, 2031.

Requires that those receiving funds under Subpart I-D of the act 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 Part I of the act 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 Part I.

Prohibits the Governor from using funds described in Part I to make budget adjustments. Requires the Governor to ensure that funds allocated in Subpart I-D 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 Part I 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 Part I. Requires the State Auditor to include all funds appropriated and allocated under Part I in its report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and include the expenditure of these funds in the public dashboard.

Effective when the act becomes law.

Part II.

Authorizes the \$10 million appropriated from the General Fund to the Community Colleges Systems Office under Section 2A.5A of SL 2025-89 (implementing various State budgetary adjustments) to remain available until June 30, 2027, instead of reverting at the end of the 2025-26 year.

Makes technical correction to GS 115C-366 as amended by SL 2025-72. Expands the persons who the State Board of Community Colleges may waive tuition and fees for under GS 115D-39.5(a)(2)(j) to include Catawba Indian Nation law enforcement, fire, or EMS or rescue and lifesaving tribal government departments or programs. Repeals identical provision in Section 5 of SL 2025-57. Prevents full-time staff members of UNC from enrolling in more than three courses per year (currently, those staff members may enroll in not more than three courses per year) in GS 116-143, as amended by SL 2025-17. Makes clarifying changes. Effective June 26, 2025, and applies beginning with the 2025-26 academic year. Repeals Part IV of SL 2025-46, pertaining to nondiscriminatory admissions evaluations and military deferment. Repeals Part III of SL 2025-56, pertaining to residency licenses for certain nonpublic teachers. Effective when the act becomes law, except as otherwise provided.

Modifies the reduction of the appropriation to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) in Section 2A.6 of SL 2025-89 so that: (1) any small specialty high school that received funding for the described statutory purposes during the 2024-25 year will continue to receive funding for a single additional principal and clerical position hired pursuant to that section and (2) any cooperative innovative high school originally approved as a virtual cooperative innovative high school will continue to receive funding.

Instructs DPI to allocate \$635,000 in recurring funds for the 2025-27 biennium of those funds appropriated to it for cooperative innovative high schools in amounts consistent with those set forth in GS 115C-238.54A, as enacted by the act, as supplemental funding for the three named cooperative innovative high schools. Authorizes those high schools to operate as cooperative innovative high schools, as described, beginning with the 2025-26 school year. Appropriates \$1.110 million from the General Fund to DPI in recurring funds for the 2025-27 biennium to provide supplemental funding to the five named high schools.

Enacts GS 115C-238.54, requiring DPI to allocate cooperative innovative high school supplemental allotment funds to local school administrative units with a cooperative innovative high school based on developmental tier area in the described amounts. Specifies that the allocation of funds includes cooperative innovative high schools approved pursuant to GS 115C-238.51A(c) operated by a local school administrative unit regardless of not receiving allotments in a prior fiscal year. Directs that funds will not be allocated to local administrative units for cooperative innovative high schools approved by the State Board of Education that are not eligible for additional funds under GS 115C-238.51A(b).

Appropriates \$2.8 million from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors for each year of the 2025-27 biennium in recurring funds to support tuition grants for increased eligible high school graduates of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics and the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

Requires a postsecondary UNC institution/community college to maintain accreditation from a preferred accrediting agency under GS 116-11.4 (accreditation-UNC) and GS 115D-21.2 (accreditation-community colleges). Defines *preferred accrediting agency* to include *institutional accrediting agencies* (defined as an accrediting agency recognized as an institutional accrediting agency by the US Department of Education) that are one of the seven listed accrediting agencies, now including the Commission for Public Higher Education. Authorizes a postsecondary UNC institution/community college to also receive accreditation from an accrediting agency that is not a preferred accrediting agency as long as the constituent institution/community college continues to maintain its accreditation from a preferred accrediting agency. Removes provisions prohibiting consecutive accreditation by an accrediting agency and an accreditation transfer procedure. Makes organizational, conforming, and technical changes. Makes conforming changes to GS 90-354, GS 90-357, GS 90-357.5, GS 90-359, GS 90-631 as amended, GS 93A-4 as amended, GS 93A-38.5 as amended, GS 93E-1-8 as amended, GS 115C-555, GS 116-280 as amended, and GS 130A-309.28 to account for new term "institutional accrediting agency" or "preferred accrediting agency."

Amends the requirements for eligible providers who can partner with local school administrative units for e-learning opportunities so that they must be accredited by an accrediting agency such as Cognia or an institutional accrediting agency (currently, have to be accredited by a regional accrediting agency such as those described).

Makes technical changes to GS 116-201(b) as amended.

Specifies that \$25 million appropriated pursuant to SL 2023-134 as a directed grant to Brunswick Community College for its workforce development center and public safety center capital projects will not revert but instead remain available until December 31, 2028.

Appropriates \$400,000 each from the General Fund to the Governor Morehead School for the Blind, North Carolina School for the Deaf, and the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf in recurring funds for the 2025-27 biennium for costs associated with the school functioning as an independent agency. Allows these funds to be used for additional positions, reclassification of existing positions, or administrative, legal, technology, or operational expenses to ensure compliance with State agency requirements.

Part III (reserved).

Part IV.

Section 4.1.

Authorizes the Department of Labor (DOL) in GS 95-13 to take appropriate action in State civil courts to enforce its rules and regulations (was, only Attorney General at the DOL's request). Authorizes the Attorney General (AG) to designate staff to fulfill its duty to represent DOL in such proceedings upon DOL's request. Makes clarifying changes. Requires actions to recover civil penalties pertaining to regulation of private personnel services under GS 95-47.9 to be brought by DOL unless it requests the AG to initiate such actions at the discretion of the Commissioner of Labor instead.

Authorizes DOL to represent itself in any action or proceeding in connection with the State's Wage and Hour Law under GS 95-25.18. Authorizes the AG to designate staff to fulfill its duty to represent DOL in such proceedings upon DOL's request.

Authorizes DOL to represent itself in any action or proceeding in connection with: (1) the State's Wage and Hour Law under GS 95-25.18, (2) the State's Elevator Safety Act under GS 95-110.12, (3) the Amusement Device Safety Act of North Carolina under GS 95-111.15, and (4) the State's Occupational Health and Safety Act. Authorizes the AG to designate staff to fulfill its duty to represent DOL in such proceedings upon DOL's request. Makes conforming changes.

Expands the Commissioner of Labor's powers under GS 95-4 to engage counsel to provide litigation services and represent DOL, as described.

Effective when it becomes law.

Section 4.2.

Appropriates \$650,000 in recurring funds from the General Fund to DOL for 2025-26 and 2026-27 for three full-time equivalent attorney positions. Appropriates \$150,000 in recurring funds from the General Fund to DOL for 2025-26 and 2026-27 for security services.

Section 4.3.

Appropriates \$35 million from the Stabilization and Inflation Reserve to OSBM for 2025-26 to be allocated within 60 days of the act's effective date to the Centennial Authority (CA). Directs CA to disburse the funds allocated to a qualifying entity (i.e., the entity with which the CA has contracted for the redevelopment of the land surrounding the regional entertainment and sports arena benefitted by the appropriation, or the entity's designee) for costs incurred for public infrastructure improvements on, adjacent to, or supporting a regional entertainment and sports arena owned by the CA. Specifies that the funds do not revert but instead remain with the CA until completion of the improvements.

Section 4.4.

Appropriates \$51 million from the Stabilization and Inflation Reserve to the Department of Commerce (DOC) for 2025-26, so long as it enters into the agreement with Hertford County, the Hertford County Rural Development Authority, or both, as described, for the following purposes: (1) \$40 million for reimbursement for costs incurred in permitting, engineering, designing, and constructing a publicly owned dock at a project site and (2) \$11 million for constructing a public road leading to the publicly owned dock and capable of accommodating industrial loads. Specifies that these funds do not revert but remain available for those purposes. Authorizes payments to be made to a county, rural development authority, or *eligible business* (defined). Provides for appropriations for public roads to be transferred to the Department of Transportation, as appropriate. Requires DOC to submit an annual report on September 1 to the specified NCGA committees and division, as described.

Section 4.5.

Allows a *qualifying business* (defined) to request the resetting of, and the Committee may agree to reset, the base period applicable to the transformative project. Specifies that the definitions contained in GS 143-437.1 (the Job Development Investment Grant Program) apply to the section. Effective when it becomes law and expires June 30, 2026.

Part V (reserved).

Part VI.

Requires the Department of Administration (DOA), by December 1, 2025, in consultation with the State Auditor, to assign office space consisting of two additional floors (for a total of four floors) within the Albemarle Building in Raleigh to the State Auditor for its exclusive use. Specifies that this provision of the act controls over any conflicting space assignment plan or policy to the extent of the conflict. Effective when it becomes law.

Part VII (reserved).

Part VIII.

Increases the appropriation from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund to OSBM under Section 5.1 of SL 2025-89 from \$823,565,897 to \$888,565,897. Increases the allocation to project code TRAN23-1 from \$60 million to \$125 million. Appropriates \$5 million from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund to OSBM for 2025-26 to be allocated to UNC at Pembroke for the Regional Emergency Response Center. Assigns a project code and caps the project authorization at \$5 million. Appropriates \$1.5 million from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund to OSBM for 2025-26 to be allocated to the State Highway Patrol (SHP) to be used for repair and renovation projects.

Directs that the net proceeds from the sale of the Chancellor's residence at North Carolina Central University (NCCU) to be retained by NCCU and be deposited in a special fund to be used solely for the purchase of another residence for the Chancellor,

as approved by the Board of Trustees of North Carolina Central University and consistent with applicable policies of the UNC Board of Governors.

Part IX.

Appropriates \$750,000 from the Stabilization and Inflation Reserve to DOT's Division of Aviation for each year of the 2025-27 biennium to support the efforts of the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority to expand international nonstop service to Dublin, Ireland, at Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU), as described.

Specifies that the funds provided as a grant to the Brunswick County Airport in Item 39, page J 31 of the Committee Report referenced in Section 43.2 of SL 2023-134 do not revert but instead remain available for the purposes described.

Appropriates \$3.6 million from the named budget code in the Highway Fund to DOT's Division of Aviation for 2025-26 to be used for costs associated with hangar improvements at the Tri-County Airport. Specifies that the appropriated funds do not revert, but remain available until completion of improvements.

Provided the Coastal Carolina Regional Airport Authority enters into a long-term lease agreement to rent space to a tenant at Coastal Carolina Regional Airport (Airport), appropriates \$10.4 million from the Stabilization and Inflation Reserve to the Coastal Carolina Regional Airport Authority for 2025-26 for site improvement and infrastructure needs at the Airport necessary to accommodate the tenant subject to the lease required by this section. Specifies that funds appropriated do not revert but remain available until completion of the improvements or infrastructure projects.

Part X.

Specifies that the headings of the parts of the act are a convenience to the act and are for reference only. Instructs that the headings do not limit or define the text of the act. Directs that, except where expressly repealed or amended by the act, any legislation enacted during the 2025 Regular Session expressly appropriating funds to an agency, a department, or an institution covered under this act, remains in effect. Specifies that if any of the act's provisions are in conflict with GS 143C-5-4, the act's provisions prevail. Instructs that the appropriations and the authorizations to allocate and spend funds set out in the act remain in effect until the Current Operations Appropriations Act for the applicable fiscal year becomes law, at which time that act will become effective and govern appropriations and expenditures. When the Current Operations Appropriations Act for that fiscal year becomes law, directs the Director of the Budget to adjust allotments to give effect to that act from July 1 of the fiscal year.

Contains a severability clause.

Specifies that the act is effective retroactive to July 1, 2025, except as otherwise provided.

Intro. by Humphrey.

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H 358 (2025-2026) [CONTINUING BUDGET OPERATIONS PART II. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Mar 10 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DISASTER RELIEF, TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES.*

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

Amendment #1.

Adds the following new content.

Part V.

Authorizes the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to sell its mainframe computing system and any related components on terms that it determines it to be in its best interest without any involvement by the State Surplus Property Agency (Agency) and without being required to pay any service charge or surcharge to the Agency. Directs that the sale's net proceeds be deposited in the Court Information Technology Fund. Removes references to cost recovery in describing the type of nonexclusive contracts that that the Director may enter into to provide remote electronic access to the electronic data processing records or any compilation of electronic court records or data of the clerks of superior court by the public in GS 7A-109. Makes conforming change.

Amendment #2.

Part IX.

Changes the entity receiving the \$10.4 million appropriation from the Stabilization and Inflation Reserve from the Coastal Carolina Regional Airport Authority (Authority) to the Department of Transportation, Division of Aviation to be allocated to the Authority for site improvement.

Amendment #3.

Specifies that the three full-time equivalent attorney positions in the Department of Labor (DOL) created by the act's appropriation of \$650,000 in recurring funds from the General Fund to DOL for 2025-26 and 2026-27 are designated as exempt policy-making positions of the Commissioner of Labor, not subject to the limitations under GS 126-5(d)(2) (governing exempt positions in the Council of State⁴ Departments and Offices and the Office of the State Controller).

Amendment #4.

Subpart I-A.

Amends the legislative findings to refer to the major disaster declaration issued by the President of the United States on September 11, 2025, for multiple counties in the State, approving public assistance federal funding for affected counties.

Subpart I-B.

Specifies that the \$15 million allocated for State matching requirements are for federal disaster assistance programs for Tropical Storm Chantal (was, no reference to federal disaster assistance programs).

Intro. by Humphrey.

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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.

Part I.

Section 1.1

Appropriates \$2.1 million from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors (BOG) in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium to be allocated to the UNC-Charlotte to expand its data science programs and battery engineering and recycling initiatives.

Part II.

Section 2.1

Appropriates \$12,192,124 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Central Management and Support, in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium for an increase in funding for implementation of the Transitions to Community Living Initiative Plan designed comply with the 2012 US Department of Justice Settlement. Allocates these funds in specified amounts for one full-time Olmstead Associate Director position within the Division of Central Management and Support; and to provide community-based supported housing, tenancy support, supported employment, and wrap-around community-based mental health services to eligible adults with serious mental illnesses as they transition from institutional to community care settings, and to provide project management support for the Transitions to Community Living Initiative.

Section 2.2

Requires the State Controller to transfer from funds available in the Information Technology Reserve to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Central Management and Support Special Fund, \$15,118,177 for 2025-26 and appropriates these funds, to be allocated and used to fund continued implementation of electronic health records (EHR) at State-operated healthcare facilities.

Requires the State Controller to transfer from funds available in the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Central Management and Support Special Fund \$3,490,148 for 2025-26 to the Department of Health and Human Services Special Fund, and appropriates these funds, to be transferred, allocated and used for the same purpose specified above.

Appropriates \$3,019,233 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services, \$3,019,233 in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium for ongoing operations and maintenance of EHR at State-operated healthcare facilities.

Section 2.3

Appropriates \$30 million from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits, in nonrecurring funds and associated receipts for the 2025-2026 fiscal year for continued operations of the Healthy Opportunities Pilots program in current pilot counties.

Section 2.4

Requires the lead State agency designated by the Governor to develop and submit the application for funding under the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) established by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act to collaborate with all relevant state entities to ensure that the RHTP application submitted on behalf of North Carolina includes demonstrated expertise on any combination of rural healthcare access, rural healthcare quality, rural healthcare workforce, or rural healthcare outcomes through system transformation. Require a copy of the application be given to the Chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services a copy submitted on behalf of North Carolina to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on the date of submission. Also requires a report by November 15, 2025, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services summarizing the rural health transformation vision, plan, goals, strategies, proposed projects, and sustainability plans for North Carolina as described in the State's Rural Health Transformation Program application. Requires that federal funds received by the State under the RHTP to be available for expenditure only upon an act of appropriation by the General Assembly.

Part III.

Section 3.1

Appropriates \$10,078,149 in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) beginning with the 2025-2026 fiscal year and \$10,864,950 in recurring funds for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, to be allocated in specified amounts for the Fort Fisher State Historic Site, the North Carolina Transportation Museum, Fort Fisher Aquarium, North Carolina Zoo, and for positions that may be allocated among Bakers Lake, Bob's Creek, and Salmon Creek State Natural Areas, Pettigrew and Lake Waccamaw State Parks, and Wilderness Gateway State Trail.

Appropriates \$6,936,900 for 2025-26 and \$4.5 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to DNCR to be allocated in the specified amounts to Fort Fisher State Historic Site, to replace receipts while the Fort Fisher Aquarium, North Carolina Zoo, and the expansion of State parks through Connect NC bonds or other capital appropriations.

Section 3.2

Amends GS 143B-283 to allow the chair of the Environmental Management Commission (Commission) to employ professional, administrative, technical, and clerical personnel as necessary for the proper discharge of the Commission's duty and responsibility. Requires the chair to organize and direct the work of the Commission staff. Requires any additional clerical and other services to be supplied by the Secretary of the Department. Provides for fixing salaries for this personnel and for travel, subsistence, and related expenses of the personnel.

Appropriates \$700,000 in recurring funds for the 2025-27 biennium from the General Fund to the Department of Environmental Quality for up to five full-time equivalent positions as dedicated staff for the Commission. Allows the positions to be established from within the following classifications, at salary grades up to Level III: Deputy Secretary, General Counsel (Attorney), Engineer, Environmental Program Consultant, Economist, and Administrative Officer.

Section 3.3

Allows the Department of Commerce (DOC) to commit in a Governor's Letter to reimburse, over a period of time not less than 10 years, a business, as defined in GS 143B-437.51 (a corporation, sole proprietorship, cooperative association, partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, nonprofit corporation, or other form of business organization, located either within or outside this State), for the costs incurred for an eligible project. Defines an eligible project as the construction of, or improvements to, new or existing water or sewer lines, facilities, or equipment for new, proposed, or existing buildings by the business, and can include water reuse and water reclamation projects, if the business commits, in a company performance agreement, to the requirements of subsection (c), described below.

Sets the total amount that may be committed for reimbursement under this section as the lesser of: (1) \$50 million or (2) 50% of the cost of the eligible project. Sets the maximum amount that can be paid out in a single calendar year for all but the final year of the award term as the lesser of one-tenth of the amount committed or one-half of the costs incurred and verified by the business for that calendar year.

Requires that in order for a project to be eligible, a business operating a manufacturing site within the same county and river basin as the eligible project must also commit to the following requirements: (1) invest at least \$2 billion of private funds in the development or expansion of the manufacturing site served by or located within the same county as the eligible project; (2) for the greater of the term of the agreement or 10 years, create at least 500 new jobs having an overall average compensation that exceeds the average wage for all insured private employers in the county in which the eligible project is located and maintain both the new and existing jobs of the business in that county; (3) annually verify costs incurred for the eligible project; (4) ensure that the eligible project will supply at least 60% of the total aggregate water and wastewater needs required by the manufacturing site as developed or expanded by the investment; and (5) not seek or accept any other grant from the State, including a grant under Part 2G (Job Development Investment Grant Program) of Article 10 of GS Chapter 143B, for any jobs created as part of the company performance agreement.

Specifies that the Governor's Letter is a binding obligation of the State and is not subject to State funds being appropriated by the General Assembly. Also specifies that a local government is not required to match the funds allocated by the State.

Section 3.4

Allows members of the Utilities Commission (UC) living at least 50 miles from Raleigh to receive a daily subsistence allowance for meals and lodging at a rate of \$143.10 for each day of service under GS 62-10 for each day of service for when they travel to Raleigh from their home for UC business. Makes conforming changes.

Section 3.5

Appropriates \$20 million from the General Fund to DOC for each year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium for the nonprofit for which DOC contracts with pursuant to GS 143B-431.01 to be used equally for (1) business marketing expenses and (2) travel and tourism marketing expenses.

Part IV.

Section 4.1

Appropriates \$2.1 million from the General Fund to the State Highway Patrol's listed budget fund in recurring funds beginning in 2025-26 to be used to maintain and operate the VIPER network.

Section 4.2

Tasks the Executive Director of the Center for Safer Schools (Executive Director) with establishing the School Safety Grants Program (Program) for the 2025-26 year to improve safety in public school units by providing grants in the 2025-26 year for (1) services for students in crisis, (2) school safety training, (3) safety equipment in schools, and (4) subsidizing the School Resource Officer Grants Program. Allows public school units to submit applications as described for one or more grants to the Executive Director. Instructs the Executive Director to develop criteria and guidelines for the administration and use of the grants. Requires the Executive Director to consider at least (1) the level of resources available to the public school unit that would receive the funding; (2) whether the public school unit has received other school safety grants; and (3) the overall impact on student safety in the public school unit. Lists four crisis services that should be provided as part of grants for students in crisis. Specifies five topics that should be included in grants for training to increase student safety. Allows the grants for safety equipment to be used to purchase safety equipment and for training on the use of that equipment. Allows charter schools to receive grants for school safety equipment. Directs that if the Executive Director receives applications for grants for school resource officers in excess of the amount of funding appropriated for school resource officers, they may use the funds appropriated for the grants provided for by the act to cover the unmet need for school resource officer grants. Clarifies that grants provided to public school units by the Program will be used to supplement and not supplant State or non-State funds already provided for these services. Authorizes the Executive Director to retain \$100,000 of the funds appropriated to the Program for administrative costs and to enter into an MOU with the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to disburse the grants awarded. Requires the Executive Director to report on the Program to the specified NCGA committees and division, to include the four matters described, by April 1, 2026.

Appropriates \$35 million from the General Fund to the Center for Safer Schools for 2025-26 to be used for the Program described above.

Section 4.3

Appropriates \$25 million from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services (Division) for 2025-26 to be used to distribute grants pursuant to the Mental Health for Detainees Grant Program (MHD Grant Program) created by the act. Sets forth five program criteria and tasks the Division with developing and implementing the MHD Grant Program pursuant to those criteria. Requires each grantee to submit an annual report to the Division by October 1. Requires the Division to compile those reports by December 1 in a year in which it receives grantee reports and submit that compilation to the specified NCGA committees. Allows the Division to use up to \$200,000 of the funds appropriated for administrative purposes. Specifies that the funds appropriated for the MHD Grant Program do not revert on June 30, 2026, but remain available to the Division until June 30, 2027.

Part V.

Section 5.1

Appropriates \$2.3 million from the General Fund to the Office of the State Fire Marshal in recurring funds for 2025-27 to be used to support the operating costs of the Emergency Training Center located in Stanly County.

Section 5.2

Appropriates \$30 million from the General Fund to the Office of the State Fire Marshal for 2025-26 to be used to cover increased expenditures related to the State's reinsurance policy.

Section 5.3.

Appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Office of the State Fire Marshal in recurring funds for 2025-27 to provide funds for three administrative positions, including salaries and benefits, to support the Office of the State Fire Marshal's budgetary and human resources needs.

Section 5.4

Requires OSBM to establish a new budget code for the Office of the State Fire Marshal and create new budget funds for each division.

Section 5.5

Appropriates \$27 million from the cash balance of the North Carolina Veterans Home Trust Fund's listed budget code to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) for 2025-26 to renovate and repair the Fayetteville State Veterans Home. Repeals Section 40.5(c) of SL 2021-180 (allowing DMVA to use the described funds to provide the required State match for federal funding for a new State veterans nursing facility in Wake County).

Part VI.

Appropriates \$20.85 million from the IT Reserve to OSBM for 2025-26 and \$850,000 for 2026-27 to be used for the replacement and stabilization of the IBIS system.

Part VII.

Appropriates \$4 million from the Highway Fund to DOT for 2025-26 to provide funds for marine vessel maintenance and repairs at external shipyards to meet US Coast Guard dry dock requirements. Requires DOT's Ferry Division to submit a report to the specified NCGA committee and division on the use of the funds including the three specified matters, by January 1, 2026.

Part VIII.

Amends GS 105-122(b), which sets out adjustments to be made when determining a corporation's net worth, to specify that a deduction for any investment, whether direct or indirect, in an insurance company subject to tax under GS Chapter 105's Article 8B and any investment, whether direct or indirect, in an insurance company that would be subject to such tax if it engaged in business in this State. Directs that the deduction only applies if the corporation owns, directly or indirectly, more than 80% of the outstanding voting stock, voting capital interests, or ownership interests in the insurance company. Effective retroactively for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, and applicable to the calculation of franchise tax reported on the 2018 and later corporate income tax returns.

Part IX.

Section 9.1

Enacts GS 143C-5-6 requiring that each provision of the Current Operations Appropriations Act and each provisions of an appropriations bill making adjustments to that act must specify which member or members of the General Assembly requested inclusion of the provision in that act. Directs that GS 143C-5-6 be considered and treated as a rule of procedure in the Senate and House of Representatives unless provided otherwise by a rule of either branch of the General Assembly. Effective when it becomes law and applies to Current Operations Appropriations Acts enacted on or after that date.

Section 9.2

Specifies that the headings of the parts of the act are a convenience to the act and are for reference only. Instructs that the headings do not limit or define the text of the act.

Section 9.3

Directs that, except where expressly repealed or amended by the act, any legislation enacted during the 2025 Regular Session expressly appropriating funds to an agency, a department, or an institution covered under this act, remains in effect.

Section 9.4

Specifies that if any of the act's provisions are in conflict with GS 143C-5-4, the act's provisions prevail. Instructs that the appropriations and the authorizations to allocate and spend funds set out in the act remain in effect until the Current Operations Appropriations Act for the applicable fiscal year becomes law, at which time that act will become effective and govern appropriations and expenditures. When the Current Operations Appropriations Act for that fiscal year becomes law, directs the Director of the Budget to adjust allotments to give effect to that act from July 1 of the fiscal year.

Section 9.5

Contains a severability clause.

Section 9.6

Specifies that the act is effective retroactive to July 1, 2025, except as otherwise provided.

Intro. by Arp, Lambeth, Bell, Strickland.

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H 389 (2025-2026) [CHILD CARE WORKFORCE PILOT PROGRAM. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Mar 12 2025, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CHILD CARE WORKFORCE ACADEMY PILOT PROGRAM.*

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

Section 4.3.

Changes the criteria for grant applicants for the \$25 million in nonrecurring funds to be used to distribute grants pursuant to the Mental Health for Detainees Grant Program (MHD Grant Program) from the administrator or other person in charge of a local confinement facility with the legal authority to hold a defendant to any State or local law enforcement agency or an administrator or other person in charge of a local confinement facility. Also removes the requirement that the DMH/DD/SUS consult with the NC Sheriffs' Association regarding the grant application prior to awarding or rejecting a grant application.

Intro. by Arp, Lambeth, Bell, Strickland.

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H 562 (2025-2026) **HEALTHCARE INVESTMENT ACT. (NEW)** Filed Mar 27 2025, *AN ACT TO ADJUST MEDICAID FUNDING TO ACCOUNT FOR PROJECTED CHANGES AND MAKE OTHER REVISIONS TO LAWS GOVERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE UNC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND NC CARE INITIATIVE HEALTH CLINICS; AND TO REDUCE FUNDING APPROPRIATED TO THE FUTURE BUILDING RESERVES AND THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND.*

Senate committee substitute replaces the content of the 1st edition in its entirety with the following. Changes the act's titles.

Part I.

Amends Section 2B.10 of SL 2025-89 (implementing various budgetary adjustments and making other changes in the budget operations of the state), as follows. Increases the recurring appropriation from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Health Benefits (DHB), from \$600 million to \$690 million, now beginning with the 2025-26 year (was, for each year of the 2025-27 biennium). Removes the authorization to use those funds for contracts needed to operate the State's Medicaid managed care program. Instead, (1) appropriates \$49.2 million from the General Fund to DHB in recurring funds and associated receipts beginning with the 2025-26 year and (2) appropriates \$34.4 million from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund to DHB in nonrecurring funds and associated receipts for the 2025-26 year, to be used for contracts needed to operate the State's Medicaid managed care program.

Instructs the local management entities/managed care organizations (LME/MCOs) to make intergovernmental transfers to DHB in an aggregate amount of \$18,028,217 for both the 2025-26 and 2026-27 years. Specifies that the due date and frequency of the intergovernmental transfer required by the act will be determined by DHB. Specifies the amounts that each of the three individual LME/MCOs is required to make in each fiscal year. Specifies that in the event that a county disengages from an LME/MCO and realigns with another LME/MCO during the 2025-27 biennium, DHB has the authority to reallocate the amount of the intergovernmental transfer that each affected LME/MCO is required to make under the act, taking into consideration the change in catchment area and covered population, provided that the aggregate amount of the transfers received from all LME/MCOs in each year of the fiscal biennium is achieved.

Amends Section 2B.5 of SL 2025-89 so that the reduction in funds appropriated to DHHS's Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Use Services (Division) are changed from \$18,562,645 to \$30 million now beginning in the 2025-26 year (was, for each year of the 2025-27 biennium). During each year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, directs each LME/MCO to offer at least the same level of service utilization as during the 2024-2025 fiscal year across the LME/MCO's catchment area. Specifies that the requirement should not be construed to require LME/MCOs to authorize or maintain the same level of services for any specific individual whose services were paid for with single-stream funding or be construed to create a private right of action for any person or entity against the State of North Carolina or DHHS or any of its divisions, agents, or contractors and cannot be used as authority in any contested case brought pursuant to GS Chapters 108C or 108D.

Reduces the funds appropriated from the General Fund to the Division for each year of the 2025-27 biennium for Single Stream Funding by \$14 million in recurring funds. Repeals the Prescription Digital Therapeutics Pilot Program authorized by Section 9F.2 of SL 2022-74. Instructs the State Controller to transfer \$1.85 million for 2025-26 from funds available in the Opioid Abatement Fund (as a result of the repeal of the Prescription Digital Therapeutics Pilot Program) to the Opioid Abatement Reserve. Directs the State Controller to transfer \$14 million in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 biennium from funds available in the Opioid Abatement Reserve to the Division. Instructs the Division to use those funds to offset the reduction in Single Stream Funding authorized by the act. Specifies that the funds transferred are appropriated for the fiscal year when they are transferred.

Reduces the funds appropriated from the General Fund for each year of the 2025-27 biennium to DHHS by \$33,986,530 in recurring funds. Requires DHHS to eliminate vacant positions to achieve net General Fund savings in the amount of \$33,986,530 in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-27 biennium by January 1, 2026. Provides a schedule setting forth the budgeting reductions to be achieved by each DHHS division. Requires DHHS to report to the specified NCGA division by April 1st of each of the 2025-27 biennium on the actions taken to achieve the budgeted reductions described.

Reduces the funds appropriated from the General Fund for each year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium to DHHS's Division of Services for the Blind, for the Medical Eye Care Program by \$100,000 in recurring funds.

Directs DHHS, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, to develop a plan for improved health outcomes, program integrity, cost-savings, and efficiency measures in the Medicaid program, as described. Requires DHHS to submit the plan to the specified NCGA committee and division by no later than November 11, 2025, with monthly updates.

Instructs the Office of the State Auditor to examine the Medicaid eligibility redetermination efforts of all county departments of social services in the State, as described and conduct a performance audit of a sample of county departments of social services modeled after the specified audit. Requires the State Auditor to report its findings to the specified NCGA committee and division by April 1, 2026. Retroactive to July 1, 2025, appropriates \$1 million from the General Fund to DHB in nonrecurring funds and associated receipts to be transferred to the State Auditor to be used for the examination and audit.

Part II.

Reduces the funds appropriated for the 2025-27 biennium to Future Building Reserves for the building and operating expenses of State agencies by \$42,206,909 in recurring funds.

Appropriates \$208.5 million from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management for 2025-26 to be allocated to the two named project codes in the amounts described. Transfers \$208.5 million to the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund for 2025-26.

Part III.

Specifies that the headings of the parts of the act are a convenience to the act and are for reference only. Instructs that the headings do not limit or define the text of the act. Directs that, except where expressly repealed or amended by the act, any legislation enacted during the 2025 Regular Session expressly appropriating funds to an agency, a department, or an institution covered under this act, remains in effect. Specifies that if any of the act's provisions are in conflict with GS 143C-5-4 are in conflict, the act's provisions prevail. Instructs that the appropriations and the authorizations to allocate and spend funds which are set out in the act remain in effect until the Current Operations Appropriations Act for the applicable fiscal year becomes law, at which time that act will become effective and govern appropriations and expenditures. When the Current Operations Appropriations Act for that fiscal year becomes law, directs the Director of the Budget to adjust allotments to give effect to that act from July 1st of the fiscal year.

Contains a severability clause.

Specifies that the act is effective retroactive to July 1, 2025, except as otherwise provided.

Intro. by Campbell, Huneycutt, Lambeth, Potts.

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Department of Health and Human Services, Office of State
Auditor, Office of State Budget and Management, Health and**

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 6th edition makes the following changes.

Removes the following provisions:

- New GS 160D-1504 (governing local government requirements for pedestrian facilities and roadway improvements in extraterritorial jurisdiction).
- The changes to the mining permit process in GS 74-49 through GS 74-51.

Modifies Section 18 as follows.

Adds Orange County as one of the locations of UNC construction projects that are exempted from the provisions of GS Chapter 160D (zoning).

Adds the following new content:

Section 2.5.

Expands the actions in which the court may impose reasonable attorneys' fees under GS 6-21 to include trespass upon real property and claims for physical damages or economic or monetary loss due the negligence or deficiency in surveying or platting against a professional land surveyor or any person acting under the surveyor's supervision and control.

Section 5.

Expands the places a culinary ABC permit may be issued under GS 18B-1001(11) to include food businesses and eating establishments. Makes technical change.

Section 12.

Removes new GS 160A-205.8, which would have prevented a city from adopting or enforcing an ordinance that prohibits or restricts, or has the effect of prohibiting or restricting, a property owner from displaying a flag of the United States of America or the State of North Carolina, including prohibiting or restricting the size of the flag or the height of any associated flagpole, on the property owner's property. Instead, codifies GS 160A-205.8's requirements of written findings of fact for any restrictions on those flags into GS 144-7, which generally prevents a local government from banning an official governmental flag from being flown. Makes conforming change.

Section 22.

Permits contracts pertaining to sale or purchase of capacity, output, power or energy from a project under GS 159B-5 (joint ownership of a project) or GS 159B-12(a) (sale of capacity and output by a joint agency) to be renewed or extended by the joint agency and the member municipality for additional periods not to exceed 50 years from the date of expiration of the preceding term. Makes conforming and clarifying changes. Makes conforming change to GS 159B-11 (general powers of joint agencies). Extends the term of a support contract under GS 159B-12(b) and those energy and aid contracts described in GS 159B-12(c) from 30 years to 50 years. Allows renewal or extension of such contracts for additional periods not exceeding 50 years.

Applies to contracts executed before, on or after Section 22 becomes law.

Section 23.

Modifies Section 5.1 of SL 2024-44 (modernizing wastewater permitting to support environmentally sound economic development) as follows. Now specifies that role of the EPA in reviewing the rules required under the section is to provide input on those rules (currently, rules are submitted to EPA for approval). Sets the time for the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) to initiate the process for temporary and permanent rules as within 60 days after EPA informs the State

that rules must be formally adopted prior to submittal as a program revision for EPA approval (currently, that process must be initiated within 20 days after EPA approval). Authorizes the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to require an applicant to use different modeling upon issuing findings of fact that demonstrate that the model initially used by the applicant is unsuitable for the particular discharge and receiving water. Specifies that all requirements of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit must be met for discharges to low flow or zero flow receiving waters. Requires an applicant to submit simple modeling to support that the eight listed limits are being met and that a diminishment (Sag) of dissolved oxygen of more than 0.1mg/l is not projected to occur in the waters receiving the effluent. Allows DEQ to require an applicant to use different modeling upon issuing findings of fact that demonstrate that the model initially used by the applicant is unsuitable for the particular discharge and receiving water. Further allows DEQ to require an applicant to use different modeling upon issuing findings of fact that demonstrate that the model initially used by the applicant is unsuitable for the particular discharge and receiving water in those instances when an applicant requests less stringent effluent limits than those described. Makes technical changes. Makes conforming changes to the deadlines set forth for the Wastewater Permit Working Group (Working Group). Specifies that the temporary and permanent rules adopted under Section 23 are not subject to the financial limitations on rules in GS 150B-21.3(b1),(b2), and (b3) and GS 150B-19.4, as enacted by SL 2025-82. Effective retroactive to July 8, 2024.

Section 24.

Requires the EMC to implement the Permitting by Regulation Rule (15A NCAC 02T .0113) so that provided no ponding or runoff of discharge water occurs, discharges to the land surface of less than 5,000 gallons per day of water from fractional vapor-compression distillation of potable water, will be deemed to be permitted, and it will not be necessary for DEQ to issue individual permits or coverage under a general permit for construction or operation of these disposal systems provided the system does not result in any violations of surface water or groundwater standards, there is no direct discharge to surface waters, and all criteria required for the specific system are met. Sunsets the rule when permanent rules are effective. Requires the EMC to adopt rules consistent with these provisions. Applies the APA's effective date provisions triggered when 10 or more written objections are received to the rule and exempts those rules from the financial requirements of GS 150B-21.3(b3) and GS 150B-19.4, as enacted by SL 2025-82.

Section 25.

Requires the Commission for Public Health (Commission) to implement the Facility Oversight Rule (15A NCAC 18C .1303) as follows. Allows the Department to grant written approval to reduce the standard frequency of operator oversight visits required under the North Carolina Administrative Code to not less than once per calendar month for supplemental treatment facilities if the supplemental treatment facility meets all of four listed conditions. Sunsets the rule when permanent rules are effective. Requires the Commission to adopt rules consistent with these provisions. Applies the APA's effective date provisions triggered when 10 or more written objections are received to the rule and exempts those rules from the financial requirements of GS 150B-21.3(b3) and GS 150B-19.4, as enacted by SL 2025-82.

Section 26.

Adds new Article 10, "Racing Facility and Racetrack Nuisance Immunity" to GS Chapter 99E, which specifies that a racing facility (defined) is not subject to any action brought by a surrounding property owner under any nuisance or taking cause of action if the developer of the racing facility obtained all permits required for construction of the racing facility and established a vested right in the development of the property or contiguous group of properties where the racing facility is located before the surrounding property owner either purchased the real property or constructed any building in the area of the racing facility (defined). Applies to actions commenced on or after Section 26 becomes law.

Section 27.

Requires occupancy licensing boards to verify each applicant for licensure's social security number under GS 93B-14. Authorizes release of applicant information to the Social Security Administration for verification.

Section 28.

Expands *local agency* as defined in GS 105A-2(6) of the Setoff Debt Collection Act to include a public works authority or public utilities commission created by a local act of the NCGA.

Section 29.

Specifies, in GS 160D-108, that a vested right obtained by permit or other local government approval does not preclude the use or extinguish the existence of any other vested right or use attached to the property.

Amends GS 160D-705 by adding that if a special use permit expires and does not vest, the current zoning classification or regulation for the property applies.

Amends GS 160D-203, which provides that when land is within the planning and development jurisdiction of more than one local government, the local governments may, with the landowners' consent, assign exclusive planning and development regulation jurisdiction to any one of those local governments; specifies that this includes all development phases on the land (was, the entire parcel). Adds that if such an agreement, or landowner consent, does not exist, then the landowner may elect the planning and development regulations of the local government where the majority of the total acreage of land is situated. Defines *landowner* or *owner* as all titleholders of record owing an interest in the land. Makes additional conforming and clarifying changes.

Section 30.

Amends GS 130A-343 (approval of on-site subsurface wastewater systems), which authorizes certain wastewater subsurface dispersal products for use in traffic-related areas if a licensed professional engineer certifies that the product has been designed with a compatible load rating and the product manufacturer has approved the product for use in traffic-rated areas. Requires wastewater permits issued under this provision to be issued by a licensed professional engineer or by an authorized on-site wastewater evaluator. Excludes Department of Transportation rated areas from "traffic related areas" but does include driveways and private parking areas with impervious or pervious pavement areas.

Section 31.

Contains a severability clause.

Effective when the act becomes law, except as otherwise provided.

Intro. by Riddell, Zenger, Chesser.

[Buncombe, Orange, Watauga, GS 6, GS 14, GS 18B, GS 89C, GS 90, GS 93B, GS 93D, GS 99E, GS 105A, GS 115C, GS 130A, GS 143, GS 144, GS 150B, GS 159B, GS 160D](#)

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H 926 (2025-2026) (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 amendment to the 7th edition makes the following changes.

Section 19

Amends GS 143-215.31, concerning information included in an Emergency Action Plan that constitutes sensitive public security information, by expanding upon what is considered sensitive public security information to also include: (1)

Emergency Action Plans or downstream inundation maps for impoundments or dams owned or operated by an electric power supplier and (2) Emergency Action Plans or downstream inundation maps for impoundments or dams owned or operated by a local government. Specifies that Emergency Action Plans or downstream inundation maps not associated with impoundments or dams regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or owned or operated by a electric power supplier or a unit of local government, do not constitute sensitive public security information.

Intro. by Riddell, Zenger, Chesser.

Buncombe, Orange, Watauga, GS 6, GS 14, GS 18B, GS 89C, GS 90, GS 93B, GS 93D, GS 99E, GS 105A, GS 115C, GS 130A, GS 143, GS 144, GS 150B, GS 159B, GS 160D

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Alcoholic Beverage Control, Banking and Finance, Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction, Land Use, Planning and Zoning, Property and Housing, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Environment, Environment/Natural Resources, Government, APA/Rule Making, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, State Government, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Lottery and Gaming, Public Enterprises and Utilities

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S 773 (2025-2026) [CONFIRM GOVERNOR'S APPT/INVESTMENT AUTHORITY](#). Filed Sep 22 2025, *A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF SALLIE SHUPING-RUSSELL TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INVESTMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.*

Includes whereas clauses.

Confirms the appointment of Sallie Shuping-Russell of Orange County to a term on the North Carolina Investment Authority Board of Directors that began July 1, 2025, and expires June 30, 2029.

Intro. by Rabon.

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S 774 (2025-2026) [CONFIRM STEPHANIE LYNCH, INVESTMENT AUTHORITY](#). Filed Sep 22 2025, *A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF STEPHANIE LYNCH TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INVESTMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.*

Includes whereas clauses. Confirms the appointment of Stephanie Lynch to the North Carolina Investment Authority Board of Directors for a term that began on July 1, 2025, and expires June 30, 2028.

Intro. by Rabon.

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S 775 (2025-2026) [GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS](#). Filed Sep 22 2025, *AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS.*

Part I.

Appoints specified individuals to the following boards and commissions, upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, for the specified terms: Disciplinary Hearing Commission of the North Carolina State Bar, State Property Tax Commission, Cape Fear Community College Board of Trustees, Randolph Community College Board of Trustees, North Carolina Well Contractors Certification Commission, Metropolitan Public Transportation Authority, and the Bladen Community College Board of Trustees.

Part II.

Appoints specified individuals to the following boards and commissions, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House, for the specified terms: Home Inspector's Licensure Board, Continuing Care Advisory Committee, Metropolitan Public Transportation Authority, Guilford Technical Community College Board of Trustees, Brunswick Community College Board of Trustees, and the Cape Fear Community College Board of Trustees.

Part III.

Changes the end dates of the terms for specified members, made under SL 2025-86 and SL 2025-29 serving on the following: NCInnovation; North Carolina Partnership for Children Inc. Board of Directors; Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services; Disciplinary Hearing Commission of the North Carolina State Bar; North Carolina Agricultural Finance Authority; North Carolina Boxing and Combat Sports Commission; North Carolina Global TransPark Authority Board of Directors; North Carolina Railroad Board of Directors; North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission; North Carolina State Commission of Indian Affairs; Private Protective Services Board; and the Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunities for Military Children State Council.

Corrects the name of an appointee to the Teachers and State Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees made in SL 2025-29.

Intro. by Rabon.

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Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Education, Higher Education, Government, General Assembly, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, State Government, Executive

S 776 (2025-2026) [ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION CHANGES](#). Filed Sep 22 2025, *A JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2025-8.*

Amends the adjournment resolution, Resolution 2025-8, as follows.

Changes the start date of the October session from October 21, to October 20, at 10:00 am, and extends the session to October 23. Changes the start date of the November session from November 18, to November 17 at 10:00 am, and extends the session to November 20. Changes the start of the December session from December 16 to December 15, at 10:00 am, and extends the session to December 18. Changes the start date of the January 2026 session from January 13, to January 12 at 10:00 am and extends the session to January 15. Changes the start of the February session from February 10 to February 9 at 10:00 am, and extends the session to February 12. Changes the start of the March session from March 10 to March 9 at 10:00 am and extends the session to March 12. Changes the start of the April session from April 7 to April 6 at 10:00 am and extends the session to April 9.

Amends the bills that can be considered during the sessions that begin on September 22, October 20, November 17, December 15, January 12, February 9, March 9, and April 6 to include: (1) adoption of conference reports for bills, including bills providing for disaster recovery, for which conferees had been appointed by both houses on or before September 25 (was, Thursday, July 31) 2025, and (2) bills, including bills providing for disaster recovery, returned on or before September 25 (was, Thursday, July 31) 2025, to the house in which the bill originated for concurrence.

Intro. by Rabon.

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ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 42: BACK THE BLUE PAY ACT. (NEW)

Senate: Withdrawn From Com
Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate: Withdrawn From Com
Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute
Senate: Com Substitute Adopted
Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar
Senate: Passed 2nd Reading
Senate: Passed 3rd Reading
Senate: Special Message Sent To House
House: Special Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub
House: Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House: Withdrawn From Com
House: Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 56: UNC ENROLLMENT. (NEW)

Senate: Withdrawn From Com
Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate: Withdrawn From Com
Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute
Senate: Com Substitute Adopted
Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar
Senate: Passed 2nd Reading
Senate: Passed 3rd Reading
Senate: Special Message Sent To House
House: Special Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub
House: Re-ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House: Withdrawn From Com
House: Re-ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 87: EDUCATIONAL CHOICE FOR CHILDREN ACT (ECCA). (NEW)

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

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 192: DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD & COST TRANSPARENCY. (NEW)

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Special Message Sent To House

House: Special Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub

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

House: Withdrawn From Com

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

H 268: ADDITIONAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS. (NEW)

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Special Message Sent To House

House: Special Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub

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

H 307: IRYNA'S LAW. (NEW)

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Sub with Unengrossed Amend

Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget

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 A1

Senate: Amend Adopted A3

Senate: Amend Failed A2

Senate: Amend Adopted A5

Senate: Amend Failed A4

Senate: Amend Adopted A7

Senate: Amend Failed A6

Senate: Amend Tabled A8

Senate: Amend Tabled A9
Senate: Amend Tabled A10
Senate: Amend Tabled A11
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 09/23/2025

H 358: CONTINUING BUDGET OPERATIONS PART II. (NEW)

Senate: Withdrawn From Com
Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate: Withdrawn From Com
Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute
Senate: Com Substitute Adopted
Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar
Senate: Amend Adopted A1
Senate: Amend Adopted A2
Senate: Amend Adopted A3
Senate: Amend Adopted A4
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 09/23/2025

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

Senate: Withdrawn From Com
Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate: Withdrawn From Com
Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute
Senate: Com Substitute Adopted
Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar
Senate: Amend Adopted A1
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: Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 562: HEALTHCARE INVESTMENT ACT. (NEW)

Senate: Withdrawn From Com
Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate: Withdrawn From Com
Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute
Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Amend Tabled A1

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Special Message Sent To House

House: Special Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub

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

H 926: REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 2025.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

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 Tabled A1

Senate: Amend Adopted A3

Senate: Amend Failed A2

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 09/23/2025

S 13: CLARIFY INSURANCE FEE REFERRAL CAP.

House: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 50: FREEDOM TO CARRY NC.

House: Withdrawn From Cal

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

S 153: NORTH CAROLINA BORDER PROTECTION ACT.

House: Withdrawn From Cal

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

S 227: ELIMINATING "DEI" IN PUBLIC EDUCATION.

House: Withdrawn From Cal

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

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

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Concurred In H Com Sub

Senate: Ordered Enrolled

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

House: Withdrawn From Cal

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

S 773: CONFIRM GOVERNOR'S APPT/INVESTMENT AUTHORITY.

Senate: Filed

Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar
Senate: Passed 2nd Reading
Senate: Passed 3rd Reading
Senate: Special Message Sent To House
House: Special Message Received From Senate
House: Passed 1st Reading
House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

S 774: CONFIRM STEPHANIE LYNCH, INVESTMENT AUTHORITY.

Senate: Filed
Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar
Senate: Passed 2nd Reading
Senate: Passed 3rd Reading
Senate: Special Message Sent To House
House: Special Message Received From Senate
House: Passed 1st Reading
House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

S 775: GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS.

Senate: Filed
Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar
Senate: Passed 2nd Reading
Senate: Passed 3rd Reading
Senate: Special Message Sent To House
House: Special Message Received From Senate
House: Passed 1st Reading
House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House: Withdrawn From Com
House: Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

S 776: ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION CHANGES.

Senate: Filed
Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar
Senate: Passed 2nd Reading
Senate: Passed 3rd Reading
Senate: Special Message Sent To House
House: Special Message Received From Senate
House: Passed 1st Reading
House: Placed On Cal For 09/23/2025
House: Cal Pursuant 36(b)
House: Placed On Cal For 09/23/2025

LOCAL BILLS

S 214: VARIOUS LOCAL BOUNDARIES.(NEW)

Senate: Withdrawn From Com
Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar
Senate: Failed Concur In H Com Sub

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