

The Daily Bulletin: 2026-04-27**PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS**

H 1047 (2025-2026) [NORTH CAROLINA MICROPLASTICS STUDY ACT](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLABORATORY TO STUDY THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF THE PRESENCE OF MICROPLASTICS IN THE WATERS OF THE STATE AND TO RECOMMEND STRATEGIES FOR ADDRESSING THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF MICROPLASTICS.*

Includes whereas clauses.

Directs the North Carolina Collaboratory at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (the Collaboratory) to investigate the potential impact of plastic particles on waters of the State and develop strategies to address the impacts of plastic particles. Requires the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to cooperate with the Collaboratory and assist the Collaboratory upon request. Allows DEQ to provide staff support to the Collaboratory and allows the Collaboratory to hire additional staff. Requires the Collaboratory to work with the State Division of Water Resources and other interested government entities. Details the Collaboratory's tasks and duties, including identifying plastic particles in State waterways, researching harmful impacts from plastic particles, developing and implementing strategies to address the dangers of plastic particles, developing a risk assessment framework for plastic particles, and recommending policy and statutory changes. Requires the Collaboratory to submit a comprehensive report with findings, detailed risk assessment, and recommended actions to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources and the Environmental Review Commission by July 1, 2027. Appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Collaboratory for 2026-27 to fund this work. Effective July 1, 2026,

Intro. by Price, Butler, K. Brown, Harrison.

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[Environment, Aquaculture and Fisheries,](#)
[Environment/Natural Resources, Government,](#)
[Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, UNC System](#)

H 1048 (2025-2026) [FUNDING FOR HIV/AIDS AWARENESS WALK](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR HIV/AIDS AWARENESS AND EDUCATION.*

Appropriates \$72,000 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management for 2026-27 to provide a directed grant to the named nonprofit organization, for the annual Winston-Salem HIV/AIDS Awareness Walk, designed to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and increase education regarding HIV/AIDS. Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by K. Brown.

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

H 1049 (2025-2026) [FUNDING FOR SHOTGUN HOUSE MUSEUM](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE SHOTGUN HOUSE MUSEUM.*

Appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management for 2026-27 to be allocated as a directed grant to Triad Cultural Arts, Inc., to develop the Shotgun House in the City of Winston-Salem. Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by K. Brown.

APPROP, Forsyth

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, Cultural Resources and Museums, State Agencies, Office of State Budget and Management

H 1050 (2025-2026) [FUNDING FOR SEX ED HEALTH AWARENESS](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR IMPROVING SEXUAL HEALTH AND AWARENESS*.

Appropriates \$31,000 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management for 2026-27 to provide a directed grant to the named nonprofit organization, for a marketing campaign and an eight-week workshop event designed to enhance sexual health education and awareness among adolescents aged 13-18. Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by K. Brown.

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Office of State Budget and Management, Health and Human Services, Health

H 1051 (2025-2026) [FUNDING FOR SENIOR CARE/COMMUNITY HEALTH](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO IMPROVE HEALTHCARE AND STRENGTHEN HEALTH SYSTEMS FOR SENIORS AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS*.

Appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management for 2026-27 to provide a directed grant to MedAid Foundation Incorporated, to expand health care access, improve senior care and strengthen community health systems for vulnerable populations who face barriers to healthcare access. Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by K. Brown.

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Office of State Budget and Management, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Adult Services

H 1052 (2025-2026) [CURE VIOLENCE PROGRAM GRANT](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION BENEFITTING THE TRIAD REGION*.

Appropriates \$1 million from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management for 2026-27 to provide a directed grant to Forsyth County to be used for the Cure Violence Program to address violence. Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by K. Brown.

APPROP, Forsyth

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Office of State Budget and Management

H 1053 (2025-2026) [ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE CLASSROOM MATERIALS/INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT ALLOTMENT AND TO STATE THE INTENTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS*.

Appropriates \$28.6 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction beginning in the 2026-27 fiscal year to be used for classroom materials and instructional supplies/equipment.

Declares the intent of the General Assembly to increase these appropriations by \$15.1 million in recurring funds beginning in the 2027-28 fiscal year and by \$22.6 million in recurring funds beginning in the 2028-2029 fiscal year.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by G. Pierce, F. Jackson, Quick, Price.

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

H 1054 (2025-2026) **GOV'T EMPLOYEE RAISES & AMP RETIREE COLA**. Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO RAISE SALARIES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AND STATE EMPLOYEES, TO ENHANCE STATE EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE BENEFITS, AND TO PROVIDE A COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR CERTAIN RETIREES.*

Part I.

Sets a monthly teacher salary schedule for "A" teachers for 2025-26 for licensed public school personnel classified as teachers, based on years of experience, ranging from \$4,469 for teachers with 0 years of experience to \$6,099 for 25 or more years of experience. Provides for a 12% salary supplement for licensed teachers who have National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification; a 10% salary supplement for licensed teachers classified as "M" teachers; a \$126 salary supplement for licensed teachers with licensure based on academic preparation at the six-year degree level, in addition to the "M" teachers salary supplement; a \$253 salary supplement for licensed teachers with licensure based on academic preparation at the doctoral degree level, in addition to the "M" teachers salary supplement; a 10% salary supplement for certified school nurses; and monthly salary supplement of \$100 for school counselors licensed at the master's degree level or higher. Requires that the first step of the salary schedule for school psychologists, school speech pathologists licensed at the master's degree level or higher, and school audiologists licensed at the master's degree level or higher, must be equivalent to the sixth step of the "A" salary schedule. Provides for a salary supplement of the \$350 and 10% of their salary. Deems these employees eligible to receive salary supplements equivalent to those of teachers for academic preparation at the six-year degree level or the doctoral degree level. Requires that the twenty-sixth step of the salary schedule for school psychologists, school speech pathologists licensed at the master's degree level or higher, and school audiologists licensed at the master's degree level or higher must be 7.5% higher than the salary received by these same employees on the twenty-fifth step of the salary schedule. Provides that in lieu of the amounts of annual longevity payments to teachers paid on the teacher salary schedule, beginning with the 2014-15 fiscal year, the amounts of those longevity payments are included in the monthly amounts under the teacher salary schedule. Details teacher compensation for the 2026-27 school year based on either (1) the applicable salary schedule; (2) the sum of the salary the teacher received in 2013-14, longevity pay for the 2013-14 school year, and annual bonus provided in SL 2014-100; or (3) the sum of the salary and annual bonus the teacher received in the 2014-15 school year, with the compensation amount determined to be equal to the greater of those amounts. Provides that teacher includes instructional support personnel.

Sets an annual principal salary schedule, applicable to the 2026-27 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026. Sets out the schedule based on average daily membership (ADM) with amounts increasing from the base amount, for meeting and then for exceeding growth; sets out provisions for determining which category to use. Amounts range from \$84,793 for an ADM of 0-200 base salary to \$127,189 for an ADM of 1,601 or more that exceeds growth. Sets out provisions governing placement on the salary scale. Provides that in lieu of the amounts of annual longevity payments, beginning with the 2017-18 fiscal year, the amounts of those longevity payments are included in the salary. Details principal compensation for the applicable school year based on (1) the applicable salary schedule, (2) the sum of the salary received in 2016-17 and longevity pay for the 2016-17 school year, or (3) the salary received in 2016-17 if not eligible for longevity at that time. Defines six terms.

Provides that for 2026-27, starting on July 1, 2026, assistant principals are to receive a monthly salary based on the "A" teacher salary schedule plus 19%, with placement based on total years the assistant principal has spent as a certified employee. Requires assistant principals with certification based on academic preparation at the six-year degree level to be paid a salary supplement of \$126 per month, and at the doctoral degree level to be paid a salary supplement of \$253 per month. Provides for

a 10-month stipend for participants in an approved full-time master's in-school administration program. Details limitations and required certification. Provides that in lieu of the amounts of annual longevity payments to assistant principals paid on the assistant principal salary schedule, beginning with the 2017-18 fiscal year, the amounts of those longevity payments are included in the monthly amounts provided to assistant principals pursuant to the act. Requires assistant principals paid under the salary schedule provided for 2026-27 to receive the greater amount of (1) the applicable amount on the salary schedule for the applicable year, (2) the salary the assistant principal received in the 2016-17 school year under Sections 9.1 or 9.2 of SL 2016-94 plus the longevity that would have been received, or (3) the salary received in 2016-17 if not eligible for longevity at that time.

Provides that for 2026-27, starting on July 1, 2026, increases the annual salaries of central office employees (superintendents, assistant superintendents, associate superintendents, directors/coordinators, supervisors, and finance officers) whose salaries are supported by State fund by 9%. Sets monthly salary maximums for 2026-27 for those employees, ranging from \$8,255 for School Administrator I to \$11,031 to School Administrator VII, beginning July 1, 2026. Sets monthly salary maximums for 2026-27 for superintendents, ranging from \$11,692 for Superintendent I to \$14,760 to Superintendent V, beginning July 1, 2026. Requires the local board of education to determine the appropriate category and placement for the superintendent based on the average daily membership of the local school administrative unit and within funds appropriated by the General Assembly for central office administrators and superintendents. Provides a salary supplement of \$126 for central office administrators and superintendents who have certification based on a six-year degree level. Provides a salary supplement of \$253 per month to central office administrators and superintendents with certification based on a doctoral degree. Provides for longevity pay under the State Human Resources Act. Directs the State Board of Education (SBE) to prevent local school administrative units from transferring state funds from other funding categories to salaries for central office employees.

Provides that for 2026-27, starting on July 1, 2026, increases the annual salaries for noncertified public school employees whose salaries are supported from State funds as follows: (1) by 9% for permanent, full-time employees; (2) by equitable amount based on the 9% increase for permanent, full-time employees on a contract less than 12 months, part-time employees, and temporary/permanent hourly employees.

Requires that employees of schools operated by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the Department of Public Safety (DPS), the Department of Adult Correction (DAC), and SBE who are paid on the teacher salary schedule to be paid as authorized by the act for 2026-27.

Appropriates \$939.8 million from the General Fund to DPI in recurring funds starting in 2026-27 for the compensation increases authorized above.

Part II.

Provides that for 2026-27, effective on July 1, 2026, increases the annual salaries for persons who are not one of the nine listed categories of employees exempted from the increase and whose (1) salary is set by Part III of the act under the SHRA and (2) who is employed in a State-funded position on June 30, 2026 by:

- 7% cost of living adjustment for State employees; and
- Any other salary adjustment otherwise allowed or provided by law.

Provides for prorated, equitable salary increases for eligible part-time employees. Specifies that no eligible State-funded employee will be prohibited from receiving the full salary increases solely because the employee's salary after applying the legislative salary increase is above the maximum of the salary range prescribed by the State Human Resources Commission.

Increases the Governor's annual salary under GS 147-11 from \$203,073 to \$217,288. Provides for annual salaries for the members of the Council of State. Effective July 1, 2026.

Lists annual salaries for the eleven listed Executive Branch Members and the thirteen listed Judicial Branch Officials. Authorizes the district attorneys and public defenders to set salaries of assistant district attorneys and public defenders, as described, ranging from \$58,175 to \$108,390. Effective July 1, 2026.

Increases the compensation of the clerks of superior court in GS 7A-101, the assistant and deputy clerks of court in GS 7A-102, and full-time magistrates in GS 7A-171.1, effective July 1, 2026.

Provides that, starting on July 1, 2026, increases the annual salaries of the Legislative Services Officer and of nonelected employees of the General Assembly in effect on June 30, 2026, by 7%. Specifies that the act does not limit the provisions of GS 120-32. Increases the salaries of the General Assembly principal clerks under GS 120-37 and the Sergeants-at-arms and readings clerks under GS 120-37, effective July 1, 2026.

Directs the State Board of Community Colleges, starting on July 1, 2026, to increase the annual salaries of community college faculty and non-faculty personnel by 7%. Sets minimum salaries for month, full-time curriculum community college faculty, effective July 1, 2026. Specifies that full-time faculty member cannot earn less than the minimum salary for the faculty member's education level. Provides for determination of minimum salary for part-time faculty members.

Directs the UNC Board of Governors, effective July 1, 2026, to provide SHRA and EHRA employees and teachers employed by the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics with a 7% salary increase.

Effective July 1, 2026, requires correctional officers in the Department of Adult Correction (DAC) to be compensated at a specific pay rate on the basis of a salary schedule based on years of experience, based on the specified salary schedule. Also requires employees in the Department of Adult Correction, Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, to be compensated at a specific pay rate based on years of experience; sets out the salary schedule to be used based on type of position. Sets out the annual salary schedule for correctional officers, based on experience and job class, ranging from \$40,254 for correctional officers classified as COI with 0 years of experience to \$57,863 for correctional officers classified as COIII with 6 or more years of experience. Allows raises equal to the amount of the across-the-board legislative salary increase under this Part for employees who would not receive a raise because their salary exceeds the scheduled salary level.

Sets an annual salary schedule, effective July 1, 2026, based on the officer's respective work experience and job classification, for law enforcement officers of the State Highway Patrol ranging from \$58,850 for those with 0 years experience and \$85,870 for those with 6 years or more of experience. Allows raises equal to the amount of the across-the-board legislative salary increase under this Part for employees who would not receive a raise because their salary exceeds the scheduled salary level.

Sets an annual salary schedule, effective July 1, 2026, based on the officer's respective work experience and job classification, for law enforcement officers of the State Bureau of Investigation and Alcohol Law Enforcement ranging from \$57,220 for those with 0 years experience and \$83,495 for those with 6 years or more of experience. Allows raises equal to the amount of the across-the-board legislative salary increase under this Part for employees who would not receive a raise because their salary exceeds the scheduled salary level.

Sets an annual salary schedule for probation and parole officers, based on experience, ranging from \$48,602 for officers with 0 years of experience to \$70,917 for officers with 6 years or more of experience. Requires Juvenile Court Counselors working in the Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to also be paid on this salary schedule. Effective July 1, 2026. Allows raises equal to the amount of the across-the-board legislative salary increase under this Part for employees who would not receive a raise because their salary exceeds the scheduled salary level.

Legislatively increases the annual salaries for the following, effective July 1, 2026, for the following persons for salaries in effect on June 30, 2025: (1) permanent, full-time State officials and persons whose salaries are set in accordance with the State Human Resources Act; (2) permanent, full-time State officials and persons in positions exempt from the State Human Resources Act; (3) permanent, part-time State employees; and (4) temporary and permanent hourly State employees.

Requires the legislative salary increases to be paid effective on July 1, 2026, and specifies that they do not apply to persons separated from service due to resignation, dismissal, reduction in force, death, or retirement or whose last workday is before June 30, 2026. Gives the Director of the Budget flexibility in administering the compensation increases. Allows deeming the State employer contribution rates for retirement and related benefits to become effective, for administrative purposes, after July 1st to provide flexibility in the collection and reconciliation of salary-related contributions as required by law, so long as the estimated amount contributed to any affected employee benefit trust equals the amount that would have been contributed to the employee benefit trust if the enacted employer contribution rates had been effective on July 1st. Specifies that this applies to all employees paid from State funds.

Requires the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) to ensure the appropriations are being used appropriately. Specifies that funds appropriated for salaries and employee benefit increases cannot be used 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 positions salary range. Specifies that the funds appropriated for salaries and employee benefit increases in excess of the amounts required will be credited to the Pay Plan Reserve. Requires OSBM to

report to the specified NCGA committee and division by May 1, 2027, on the expenditure of funds for legislatively mandated salary increases and employee benefits with four specified matters that must be addressed.

Appropriates \$939.8 million from the General Fund in recurring funds for 2026-27 for the costs associated with implementing Part II of the act. Effective July 1, 2026.

Directs the State Human Resources Commission (SHRC) to adopt rules to implement enhanced sick leave benefits for State employees by January 1, 2027, that provide for the seven specified matters. Clarifies that the enhanced sick leave should not be construed to modify the treatment of sick leave for purposes of retirement credit under GS Chapter 135.

Part III.

Amends GS 135-5 (pertaining to benefits under TSERS), GS 135-65 (post-retirement increases under Consolidated Judicial Retirement System -CJRS), GS 120-4.22A (post-retirement increases under the Legislative Retirement System - LRS). GS 128-27 (benefits for members of the Local Government Employees Retirement System-LGERS) as follows. Effective July 1, 2026, provides for prorated 3% COLA increase for certain beneficiaries who retired after July 1, 2025, but before June 30, 2026, based on the number of months that a retirement allowance was paid between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.

Appropriates \$250 million from the General Fund to the Reserve for Retiree Cost-of-Living Adjustments in recurring funds for 2026-27 to implement Part III of the act.

Part IV.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Logan, Hawkins, Price, Rubin.

[APPROP, GS 120, GS 128, GS 135, GS 147](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Education, Employment and Retirement, Government, Budget/Appropriations, General Assembly, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, Department of Adult Correction, Department of Public Instruction, Department of Public Safety, Office of State Budget and Management, State Board of Education, State Highway Patrol, Office of State Human Resources \(formerly Office of State Personnel\), State Government, Executive, State Personnel, Local Government](#)

H 1055 (2025-2026) [GTCC AVIATION CENTER EXPANSION](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE GUILFORD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE AVIATION CENTER*.

Appropriates \$1.8 million from the General Fund to the Community Colleges System Office for 2026-27 to be allocated to Guilford Technical Community College (GTCC) for expansion of the GTCC Aviation Center and for capital expenses related to that expansion. Specifies that funds do not revert but remain available until expended. Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Clark, Lambeth, Branson.

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[Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office](#)

H 1056 (2025-2026) [RELIEVING HOUSING BOTTLENECKS](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO ALLOW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN ALL COMMERCIAL ZONES, TO PROHIBIT MINIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS, TO REQUIRE THE NORTH*

CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY TO ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL HOUSING APPROVAL ACCELERATION PROGRAM, TO PRESERVE SINGLE-FAMILY HOMEOWNERSHIP, TO ESTABLISH A WORKFORCE HOUSING PRECONSTRUCTION REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY.

Contains whereas clauses.

Adds GS 160D-707 requiring local governments to allow residential development by right at a density and intensity described in all areas and districts zoned for commercial use. Clarifies that GS 160D-707 does not: (1) apply to areas zoned for industrial use or (2) supersede or diminish any applicable building code, fire code, or other general public health and safety regulations or other building design elements generally applicable to residential development. Applies to permit applications submitted on or after July 1, 2027.

Prevents local governments subject to GS 160D-702 from requiring or establishing a minimum size, placement, configuration, allocation, location, or number of parking spaces in its zoning or other development regulations, except as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act or accompanying federal regulations (currently prevents local zoning regulations from requiring parking spaces to be larger than 9 feet wide by 20 feet long). Applies to ordinances and regulations enacted or amended on or after July 1, 2027.

Adds GS 122A-5.16, directing the NC Housing Finance Agency (Agency) to establish the Municipal Housing Approval Acceleration Program (Program) to reimburse eligible local governments up to 125% for eligible documented costs incurred to accelerate the review of residential development applications, as described. Tasks the Agency with developing performance reimbursement limits and eligibility guidelines, as described. Provides for a standardized reporting form, application, and annual review. Limits the Agency's use of funds appropriated to it for the Program only as provided in GS 122A-5.16. Requires the Agency to submit quarterly reports to the specified NCGA committee and division on the seven matters described. Effective July 1, 2027.

Enacts Article 9, "Preservation of Single-Family Homeownership" to GS Chapter 75, making it unlawful in new GS 75-148 for a corporate buyer to purchase, acquire, or otherwise obtain an ownership interest in a single-family home in this State if, upon consummation of the transaction, that corporate buyer would own, lease-purchase, control, or hold a beneficial interest in more than 25 single-family homes in this State that are used primarily for rental, speculative, or other non-owner-occupancy purposes. Specifies that for purposes of GS 75-148 homes owned or controlled by affiliates are aggregated. Makes violation of GS 75-148 an unfair or deceptive act or practice affecting commerce. Sets forth six definitions in GS 75-146. Contains six findings that underlie the Article's purpose to protect the single-family housing market from excessive concentration, preserve meaningful opportunities for owner-occupancy, deter the treatment of single-family homes as a large-scale commodity class, and promote the broad distribution of the benefits of homeownership among the people of North Carolina in GS 75-147.

Provides for five categories of exemptions to the Article 9 in new GS 75-149, as follows:

1. A single-family home acquired by devise, descent, or other inheritance.
2. A single-family home acquired by a lender, loan servicer, or governmental entity through foreclosure, including those measures of foreclosure described, provided the acquiring party does not retain the home for rental or speculative purposes longer than 24 months after acquisition.
3. A single-family home acquired, in whole or majority part, by a nonprofit organization, community land trust, or public housing-related entity for the purpose of affordable homeownership, transitional housing, community stabilization, or other public or charitable housing purpose.
4. A builder or developer acquiring, constructing, or holding a single-family home in the ordinary course of development for initial sale to an owner-occupant, and not for long-term rental portfolio purposes.
5. An individual acting in the individual's own name for personal, family, or household purposes.

Provides for enforcement by the Attorney General in GS 75-150, and specifies that the remedies under new Article 9 are cumulative and do not limit any other rights or remedies available to under law.

Effective October 1, 2026 and applies to acquisitions occurring on or after that date.

Adds GS 122A-5.107, directing the Agency to establish and administer the Workforce Housing Preconstruction Revolving Loan Program (Loan Program) for the purpose of making revolving loans for preconstruction costs for workforce housing projects before developers obtain permanent, private financing. Instructs the Agency to establish guidelines for project equity requirements for applicants between 20% and thirty-five percent 35% based on market conditions in the county where the

project is located. Limits the Agency's use of funds appropriated to the North Carolina Housing Trust Fund (Fund) for the Loan Program only as provided in GS 122A-5.17. Defines *preconstruction costs* and *workforce housing*. Requires the Loan Program to comply with the following: (1) a million-dollar cap on any issued loan; (2) to reserve 80% of the loans for projects in counties designated as development tier one and tier two areas in GS 143B-437.08; and (3) to reserve 20% of the loans for projects in counties designated as development tier three areas. Provides for determination of development tiers per fiscal year. Requires the Agency to submit an annual report to the specified NCGA committees and division on the Loan Program before February 15 of each year.

Appropriates \$120 million from the General Fund to the Agency for 2026-27 as a directed grant to establish the Program. Instructs the State Controller to transfer \$40 million for 2026-27 from funds available in the Economic Development Project Reserve to the Fund for the Loan Program.

Effective when it becomes law, except as otherwise provided.

Intro. by Alston, Lopez, Prather, Dahle.

[APPROP, GS 75, GS 122A, GS 160D](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection, Development, Land Use and Housing, Land Use, Planning and Zoning, Property and Housing, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Office of State Controller](#)

H 1057 (2025-2026) [AFFORDABLE FOOD ACT](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN FOOD SECURITY, SUPPORT NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS, PROTECT AGRICULTURAL LAND, EXPAND FOOD ACCESS IN URBAN AND RURAL COMMUNITIES, AND PROHIBIT THE PRACTICE OF DYNAMIC PRICING IN RETAIL GROCERY STORES.*

Part I.

Sets out legislative findings.

Part II.

Requires by January 1, 2027, that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Social Services (Division), request a waiver from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) authorizing the state to operate a nutrition incentive program that would increase the purchasing power of food and nutrition services benefits for fruits, vegetables, and other healthy foods. Requires the Division to report to the specified NCGA committee within 30 days of the USDA's decision to either grant or deny the waiver.

Enacts new GS 108A-53.5 with the purpose of expanding access to nutritious food for recipients of food and nutrition services programs in this state by supporting and funding nutrition incentive programs that increase the purchasing power of food and nutrition services benefits for fruits, vegetables, and other healthy foods. Requires DHHS to administer food and nutrition services nutrition incentive programs as authorized by federal law and in accordance with this statute. Requires DHHS to (1) establish, operate, expand, or support the state's participation in *Double-Up Food Bucks* (defined as nutrition incentive programs modeled on or affiliated with the Double-Up Food Bucks network that match food and nutrition services electronic benefit transfer (EBT) benefits for the purchase of eligible foods at participating locations), Market Match, Healthy Incentives Program, or similar SNAP nutrition incentive programs; (2) enter into contracts, cooperative agreements, or memoranda of understanding with nonprofits, local governments, farmers, farmers market associations, grocery retailers, food cooperatives, or other entities to implement and operate nutrition incentive programs; (3) seek, receive, accept, and administer funds to expand food and nutrition services nutrition incentive programs; and (4) provide technical assistance, outreach, education, and operational support to vendors, market operators, and communities to increase participation in nutrition incentive programs. Requires nutrition incentive programs (as defined) implemented under this statute to meet all applicable federal requirements and: (1) match electronic food and nutrition benefit purchases for fruits, vegetables, and other nutritious foods at a rate determined by DHHS based on available funding and federal guidelines and (2) ensure that incentive matches are redeemable at participating locations at the point of purchase or through token, voucher, or electronic credit mechanisms. Requires an annual report by December 1 to the specified NCGA committee and division on the five listed topics, including the number of

participating food and nutrition services benefits households, the number and type of participating vendors, and the outcomes related to access to healthy food. Effective upon approval from the USDA of the requested waiver.

Appropriates \$11 million from the General Fund to the Division in recurring funds for 2026-27 to support SNAP matching funds, program administration, outreach, and other nutrition incentive purposes authorized under this Part, subject to approval of the waiver. Effective July 1, 2026.

Appropriates \$16 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to DHHS, Division of Central Management and Support, beginning in 2026-27 to cover the loss in federal receipts for the administrative costs of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as a result of Public Law 119-21. Allows DHHS to allocate a portion of these funds to any division within DHHS that incurs a loss of federal receipts for the administrative costs of SNAP as a result of Public Law 119-21. Appropriates \$69 million in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 from the General Fund to DHHS, Division of Social Services, to cover the loss of federal receipts for the administrative costs of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as a result of Public Law 119-21. Allows for the funds to be distributed to counties proportional to each county's loss of federal receipts. Effective July 1, 2026.

Part III.

Adds new Article 1C, Food Assistance Program, to GS Chapter 106, providing as follows. Establishes the State Food Procurement and Farmer Stabilization Program (Program) within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) to purchase food products grown or processed in North Carolina for distribution to food assistance programs. Requires that the Program encourage broad participation among North Carolina farmers and food producers and prioritizes procurement from small and mid-sized farms, beginning farmers, historically underserved producers, and producers located in economically distressed or rural areas. Allows using funds for the program for costs related to food purchasing, aggregation, storage, transportation, and coordination, in addition to the Department's reasonable administrative expenses. Requires an annual report by February 15 to the specified NCGA committee and division and specifies what must be included in each report.

Appropriates \$9 million in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the DACS to administer the Program.

Amends GS 106-744 by expanding upon the allowable uses of funds in the North Carolina Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund to also include providing farmland preservation grants to local governments and nonprofit land conservation organizations, and providing local governments with technical assistance and capacity-building support related to farmland preservation planning and implementation.

Appropriates \$47 million in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to DACS to be allocated to the North Carolina Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund to be used for purposes consistent with this Fund.

Part IV.

Enacts new GS 106-26.30 establishing the Targeted Military and Veteran Food Assistance Program (Assistance Program) established within DACS to address food insecurity among members of the military, military veterans, and military families. Requires using the program to provide food assistance to veterans and members of the US Armed Forces and the North Carolina National Guard, and their dependents and other members of their household, who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing food insecurity. Sets out allowable fund uses. Requires DACS to procure and distribute, to the extent practicable, nutritious food products grown or processed in North Carolina. Allows giving priority to households experiencing demonstrable food insecurity and financial hardship. Requires DACS to administer the Program in coordination with food banks, food assistance programs, veterans' service organizations, military family support organizations, and other appropriate public or private partners. Requires an annual report by February 15 to the specified NCGA committee and division. Sets out what must be included in the report.

Appropriates \$140 million in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to DACS to administer the Assistance Program.

Appropriates \$20 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to DACS for grants to nonprofit and local government administered food assistance programs for the purposes of expanding and strengthening food storage, transportation, coordination, and distribution capacity.

Part V.

Enacts new GS 106-26.35 establishing the Mobile Markets and Food Bank Grant Program (Program) within DACS to expand access to nutritious food in rural and underserved areas of the state by supporting mobile food pantries, temporary or pop-up food distribution sites, mobile markets, and similar food distribution models designed to serve populations experiencing food insecurity. Requires DACS to administer the program in consultation with DHHS. Allows entering into interagency agreements to allocate responsibilities related to program design, grantmaking, monitoring, and reporting. Allows DACS to coordinate with food banks, nonprofit organizations, local governments, tribal governments, and other appropriate public and private partners to carry out the purposes of this statute. Allows grants to be issued to food banks and food pantries, nonprofits, local governments, and tribal governments operating in the state. Sets out allowable uses of the funds. Requires DACS to develop application procedures, eligibility requirements, award criteria, and reporting standards necessary to carry out this statute, with priority given to projects that serve rural communities, areas with high rates of food insecurity, and populations with limited access to traditional retail food outlets. Requires an annual report by February 15 to the specified NCGA committees and division; specifies what is to be included in the report.

Appropriates \$8 million in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to DACS to administer the program.

Establishes the Grocery Store and Food Retail Pilot Program to increase access to affordable, nutritious food in underserved areas and food deserts across the state by providing loans and grants to support capital costs associated with the establishment, expansion, rehabilitation of grocery stores, food cooperatives, mobile markets, or similar food retail outlets that offer a meaningful selection of staple foods and fresh produce. Requires DHHS to administer the pilot program in consultation with the Department of Commerce and DACS. Authorizes DHHS to award grants and low-interest or forgivable loans under the Pilot Program. Allows funds to be used for eligible capital expenses including specified types of costs. Requires DHHS to report annually by February 15, 2028, to the specified NCGA committee and division, and sets out what must be included in the report. Appropriates \$10 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to DHHS to administer the Grocery Store and Food Retail Pilot Program.

Part VI.

Enacts new Article 9, Dynamic Pricing, to GS Chapter 75. Defines *dynamic pricing* as a practice by which a retail price is increased, decreased, or otherwise changed during the course of a business day or more frequently than once in a 24-hour period; defines *household essential good* as a consumer good used for cleaning, hygiene, sanitation, baby care, or other ordinary household purpose; also defines *electronic shelf label* and *retail grocery store*. Makes it illegal for a retail grocery store to use an electronic shelf label to implement dynamic pricing for any food, beverage, or household essential good. Sets out limited purposes for which retail grocery stores may use an electronic shelf label. Violations are an unfair or deceptive trade practice. Allows the attorney general to bring a civil action to recover a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each violation of this Article and specifies that each distinct price change in violation of this Article constitutes a separate violation. Effective October 1, 2026, and applies to acts or omissions occurring on or after that date.

Part VII.

Except as otherwise provided, effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Pittman, Ager, Jeffers, G. Pierce.

[APPROP, GS 75, GS 106, GS 108A](#)

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[Agriculture, Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Department of Commerce, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Social Services, Public Assistance, Military and Veteran's Affairs](#)

H 1059 (2025-2026) [FAIR MINIMUM WAGE ACT](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT ESTABLISHING STATE MINIMUM WAGES THAT ADJUST UPWARD AUTOMATICALLY FOR INFLATION, CREATING THE NORTH CAROLINA WAGE BOARD, ESTABLISHING THE SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION PROGRAM, REPEALING THE RESTRICTION ON LOCAL MINIMUM WAGES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT.*

Includes whereas clauses.

Increases the State minimum wage under GS 95-25.3 from \$6.15 per hour to \$15 per hour, adjusted automatically for inflation to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) with the first adjustment occurring effective January 1, 2027. Specifies that the adjustments are effective on January 1 each year. Provides for calculation of adjustment by the Commissioner of Labor, as described. Specifies that employers whose gross annual receipts for the preceding calendar year were less than \$400,000 must pay the higher of \$11 per hour or the minimum wage set forth above to the specified employees. Provides for adjustment for inflation. Places the burden on the employer to justify its continued eligibility for this wage rate. Authorizes local governments to adopt ordinances establishing a minimum wage within its jurisdiction that is higher than the State minimum wage. Establishes the NC Wage Board (Board) within the Department of Labor (DOL). Makes conforming changes to GS 95-25.3 and GS 95-25.1.

Enacts Article 6, "Short-Time Compensation," to GS Chapter 96. Defines six terms. Requires employers wishing to participate in the short-time compensation program to submit a short-time plan to the Department of Commerce's (DOC) Division of Employment Security (Division). Requires the Division to approve a short-time plan if it finds that the eleven listed criteria are met, including (1) that the normal weekly hours for individuals in the affected unit are reduced by at least 10% and by not more than 60%; (2) approval by any collective bargaining unit; (3) the plan applies to at least 10% of the employees in the affected unit; (4) the plan does not serve as a subsidy to seasonal employers during the off-season or as a subsidy to employers who traditionally use part-time employees; (5) the employer will continue to provide fringe-benefits if it is already doing so; and (6) the plan is in compliance with State and federal law. Specifies that a plan takes effect on its date of approval and expires at the end of the 12th full calendar month after its effective date. Allows the Division to revoke approval for good cause, including noncompliance with the submitted plan. Provides for individual eligibility for short-time compensation if the person complies with GS Chapter 96 and the Division finds (1) the individual is employed as a member of an affected unit in an approved plan that was approved before the week and is in effect for the week, (2) the individual is able to work and is available for additional hours of work or for full-time work with the short-time employer, and (3) the normal weekly hours of work of the individual are reduced by at least 10% but not by more than 60%, with a corresponding reduction in wages. Specifies conditions under which the Division is prohibited from denying an individual short-time compensation benefits. Sets the weekly benefit as equal to the product of the individual's weekly benefit amount and the ratio of the number of normal weekly hours of work for which the employer would not compensate the individual to the individual's normal weekly hours of work. Specifies that the benefit amount, if not a multiple of \$1, is rounded downward to the next lower multiple \$1. Clarifies that an individual may not be paid benefits an amount that is more than the individual's maximum entitlement, and an individual may not be paid short-time compensation benefits in excess of that maximum. Specifies that an otherwise eligible individual cannot be disqualified from benefits for leaving employment instead of accepting a reduction in hours under an approved plan. Specifies that seasonal, temporary, or intermittent (all defined) employees are not eligible for participation in the program.

Effective July 1, 2026, appropriates \$150,000 to DOL from the General Fund for 2026-27 to implement the act.

Intro. by Prather, Longest, Buansi, K. Brown.

APPROP, GS 95, GS 96

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**Employment and Retirement, Government,
Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Labor**

H 1060 (2025-2026) **AG INVESTIGATIONS/CERTAIN ICE & CBP INCIDENTS**. Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT REQUIRING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE INCIDENTS INVOLVING FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT THAT RESULT IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OR DEATH.*

Amends Article 1 of GS Chapter 114 by adding new GS 114-8.8. Defines (1) *CBP* as Customs and Border Protection of the US Department of Homeland Security (US DHS); (2) *Federal immigration enforcement* to include CBP or ICE officers, agents, and personnel, or any state or local law enforcement officers and employees authorized to perform immigration officer functions pursuant to the federal Immigration and Nationality Act; and (3) *ICE* as Immigration and Customs Enforcement of US DHS. Requires Attorney General to investigate all incidents occurring in the state that involve federal immigration enforcement resulting in serious bodily injury or death to any party. Requires the investigation to determine the cause and circumstances of the incident. Mandates the Attorney General to publicly release all findings and recommendations from any

investigation and deliver copies to the Speaker and the President Pro Tem within seven days of completing an investigation. Permits redaction of names and personally identifying information of any victims and minors in findings.

Appropriates \$450,000 in nonrecurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Justice to implement the act's requirements.

Applies to incidents occurring on or after the act's effective date.

Intro. by Greenfield, Morey, Rubin, Budd.

APPROP, GS 114

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

H 1061 (2025-2026) **PLYLER EDUCATIONAL PROTECTIONS ACT**. Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO GRANT STUDENTS EQUAL ACCESS TO PUBLIC EDUCATION REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS*.

Enacts Article 26A the "Plyler Educational Protections Act," (Act) as part of GS Chapter 115C. Specifies, in new GS 115C-386.1 that the Act's purpose is to codify the right of every child to equal access to a free public education and a school that is safe from intimidation and fear, consistent with the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Plyler v. Doe*, 457 U.S. 202 (1982), which held that it is unconstitutional for states to deny children a free public education based on immigration status in violation of the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. Contains severability clause.

Defines four terms in new GS 115C-386.2 (definitions pertaining to new Article 26A). Prohibits, in GS 115C-386.3 a public school from taking any of the following actions based on the citizenship status of a student or their parent:

- Deny a student admission to or enrollment in a public school.
- Exclude a child from participating in or benefiting from an educational program or activity.
- Exclude a parent from participating in parent engagement activities or programs.
- Adopt any policies that, either on their face or in practice, differentiate between students based on citizenship status.

Requires public schools to make its best efforts to develop an alternative instruction plan if a student experiences disruptions to instruction because of immigration enforcement actions.

Adds GS 115C-386.4, pertaining to information privacy, which prevents public school units from making the described inquiries or disclosure pertaining to a student or parent's citizenship status, place of birth, or national origin unless any of the four following circumstances apply: (1) the school is required to do so by State law, federal law, or pursuant to a warrant, subpoena, or judicial order; (2) when strictly necessary to administer an educational program; (3) in relation to an application for employment or condition for employment; or (4) when a parent has given written consent. Specifies that a public school may only provide accurate information to immigration authorities and cannot provide speculative information. Provides for the creation of public school immigration authority Action Response Plans, to instruct school staff on the proper course of action when immigration authorities request information from a school or request to enter school ground as described, in GS 115C-386.5. Prevents, in GS 115C-386.6, School Resource Officers (SRO's) from (1) cooperating with immigration authorities in activity related to civil immigration enforcement, including detaining a student; (2) questioning any student about their immigration status; and (3) sharing any student's information with immigration authorities, unless compelled to do so by judicial process, court order, or State or federal law. Directs the Attorney General, in consultation with the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to publish guidance and model policies for law enforcement agencies intended to limit, to the fullest extent possible consistent with State and federal law, immigration enforcement at public schools. Prevents retaliation and provides for enforcement for violations of the Article by a student, parent, or public school unit employee in GS 115C-386.

Applies beginning with the 2026-27 school year.

Appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Justice for 2026-27 to be used to develop the guidance and model policies. Effective July 1, 2026.

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

H 1062 (2025-2026) [IMMIGRATION COOPERATION AGREEMENTS](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE CERTAIN CONDITIONS BEFORE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTER INTO A FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT AND REQUIRE A JUDICIAL WARRANT FOR FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.*

Amends Article 20 of GS Chapter 15A to add specific parameters for agreements between State/local law enforcement and federal immigration enforcement and requires a judicial warrant for certain immigration enforcement actions.

Enacts new GS 15A-407 to provide that no law enforcement agency shall maintain, renew, or enter into any federal immigration enforcement agreement unless the agreement requires U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) or Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) to (1) provide names and ranks of federal agents to local law enforcement at least seven days before immigration enforcement activity; (2) comply with applicable State laws, (3) be clearly identified as ICE/CBP agents with no uniform, vehicle, or equipment displaying the word “police,” (4) refrain from conducting immigration enforcement at schools, faith-based organizations, or courthouses; (5) consent to civil and criminal State jurisdiction for violations of State law while performing official duties pursuant to a federal immigration enforcement agreement; (6) refrain from making general demands for information and from requesting immigration or citizenship status without a valid judicial warrant or subpoena; (7) refrain from conducting immigration enforcement activity within 500 yards of a polling place during and in the hour before/after voting hours; (8) refrain from using surveillance technology to conduct immigration enforcement unless targeting an unlawfully present individual convicted of a specific violent felony; (9) refrain from entering a home without a valid judicial warrant; and (10) agree that any on-duty shooting involving a federal agent will be investigated by the Attorney General and subject to State prosecution.

Defines “federal immigration enforcement agreement” (agreement with a federal agency authorizing a State or local law enforcement officer or employee to perform a function of a federal immigration officer or an intergovernmental service agreement authorizing civil immigration detention of a person in a local, regional, or State correctional facility) “law enforcement agency (state or local agency that employs law enforcement officers whose principal function is the enforcement of state laws, including any sheriff’s office, police department, correctional facility, or State law enforcement department), and “violent felony” (Class A through E felonies, substantially equivalent repealed or superseded offenses, and substantially similar offenses committed in another jurisdiction). Provides that nothing in this statute prohibits compliance with valid criminal warrants or judicial orders unrelated to civil immigration enforcement.

Enacts new GS 15A-408 to require that law enforcement officers must be presented with a valid judicial warrant or subpoena to assist, cooperate with, or use law enforcement resources to facilitate any operation seeking to identify, arrest, or penalize an individual for violation of federal civil immigration law. Sets out exception for criminal warrants and entitles aggrieved person to seek declaratory or injunctive relief in State court.

Appropriates \$40 million from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety for the 2026-27 fiscal year for counties to hire additional law enforcement or corrections personnel for county jails, to be distributed based on greatest need.

Contains severability clause.

Effective July 1, 2026, and applies to immigration enforcement agreements or any person detained or arrested by federal immigration law enforcement agencies on or after that date.

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

H 1063 (2025-2026) **RATEPAYER AND RESOURCE PROTECTION ACT**. Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO REGULATE LARGE-SCALE DATA CENTERS IN ORDER TO PROTECT RATEPAYERS, WATER RESOURCES, AND GRID RELIABILITY; TO REQUIRE ON-SITE CLEAN GENERATION, COST-BASED RATES, INFRASTRUCTURE COST RESPONSIBILITY, DISCLOSURES, AND REPORTING FOR CERTAIN DATA CENTERS; TO LIMIT STATE AND LOCAL INCENTIVES FOR DATA CENTERS; AND TO MAKE RELATED CHANGES TO PUBLIC UTILITIES LAW.*

Contains whereas clauses.

Enacts new Article 6C, "Data Centers" to GS Chapter 62. Defines three terms. Requires a preconstruction disclosure statement from the owner or operator of a data center to the NC Utilities Commission (Commission), the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and each local government that would have jurisdiction over the data center in new GS 62-129.1, covering the following five specified matters, each supported by clear and credible evidence:

1. The projected peak electricity demand.
2. The projected annual electricity consumption.
3. The projected annual water consumption.
4. A detailed description of any cooling technologies to be used in the operation of the data center.
5. A detailed description of any on-site clean generation to be used in the operation of the data center.

Requires certification by the Commission for the operation of a large data center (a data center that (i) has a projected peak electricity demand of megawatts or greater or (ii) has a projected annual water consumption in excess of one billion liters). Provides for an application. Allows the Commission to issue a certificate, after notice and a hearing, upon finding that the applicant is fit, capable, and financially able to operate the large data center in line with new Article 6C. Provides for six requirements that an applicant must establish in order to obtain a large data center certification, including compliance with clean generation and water use standards set forth in the act, that other members of the public will be held harmless and protected from bearing any increased costs as a result of providing electric, water, or sewer services to the large data center, and that the application will operate the large data center in line with any other requirement determined by the Commission to be necessary to protect the public interest. Provides for certificate review, and adverse action against the certificate after notice and hearing for noncompliance with Article 6C.

Prevents, in GS 62-129.2, a person from operating a large data center without installing sufficient on-site clean generation capacity to offset at least 25% of the data center's projected peak electricity demand. Authorizes the Commission to increase the minimum percentage of on-site clean generation capacity that a large data center must maintain relative to its projected peak demand upon finding that additional on-site clean generation is necessary to maintain the reliability of the electric grid and protect other customers from rate increases and is otherwise consistent with the public interest. Provides for variances, as described.

Requires that each electric public utility file for Commission approval rates for the provision of electric service to large data centers in GS 62-129.3. Authorizes tiered rate schedules. Prevents the Commission from approving a rate schedule unless it makes that the rates are sufficiently designed to ensure: (1) that large data center customers are responsible for the entire cost of any capital investments or incremental operational expenses necessary and (2) that other retail customers are protected from incurring any rate increases or assuming additional described risks as a result of the large data center. Provides for special high-capacity electric rates for large data centers in GS 62-129.4. Excludes data centers from: (1) any infrastructure grants or other incentives funded directly or indirectly by utility ratepayers and (2) local government tax incentives, subsidies, or financial assistance in GS 62-129.5. Clarifies that GS 62-129.5 does not prohibit local governments from exercising zoning or land use authority. Requires each person who owns or operates a large data center to file an annual report to the Commission and DEQ on the matters specified in GS 62-129.6. Specifies that those reports are public records to be made available on the Commission's website.

Authorizes the Commission to adopt rules to implement Article 6C and for verifying the amount of generation capacity maintained by a large data center in accordance with the on-site clean generation requirement in GS 62-129.2. Adds a \$250 application fee for each large data center certificate application.

Directs that the schedule required to be submitted for approval by the Commission must be submitted by the electric public utility no later than July 1, 2028. Effective January 1, 2029, an electric public utility may not provide electric service to a large data center except under the terms of a rate schedule or special high-capacity rate approved by the Commission.

Adds new GS 143-355.5A (concerning water use standards for data centers), requiring DEQ to adopt rules establishing water use standards for data centers regulated under new Article 6C to ensure the protection of surface water and groundwater resources. Requires the water use standards adopted to mandate that data centers employ closed-loop or reclaimed water systems to the maximum extent practicable and to prohibit data centers from using an evaporative cool system. Requires DEQ to adopt temporary and permanent rules.

Effective January 1, 2027, applying to sales made on or after that date, repeals the following provisions: GS 105-164.3(47) (definition of datacenter), 105-164.3(79) (definition of eligible internet datacenter), 105-164.3(201) (definition of qualifying datacenter), 105-164.13(43a)b (computer software pertaining to datacenter exemptions), 105-164.13(55) (sales tax exemption for described electric sales to datacenters), and 105-164.13(55a) (sales tax exemption for described electric sales to datacenters and datacenter support equipment).

Adds GS 143B-435.2, specifying that data centers as defined by GS 62-129 are ineligible to receive the incentives provided under Article 10 (pertaining to the Department of Commerce) of GS Chapter 143B. Excludes the operation of data centers from the definition of *information and technology services* in GS 143B-437.01 (industrial development fund utility account).

Makes the following changes to GS 62-133.2(d) (fuel and fuel-related charge adjustments for electric utilities). Directs the Commission to incorporate in its cost of fuel and fuel-related costs determination under this subsection the experienced over-recovery or under-recovery of reasonable costs of fuel and fuel-related costs prudently incurred during the test period, (was, costs prudently incurred by the electric public utility) based upon the prudent standards described, in fixing an increment or decrement rider. Removes language directing that any experienced over-recovery or under-recovery of reasonable fuel and fuel-related costs prudently incurred accrues interest at the commercial paper rate as identified by the Federal Reserve for A2/P2 nonfinancial issuers, or reasonable successor thereto, on a weighted average basis over the applicable time period.

Makes the following changes to GS 62-133.16 (authorizing performance based regulations [PBR]). Requires a PBR application to include, at minimum, one affordability PIM (a performance incentive mechanism that links electric public utility revenue or earnings to measurable reductions in customer energy burdens, arrearages, disconnections, or other affordability outcomes) and one efficiency PIM (a performance incentive mechanism that links electric public utility revenue or earnings to measurable improvements in system efficiency or cost containment, as described). Requires the Commission to take affordability and efficiency PIMS, as described, into account in making a decision on a PBR application. Makes conforming, technical, and organizational changes. Applies to any rate-making mechanisms filed by an electric public utility on or after the act becomes law.

Appropriates \$240,000 from the General Fund to DEQ in recurring funds starting in 2026-27 to be used for the adoption and implementation of water use standards for data centers. Appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Commission in recurring funds starting in 2026-27 to be used for purposes consistent with the act.

Effective July 1, 2026, except as otherwise provided.

Intro. by Prather, Johnson-Hostler, Longest, Helfrich.

APPROP, GS 62, GS 105, GS 143, GS 143B

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Environment, Energy, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Environmental Quality (formerly DENR), Tax, Local Government, Public Enterprises and Utilities

H 1064 (2025-2026) **CIVIL RIGHTS HELPLINE**. Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CIVIL RIGHTS HELPLINE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO RECEIVE, DOCUMENT, AND INVESTIGATE CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINTS.*

Amends Article 1 of GS Chapter 114 by adding new GS 114-8.8A through GS 114-8.8C.

GS 114-8.8A requires Attorney General (AG) to protect the civil rights of individuals in the state by performing all of the following: (1) establish and maintain a 24-hour, toll-free telephone helpline to assist those harmed or those with family members who have been harmed, in actions arising from federal troops or federal law enforcement officers' deployment to the state, including federal immigration enforcement actions; (2) establish and maintain an associated website for online submission of civil rights violations claims; (3) provide resources to those impacted on how to access state and local government assistance programs and information about available legal and social assistance; (4) ensure helpline has voicemail capabilities; (5) make translation and disability access services available for helpline users; and (6) advertise helpline and make material publicly available to encourage reporting by those experiencing or witnessing civil rights violations.

GS 114-8.8B requires AG to maintain a secure database of all helpline reports received and to generate an annual public report that includes information acquired from reporting individuals. Requires redaction of all personally identifiable information. Report must be published for public viewing. Provides list of information the report must include. Mandates all communications received by the helpline and the website remain confidential and are not public record. Requires AG to investigate all incidents reported and to determine if additional actions are warranted.

GS 114-8.8C requires AG to convene at least one public hearing each calendar year to present report's aggregate data and findings. Requires public notice of each hearing.

Provides the provisions of this act are severable.

Mandates Department of Justice (DOJ) to establish helpline no later than 60 days after the act's effective date and the first AG report to be submitted no later than one year from the date the helpline is established.

Requires DOJ to adopt rules, or amend their rules, consistent with the act. Permits use of procedure in GS 150B-21.1 (adopting a temporary rule).

Appropriates \$3 million in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 from the General Fund to DOJ to be used to implement provisions of Section 1.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Clark, Harrison, Morey, Greenfield.

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and
Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of
Justice](#)

H 1065 (2025-2026) [PREPARED FOODS SALES TAX MODIFICATION](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PREPARED FOODS FROM THE STATE SALES TAX.*

Amends GS 105-164.4L by amending the definition of prepared food by excluding food sold without eating utensils by a retailer whose primary business is food manufacturing as classified in NAICS Sector 311, if the food is sold in a sealed, shelf-stable container that includes a "Nutrition Facts" panel as required by the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Amends GS 105-164.13B to exempt those same items from sales tax. Effective October 1, 2026, and applies to sales made on or after that date.

Intro. by Alston, Ager, Longest.

[GS 105](#)

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

H 1066 (2025-2026) [CHILD CARE STABILIZATION & AFFORDABILITY ACT](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO PERMIT OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS TO BE AWARDED FOR PREKINDERGARTEN; TO MAKE PERMANENT THE TRI-SHARE CHILD CARE PILOT PROGRAM; TO REENACT THE CHILD CARE TAX CREDIT; TO EXPAND THE EARLY CHILDHOOD*

EDUCATION WORKFORCE; TO STREAMLINE ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS; TO UTILIZE PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR CHILD CARE; TO CLARIFY REGULATORY GUIDANCE FOR RELIGIOUS CHILD CARE PROGRAMS; TO STABILIZE CHILD CARE FUNDING AND BENEFITS IN NORTH CAROLINA; AND TO ENHANCE CHILD CARE WORKFORCE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS.

Contains whereas clauses.

Part I.

Section 1.1.

Amends the qualifications required for a student to meet the definition of *eligible student* in GS 115C-562.1 so that the student must reside in a household with an income level between the amount required for the student to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program and not in excess of 200% of that amount. Makes conforming changes to GS 115C-562.2 (scholarship grants) to account for new definition of *eligible student*. Starting with the 2027-28 year, reduces the funds appropriated for the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve (Reserve) each fiscal year in GS 115C-562.8 so that they are reduced from a high of \$800 million for the 2031-32 school year to \$560 million for that year. From the 2032-2033 school year onward, reduces the appropriation from \$825 million to \$585 million. Reduces funds appropriated for Opportunity Scholarship grants as follows: (1) \$150 million from the 2025-26 appropriations for scholarship grants in 2026-27 and (2) \$240 million from the 2026-27 appropriations for scholarship grants in 2027-28. Effective July 1, 2026, and applies to applications for the award of scholarship funds beginning in the 2027-28 school year.

Section 1.2.

Appropriates \$150 million from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Child Development and Early Education (Division) for 2026-27 and \$240 million in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 as a result of the reductions made above to be used to assist in reducing the waitlist for subsidized child care in this State.

Part II.

Section 2.1.

Enacts GS 143B-168.17, the tri-share child care program (Program), that creates a public/private partnership to share the cost of child care equally between employers, eligible employees, and the State. Directs the NC Partnership in collaboration with the Department of Commerce (DOC) to facilitate the Program. Provides for regional facilitator hubs as described. Tasks the NC Partnership with implementing standardized procedures to ensure the Program is operated consistently among all regional facilitator hubs, including (1) design of the Program; (2) establishment of Program infrastructure; and (3) recruitment of participating child care providers and employers. Provides for a third-party administrator to assist with the enrollment and financial tasks described. Requires the NC Partnership to conduct financial and compliance monitoring of the hubs and third-party administrator. Directs that an employee is eligible to participate in the Program if the employee: (1) is employed by a participating employer, (2) has a household income between 185% and 300% of the federal poverty level, and (3) is not otherwise eligible for subsidized child care in this State. Lists six additional criteria that the NC Partnership and regional hubs must implement for the Program. Clarifies that child-care includes part-time and full-time care, before and after school care, and summer day camps. Prioritizes business in sectors with persistent labor shortages. Provides for even distribution of Program funds between the regional hubs. Specifies that those funds do not revert and that the hubs can use up to 9% of its allocation for administrative costs. Provides for an annual report. Makes conforming change to GS 143B-168.12.

Specifies that employees deemed eligible to participate in the Tri-Share Child Care pilot program pursuant to Section 9D.9 of SL 2023-134, as amended, remain eligible to participate in the Tri-Share Child Care Program under GS 143B-168.17, as enacted by the act.

Appropriates \$9 million from the General Fund to the Division to be allocated to the NC Partnership in recurring funds for 2026-27 to provide the State portion of funding for continuation of the Tri-Share Child Care Program, as described.

Part III.

Section 3.1.

Reenacts GS 105-153.10 (Credit for children), providing an income tax credit for qualifying children, as defined in Section 152(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, of taxpayers. Lays out the applicable credit based upon adjusted gross income (AGI) for

each classification of taxpayer filing status. Increases the amount of credit available for each classification; for example, Married Filing Jointly with an AGI of up to \$40,000 is eligible for \$250, increased from \$125, and for an AGI from \$40,000 up to \$100,000 the credit is \$125, increased from \$100. Provides a limitation for nonresidents or part-year residents based on the fraction in GS 105-153.4. Caps married filing separately benefits to no more than the maximum credit under a joint return. Makes the credit refundable, allowing excess to be refunded to the taxpayer.

Effective and applicable for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

Part IV.

Section 4.1.

Adds new GS 115C-10.52, establishing the Early Childhood Apprenticeship Grant Program (Grant Program) to provide additional funds to community colleges to establish or expand registered apprenticeships in early childhood education recognized by ApprenticeshipNC. Directs the State Board of Community Colleges to administer the Grant Program and to adopt rules for grant disbursement. Limits use of grant funds to four purposes, including tuition assistance, wage supplements, and employer support payments for employers participating in registered apprenticeships, establishing or expanding registered apprenticeships, aligning apprenticeship coursework with the described credential requirements, and prioritizing apprenticeship placements in licensed child-care facilities serving subsidy-eligible children. Requires the Community Colleges System Office (Office) to provide the specified NCGA committee with an annual report by July 15 each year on the three specified matters. Appropriates \$5 million from the General Fund to the Office to be allocated to the NC Partnership in recurring funds to implement the above.

Part V.

Section 5.1.

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE) to develop and implement a unified online portal for child care providers, as described. Requires DCDEE to submit an implementation report to the described NCGA committees within 18 months of the act's effective date.

Part VI.

Section 6.1.

Requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) in collaboration with the Office to develop a plan, as described, to use underutilized classrooms or campus spaces for licensed child care facilities. Requires DPI to submit a report detailing the plan to the specified NCGA committees and divisions by December 15, 2027. Appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to DPI for 2026-27 to develop the plan.

Section 6.2.

Requires the Department of Administration (DOA) to inventory underutilized State-owned buildings suitable for conversion into child care facilities that will serve State employees. Requires DOA to develop recommendations for the three specified matters. Requires DOA to submit a report of its findings, including any recommendation, to the specified NCGA committee within 18 months of the act's effective date. Appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to DOA for 2026-27 to develop the recommendations.

Part VII.

Section 7.1.

Requires the Division to develop and publish a clear, regulatory guidance document to assist religious-sponsored organizations seeking to provide child care that outlines each of the following: (1) licensing pathways; (2) religious exemption eligibility; (3) health and safety requirements; (4) application procedures, including, but not limited to, steps in applying for licensure and ways to participate in existing exemptions. Requires the Division to conduct outreach to faith-based organizations regarding these guidelines.

Part VIII.

Section 8.1.

Requires, beginning July 1, 2026, that the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, increase the child care subsidy market rates to the seventy-fifth percentile for children in three-, four-, and five-star-rated child care centers and homes.

Sets the payment rates for child care providers in counties with a county rate below the state rate as follows, beginning July 1, 2026: (1) except as applicable in (2) of this subsection, payment rates are set at the seventy-fifth percentile statewide market rate as recommended by the most recent Child Care Market Rate Study for children birth through 5 years of age for licensed three-, four-, and five-star-rated child care centers and homes; (2) if it can be demonstrated that the application of the statewide rate to a county with fewer than 50 children in each age group is lower than the county market rate and would inhibit the ability of the county to purchase child care for low-income children, then the county market rate may be applied.

Appropriates \$205 million in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, to implement the market rate increases and to establish a floor for child care subsidy rates.

Section 8.2.

Enacts new GS 143B-168.28, requiring the Department of Health and Human Services, effective July 1, 2027, adjust annually the child care subsidy reimbursement rates based on the greater of: (1) the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), South Region, or any subsequent similar publication, as published by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the preceding 12-month period, or (2) the percentage change reflected in the most recent North Carolina Child Care Market Rate Study. Requires using the higher rates when the Child Care Market Rate Study results in higher reimbursement rates than those calculated under (1). Requires publishing updated reimbursement rate schedules by August 1 of each year and a report on the adjustments to the specified NCGA committee and division.

Part IX.

Section 9.1.

Appropriates \$22.7 million from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education (Division), for 2026-27 and \$36 million for 2027-28 in recurring funds to expand the Child Care WAGES program, which provides salary supplements for early childhood educators. Requires inclusion of this appropriation in the development of the base budget for 2027-28.

Section 9.2.

Enacts new GS 110-90.3 requiring the Department of State Treasurer, in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Department of Insurance, to establish and administer a State-run group health coverage pool to make health benefit coverage available for purchase by eligible child care employers for their employees. Operates pool separately from the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees; but allows use of the Plan's resources to the extent practical. Requires the following to be eligible for an employer to be eligible to participate: (1) holds a valid license to operate a child care facility or child care program in this State; (2) elects to participate in the pool in accordance with rules, policies, or procedures adopted by the State Treasurer; and (3) agrees to satisfy the employer premium contribution requirements and any other participation requirements established by the State Treasurer. Requires a participating child care employer to pay no less than 50% of the premium for employee-only coverage elected through the pool; an enrolled employee pays the remaining percentage of the premium for employee-only coverage through payroll withholding or other approved method. Requires DHHS to provide, subject to funding, premium withholdings rebates to each participating child care employer participating in an amount equal to the actual employee premium withholdings remitted by the employer for employee-only coverage, capped at 25% of the applicable premium; limits use of the rebate to offsetting the employee share of the premium. Allows the State Treasurer to adopt rules, policies, procedures, and participation standards necessary. Requires by March 1, 2027, and annually thereafter for two years, that the State Treasurer, in consultation with DHHS, report to the specified NCGA committee and division on implementation of the pool.

Requires the Department of State Treasurer to ensure that coverage is available under the child care employer health coverage pool no later than January 1, 2027.

Appropriates \$35 million in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to DHHS for the premium withholdings rebate.

Appropriates \$2 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of State Treasurer for administrative and start-up costs associated with establishing the pool.

Part X.

Unless otherwise indicated, effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Helfrich, Lofton, Prather, von Haefen.

APPROP, GS 105, GS 110, GS 115C, GS 143B

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Education, Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, Department of Administration, Department of Commerce, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Public Instruction, State Government, State Property, Tax, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Child Welfare

PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 836 (2025-2026) **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVORCE REFORM ACT**. Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO AMEND SEPARATION LAWS FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE AND TO ABOLISH THE COMMON LAW CIVIL ACTIONS OF ALIENATION OF AFFECTION AND CRIMINAL CONVERSATION.*

Part I.

Changes the required period of separation before a divorce may be granted from one year to six months. Adds that this six-month separation period may be waived if both parties agree and the divorce is uncontested and does not involve minor children. Also allows a person who is a victim of domestic violence committed by their spouse to seek a divorce without meeting the six-month separation period; sets out evidentiary requirements for seeking a divorce in a domestic violence situation. Provides that cohabitation for financial reasons does not toll the statutory period required for divorce predicated on being separated for six months. Makes conforming changes to GS 50-8.

Part II.

Repeals GS 52-13, concerning procedures in causes of action for alienation of affection and criminal conversation. Enacts new GS 52-14 abolishing causes of action for alienation of affection and criminal conversation. Specifies that this does not affect cases pending when the act becomes law.

Part III.

Effective July 1, 2026, appropriates \$3 million in funds from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits for 2026-27 to be used to expand education programs related to the NC Medicaid Family Planning Program, also known as the "Be Smart" Program. States that the funds are a State match of \$3 million in federal funds for 2026-27 for the same purpose.

Intro. by Bradley.

APPROP, GS 50, GS 52

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Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Family Law, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services

S 837 (2025-2026) **RIDE SAFE, INSURE SMART ACT**. Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO IMPOSE LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS ON MOTOCROSS RACING FACILITIES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.*

Amends GS Chapter 66 by adding new Article 52 entitled “Financial Responsibility for Certain Motocross Facilities,” including new GS 66-511 through 66-514.

New GS 66-511 defines (1) *ATV* by reference, (2) *Commissioner* as the Commissioner of Insurance, (3) *motocross facility* (a facility with one or more courses and related support facilities featuring natural or man-made obstacles used to conduct races or skills competitions for riders of ATVs or off-road motorcycles), (4) *motorcycle* by reference, (5) *off-road motorcycle*, and (6) *person*.

New GS 66-512 requires a person to carry insurance from an accepted insurer of at least \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million in aggregate against liability for injury to persons or property arising out of operation of a motocross facility, or use of such device, to own or operate such facility. Prohibits insurance contract including per person sublimits to liability. Provides (1) notice requirements if policy canceled, suspended, or not renewed; (2) proof of insurance requirements and consequence for failure to provide such proof; and (3) definition of acceptable insurer.

New GS 66-513 gives exceptions to Article’s application including (1) a motocross facility installed on private property, not open to the public, and for which no fee is charged and (2) a motocross facility owned or operated by the State, a unit of local government, or any political subdivision thereof.

New GS 66-514 gives Commissioner rulemaking authority to implement the Article.

Appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to Department of Insurance for awareness campaign highlighting risks to young riders.

Effective July 1, 2027, except rulemaking authority in new GS 66-514, which is effective when the act becomes law.

Intro. by Bradley.

[APPROP, GS 66](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Insurance, Government, State Agencies, Department of Insurance, Transportation](#)

S 838 (2025-2026) [THE FRONTLINE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT ACT](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FRONTLINE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE CONFIDENTIAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE FOR TEACHERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EXPAND THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE*.

Titles the act “The Frontline Mental Health Support Act.” Tasks the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services (Division) with establishing the Frontline Mental Health Support Program (Program) to provide confidential, trauma-informed mental health services with licensed behavioral health professionals to eligible public servants who experience occupational stress and trauma in the course of their duties. Allows for participants to receive up to 12 mental health sessions per year, as described with one of the specified behavioral health professionals. Creates the following five categories of eligible employees:

- Sworn law enforcement officers.
- Firefighters.
- Emergency medical technicians and paramedics.
- Public safety telecommunicators, including 911 dispatchers.
- Correctional officers employed by the Department of Adult Correction (DAC) or local detention facilities.
- Public school teachers.

Emphasizes that program participation remains confidential. Specifies that no adverse employment action may be taken against a participant of the Program.

Appropriates \$10 million from the General Fund to the Division in recurring funds starting in 2026-27 to be used to establish and administer the Program.

Instructs the Division to administer a grant program to behavioral health providers to expand access to mental health services for eligible participants, as described. Authorizes award of grant funds to four types of applicants: (1) nonprofit counseling

centers; (2) behavioral health clinics; (3) hospital systems; and (4) private mental health practices. Appropriates \$3 million from the General Fund to the Division in recurring funds starting in 2026-27 to be used for these grants.

Tasks the Division with submitting a report to the specified NCGA committee and division on the implementation of the Program, including the four matters specified, by October 1, 2028.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Theodoros, Mayfield, Bradley.

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Mental Health](#)

S 839 (2025-2026) [PRICE TRANSPARENCY ACT](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO BAN ALGORITHMIC PRICING AND ANTI-COMPETITIVE MERGERS FOR FOOD RETAILERS*.

Enacts the Grocery Price Transparency Act (GS 75-45) prohibiting *food retailers* (a grocer or grocery section of a supermarket) from engaging in *dynamic pricing* (the practice of varying the prices of consumer goods or services within the same business day based on demand or other factors, including the use of algorithmic pricing). Lists five exceptions to the ban:

- Promotional pricing, loyalty program benefits, or other temporary discounts or changes to pricing related to retention of existing customers.
- A difference in price based on objective costs attributable to providing consumer goods or services to different consumers, such as difference in price caused by shipping costs or taxes based on a consumer's location.
- Discounts provided to larger defined groups of consumers such as discounts for military veterans, active duty personnel, senior citizens, children, teachers, or students.
- Price corrections resulting from a pricing error.
- Resetting a price following a system or network outage.

Prohibits *anti-competitive mergers* (a transaction involving mergers, acquisitions, or consolidations of food retailers, food distributors, or food processors which are likely to substantially lessen competition in North Carolina). Caps credit card surcharges at food retailers at 2%. Tasks the Department of Justice (DOJ) with creating the Price Transparency Team (PAT) within its Consumer Protection Division to monitor and report the average prices of groceries, fuel, water, electricity, gas, and internet in North Carolina. Requires the PAT to publish quarterly reports on the DOJ website, including on the matters described.

Designated a violation of new GS 75-45 an unfair trade practice.

Appropriates \$5 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to DOJ starting in 2026-27 to be allocated to the Office of the Attorney General to support enforcement of GS 75-45, as enacted by the act.

Effective October 1, 2026.

Intro. by Bradley.

[APPROP, GS 75](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Justice](#)

S 840 (2025-2026) [TEACHER LICENSURE MODIFICATIONS](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO REMOVE TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM, TO MODIFY THE TEACHER LICENSURE EXAM TIME LINE,*

AND TO MODIFY TEACHER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS.

Repeals GS 115C-269.15(a) (prohibiting a recognized educator preparation program (EPP) from admitting a student until that student has: (1) attained a passing score or prescribed minimum score set by the State Board for a preprofessional skills test, (2) achieved the appropriate required scores, as determined by the State Board, on the verbal and mathematics portions of the SAT or ACT, or (3) holds a bachelor's degree).

Removes condition in GS 115C-270.15 that an applicant must have taken an exam during their first licensure for the applicant to fulfill the exam requirement during their third year of licensure. Removes requirement that the home state of an out-of-state teacher applying for licensure under GS 115C-270.25 have substantially similar license requirements to North Carolina.

Effective July 1, 2026, appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction for 2026-27 to implement the act.

Intro. by McInnis, Lee, Burgin.

APPROP, GS 115C

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Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Public Instruction

S 842 (2025-2026) **CARDINAL ACT**. Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SUPPLEMENTAL STATE FUNDS FOR TRUMP ACCOUNTS PROGRAM AND TO REVISE THE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PRIORITY FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR.*

Titles the act the "Creating Accounts for Residents to Develop Investment and Navigate Adulthood Later Act" or the "CARDINAL Act." Sets forth six defined terms, including *Trump Account* (Individual Retirement Accounts [IRA] enacted by 26 USC 530A), *eligible child* (one that meets the federal statutory definition, was born in the State after December 31, 2024 and before January 1, 2029, and who resides in a household with an income level not exceeding 300% of the federal poverty guidelines).

Tasks the State Education Assistance Authority (Authority) with establishing the Supplemental State Funds for Trump Accounts Program (Program) to contribute \$1,000 to every eligible child who is or becomes the beneficiary of a Trump Account that receives a contribution of funds from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States pursuant to the federal Pilot Program. Directs the Authority to coordinate with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to verify that the beneficiary was born in the State during the required years before depositing State funds into a Trump account.

Establishes the Supplemental State Funds for Trump Accounts Trust Fund (Fund) as an institutional trust fund pursuant to GS 116-36.1, where all funds appropriated to, or otherwise received by, the Program for the award of funds must be placed. Limits use of those funds to the purposes set forth in the act, administrative costs (capped at 4% of available funds per fiscal year), and Program operations, as described.

Authorizes the Authority to adopt rules to implement the Program and to coordinate with the US Secretary of the Treasury, as necessary to ensure that State funds are deposited in the correct Trump Account of each eligible child. Designates Trump Accounts as IRA's.

Requires the Authority to submit an annual report to the specified NCGA committee on the three matters described, starting no later than July 15, 2027. Directs the Authority to transfer \$192 million that was appropriated to the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve (Reserve) for 2025-26 to the Fund pursuant to the Program to be used to award scholarships in 2026-27.

To the extent there are insufficient funds in 2026-27 to award opportunity scholarship grants to all eligible students applying to receive a scholarship grant in the 2026-27 school year, directs the Authority to award scholarships in the specified order of priority to students who have applied by March 1, 2026.

Effective July 1, 2026.

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Government, Budget/Appropriations**

S 844 (2025-2026) **AFFORDABLE ENERGY OMNIBUS**. Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO REDUCE ENERGY COSTS, TO ENSURE FAIR COST ALLOCATION, TO PROTECT CONSUMERS, AND TO MODERNIZE NORTH CAROLINA'S ELECTRIC GRID.*

Includes whereas clauses.

Part I.

Enacts new Article 6C in GS Chapter 62. Defines: (1) *data center* as a facility or group of co-located facilities under common ownership or control used to house computer systems, servers, network equipment, and associated infrastructure for the storage, processing, or transmission of data; (2) *large-load data center* as a data center that meets the definition of a large-load facility; (3) *large-load facility* as a nonresidential facility that has an actual or projected peak electricity demand equal to or greater than 50 megawatts (MW) and specifies that facilities under common ownership or control, or that are operationally or contractually integrated, whether located on one or multiple parcels, will constitute one "large-load facility" for purposes of determining the applicability of any threshold, requirement, limitation, or fee under this Article; and (4) *political subdivision* as a county or municipality.

Requires obtaining a certificate of operation from the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) before beginning the construction or operation of a large-load facility. Allows issuance of a certificate to operated, after notice and an opportunity for interested parties to be heard, if it is found that the applicant is fit, capable, and financially able to operate the large-load facility. Requires that the applicant demonstrate: (1) that any electric services purchased from an electric public utility will be in accordance with rates fixed under GS 62-127.2; (2) that other members of the using and consuming public will be held harmless and protected from bearing any increased costs as a result of the electric services provided to large-load facilities; (3) that an adequate environmental document studying the environmental impacts of a proposed large-load facility has been completed; (4) that the applicant will mitigate any adverse social, economic, and environmental effects resulting from foreseeable noise pollution caused by the large-load facility; (5) in the case of large-load data centers, that the political subdivision with jurisdiction over the proposed facility has consented by local referendum; and (6) that the applicant will operate the large-load facility in compliance with any other requirement determined by the Commission to be necessary to protect the public interest. Makes the certificate of operation effective from the date issued until terminated either under its own terms or until suspended or revoked by the Commission. Allows the Commission, when requested by an electric public utility, the Public Staff, or a person having an interest in the large-load facility's operation, to review the certificate to determine whether the owner or operator of the large-load facility is operating in compliance with the Article. Allows, after notice to the large-load facility's owner or operator, the Commission to suspend the certificate upon a hearing to determine whether the certificate should be revoked. Allows reinstatement, suspension, or revocation of a certificate after the hearing, and for good cause shown.

Requires electric public utilities to file for approval by the Commission tariffs for providing electric service to large-load facilities. Allows approving a tiered tariff schedule that includes different rates, terms, and conditions for different classes of large-load facilities based on load requirements or other factors related to the cost of service. Requires approving a proposed electric service tariff for large-load facilities only upon if the tariff is just and reasonable and sufficiently designed to ensure: (1) that the proposed rates are based on the cost causation principle and that large-load facilities will be responsible for the entire cost of any capital investments or incremental operational expenses necessary for the electric public utility to serve large-load facilities; (2) that the proposed rates will not result in the electric public utility's other retail customers who are classified as residential or small commercial customers having to cross-subsidize large-load facilities; (3) that the electric public utility's residential or small commercial customers will be held harmless, and will not be advantaged nor disadvantaged, from large-load facilities either commencing or discontinuing service under the proposed tariff; (4) that the proposed tariff complies with any other rule or order adopted by the Commission.

Requires the Commission to study the environmental impacts of any proposal to construct and operate a large-load facility for which a certificate is required. Requires considering foreseeable noise impacts, in addition to the secondary and cumulative

impacts resulting from the construction and operation of the large-load facility. Requires an environmental assessment to be prepared for any petition for a certificate under this Article. Sets out the threshold for determining whether an environmental impact statement must also be required. Requires certificate applicants to pay for special studies necessary to comply with Article 1 (Environmental Policy Act) of GS Chapter 113A. Prohibits acting on a certificate of operation for a large-load facility until the Commission has determined that the environmental document is complete and adequate. Requires the holder of a certificate of operation for a large-load facility to conduct an ongoing review of any ecological impacts caused as a result of the facility's operation and requires an annual report to the Commission summarizing the assessments. Requires the Commission to order the holder of a certificate of operation for a large-load facility to mitigate any adverse social, economic, and environmental effects resulting from noise pollution.

Allows the governing board of a county or municipality to start the process to consent to the Commission issuing a large-load data center a certificate of operation by adopting a resolution. Requires the resolution to call for a referendum on the question of authorizing the Commission to issue a certificate of operation for a specific large-load data center. Sets out the ballot language. Provides that if a majority of the votes cast on the proposition are in the affirmative, the political subdivision consents to the Commission issuing a certificate of operation to the large-load data center; if a majority of the votes cast are in the negative, the resolution is void.

Enacts new GS 113A-8.2 requiring the preparation of an environmental assessment for any application for a certificate of operation, filed with the Commission in accordance with Article 6C above, to construct or operate a large-load facility. Requires the rate schedule to be submitted by the electric public utility by July 1, 2028. Effective January 1, 2029, prohibits an electric public utility from providing electric service to a large-load facility except under the rates approved by the Utilities Commission.

Part II.

Requires the Commission to evaluate and modify as necessary existing standby service charges, to encouraging large-load facilities to develop and operate on-site or dedicated generation resources, including renewable energy, energy storage, and combined heat and power generation.

Amends GS 62-140 by adding that the statute prohibits an electric public utility from entering into agreements with customers or offering or receiving compensation or consideration for implementing a project or measure that reduces grid strain or lowers systemwide costs.

Part III.

Amends GS 62-159.1 by prohibiting a public utility or electric membership corporation from suspending or disconnecting service to a residential retail customer during periods of extreme heat or cold. Requires offering customers with delinquent accounts, who have been adversely affected by an extreme weather event, with the option of settling any unpaid balance by using a deferred payment plan. Requires the Commission to adopt rules to implement this provision no later than 180 days after the effective date of this section.

Part IV.

Enacts new GS 62-108. Requires electric public utilities to submit to the Commission a proposed grid modernization plan. Requires the utility, in developing the plan, to propose measures to improve system efficiency, reduce energy losses, implement reliability improvements, and facilitate the integration of advanced grid technologies. Requires the Commission to hold a public hearing on an electric public utility's proposed grid modernization plan in the year a biennial integrated resource plan is filed and allows holding one in a year that an annual update of an integrated resource plan is filed. Requires considering the utility's grid modernization plan when acting upon any petition by the utility for a certificate to construct a new transmission line.

Amends GS 62-102 by requiring an applicant for the certificate described in GS 62-101 (certificate to construct transmission line) to include in its application a statement on the proposed action's consistency with the electric public utility's grid modernization plan.

Amends GS 62-105 by adding to the items that must be shown to grant a certificate for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed transmission line, to include that the proposed transmission line is consistent with the grid modernization plan and will result in either long-term consumer cost-savings or measurable reliability improvements.

Part V.

Enacts new GS 62-55 requiring public utilities to include on any bill for services charged to a customer a clear and concise statement of each applicable rate schedule, rider, surcharge, or tax that factors into the computation of the amount charged by the public utility to the customer. Requires each one to contain the apportioned amount charged to the customer for that billing period. Requires the Commission to develop a standardized billing format to be used by public utilities in compliance with the requirements. Requires the Commission to adopt rules to implement these provisions no later than 180 days after the effective date of this section.

Part VI.

Appropriates \$5 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Commission beginning in 2026-27 to be used for purposes consistent with this act, including administering the certification requirements for large-load customers, reviewing electric public utilities' grid modernization plans, enforcing consumer protection laws, and conducting data analysis on utility rates. Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Bradley.

[APPROP, GS 62](#)

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[Environment, Energy, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Local Government, Public Enterprises and Utilities](#)

S 845 (2025-2026) [LUGGAGE FOR CHILDREN PLACED IN FOSTER CARE](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE NEW LUGGAGE FOR A CHILD PLACED IN FOSTER CARE.*

Appropriates \$142,000 in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services (Division) and \$335,880 for 2026-27 to be allocated to county departments of social services to provide new luggage (defined) to a child placed in foster care who is being removed from a household, applicable to new entrants and children currently in foster care. Excludes disposable bags from the definition of *new luggage*. Directs the Division to submit an annual report by December 1 of each year to the specified NCGA committee and division on the two matters described. Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Jones, Settle.

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

S 847 (2025-2026) [TYLER'S LAW](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT APPARENT SUICIDES ARE FULLY INVESTIGATED AND REVIEWED BEFORE THE MANNER OF DEATH IS OFFICIALLY DETERMINED AS SUICIDE, TO INCREASE THE FEES FOR MEDICAL EXAMINER INVESTIGATIONS AND REPORTS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE INCREASE IN COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER FEES.*

Part I.

Adds new GS 15-7.1 preventing a manner of death from being initially determined as a suicide until a full investigation into the circumstances of death has been conducted and documented, subject to the provisions of the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution relating to unreasonable searches and seizures, including the following:

1. Interviews or attempted interviews of any individuals present at or connected to the scene of death.
2. Gunshot residue testing or attempted gunshot residue testing on any individuals present at the scene of death if firearms were involved.
3. The county medical examiner's duties pursuant to Article 16 of GS Chapter 130A.

Applicable to cases where the initial manner of death appears to be suicide. Makes conforming change to GS 130A-385 (duties of medical examiner).

Applies to death occurring on or after Part I of the act becomes law.

Part II.

Increases the medical examiner's fee paid by the State or county, as applicable, under GS 130A-387 from \$200 to \$400. Appropriates \$579,000 in recurring funds from the General Fund Applies to Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner starting in 2026-27 to increase the fees as described above, effective July 1, 2026.

Applies to fees imposed for medical examiner reports filed on or after July 1, 2026.

Part III.

Effective when it becomes law except as otherwise provided.

Intro. by Hise.

[APPROP, GS 15, GS 130A](#)

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S 848 (2025-2026) [RIO'S LAW](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO ENACT RIO'S LAW*.

Titles the act as "Rio's Law."

Amends GS 17C-6 and GS 17E-4 to also give the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission the power to establish minimum educational and training standards for employment and continuing education for criminal justice officers concerning: (1) recognizing and appropriately interacting with persons with autism spectrum disorder, and (2) recognizing the autism spectrum disorder special registration plate.

Amends GS 20-79.4 to allow for the issuance of the autism spectrum disorder designation license plate that can be issued to a person with autism spectrum disorder. Sets out verification requirements. Allows the Revisor of Statutes is authorized to alphabetize, number, and renumber the special registration plates listed.

Requires the Medical Care Commission (Commission) and the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services (NCOEMS) to adopt rules requiring all emergency medical services personnel to receive certified autism and neurodiversity training to be credentialed under Article 7 (Regulation of Emergency Medical Services) of GS Chapter 131E. Requires by October 1, 2027, that the Commission and NCOEMS implement certified autism and neurodiversity training for all new credentialed emergency medical services personnel as a requirement for initial credentialing under NCAC Title 10A Subchapter 13P (NCAC). Requires that by October 1, 2028, completion of certified autism and neurodiversity training must be required for credential renewal for emergency medical services personnel. Allows contracting with any association that meets the National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, consistent with NCAC requirements.

Requires the State Fire and Rescue Commission, by October 1, 2027, to incorporate certified autism and neurodiversity training into the State Fire Education and Training Plan, the State Master Plan for Fire Prevention and Control, a Rescue Training Plan, and the State Master Plan for Rescue Services.

Intro. by Hise.

[GS 17C, GS 17E, GS 20](#)

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Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, Health and Human Services, Health, Transportation

S 849 (2025-2026) [REAL TICKETS, REAL FANS ACT](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT SPECULATIVE SALES, DECEPTIVE PROMOTION, AND THE USE OF BOTS IN ENTERTAINMENT EVENT TICKET SALES.*

Adds new Article 9, "Entertainment Event Ticket Sales and Resales," to GS Chapter 75 consisting of the following provisions reorganized as follows:

GS 75-44(a) is recodified as GS 75-151, to be titled "Definitions."

GS 75-44(b) is recodified as GS 75-152, to be titled "Ticket price transparency."

GS. 75-44(c) is recodified as GS 75-157, to be titled "Enforcement."

Makes the following changes to Article 9 of GS Chapter 75 as amended by the act. Adds *bot, clearly and conspicuously disclose, entertainer, fan club, speculative ticket, and ticketing link website* to the definitions provisions. Modifies *reseller, secondary ticket agent, and resale*. Makes organizational and technical changes. Makes conforming changes to GS 75-152. Provides for new clear and conspicuous disclosures to the consumer pertaining to the seat location and whether the ticket is a resale ticket, as described. Prohibits, in GS 75-154, speculative ticket sales and reselling more than one copy of the same ticket to an entertainment event in new GS 75-153. Prevents a ticket reseller or secondary ticket seller from purchasing or selling a ticket through a fan club ticket presale or fan club program unless authorized by the fan club. Prevents a ticket issuer, reseller, or secondary ticket exchange from reselling a ticket before it has been made available to the public through the ticket's initial sale, unless it is authorized by an entertainer, venue, or event organizer. Provides for circumstances under which the ticketing websites can use branding and intellectual property in GS 75-155. Prevents a person from using a bot to perform any of the four described actions in GS 75-156, including purchasing tickets for any single internet ticket sale or circumventing or disabling electronic queues, waiting periods, security measures, access control systems, or any other control or measure used to facilitate authorized entry to an event.

Expands the penalties authorized for violation of the Article to include civil penalty of up to \$15,000 per day that a violation has occurred and the greater of (1) \$1,000 or (2) five times the total ticket price, per ticket listed, advertised, sold, or resold in violation of the Article. If a court finds that a violation of this Article was willful, authorizes the court to impose an additional civil penalty of \$10,000 per ticket sold or resold in violation of the Article. Requires the Attorney General to report no later than August 1 of each year, to the specified NCGA committee on the number and types of enforcement actions taken pursuant to this Article; requires a copy to be made available to the public on the Department of Justice's website.

Effective October 1, 2026, and applies to tickets sold on or after that date.

Effective July 1, 2026, appropriates \$250,000 in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Justice to be allocated to the Attorney General starting in 2026-27 to create one or more FTE positions to support enforcement.

Intro. by Moffitt, Sawyer, Chaudhuri.

[APPROP, GS 75](#)

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Business and Commerce, Consumer Protection, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Justice

LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 1058 (2025-2026) [WALNUT CREEK DEANNEX](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF WALNUT CREEK AND TO LIMIT CERTAIN POWERS OF THE VILLAGE OF WALNUT CREEK.*

Removes three parcels as described, from the corporate limits of the Village of Walnut Creek. Provides a savings clause for the validity of any liens of Walnut Creek for outstanding ad valorem taxes or special assessments. Effective June 30, 2026. Deems property in the described territory as of January 1, 2026, no longer subject to municipal taxes for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2026.

Prohibits Walnut Creek from exercising any powers granted to cities in GS Chapter 160D in any area beyond its contiguous corporate limits. Effective on the date the act becomes law, except that Walnut Creek's development regulations and powers of enforcement remain in effect in that area until the time provided in GS 160D-202(h). Specifies that this act or other provisions of law to the contrary, any acquisition, conveyance, transfer, or acceptance of real property or interest in real or personal property by Walnut Creek occurring prior to the effective date is hereby ratified, validated, confirmed, and approved in all respects as if Walnut Creek had possessed full legal authority to undertake such action at the time it occurred.

Intro. by Bell.

[UNCODIFIED, Wayne](#)

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LOCAL/SENATE BILLS

S 841 (2025-2026) [GARNER/TOWN MANAGER AUTH. SETTLE CLAIMS](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER OF GARNER TO SETTLE CERTAIN CLAIMS OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OR LESS AND CERTAIN EMINENT DOMAIN CLAIMS*.

Amends Section 6.2 of the Town Charter for the Town of Garner (SL 1977-333) so that the town council (was, board of aldermen) can authorize the town manager to also settle (1) eminent domain cases filed by the town when the amount involved does not exceed the amount budgeted for property or easement acquisition for the approved capital improvement program and (2) claims made by the town or debts owed to the town when the amount involved does not exceed \$10,000. Increases the cap on the referral to the town manager for settlement for personal injury or property damages from \$100 to \$10,000. Requires all of these settlements to be reported to the town council in a timely manner. Directs that such settlements constitute a complete release of the town from all damages sustained by a person involved in the settlement arising out of the same claim.

Intro. by Grafstein, Blue.

[UNCODIFIED, Wake](#)

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

S 843 (2025-2026) [12TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 12TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT*.

Blank bill.

Intro. by Burgin.

[Harnett, Lee, Sampson](#)

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S 846 (2025-2026) [DEANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTY/RED OAK](#). Filed Apr 27 2026, *AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF RED OAK*.

Removes the described property from Red Oak's corporate limits. Specifies that the act does not have an effect on liens of the Town for ad valorem taxes or special assessments outstanding before June 30, 2026. Effective June 30, 2026. Excludes the

property in the described territory as of January 1, 2026, from municipal taxes for taxes imposed beginning on or after July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Barnes.

UNCODIFIED, Nash

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ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 301: SOCIAL MEDIA PROTECTIONS FOR MINORS UNDER 16.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

H 1042: AFFORDABLE HOUSING EXEMPTION MODS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1043: CHCCS ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1044: JUSTICE IN MENTAL HEALTH ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1047: NORTH CAROLINA MICROPLASTICS STUDY ACT.

House: Filed

H 1048: FUNDING FOR HIV/AIDS AWARENESS WALK.

House: Filed

H 1049: FUNDING FOR SHOTGUN HOUSE MUSEUM.

House: Filed

H 1050: FUNDING FOR SEX ED HEALTH AWARENESS.

House: Filed

H 1051: FUNDING FOR SENIOR CARE/COMMUNITY HEALTH.

House: Filed

H 1052: CURE VIOLENCE PROGRAM GRANT.

House: Filed

H 1053: ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

House: Filed

H 1054: GOV'T EMPLOYEE RAISES & RETIREE COLA.

House: Filed

H 1055: GTCC AVIATION CENTER EXPANSION.

House: Filed

H 1056: RELIEVING HOUSING BOTTLENECKS.

House: Filed

H 1057: AFFORDABLE FOOD ACT.

House: Filed

H 1059: FAIR MINIMUM WAGE ACT.

House: Filed

H 1060: AG INVESTIGATIONS/CERTAIN ICE & CBP INCIDENTS.

House: Filed

H 1061: PLYLER EDUCATIONAL PROTECTIONS ACT.

House: Filed

H 1062: IMMIGRATION COOPERATION AGREEMENTS.

House: Filed

H 1063: RATEPAYER AND RESOURCE PROTECTION ACT.

House: Filed

H 1064: CIVIL RIGHTS HELPLINE.

House: Filed

H 1065: PREPARED FOODS SALES TAX MODIFICATION.

House: Filed

H 1066: CHILD CARE STABILIZATION & AFFORDABILITY ACT.

House: Filed

S 648: AOC AGENCY REQUESTS.-AB

House: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 830: GOVERNMENT MODERNIZATION/FUNDS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 831: 25-YEAR RETIREMENT FOR FIRST RESPONDERS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 835: SURVEILLANCE PRICING BAN.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 836: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVORCE REFORM ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 837: RIDE SAFE, INSURE SMART ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 838: THE FRONTLINE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 839: PRICE TRANSPARENCY ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 840: TEACHER LICENSURE MODIFICATIONS.

Senate: Filed

S 842: CARDINAL ACT.

Senate: Filed

S 844: AFFORDABLE ENERGY OMNIBUS.

Senate: Filed

S 845: LUGGAGE FOR CHILDREN PLACED IN FOSTER CARE.

Senate: Filed

S 847: TYLER'S LAW.

Senate: Filed

S 848: RIO'S LAW.

Senate: Filed

S 849: REAL TICKETS, REAL FANS ACT.

Senate: Filed

LOCAL BILLS

H 1058: WALNUT CREEK DEANNEX.

House: Filed

S 214: VARIOUS LOCAL PROVISIONS VII. (NEW)

House: Withdrawn From Cal

House: Conf Rpt Withdrawn

S 832: WASHINGTON DEANNEXATION.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 833: RESTORE DOWN-ZONING CHAR/MECK & AMP OTHERS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 834: TOWN OF BOLIVIA/EVEN-YR ELECTIONS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 841: GARNER/TOWN MANAGER AUTH. SETTLE CLAIMS.

Senate: Filed

S 843: 12TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.

Senate: Filed

S 846: DEANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTY/RED OAK.

Senate: Filed

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