

The Daily Bulletin: 2026-04-29

PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 301 (2025-2026) **SOCIAL MEDIA & AI SAFETY. (NEW)** Filed Mar 5 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE SOCIAL MEDIA PROTECTIONS FOR MINORS UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO UPDATE COMPUTER SCIENCE STANDARDS TO INCLUDE INSTRUCTION ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI), TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO ADOPT A MODEL AI POLICY, TO REQUIRE GOVERNING BODIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS TO ADOPT POLICIES ON AI USE, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO ESTABLISH A FRAMEWORK FOR EVALUATING GENERATIVE AI-POWERED EDUCATIONAL TOOLS USED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO PARTNER WITH THE FRIDAY INSTITUTE TO DEVELOP EDUCATOR AND ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING ON THE USE OF AI.*

Senate committee substitute to the 3rd edition makes the following changes. Divides the act into parts and makes other organizational changes. Makes conforming changes to act's titles.

Part I.

Makes the previous content effective October 1, 2026, instead of 2025.

Adds the following new content.

Part II.

Requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to adopt age-appropriate standards for instruction on artificial intelligence (AI) literacy for grades kindergarten through 12, including the five topics described, in GS 115C-81.90. Tasks SBE with reviewing and updating these standards every two years to keep up with advancements in AI. Starting in the 2028-29 school year, requires SBE to revise the standard course of study for computer science for grades kindergarten through 12 to include artificial intelligence literacy in accordance with GS 115C-81.90(a1), as enacted by the act, above. Tasks SBE, in consultation with the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to update the lists of approved courses to reflect course alignment with the revised computer science standards, beginning with the 2028-29 school year. Requires DPI to report to the specified NCGA committee on the three specified matters relating to the adoption of revised computer science standards by December 15, 2028.

Part III.

Adds GS 115C-102.13, requiring DPI to adopt a model AI policy to serve as guidance to public school units when developing their AI policies, to include the four described topics by no later than December 31, 2026. Requires local boards of education (GS 115C-47), the Board of Trustees of the NC schools for the deaf and blind (GS 115C-150.12C), charter schools (GS 115C-218.33), regional schools (GS 115C-238.66), and the Chancellor of the UNC Laboratory Schools (GS 116-239.8) to adopt a policy on AI use by students and staff for educational purposes after reviewing DPI's model policy. Tasks the Superintendent with ensuring that public school units have access to DPI's model policy by no later than January 15, 2027. Requires public school units to adopt the policies required by no later than June 30, 2027.

Part IV.

Requires DPI to establish and maintain an evaluation framework, as described, that provides criteria and guiding considerations for evaluating generative artificial intelligence-powered educational tools (AI tools) in new GS 115C-102.14. Tasks DPI with reviewing and updating these standards every two years to keep up with changes in technology, evidence, or educational practice. Provides for procurement guidance, qualified vendor lists and other tools to support and incentivize the adoption of AI tools that have been reviewed under the framework. Requires DPI to maintain a publicly available list of all AI tools reviewed under the framework and all AI tools being used in public schools.

Part V.

Directs DPI to partner with the Friday Institute for Educational Innovation at North Carolina State University (Friday Institute) to design, produce, and support implementation of a suite of tool-agnostic online training modules and related training resources, addressing the eight described topics. Requires the Friday Institute to produce a suite of self-paced modules that require at least 10 hours of seat time to complete, a facilitator guide, model classroom resources, and “train the trainer” materials. Requires these resources to be made available to public schools by June 30, 2027. Instructs for all teachers employed by local school administrative units, charter schools, or laboratory schools to complete the professional development by June 30, 2028.

Requires DPI to report to the specified NCGA committee on the Friday Institute’s modules, including any recommendations for updates or additional support needed, by December 15, 2028.

Part VI.

Effective when it becomes law, except as otherwise provided.

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

[GS 114B, GS 115C, GS 116](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, State Agencies, UNC System, Department of Justice, Department of Public Instruction, State Board of Education, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Child Welfare](#)

H 1090 (2025-2026) [RURAL CARE ACT](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE REVITALIZING, UPLIFTING REGIONS & AMP ACCESS LOCAL (RURAL) CARE ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF A RURAL HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE FUND AND A RURAL HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL; TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE RURAL HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM; TO REPEAL THE RURAL HEALTH CARE STABILIZATION PROGRAM; AND TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION AND DUTIES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL.*

Part I.

Enacts new Article 4A in GS Chapter 131E as follows. Recodifies GS 131A-32 as new GS 131E-74. Renames the Rural Health Care Stabilization Fund as the Rural Healthcare Infrastructure Fund (Fund) and moves the Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS; was in the Office of State Management and Budget). States legislative intent. Provides the purpose of the Fund is to provide loans and grants at below market interest rates with structured repayment terms to support rural healthcare infrastructure. Places Fund administration with the NC State Health Coordinating Council (Council). States priority for use of funds for the purpose of meeting debt service obligations supported by the General Fund. Authorizes the Council to use the Fund for four other purposes including new capital projects, repair and renovation for licensed facilities or other healthcare infrastructure projects in rural areas, and up to \$100,000 each fiscal year for administration. Requires reversion of unexpended funds to the Fund upon completion of a project. Directs the Council to annually report to the specified NCGA committee and division by March 1 on the use of funds. Specified required content.

Conditions initiation of awards from the Fund on the NCGA's approval of the Council's development of the plan for a Rural Healthcare Infrastructure Program pursuant to the act. Effective on the date the act becomes law.

Part II.

Directs the Council to develop a plan in consultation with the Office of Rural Health at DHHS for the Council to establish and administer a Rural Healthcare Infrastructure Program (program). States the program's purpose is to award grants and loans with below market interest rates from the Fund to support the construction, renovation, or modernization of rural healthcare infrastructure. Lists nine required areas the plan must address including an application process, a description of eligible entities and projects, and a process for overseeing awards and compliance, as well as any other information the Council deems relevant to program implementation and Fund administration. Requires the Council to submit the plan to the specified NCGA

committee and division by January 15, 2027. Bars implementation of the plan without NCGA action. Effective on the date the act becomes law.

Part III.

Amends GS 131E-191.1, which currently bars lobbyists from serving on the Council. Adds the following new provisions. Grants the Council the power to work with DHHS to prepare a State Medical Facilities Plan and to administer the Fund. Establishes the Council as 25 members including 13 gubernatorial appointments and 12 legislative appointments, as specified, for a term of three years. Provides for the Council's chair, vacancies, member removal, meetings, member expenses, and administrative assistance.

Bars the Governor from continuing to appoint 12 members to the Council on the existing schedule for terms expiring on December 31, 2026, December 31, 2027, and December 31, 2028. Instead requires legislative appointments whereby the NCGA will appoint the following members to a term of three years: six members to succeed the specified members whose terms expire December 31, 2026; two members to succeed specified members whose terms expire December 31, 2027; and four members whose terms expire December 31, 2028.

Part IV.

Repeals the remainder of Article 2, GS Chapter 131A (Rural Health Care Stabilization Program).

Part V.

Transfers the unrestricted cash balance of the Rural Health Care Stabilization Fund to the Fund created by GS 131E-74, as amended, and appropriates the funds for the fiscal year in which they are transferred. Directs principal and interest payments due to the Rural Health Care Stabilization Fund on or after July 1, 2026, be paid to the Fund.

Appropriates \$1 million from the Fund to the Office of Rural Health to fund a contract with Rural Healthcare Initiative, Inc. to create effective models of sustainable healthcare in rural communities, to develop cost estimates for achieving the facilities described in the models, and to support the work of the Council and Office of Rural Health to plan and administer the program.

Part VI.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Reeder, Lambeth, Ward, Greene.

GS 131E

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Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of State Budget and Management, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers

H 1091 (2025-2026) **DWI MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2026**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO MODERNIZE DWI LAWS RELATING TO PREVENTION, ENFORCEMENT, AND RECOVERY AND TO SAVE LIVES OF OPERATORS, PASSENGERS, AND PEDESTRIANS BY REQUIRING MAGISTRATES TO EXPLAIN A FINDING OF NO PROBABLE CAUSE IN IMPLIED CONSENT CASES; TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY IN THE IMMEDIATE CIVIL PRETRIAL REVOCATION; TO REQUIRE IMPAIRED DRIVERS TO PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE OF THE COSTS OF THEIR PROCESSING; TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY MOTIONS BY ADMITTING ALCOHOL AND ORAL DRUG SCREENING TESTS TO PROVE THE ARRESTING OFFICER HAD PROBABLE CAUSE; TO HAVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK DRIVERS MEET THE SAME STANDARDS AS BUS DRIVERS; TO ALLOW REPEAT OFFENDERS A METHOD TO PROVE THEIR SOBRIETY AND OBTAIN A LEGAL METHOD TO OPERATE A VEHICLE; AND TO MAKE IT A FELONY FOR A PERSON OF LAWFUL AGE TO AID AN UNDERAGE PERSON IN OBTAINING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WHEN THE UNDERAGE PERSON CAUSES SERIOUS INJURY TO THEMSELVES OR ANOTHER PERSON.*

Section 1.

Titles the act, "The DWI Modernization Act of 2026."

Section 2.

Requires, in new GS 15A-511(c1), a magistrate to issue written findings supporting a finding of no probable cause for an implied consent defense, including at minimum, the following six listed findings:

1. When performed, the result of any alcohol or other impairing substance screening test.
2. When performed, the results of any standardized field sobriety tests.
3. When performed, the results of any drug recognition expert evaluation.
4. When available, the alcohol concentration or the fact that the driver refused the implied consent test.
5. Whether a blood sample for analysis was obtained from the defendant.
6. The element or elements of the offense charged that the magistrate believes are missing that led to the determination that probable cause did not exist.

Provides for a form for filing, and requires that the findings be sent to the head of the law enforcement agency that employed the charging officer, the chief district court judge, and the DA for the judicial district. Instructs the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to electronically record the data in its database and make it available upon request.

Applies to initial appearances occurring on or after December 1, 2026.

Section 3.

Amends GS 20-7(i1) of the Uniform Drivers License Act (governing restoration of license fees) as follows. Expands the conditions that trigger an increased driver's license restoration fee from when a license is mandatorily revoked under GS 20-17(a)(2) (mandatory revocation for misdemeanor impaired driving or impaired driving of a commercial vehicle under GS 20-138.1 or GS 20-138.2) to also include when a license is revoked under the following statutory offenses: (1) GS 20-17(a)(12) [second or subsequent convictions of driving with an open container barred under misdemeanor open container laws (GS 20-138.7)]; (2) GS 20-17(a)(13) (second or subsequent conviction of driving a commercial motor vehicle after consuming alcohol under GS 20-138.2A (misdemeanor offense for consuming alcohol and driving a commercial vehicle) if the underlying offense was committed within seven years of the date of the prior offense and that offense resulted in conviction); or (3) GS 20-17(a)(14) (a conviction of driving a school bus, school activity bus, or child care vehicle after consuming alcohol under GS 20-138.2B).

Increases the enhanced restoration fee from \$140.25 to \$250 and changes the distribution of the fee as follows: (1) \$120 to the Highway Fund (currently, \$105); (2) \$65 for a statewide chemical alcohol testing program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services (currently, \$25); and (3) \$65 to the county for reimbursing the county for jail expenses incurred due to enforcement of impaired driving laws.

Amends the immediate civil license administrative revocation process for persons charged with implied-consent offenses under GS 20-16.5 as follows. Now requires a *judicial officer* (defined) to determine if there is probable cause for the implied-consent offense charge that the person is charged with or has request a pre-charge chemical analysis for the offense and the other requirements of GS 20-16.5(b) or (b1) have been met. This replaces the requirement that a person must willfully refuse to submit to chemical analysis in order for their license to be immediately revoked upon being charged with an implied-consent offense. (Currently revocation for when a person is charged with an implied-consent offense includes the requirement that the person willfully refused to submit to the chemical analysis and has certain alcohol concentration levels at specified times after driving. Revocation for pre-charge request requires alcohol concentration levels at specified times after driving.) Now has hearings go before the Clerk of Court when a driver contests the validity of the revocation of their license (was, clerk or designated magistrate, or district court judge upon request).

Removes references to levels of blood alcohol content (BAC) testing results that are part of the criteria that trigger automatic revocation of driving privileges under GS 20-16.5(b). Instead, the person's driving privilege will be revoked immediately if a judicial official (defined) determines there is probable cause for the offense.

Requires the clerk of court (was, magistrate) to hold a hearing challenging the validity of a license revocation in GS 20-16.5(g). Removes provisions allowing the driver to request that such hearings be held before a district court judge. Specifies, that if the clerk's office issued the revocation, then a member of the clerk's office other than the clerk may hold the hearing. Allows for video evidence and appearances. Instructs the clerk to consider any relevant information in any files or records concerning the person from AOC or the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Clarifies that the failure of the charging officer or chemical analyst to testify in person or by video is not grounds to rescind the revocation. Modifies the time for a hearing to be completed

from the date of the written request from three working days (magistrate) or 5 working days (judge) to 10 days. Repeals GS 20-16.5(n) (exceptions for revoked licenses by judicial officers). Makes technical and conforming changes throughout.

Makes conforming changes to reflect the new probable cause requirement in the required advisory and notice under GS 20-16.2. Removes references to alcohol concentration levels in GS 20-17(a)(2)b (mandatory revocation of driver's license by the DMV). Makes conforming changes to GS 20-16.5(j) to account for new costs and clerk's new role in rescinding revocations. Changes reference to agency receiving costs for the statewide chemical alcohol testing from DHHS's Injury Control Section to its Forensic Tests for Alcohol Branch of the Chronic Disease and Injury Section.

Removes references to alcohol concentration levels in GS 20-17(a)(2)b (mandatory revocation of driver's license by the DMV).

Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2026.

Section 4.

Authorizes drug screening tests, in addition to alcohol screening tests already authorized under GS 20-16.3 when the driver has been involved in either a moving traffic violation or an accident or collision and the officer has reasonable grounds to believe the person is impaired by alcohol, a substance other than alcohol, or both. Directs DHHS to examine and approve oral fluid drug screening devices suitable for use by law-enforcement officers to test drivers for the presence of impairing substances other than alcohol in oral fluids. For each device or class of devices approved, requires DHHS to adopt regulations governing the manner of use of the device and the level of training required for officers who are authorized to use the device, including the shortest feasible minimum waiting period that does not produce an unacceptably high number of false positive test results. Allows negative or low (was, just negative) results on the alcohol screening test to be used in appropriate cases in determining whether the driver's impairment is caused by an impairing substance other than alcohol. Makes conforming changes.

Changes references from testing methods approved by the Commission for Public Health to DHHS in GS 15A-534.2(d)(2) (alcohol testing for detained impaired drivers) and GS 20-138.7.

Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2026.

Section 5.

Expands the types of vehicles included in GS 20-138.2B (operating listed vehicles after consuming alcohol) to include *TNS service vehicles* (a motor vehicle operated for the purpose of operating a TNS service), effective for offenses committed on or after December 1, 2026.

Expands the reasons the DMV has to immediately revoke a driver's license under GS 20-17 to include when it receives a record of a driver's second or subsequent conviction for driving a TNC service (a prearranged transportation service such as Uber or Lyft) vehicle after consuming alcohol. Mandates, in GS 20-280.6 that a transportation network require that its TNC drivers agree in writing that they will not act as a driver while consuming alcohol or at any time while the driver has remaining in the driver's body any alcohol or controlled substance previously consumed. Prohibits a transportation network from using a TNC driver that has been convicted within the past seven years of a second or subsequent conviction of driving a TNC service vehicle after consuming alcohol.

Requires transportation networks to notify their drivers of these requirements. Prohibits a TNC from allowing a person to serve as a TNC driver if they do not comply with the written agreement set forth above by no later than 12 months from the section's effective date.

Effective December 1, 2026.

Section 6.

Amends GS 7A-191.1 as follows. Modifies the recording requirements for district court proceedings so that instead of required recording of all proceedings where a defendant pleads guilty or no contest to a Class H or I felony, a record is made for the following proceedings instead: (1) any hearing on an infraction conducted pursuant to Article 66 of GS Chapter 15A (procedure for hearing and disposition of infractions) and (2) any criminal trial proceeding, including pretrial motions, pleas, plea bargains, an explanation required under GS 20-138.4, taking of evidence, sentencing hearings, posttrial motions, and requests for limited driving privileges. Requires video and audio recordings, using devices approved by AOC. Designates clerk of superior court or their designee as the officer to operate the recording device, to preserve the recordings, and to share the

recording online in a way that allows the person to view and download the recording in compliance with public records law. Allows for deletion of the proceeding recording in compliance with AOC's records retention schedule.

Requires the clerk of court to also include the disposition of the charge in its compilation of electronic records related to impaired driving under GS 7A-109.2 (concerning the impaired driving integrated data system). For defendants sentenced pursuant to GS 20-179, directs the clerk to also include in the electronic records (1) each grossly aggravating factor, aggravating factor, and mitigating factor found by the court and (2) the level of punishment imposed by the court. Requires AOC to publish an annual report by September 1 each year on its website that includes the information required by GS 7A-109.2 for the fiscal year immediately preceding the date of the report along with statewide and countywide summaries of the number of charges, dispositions, sentencing factors, and sentencing level. For each county, requires the report to include each type of charge filed and all of the information required by GS 7A-109.2 for each charge.

Effective December 1, 2026, and applies to any hearing, trial, or disposition of charges occurring on or after that date.

Directs that the first report required under GS 7A-109.2(d), as enacted by the act, will include information from December 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and will be published no later than September 1, 2027. Makes conforming changes to the effective date of Section 6 of SL 2006-253 (concerning recording requirements under GS 20-138.4) so that it is also effective December 1, 2026.

Section 7.

Amends GS 20-19 (suspension or revocation of driver's license and conditions of restoration) by enacting new subsection (d1) as follows. Permits the DMV, when a person has been convicted of an impaired driving offense and was sentenced under GS 20-179, to conditionally restore a person's license after the license has been revoked for at least one year if the person provides the DMV all of the following: (1) a certificate of graduation from a Drug Treatment or Driving While Impaired (DWI) Treatment Court Program established pursuant to Article 62 of GS Chapter 7A; (2) completion of a driver improvement clinic, and (3) a fee of \$25 in addition to other fees, with the \$25 to be deposited in the Highway Fund.

If a license is restored, specifies that the DMV will impose the following requirements and restrictions on the person's license for the duration of the original revocation period: (1) a requirement that all registered vehicles owned by that person be equipped with a functioning ignition interlock system in line with the requirements of state law set forth in GS 20-17.8(c1), (2) a restriction that the person may operate only a motor vehicle equipped with a functioning ignition interlock system of a type approved by the Commissioner that is set to prohibit driving with an alcohol concentration of greater than 0.02, and (3) a requirement that the person personally activate the ignition interlock system before driving the motor vehicle. Allows the DMV to impose a requirement that the person prove abstinence from the consumption of alcohol by use of a continuous alcohol monitoring system approved under GS 15A-1343.3 in lieu of an ignition interlock system. Provides for reports by the monitoring program to the DMV if that option is used. Permits the DMV to impose other reasonable requirements, restrictions, and conditions on the person in addition to the three specified above.

Effective December 1, 2026.

Section 8.

Amends GS 18B-302 (sale to or purchase of alcohol by underage persons) to make it a Class F felony if a person of age who aided and abetted a person under lawful drinking age if the underage person consumed the alcoholic beverage involved in the violation and *serious bodily injury* (defined) to the person under lawful age or another that was proximately caused by the consumption of the alcoholic beverage. Makes conforming changes. Makes conforming changes to GS 18B-302.1. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2026.

Section 9.

Contains a severability clause. Directs that prosecutions for offenses committed before the effective date of the act are not abated or affected by the act, and the statutes that would be applicable but for the act remain applicable to those prosecutions.

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**Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Court System,
Administrative Office of the Courts, Criminal Justice,
Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, State Agencies,
Department of Health and Human Services, Department of
Transportation**

H 1092 (2025-2026) [REFORM NC PROPERTY TAX](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO ALLOW PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS BASED UPON AREA MEDIAN INCOME; TO MODIFY THE PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD CIRCUIT BREAKER; TO UPDATE AND MODIFY THE NONPROFIT LOW- OR MODERATE-INCOME HOUSING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION; AND TO PROVIDE GRANT FUNDING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SUPPORT MORE FREQUENT PROPERTY REAPPRAISALS.*

Section 1

Subject to voter approval at the statewide general election on November 3, 2026, amends Section 2 of Article V of the NC Constitution to allow the NCGA to use area median income as criterion for affording property tax relief on a statewide basis by a general law uniformly applicable across local governments. Includes ballot language and provides for enrollment by the Secretary of State if the majority of voters approve the amendment. Deems the amendment effective upon certification.

Section 2

Amends GS 105-277.1B to change the income eligibility limit for the property tax homestead circuit breaker, previously tied to the limit established for the elderly or disabled property tax homestead exclusion under GS 105-277.1. Establishes the limit at 100% of the area median income of the county of the permanent residence for non-married qualifying owners, and 115% of the area median income of the county of the permanent residence for married qualifying owners. Makes conforming changes. Replaces the tax limitation based on the previous income eligibility limit to instead allow a qualifying owner to defer a proportional amount of the imposed tax in an amount equal to the proportional amount of the homestead's appraised value that does not exceed the county median appraised value of the owner-occupied residential property. Adds a new provision deeming liens established from deferred taxes satisfied upon the qualifying owner's death or a devise of the property to a member of the owner's family, as defined. Further adds that transfer of the residence from the owner to a member of the owner's family who satisfies the income eligibility requirement is not a disqualifying event. Repeals language making the owner's death a disqualifying event unless the owner's share passes to a co-owner or to a spouse who occupies the property as their permanent residence. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2027, subject to the approval of the constitutional amendment proposed in Section 1.

Section 3

Enacts new GS 105-278.7A exempting real and personal property from property tax if it is owned by an eligible owner and used for a charitable purpose in the operation of affordable rental housing, if the statute's requirements are met. Eligible owners are an eligible joint venture or an eligible nonprofit corporation. Charitable purpose is defined as one that has human and philanthropic objectives; it is an activity that benefits humanity or a significant rather than limited segment of the community without expectation of pecuniary profit or reward. Defines affordable rental housing as a rental development consisting of land and improvements in which more than 50% of the units are qualifying units (where rent charged or the published rent is at or below the rent limit, and it is occupied by, or set aside for, a tenant whose income is at or below the income limit). Defines the income limit as rent, plus a utility allowance calculated in accordance with the requirements of the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, that does not exceed 30% of the income limit.

Set out requirements for government supported affordable rental housing and for non-government supported affordable rental housing. Exempts real and personal property providing government-supported affordable rental housing from property taxation in any year in which all of these conditions are met: (1) the property is owned and operated by an eligible nonprofit corporation or an eligible joint venture; (2) either a. the eligible owner is an eligible joint venture receiving low-income housing credits under section 42 of the Code and is in compliance with any applicable regulatory requirements, or b. the eligible owner finances the acquisition, rehabilitation, development, or operation of the property, or any combination thereof, with tax-exempt mortgage revenue bonds, qualified 501(c)(3) bonds, federal direct loans or grants, State loans or grants, or loans or grants provided by a local jurisdiction where the property is located. Specifies that the government support must require the execution

of a deed restriction or enforceable, verifiable agreement with a public agency requiring that the property be operated as affordable rental housing in for at least 15 years from the date the financing or financial assistance was initially provided; excludes from government support payments made to the owner under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program or other local, State, or federal voucher program. Exempts real and personal property providing non-government supported affordable rental housing from property tax in any year in which the following conditions are met: (1) the property is and has been 100% owned and operated by an eligible nonprofit corporation for at least five years; (2) the eligible nonprofit does not receive any funding or financial assistance, other than grants, from a for-profit affiliate; (3) the eligible nonprofit does not lease the affordable rental housing land or improvements to another entity (excluding leasing affordable rental housing units to tenants); and (4) the eligible nonprofit has executed a deed restriction in favor of the county and any municipality in which the property is located requiring that the property be operated as affordable rental housing for a period of at least 15 years from the date of application. Specifies that the restriction must require that the owner provides the necessary reporting annually to all grantees for the term of the deed restriction, and that the deed restriction must state that any grantee, or its assigns, has the right to enforce the terms of the restriction.

Sets the amount of the exemption as the percentage of the appraised value that is equal to the percentage of qualifying units. Sets the exemption amount at 100% of the appraised value for owners that meet the requirements of the safe harbor in Section 3 of Internal Revenue Service Rev. Proc. 96-32. Allows a transition period of one taxable year for improved and occupied rental housing property that is purchased by an eligible owner for which the eligible owner cannot provide the total household income for each qualifying unit at the time of application but that otherwise meets the statute's requirements; during this period defines a "qualifying unit" as an affordable rental housing unit for which the rent charged is at or below the rent limit for purposes of determining the exemption amount.

Sets out the process for applying for the exemption. Requires owners granted an exemption to annually certify that it remains in compliance and to provide the required items.

Allows real property held by an eligible owner as a future site for affordable rental housing to be classified under this statute for no more than five years. Requires that the taxes be carried forward in the taxing unit's records as deferred taxes and make the deferred taxes due when the property loses its eligibility for deferral because of a disqualifying event. Makes conforming changes to GS 105-277.1F.

Amends GS 105-278.6 (exempting real and personal property owned by listed entities from taxation) (a)(8) by removing rental housing provided by a nonprofit organization providing housing to low or moderate income individuals and families from that statute's tax exemption. Further amends the statute by shortening the time that property held by the organizations listed in the statute as a future site for housing can be classified and exempt from taxation under the statute to no more than five (was, 10) years. Makes additional clarifying and technical changes.

Effective for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2026, and, with respect to property held as a future site, applies to real property classified on or after that date. Requires an owner of low or moderate income rental housing property that is exempt under GS 105-278.6(a)(8) as of act's effective date to reapply for the exemption by December 31, 2026, giving the assessor of the taxing unit any necessary documentation for compliance; failure to meet this requirement within the time limit subjects the property to discovery under GS 105-312.

Section 4

Appropriates \$20 million from the General Fund to the NC Association of County Commissioners for 2026-27 to provide grants to local governments, as defined, to shorten reappraisal cycles. Limits use of grants to technical assistance and one-time capital investments in described technological infrastructure. Requires prioritization of grants to local governments operating on a reappraisal cycle of more than four years. Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Ager, Longest, Buansi, Johnson-Hostler.

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Constitution, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Tax, Local Government

H 1093 (2025-2026) [MUSEUM OF LIFE/SCIENCES APPROPRIATION](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE MIKE WOODARD LAB AND LIVING TOOLS EXHIBIT*.

Includes whereas clauses.

Appropriates \$3.1 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to be allocated to the museum of Life and Science to be used as the title indicates.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by White.

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

H 1094 (2025-2026) [FERRY DIVISION PERFORMANCE AUDIT](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE FERRY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE*.

Identical to [S 902](#), filed 4/29/26.

Requires the Office of the State Auditor (Auditor) to conduct a performance audit of the Ferry Division (Division) of the Department of Transportation (DOT) to cover five matters, including: (1) a financial audit of the Division's operations and maintenance spending and budget practices, (2) an evaluation of the Division's operations, capital project, and maintenance activities, and suggestions for long-term strategies to maximize revenue and reduce costs, (3) evaluations of described route systems and options for revenue diversification; and (4) any other items the auditor deems relevant. Directs the Auditor to provide a report on the audit to the specified NCGA committee and division by October 1, 2026.

Intro. by Iler, Shepard.

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[Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation, Office of State Auditor, Transportation](#)

H 1095 (2025-2026) [TIER SYSTEM REEVALUATION](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO REEVALUATE THE DEVELOPMENT TIER SYSTEM*.

Instructs State departments, authorities, and other State and local entities, including, the eleven listed, that are using the development tier designations determined pursuant to GS 143B-437.08 to discontinue the use of those designations by July 1, 2028. Tasks each entity with independently developing proposed replacement criteria designed to achieve the objectives of all tier system programs for which that entity is responsible, to be used in place of development tier designations. Requires the proposed criteria to be objective and based on verifiable data. Prohibits the proposed criteria from altering the substantive purpose of any program or expand or contract eligibility except as necessary to replace the use of the development tier designations. Requires each entity to report its developed criteria to the specified NCGA committees and division by February 1, 2027. Specifies that no proposed criteria can become effective until enacted by an act of the NCGA. Authorizes an entity required to discontinue use of the development tier designations to use the last published development tier designations until the earlier of developed replacement criteria or July 1, 2028. Expresses the NCGA's intent to enact criteria to better tailor program objectives to programmatic outcomes when compared to the current use of the development tier designations.

Appropriates \$1.1 million from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) for 2026-27 to be allocated to the impacted State entities to discontinue the tiers and to develop substitute criteria. Effective July 1, 2026.

Prohibits the Secretary of Commerce from changing the current designation for a development tier one area or lower a development tier two area to a development tier three area for the 2026, 2027, or 2028 calendar years as a result of the annual ranking. Clarifies that nothing in the section prohibits a county from moving to a higher development tier area in any calendar year as a result of the annual ranking.

Intro. by Reives, Penny, Loftis, G. Brown.

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Commerce, Office of State Budget and Management

H 1096 (2025-2026) **FIRST IN FLIGHT ACT**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO CREATE THE AVIATION CAPITAL PROJECT ACCOUNT AND THE ONE NORTH CAROLINA CAPITAL PROJECT PROGRAM, TO CREATE THE AEROSPACE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AND AEROSPACE DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS, TO PROVIDE VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES WITH FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY AND AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THOSE PURPOSES.*

Includes whereas clauses.

Appropriates \$5 million from the General Fund to the Department of Commerce (Department) for 2026-27 to be allocated to the One North Carolina Aviation Capital Project Account, created by the act.

Enacts GS 143B-437.71(d), creating the One North Carolina Aviation Capital Project Account (Account) in the One North Carolina Fund (Fund). Enacts Part 2K, Article 10, GS Chapter 143B to establish the One North Carolina Aviation Capital Project Program (program). Places administrative responsibility with the Department in consultation with the Department of Transportation (DOT), Division of Aviation. Authorizes the Department to provide grants to airports to offset costs incurred for airport projects, as defined by statutory cross-reference, from the Account. Permits airports to receive program grants and allows for airport authorities to receive disbursement for the limited purpose of airport projects. Requires airports to enter into agreements with (1) the State, in the same manner as local government grant agreements under the Fund; and (2) an eligible aerospace business, defined as a business that designs, manufactures, repairs or operates aircraft, in the same manner as company performance agreements under the Fund. Requires company performance compliance prior to disbursement. Directs the Department to develop guidelines related to program administration as specified, including basing grants on projected economic impact. Details procedural requirements for Department guidelines and amendments.

Appropriates \$25 million from the General Fund to the Community Colleges System Office (Office) for 2026-27 to be allocated to community colleges to create or expand training for careers in the aerospace workforce, with up to 5% permitted to be used by the Office for described administrative costs.

Establishes the Aerospace Apprenticeship Program (AAP) to provide grants to aerospace employers to incentivize partnerships with local community colleges for apprenticeship opportunities. Requires the Office to make an application available by August 1, 2026, to be completed by prospective employer participants for submission by September 1, 2026. Details prioritization of applicants and minimum qualifications for applications for participation, including that employers provide at least 50% match to the grant award to support the apprenticeship. Appropriates \$15 million from the General Fund to the Office for 2026-27 to provide AAP grants, with up to 5% permitted to be used by the Office for described administrative costs.

Appropriates \$10 million from the General Fund to the Office for 2026-27. Directs the Office to use up to \$5 million to develop a dual enrollment pilot program for high school students to begin aerospace certification coursework and up to \$5 million to provide grants to community colleges that partner with high schools to offer career and technical education pathways aligned with aerospace training to cover the cost of establishing the programs. Allows up to 5% of the allocation for each purpose to be used by the Office for described administrative costs.

Appropriates \$100 million from the Economic Development Project Reserve to DOT for 2026-27, Aviation Division to support airport infrastructure modernization to incentivize aerospace manufacturing projects, with up to 5% permitted to be used for described administrative costs.

Directs the Department to develop a program to certify sites in the State as aerospace innovation zones, as defined, with infrastructure and embedded university partnerships as certification criteria.

Appropriates \$30 million from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors (BOG) for 2026-27 to provide grants to postsecondary UNC constituent institutions to research aerospace flight, with up to 5% permitted to be used for described administrative costs . Requires prioritizing institutions that conduct research with industry partners or secure matching research funds from non-State sources.

Appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund for 2026-27 to a nonprofit corporation contracted by the Department to establish a program for helping North Carolina-based aerospace companies with export assistance and FAA certification.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Reives, Ross, Loftis, Cervania.

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, Department of Commerce, Transportation

H 1097 (2025-2026) **GOVERNMENT WEBSITE ACCESS ACT**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SOLUTIONS FOR IMPROVING ACCESS TO STATE GOVERNMENT WEBSITES AND TO PROMOTE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TARGETED TO ADULTS, VETERANS, AND PERSONS PREVIOUSLY INCARCERATED SEEKING REENTRY INTO EMPLOYMENT MARKETS.*

Appropriates \$10 million from the Information Technology Reserve to the Department of Information Technology (DIT) for 2026-27 to be used to develop an artificial intelligence (AI) assistant to improve navigation and accessibility of State agency websites. Directs DIT to prioritize State and local workforce development resources and to consider a memorable and relatable name for the AI assistant.

Appropriates \$10 million from the General Fund to the Department of Commerce (DOC) for 2026-27 to provide grants for local workforce development boards to design and implement programs for veterans to attain new job skills. Directs DOC to develop guidelines for grant requirements. Appropriates another \$10 million to do the same for previously incarcerated persons.

Appropriates \$1.5 million from the Information Technology Reserve to the DIT for 2026-27 to promote career planning tools for working adults.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Reives, Willis, Campbell, Roberson.

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Employment and Retirement, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Commerce, Department of Information Technology

H 1098 (2025-2026) **RURAL COMMUTER MICROTRANSIT PILOT GRANT**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO CREATE A RURAL COMMUTER MICROTRANSIT PILOT GRANT PROGRAM.*

Directs Department of Transportation’s Division of Integrated Mobility (DIM) to create titular grant program. Defines “rural county” (250 or fewer people per square mile), “rural microtransit” (public car or shuttle service in a rural county), and “service operation” (loading/unloading passengers in a rural county). Makes counties, regional councils, and municipalities/regional transit authorities with agreements with rural counties or regional councils eligible for grants.

Provides that grants can be used for (1) rural microtransit systems for commuters during peak hours and must include minimum 20% employer contribution; or (2) general use microtransit during off-peak hours, including on-demand shuttle use for the elderly, families with children, and disabled individuals, prioritizing medical appointments and grocery shopping. Requires grants to include a minimum 50% local match and directs DIM to establish rules for allocating grant funds.

Appropriates \$30 million in nonrecurring funds for 2026-27 from the Highway Fund to DIM for the purposes of this act.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Reives, G. Brown.

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies,
Department of Transportation, Transportation**

H 1099 (2025-2026) **FUNDING VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO BE USED FOR GRANTS PROVIDING VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION TRAINING FOR INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN A LOCAL JUDICIALLY MANAGED ACCOUNTABILITY AND RECOVERY COURT.*

Appropriates \$7.5 million in nonrecurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services to provide grant funds to counties for local judicially managed accountability and recovery courts to use for vocational rehabilitation training for assigned individuals.

Lists approved training providers and permits other providers with approval from DHHS and Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). Permits grant funds to be used for transportation and other reasonable supports related to the individualized assessment-based plan.

Provides that grant funds are to be distributed through a competitive program administered by the Division in consultation with AOC. Sets a cap of \$150,000 in grant funds per county per fiscal year, subject to DHHS waiver for good cause shown.

Requires DHHS to report each grant amount and receiving county to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services within 60 days, and to report program statistics to that committee and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety by March 1, 2027. Specifies that funds do not revert until June 30, 2028.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Reives, Belk.

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**Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Administrative Office of the
Courts, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies,
Department of Health and Human Services**

H 1100 (2025-2026) **CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT ACT**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONSTRUCTION WORKFORCE PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, TO CREATE THE CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS PRODUCER INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, TO REQUIRE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL AND THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL TO UPDATE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE TO ALLOW PORTLAND-LIMESTONE CEMENT AND NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED CEMENT SUBSTITUTES, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF E-PERMITTING SYSTEMS.*

Contains whereas clauses.

Part I.

Establishes the Community College Workforce Program (Program) to provide funds to community colleges in the State to establish credentialing programs for high-demand construction trades (defined). Directs the Community Colleges System Office (Office) to provide funds to community colleges seeking to establish credentialing programs for high-demand construction trades. Provides for written requests and notice of funds. Instructs each community college receiving funds to submit an annual report by June 30 each year on how funds are distributed, as specified. Requires the Office to submit a report to the specified NCGA committee on the results of the Program by October 1, 2027, and each year thereafter that funds are allocated for the Program. Appropriates \$200 million from the General Fund to the Office for 2026-27 to be used for the Program, with up to 10% authorized to be used to administer and promote the Program. Specifies that Funds appropriated do not revert but remain available until expended.

Part II.

Appropriates \$100 million from the General Fund to the Department of Commerce (DOC) for 2026-27 to be used for the Construction Materials Producer Incentive Grant Program (Grant Program), which provides grants to producers of construction materials to incentivize investment in production capacity for construction materials. Caps grant awards to \$5 million per producer of construction materials. Limits awards to construction materials producers that agree to invest a minimum of \$10 million in the State and create an average of 250 FTE jobs during the grant period (defined). Tasks DOC with administering the Grant Program and adopting rules to implement the Grant Program. Beginning September 15, 2026, and continuing annually until all funds have been awarded, requires DOC to submit a report to the specified NCGA committee and division. Effective July 1, 2026.

Part III.

Directs the Building Code Council and the Residential Code Council to each amend the parts of the State Building Code and Residential Code that apply to commercial and multifamily, and residential construction to explicitly allow the use of portland-limestone cement and nationally recognized cement substitutes (as defined) in construction regulated by those parts of each code.

Part IV.

Appropriates \$20 million from the General Fund to the Department of Information Technology for 2026-27 to be provided in the form of grants to local governments in this State for the purpose of establishing e-permitting systems. Effective July 1, 2026.

Part V.

Effective when it becomes law, except as otherwise provided.

Intro. by Reives.

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction, Employment and Retirement, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, Department of Commerce, Department of Information Technology

H 1101 (2025-2026) **HATTERAS-OCRACOKE HOVERCRAFT PILOT PROGRAM**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM WITHIN THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FERRY DIVISION, TO OPERATE A HOVERCRAFT FERRY ON THE HATTERAS-OCRACOKE ROUTE AND TO STUDY THE LONG-TERM FEASIBILITY OF REDUCING DREDGING COSTS AND REPLACING THE OBSOLESING DIESEL FERRY FLEET.*

Directs Ferry Division of the Department of Transportation (FD) to establish and operate hovercraft pilot program to assess feasibility of replacing ferries between Hatteras-Ocracoke with hovercraft or air cushion vehicle (ACV) ferries. Specifies the program's purpose to reduce travel times and dredging expenses, potentially retire or repurpose existing fleet, and test new fare model.

Directs FD to issue Request for Proposal to lease or buy suitable hovercrafts or ACVs. Provides that the program will operate for at least two years after launch. Directs FD to implement tiered fare structure that is free to island residents. Permits use of existing ferry fleet during the program for commercial vehicles only.

Directs FD to conduct a feasibility study and to submit an interim report by March 1, 2027 to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and Fiscal Research Division with a final report by December 1, 2027.

Appropriates \$25 million in nonrecurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to FD to implement act requirements.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Reives.

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Department of Transportation, Transportation](#)

H 1102 (2025-2026) [FUEL GAS SAFETY ACT](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FUEL GAS DETECTORS IN ROOMS OR AREAS CONTAINING AN APPLIANCE FUELED BY PROPANE, NATURAL GAS, OR ANY LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION BUILDINGS.*

Adds *fuel gas detector* (a device that (1) has an assembly that incorporates a sensor and an alarm that detects elevations in propane, natural gas, or a liquified petroleum gas, (2) sounds a warning alarm, (3) is battery-operated, plugged into an electrical outlet, or hardwired, and (4) is approved by a nationally recognized independent testing laboratory) to the definitions provisions of GS 42-40 (pertaining to residential rental agreements). Makes organizational and technical changes.

Expands the landlord's duties to provide fit premises under GS 42-42 so that the landlord must install a minimum of one operable fuel gas detector in every room of the premises containing an appliance fueled by propane, natural gas, or a liquified petroleum gas, as specified. Adds fuel gas detectors to the tenant's duty of things not to destroy and to notify the landlord of any need for replacement in GS 42-43. Provide for a civil penalty of not more than \$500 if the landlord fails to provide, install, replace, or repair a fuel gas in GS 42-44. Authorizes the State Fire Marshal to impose the civil penalty or to waive the penalty if it was corrected within 10 days after the issuance of a complaint of violation. Directs for penalty proceeds to be remitted to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund. Allows a tenant's security deposit to be applied for damage to a fuel gas detector in GS 42-51.

Requires the State Building Code (Code) to include provisions requiring a building owner to install and maintain at least one fuel gas detector, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and as otherwise required by the Code, in each room or area containing an appliance fueled by propane, natural gas, or liquified petroleum gas in the four specified structures in GS 143-138(b25). Authorizes a local government to enforce GS 143-138(b25), inspect buildings and structures subject to GS 143-138(b25), and assess a civil penalty of not more \$500 per violation. Provides for waiver of the civil penalty, as described. Makes conforming changes.

Tasks the UNC Board of Governors (GS 116-11) and the State Board of Community Colleges (GS 115D-6.3) with adopting a fuel gas safety policy to be uniformly adopted across each system, addressing the three issues described by July 1, 2027. Requires each UNC constituent institution and community college subject to the policy to implement the policy by no later than July 1, 2030.

Clarifies that notwithstanding GS 143-138(b25) as enacted by the act, a public higher education facility is not required to comply with the public higher education provisions of that subsection until the date by which the applicable institution must implement the policy adopted pursuant to GS 116-11(3d) or GS 115D-6.3. After that date, compliance with the applicable policy satisfies GS 143-138(b25) to the extent provided in that subsection.

Appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Office of the State Fire Marshal for 2026-27 to implement the act.

Intro. by Reives.

[APPROP, GS 42, GS 115D, GS 116, GS 143](#)

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**Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing,
Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies,
Community Colleges System Office, UNC System**

H 1104 (2025-2026) **IVC AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND SYSTEMIC IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT PROCESS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY.*

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Department of Information Technology (DIT), and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to study statutes, judicial and clinical practices, and technological resources to find areas for improvement in the state's involuntary commitment (IVC) process. Requires that the study identify existing gaps in the current process and provide recommendations to address or eliminate the gaps and ensure that individuals subject to IVC get timely, data-driven, and accessible support. Requires a report by February 1, 2027, to the specified committee, which must include: (1) a comprehensive evaluation of the legal and operational frameworks governing IVC in the state to provide formal recommendations for systematic improvements, with the evaluation focusing on ensuring that judicial officers get timely clinical data, and on establishing a foundation for more effective legal and clinical outcomes including the four listed, including collaborating with the UNC School of Government; and (2) any additional information deemed relevant to ensure high-quality data collection and data-driven decision making across the IVC system.

Intro. by Reeder, Blackwell, Miller, Cotham.

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**Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Administrative Office of the
Courts, Government, State Agencies, UNC System,
Department of Health and Human Services, Department of
Information Technology, Health and Human Services, Mental
Health**

H 1106 (2025-2026) **NC PRE-K FUNDING/IREDELL COUNTY**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE NC PREKINDERGARTEN (NC PRE-K) FUNDS FOR IREDELL COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR YOUNG CHILDREN, INC.*

Appropriates \$260,538 in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Iredell Partnership for Young Children Inc. as title indicates.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by McNeely, Carver, Setzer.

APPROP, Iredell

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Education, Preschool, Government, Budget/Appropriations

H 1107 (2025-2026) **FUNDS FOR FAMILIES PROVIDING FOSTER CARE**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO FOSTER CARE FAMILIES.*

Appropriates \$2 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, beginning in 2026-27 as title indicates. Directs funds to be distributed to county departments of social services based on need.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Prather, von Haefen.

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

H 1108 (2025-2026) [CONST. AMEND./PERMITLESS CARRY](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO EQUALIZE OPEN CARRY AND CONCEALED CARRY OF DEFENSIVE WEAPONS BY REMOVING THE PROHIBITION OF CONCEALED CARRY AND TO UPHOLD THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS FOR SELF-DEFENSE.*

Identical to [S 815](#), filed 4/21/26.

Subject to approval by a majority of voters at the general election on November 3, 2026, amends Section 30 of Article I of the North Carolina Constitution which previously stated that nothing in the Section justifies the practice of carrying concealed weapons and that the General Assembly was not prevented from enactment penal statutes against that practice, to instead provide as follows. Now allows a US citizen to carry a weapon, openly or concealed, for self-defense, with or without a permit, except on property posted against it, if they (1) have not been indicted or convicted of a violent crime or felony possession or distribution of a controlled substance, and (2) have not been adjudicated mentally incompetent. Requires maintaining a system of concealed carry permits for the purposes of reciprocity with other states and ease of purchase, but prohibits requiring a person from obtaining a concealed carry permit. If approved, the amendment is effective upon certification.

Intro. by Kidwell, Moss, Adams, Pike.

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H 1109 (2025-2026) [NCDOT STI STUDY RECOMMENDATION](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY THE STRATEGIC PRIORITIZATION FUNDING PLAN FOR TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON NORTH CAROLINA'S TRANSPORTATION FUTURE.*

Requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to study project delivery performance of projects prioritized using the Strategic Prioritization Funding Plan of Transportation Investments (STI) laws and factors negatively affecting project delivery of projects prioritized using the STI laws, and requires recommending changes that will improve the delivery of projects prioritized and providing any information or data that DOT deems relevant to the study. Allows DOT to consult with relevant partners in conducting the study. Requires a report on the study by November 1, 2026, to the Chairs of the two specified Transportation Committees and the Fiscal Research Division.

Intro. by Shepard, Iler.

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**Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation,
Transportation**

H 1110 (2025-2026) [EARLY INTERVENTION SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PILOT](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO TEST THE USE OF DATA-DRIVEN ATTENDANCE INTERVENTION SYSTEMS TO REDUCE CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM.*

Includes whereas clauses. Directs the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to establish the Student Attendance Early Intervention Pilot Program (program) in select public schools to reduce chronic absenteeism beginning with the 2026-27 fiscal year and ending with the 2027-28 fiscal year. Allows all public school units to apply and requires DPI to select one unit and the schools within to participate in the program. Lists four criteria for selection, including a 15,000 student limit, diversity of

student demographics, prioritization of schools with above average chronic absenteeism, and consideration of the unit's and school's resources. Directs DPI to select a vendor to work with the schools in the program by September 15, 2026, offering a research-proven attendance intervention solution, as described. Requires program implementation by January 1, 2027, including designation of a local program coordinator and staff training. Describes six requirements for implementation of the attendance system, including attendance monitoring and early warning indicators, automated two-way communication with families, data dashboards for educators and administrators, and safeguards for data privacy.

Appropriates \$75,000 from the General Fund to DPI for 2026-27 to implement the program. Authorizes DPI to contract with a selected vendor to provide services to selected public school units or allocate funds to selected public school units to contract with the selected vendor. Specifies that funds remain available until June 30, 2028. Allows DPI and selected units to supplement State funds for the program with eligible federal or philanthropic funding. Lists four permitted purposes for use of appropriated funds, including technology acquisition and licensing, and training and professional development.

Directs that program implementation should align with the technical architecture of the selected intervention solution. Specifies that reporting is to be conducted at the unit and school level and DPI should aggregate results across participating schools.

Directs DPI to report to the specified NCGA committee by February 1, 2028. Specifies required content.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Rhyne, Paré, Schietzelt, Cotham.

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

H 1111 (2025-2026) **MILITARY SERVICE BUYBACK REDUCTION: TEACHERS.** Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO REDUCE THE COST OF PURCHASING MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT FOR VETERANS EMPLOYED IN PUBLIC EDUCATION.*

Enacts GS 135-4(*ll*) allowing eligible members of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System to purchase up to four years of creditable military service at 25% of the actuarial liability otherwise required if the member has performed active duty in the US Armed Forces and is employed as a full-time public school employee in the State. Requires the remaining cost to be paid from legislative appropriations.

Directs the Department of State Treasurer and the Retirement Systems Division to adopt implementing rules.

Applies to purchases of service credit made on or after July 1, 2027.

Intro. by Campbell, Chesser, Loftis, Ager.

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education,
Employment and Retirement, Government, State
Government, State Personnel, Military and Veteran's Affairs,
Nonprofits**

H 1112 (2025-2026) **NC WORKFORCE STABILITY & ECONOMIC PROTECTION.** Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO PROTECT NORTH CAROLINA'S ECONOMY AND WORKFORCE BY REQUIRING AN ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS, MANDATING EMPLOYER NOTIFICATION TO WORKERS REGARDING FEDERAL AUDITS, AND AUTHORIZING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO MONITOR AND REPORT ON THE IMPACTS OF ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS ON STATE COMMERCE.*

Adds new Article 4, NC Workforce Stability & Economic Protection Act, to GS Chapter 64.

Sets out legislative findings. Directs the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM), in consultation with the Department of Commerce and the Department of Revenue, to conduct an annual study to quantify the economic impact of federal immigration enforcement operations statewide. Sets out specific topics to be included in the study and directs OSBM to report findings to the Joint Legislative Economic Development and Global Engagement Oversight Committee by March 1 of each year.

Requires employers who are notified of a federal immigration agency's audit of employee I-9 forms to notify each current employee within 72 hours. Describes required form and content for the written notice. Prohibits retaliation against employees for exercising rights under this statute or requesting information about an inspection. Imposes penalty of at least \$500 for a first violation of this section and up to \$1,000 per subsequent violation.

Directs Attorney General (AG) to monitor federal immigration enforcement operations for legal and constitutional compliance and to establish a public portal for individuals to report economic disruptions or civil rights grievances resulting from federal operations. Directs AG to issue annual "Workforce and Community Safety Report" summarizing these findings to Governor and NCGA.

Contains severability clause.

Appropriates \$100,000 in nonrecurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to OSBM to assist with the study required by this act.

Intro. by Butler, Harrison, Morey, Cook.

APPROP, STUDY, GS 64

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development, Employment and Retirement, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Office of State Budget and Management

H 1113 (2025-2026) [EXTEND SHELLFISH LEASING MORATORIUM](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM ON SHELLFISH LEASING IN THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY AREA*.

Amends Section 7 of SL 2019-37, as amended, to extend moratorium on shellfish cultivation leases and water column leases through July 1, 2031 (was, July 1, 2026) for specified waters. Effective and applicable to leases submitted on or after June 30, 2026 and leases received but not granted as of July 1, 2019.

Appropriates \$10,000 in nonrecurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Marine Fisheries, for public education about the moratorium extension.

Effective July 1, 2026 except as otherwise provided.

Intro. by Davis.

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Environment, Aquaculture and Fisheries, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Environmental Quality (formerly DENR)

H 1115 (2025-2026) [GSC ADVANCE HEALTH CARE PLANNING DOCUMENTS](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE GENERAL STATUTES REGARDING HEALTH CARE POWERS OF ATTORNEY, ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES, AND ADVANCE INSTRUCTIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT BASED, IN PART, ON PROPOSALS IN THE UNIFORM HEALTH-CARE DECISIONS ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION*.

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Part I.

Contains the General Statutes Commission's finding that adoption of certain proposals, including simplification of execution requirements for healthcare powers of attorney, advance health care directives ("living wills") and advance instructions for mental health treatment, would improve the laws of the State, as described.

Part I-A.

Makes conforming change to refer to act's new title of GS Chapter 90, Article 23 (Advance Directive for a Natural Death ('Living Will')) in GS 32A-15 (general purpose of article pertaining to health care powers of attorney). Makes technical changes.

Enacts GS 32A-15.1 (combining health care planning documents), authorizing a health care power of attorney to be combined with any other advance health care planning document, such as a living will or an advance instruction for mental health treatment. Requires such documents to be clearly titled, as described.

Makes organizational changes to GS 32A-16 (definitions pertaining to Health Care Powers of Attorney). Adds term present condition. Modifies qualified witness. Updates statutory cross references, and makes other technical changes.

Removes limit that a health care power of attorney not give the health care agent general authority of a principal's property or financial affairs in GS 32A-19 (authority of a Health Care Power of Attorney). Makes conforming, technical, and clarifying changes.

Requires that a witness signing a principal's Health Care Power of Attorney not be related to the principal by adoption, in addition to blood or marriage in GS 32A-25.1 (statutory form Health Care Power of Attorney). Expands the types of health care providers barred from signing as witness to include mental health treatment providers. Makes clarifying and technical changes.

Repeals GS 32A-26 (health care power of attorney and declaration of desire for natural death).

Part I-B.

Retitles Article 23 of GS Chapter 90 to Advance Directive for a Natural Death ("Living Will") (currently, titled as "Right to Natural Death; Brain Death"). Removes provisions declaring the provisions of Article 23 cumulative and makes technical changes to GS 90-320 (general purpose of Article 23).

Enacts GS 90-320.1 (combining health care planning documents) authorizing an advance directive to be combined with any other advance health care planning document, such as a health care power of attorney or an advance instruction for mental health treatment. Requires such documents to be clearly titled, as described.

Makes technical changes and adds present condition to the definitions provisions of GS 90-321 (right to a natural death). Requires that the witnesses for the attending physician's declaration certify that they are not related to the declarant by blood, marriage, or adoption (was, not related within the third degree to the declarant or the declarant's spouse). Removes provisions allowing the advance directive form in GS 90-321 to be combined or incorporated into a health care power of attorney so long as it signed in line with the provisions of GS 90-321. Makes technical, clarifying, and organizational changes.

Clarifies that the persons listed who must concur with a physician that life-prolonging measures may be withheld or discontinued under the circumstances described in GS 90-322 (procedures for natural death in absence of declaration) are listed in order of priority. Expands the list to add ta person with an established relationship to the patient who has been living with the patient for at least one year as priority 5a, a majority of the patient's reasonably available grandparents or grandchildren as 6a, an individual not listed who has assisted the patient with supported decision making routinely during the preceding six months as priority 6b, and a majority of the patient's reasonably available stepchildren who are least eighteen years of age, whom the patient has actively parented during their minor years, and with whom the patient has an ongoing relationship as 6c. Authorizes a physician to accept a concurrence of a person with lower priority only if a person having higher priority is not reasonably available. Allows the physician to request and rely upon statements from a person affirming their status. Makes technical and clarifying changes.

Part I-C.

Makes technical changes to GS 122C-71 (purpose pertaining to Part 2 of Article of GS Chapter 122C, concerning advance instruction for mental health treatment).

Enacts GS 122C-71.1 (combining advance planning documents), authorizing an advance instruction for mental health treatment to be combined with any other advance health care planning document, such as a health care power of attorney or an advance directive. Requires such documents to be clearly titled, as described.

Modifies advance instruction for mental health treatment or advance instruction so that the advance instruction can either be signed before two qualified witnesses or acknowledged before a notary (currently must have both). Modifies qualified witness, and incapable in GS 122C-72 (definitions). Makes technical, conforming, and clarifying changes.

Makes clarifying, technical, and conforming changes to GS 122C-73 (scope, use, and authority of advance instruction for mental health treatment).

Clarifies, in GS 122C-77 (statutory form for advance instruction for mental health treatment), that use of the statutory form is an optional and nonexclusive method for creating an advance instruction for mental health treatment and does not affect the use or validity of other forms of advance instruction for mental health treatment, including previous statutory forms. (Currently, specifies that this Part should not be construed to invalidate an advance instruction for mental health treatment that was executed and otherwise valid.) Replaces references to “psychoactive” medications with “psychotropic” medications. Sets forth instructions on how to sign the document and advises the principal to consider providing a copy of the executed document to the listed health care providers and filing a copy with the State registry. Updates the title of the witness section to “Affirmation of Witnesses” (currently “Nature of Witnesses”). Requires that the witnesses certify that they are not related to the declarant by blood, marriage, or adoption (was, not related within the third degree to the declarant or the declarant’s spouse) or a person appointed as an attorney-in-fact by the document. (Removes current “affirmation of witnesses” section). Clarifies that the timeframe to determine when a person is “incapable” is at the time the mental health treatment decision is being made (current timeframe is “currently”). Makes conforming, technical, and organizational changes.

Part I-D.

Makes the following changes to GS 90-21.13 (informed consent to health care treatment or procedure). Incorporates the changes to the priority provisions of GS 90-322 into those persons who are authorized to consent to a person’s medical treatment when the person is incapacitated. Makes technical, clarifying, organizational, conforming, changes.

Repeals GS 130A-466(b) which required any document and any revocation of a document submitted for filing in the registry to be notarized regardless of whether notarization is required for its validity.

Part II.

Amends health care power of attorney in GS 32A-16, as amended under Part I-A of the act so that it can either be signed before two qualified witnesses or acknowledged before a notary public. Makes conforming changes to GS 32A-25.1 as amended by Part I-A. Removes link to the Advance Health Care Directive Registry in the health care power of attorney form. Makes conforming and technical changes to GS 90-321 as amended by Part I-B. Removes link to the Advance Health Care Directive Registry in the living will form.

Part III.

Specifies that if House Bill 349 of the 2025 Regular NCGA Session becomes law, then Part II of the act is repealed.

Applies to documents executed on or after January 1, 2027. Clarifies that the act does not affect the validity of a health care power of attorney, an advance directive, or an advance instruction for mental health treatment executed prior to January 1, 2027.

Intro. by Davis.

GS 32A, GS 90, GS 122C, GS 130A

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Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Mental Health

H 1116 (2025-2026) [FILM GRANT MODIFICATIONS](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO EXPAND THE FILM AND ENTERTAINMENT GRANT FUND*.

Amends GS 143B-437.02A to expand the eligibility requirements of the Film and Entertainment Grant fund. Reserves funds for productions where the production company has over \$1 million in qualifying expenses for a feature-length film (was, \$1.5 million for a theatrical release; \$500,000 for TV movies).

Increases cap on grant funds to 30% of qualifying expenses (was, 25%) and adds that this is for productions where at least three-quarters of filming or expenses incurred occurred in areas at specified development tiers, to \$20 million (was, \$7 million) for feature-length films, and to \$25 million (was, \$15 million) for a season of television.

Modifies definition of “highly compensated individual” to an individual who receives compensation in excess of \$4 million (was, \$1 million). Makes conforming change to definition of “qualifying expenses.”

Applies to grant proceeds provided from the grant fund on or after the date this act becomes law.

Intro. by Davis.

GS 143B

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development

H 1118 (2025-2026) [WORKFORCE HOUSING LOAN RENEWAL ACT](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE RECURRING FUNDS TO THE WORKFORCE HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM*.

Appropriates \$35 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Housing Finance Agency beginning in 2026-27 as title indicates.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Chesser, Schietzelt, Willingham, Buansi.

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, Budget/Appropriations

H 1120 (2025-2026) [FINANCIAL EFFECTIVENESS AND TRANSPARENCY ACT](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT REDIRECTING STATE FUNDS FOR CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS TO EVIDENCE-BASED MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; AND LIMITING THE USE OF STATE FUNDS FOR CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS*.

Reduces funds in the base budget for the Carolina Pregnancy Care Fellowship by \$6.75 million in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27. Appropriates \$6.75 million from the General Fund to the Department of Health Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health (DPH) in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 to support the expansion of evidence-based maternal and infant health programs and services.

Adds GS 143C-6-5.3, prohibiting State agencies from allocating State funds to support or enter into a contract with a crisis pregnancy center (defined) unless the crisis pregnancy center has first provided all of the six specified prongs of information. Provides for reports for every year in which a crisis pregnancy center is a recipient of State fund. Specifies that within 20 business days after receiving a request from a member of the public, a State agency that has allocated State funds to a crisis pregnancy center must provide to the member of the public a copy of any of the specified documents with any individually identifiable health information redacted.

Adds new GS 131E-269.50 directing a crisis pregnancy center (defined) to provide a client with all of the client’s records in its possession free of charge, within 10 business days of receiving a request from the clients.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by von Haefen, Butler, Buansi.

APPROP, GS 131E, GS 143C

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies,
Department of Health and Human Services, Health and
Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers**

H 1121 (2025-2026) **ADDED FEE FOR SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT IMPOSING A FEE ON SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES*.

Adds new Article 2F, Sexually Oriented Businesses, to GS Chapter 105. States legislative findings. Defines terms, including “sexually oriented business” (SO business) as defined in GS 160D-902(f).

Imposes \$10.00 fee for each entry by each customer on every SO business with an alcohol permit. Provides that SO businesses are not required to impose such fees on customers. Requires SO businesses to remit fees to the Department of Revenue (DOR) on a quarterly basis and to keep daily records of the number of SO business customers.

Provides that the fees collected under this statute will be put into the Sexual Assault and Rape Crisis Center Fund to be used by the North Carolina Council for Women (NCCOW) in accordance with applicable laws and guidelines.

Directs NCCOW, in consultation with DOR, to submit an annual report of the amount of fees to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government and the Fiscal Research Division by September 1 of each year.

Effective October 1, 2026.

Intro. by Riddell, Cotham, Johnson-Hostler, Scott.

GS 105

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**Business and Commerce, Government, State Agencies,
Department of Revenue, Tax**

H 1122 (2025-2026) **EXPAND DISABLED VETERAN PROP. TAX EXCLUSION**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO EXPAND THE DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION BY EXCLUDING FROM TAXATION THE ENTIRE APPRAISED VALUE OF THE PRIMARY RESIDENCE AND TO REIMBURSE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR RESULTING REVENUE LOSS*.

Amends GS 105-277.1C, which provides for a property tax homestead exclusion for disabled veterans, set at the first \$45,000 of appraised value of the residence. Revises the exclusion to provide for a total exemption of the appraised value of the residence. Adds the following new provisions. Requires county tax collectors to annually notify the Secretary of Revenue (Secretary) of the county's total hold harmless amount, defined as the sum of the hold harmless amount (the appraised value of property excluded multiplied by the applicable local tax rate) for all property excluded from taxation in the county and the hold harmless amount of all property excluded from taxation in cities located in the county. Directs the Secretary to annually distribute each county's total hold harmless amount on or before December 31. Failure to do so bars reimbursement. Requires counties to distribute funds received attributable to its cities or other unit of government or special district for which it collected taxes. Requires the Secretary to draw on individual income tax collections under Part 2, Article 4 to pay for the reimbursement and administrative costs. Effective for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2027

Appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Revenue for 2026-27 for administrative expenses associates with implementing the hold harmless provision implemented in this act. Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Crawford, Pittman, Ager, Alston.

APPROP, GS 105

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**Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing,
Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies,**

H 1124 (2025-2026) **INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO ADOPT THE INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A VIRTUAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAM.*

Adds new Article 17F, School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact (Compact), to GS Chapter 115, providing as follows. States that the purpose of the Compact is to facilitate the interstate practice of School Psychology in educational or school settings, and in so doing to improve the availability of School Psychological Services to the public and sets out seven items that the Compact does, including: (1) promote the mobility of School Psychologists between and among the Member States in order to address workforce shortages and to ensure that safe and reliable School Psychological Services are available in each Member State, (2) enhance the public accessibility of School Psychological Services by increasing the availability of qualified, licensed School Psychologists through the establishment of an efficient and streamlined pathway for Licensees to practice in other Member States, and (3) promote cooperation between the Member States in regulating the practice of School Psychology within those states. Defines terms as they are used in the Compact.

Requires states to do the following in order to be eligible to join the Compact, and to maintain eligibility as a Member State: (1) enact a Compact statute that is not materially different from the Model Compact as defined in the Commission's Rules; (2) participate in the sharing of information with other Member States as reasonably necessary to accomplish the objectives of this Compact, and as further statutorily defined; (3) identify and maintain with the Commission a list of Equivalent Licenses available to Licensees who hold a Home State License under this Compact; (4) have a mechanism in place for receiving and investigating complaints about Licensees; (5) notify the Commission, in compliance with the terms of the Compact and the Commission's Rules, of any Adverse Action taken against a Licensee, or of the availability of investigative information which relates to a Licensee or applicant for licensure; (6) require that applicants for a Home State License have met specified exam and educational requirements; and (7) comply with the terms of this Compact and the Rules of the Commission. Requires Member States to grant an Equivalent License to practice School Psychology in that state upon application by a Licensee who satisfies the specified criteria and require renewing the license of a Licensee who satisfies the specified. Allows Member States to set and collect a fee for granting an Equivalent License. Requires licensee, in order to obtain and maintain an Equivalent License from a Remote State under this Compact, to: (1) hold and maintain an active Home State License; (2) satisfy any applicable State Specific Requirements established by the Member State after an Equivalent License is granted; (3) complete any administrative or application requirements which the Commission may establish by Rule and pay any associated fees; (4) complete any requirements for renewal in the Home State, including applicable Continuing Professional Education requirements; and (5) undergo criminal background check in the Member State in which the Equivalent License is sought.

Deems Licensees who are an Active Military Member or is their spouse to hold a Home State License in any of the following locations: (1) the Licensee's permanent residence, (2) a Member State that is the Licensee's primary state of practice, and (3) a Member State where the Licensee has relocated pursuant to a Permanent Change of Station (PCS).

Sets out provisions governing investigation and discipline of Licensees.

Creates a a joint government agency made up of all Member States that have enacted the Compact, known as the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact Commission (Commission). Sets out provisions governing Commission membership, voting, and meetings. Lists the Commission's 23 powers, including to establish and amend rules and bylaws, maintain and certify records and information provided to a Member State as the authenticated business records of the Commission and designate an agent to do so on the Commission's behalf, purchase and maintain insurance and bonds, conduct an annual financial review, assess and collect fees, establish a budget and make expenditures, and borrow money. Gives the seven-member Executive Committee the power to act on behalf of the Commission and sets out nine duties; sets out meeting requirements. Requires the Executive Commission to give the Member States an annual report. Sets out conditions under which the Commission or the Executive Committee or other committees of the Commission may convene in a closed, nonpublic meeting, as well as the requirements that must be met during such meetings. Sets out requirements for how the Commission is to be financed, including allowing the Commission to levy on and collect an annual assessment from each Member State and impose fees on Licensees practicing in the Member States under an Equivalent License to cover the cost of the operations and activities of the Commission and its staff. Sets out provisions governing qualified immunity, defense, and indemnification.

Requires the Commission to facilitate the exchange of information to administer and implement the provisions of this Compact. Requires a Member State to agree to provide for the facilitation of the specified Licensee information.

Sets out provisions governing the Commission's rule-making powers.

Sets out provisions governing oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement of the Compact by the Member States, including provisions for curing defaults and for termination of membership.

States that the Compact comes into effect on the date on which the Compact statute is enacted into law in the seventh Member State. Sets out additional provisions governing the enactment of the Compact as well as the effect of withdrawing from the Compact. Sets out provisions for the construction of the Compact's provisions and a severability clause.

Amends GS 115C-12 by making the State Board of Education the State Licensing Authority or Licensing Authority for purposes of Article 17F and fulfilling any requirements, duties, or obligations of the State Licensing Authority or Licensing Authority pursuant to that Article.

Appropriates \$1 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors to be allocated to East Carolina University to host a virtual school psychology training program. Funds will not revert and will remain available until June 30, 2029.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Pickett, Ball, Lambeth, Paré.

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[Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies, UNC System, State Board of Education, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Mental Health](#)

H 1125 (2025-2026) [THE WAKABOOME PROGRAM](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO WAKABOOME FOR S.T.E.A.M. OPPORTUNITIES FOR RURAL AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.*

Appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management for 2026-27 to be allocated as a grant to Wakaboomie, a nonprofit corporation, to expand its statewide reach into Johnston and Wayne Counties, bringing programming to rural and underserved communities, delivering science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics to community members.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by K. Brown.

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development, Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Office of State Budget and Management](#)

H 1128 (2025-2026) [ARBOR WEEK REFORM](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO MOVE ARBOR WEEK FROM MARCH TO NOVEMBER.*

Amends GS 103-6 as title indicates.

Appropriates \$10,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to produce educational and training materials for Arbor Day celebrations during Arbor Week.

Intro. by Cook, Harrison, Rubin, Ager.

APPROP, GS 103

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, Cultural Resources and Museums, State Agencies, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

H 1131 (2025-2026) [MORE APS STAFF TO ADDRESS ELDER ABUSE](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES, TO FUND ADDITIONAL ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKERS AT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO INVESTIGATE AN INCREASING VOLUME OF ELDER ABUSE REPORTS.*

Contains whereas clauses. Appropriates \$2.178 million in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 from the General Fund to Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, to increase the number of full-time Adult Protective Services (APS) workers by 25 for 2026-27. Distributes funds to county departments of social services based on needs as determined by the Department of Social Services (DSS). Directs DSS to consult with the NC Association of County Directors of Social Services and to consider the four listed factors in determining which counties have the greatest need, including the number of persons aged 65 or older residing in the county, the volume of reports related to adult abuse, neglect and exploitation in the county, and the number of APS workers required to adequately assess and evaluate the APS cases in the county. Prevents county recipients from: (1) using the funds for any other purpose than to pay for salaries, benefits, and related expenses associated with the additional APS workers or (2) supplanting any other source of funding for staff. Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Price, Buansi.

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

H 1133 (2025-2026) [HBCU/HMSI OMNIBUS](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS AND MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS TO SUPPORT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND HISTORICALLY MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA.*

Part I.

Creates the Joint Legislative Study Committee on Infrastructure at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (Committee), consisting of nine Senators and nine Representatives, with appointments made by September 1, 2026. Requires the Committee to consult with the BOG and the president or equivalent at each of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the state, in studying 9 specified topics related to building on HBCU campuses, including threats posed to HBCUs by the proximity to certain facilities to toxic sites, student enrollment in relation to classroom capacity, and facilities in significant disrepair and any deferred maintenance on those facilities. Sets out requirements for meetings and staffing. Requires Committee meetings to begin by August 15, 2026. Requires a final report to the specified NCGA committee by January 1, 2027, and terminates the Committee upon the earlier of the filing of the final report or January 1, 2027.

Part II.

Enacts new GS 116-44.9 requiring the UNC Board of Governors (BOG) to establish, to the extent funds are provided, a Completion Assistance Program (Program) at each eligible constituent institution, defined as: Elizabeth City State University, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, The University of North Carolina at Asheville, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and Winston-Salem State University. Gives students enrolled in the Program up to \$1,000 per academic year to pay for the cost of continuing attendance and earning necessary credit hours. Sets out student eligibility requirements, including needing financial assistance to remain enrolled at the eligible institution and earn credits necessary to graduate on time, being an in-state resident, and making satisfactory academic progress. Requires the UNC BOG to report annually on each Program to the specified NCGA committee, with the report

including specified information. Requires that funds be distributed to each eligible constituent institution proportional to the number of undergrads enrolled at the institution who are state residents and recipients of a federal Pell Grant.

Appropriates \$5 million in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 from the General Fund to the BOG for the Programs, as established in this act.

Part III.

Appropriates specified amounts from the General Fund to BOG for 2026-27 to be used for the specified infrastructure improvements at the following universities: Winston-Salem State University and Elizabeth City State University.

Part IV.

Adds new Part 3A, North Carolina Nursing Fellows Program, under Article 23 of GS Chapter 116, as follows. Establishes the 14-member North Carolina Nursing Fellows Commission (Fellows Commission) to determine program and forgivable loan recipient selection criteria and selection procedures and requires it to select the recipients under the new North Carolina Nursing Fellows Program (Fellows Program). Sets out membership requirements and appointment authority, with terms set for two years.

Establishes the Fellows Program with the purpose of recruiting, preparing, and supporting students enrolled in an eligible nursing program for preparation as highly effective registered nurses in the State by providing forgivable loans to those interested in preparing to become a registered nurse in this State. Defines an eligible nursing program as any educational program in North Carolina leading to a bachelor of science in nursing that is offered by Winston-Salem State University and meant to prepare a person to meet the educational requirements for licensure under GS Chapter 90, Article 9A. Also establishes the North Carolina Nursing Fellows Program Trust Fund (Fund) to provide the financial assistance. Allows money in the Trust Fund to be used only for forgivable loans under the Fellows Program, administrative costs of the Fellows Program, mentoring and coaching support for loan recipients, and extracurricular enhancement activities. Specifies provisions related to these uses of the funds. Sets out provisions governing the appointment of a Fellows Program Director and appointment of staff. Requires the Fellows Commission to adopt standards for awarding the loan, including specified measures. Sets the amount of the forgivable loans as \$5,000 per semester with the number of semesters dependent upon whether the recipient is a high school senior, a student applying to transfer to Winston-Salem State University, an individual with a bachelor's degree seeking preparation to become a nurse, or student matriculating at Winston-Salem State University who is changing to a program of study leading to a bachelor of science in nursing. Sets out provisions governing the administration of the loans and establishes reporting requirements, with annual reports due to the specified NCGA committee.

Sets out the terms of the forgivable loans with the loan amount received over one year of enrollment and any interest that has accrued forgiven for every year a nurse remains a qualifying nurse (defined as a nurse who received a forgivable loan, graduated within 10 years from an eligible nursing program, and is licensed and employed as a registered nurse in this State).

Makes conforming changes to GS 116-204.

Requires initial appointments to be made to the Fellows Commission by August 15, 2026, to expire on June 30, 2028.

Requires recipients to be selected and initial awards to be made by April 1, 2027.

Appropriates \$2.5 million in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 from the General Fund to the BOG to be allocated to the State Education Assistance Authority to develop and administer the Fellows Program.

Effective July 1, 2026, and applies beginning with applications for enrollment in the Fellows Program in the 2027-28 academic year.

Part V.

Amends GS 116-290 by expanding upon the institutions participating in the Cheatham-White Scholarships to also include Winston-Salem State University. Allows up to 40 scholarships for resident students and 10 for nonresident students to be awarded each year to students at Winston-Salem State University. Makes conforming changes to GS 116-292 and GS 116-294.

Appropriates \$3.15 million in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 from the Education Lottery Fund to the BOG to make these changes.

Part VI.

Appropriates the specified amounts from the General Fund to BOG for 2026-27 to be allocated to Elizabeth City State University to expand the aviation science program, renovate Roebuck Stadium, and build a residence hall.

Part VII.

Appropriates specified amounts from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) for 2026-27 to be allocated to Johnson C. Smith University for capital improvements; academic program support, including health professional preparedness programs; and specified transformative initiatives.

Part VIII.

Appropriates specified amounts from the General Fund to the OSBM for 2026-27 to be allocated to Shaw University for capital improvements and support of the teacher preparation program.

Part IX.

Appropriates specified amounts from the General Fund to the OSBM for 2026-27 to be allocated to Barba-Scotia College for capital improvements and for workforce development initiatives.

Part X.

Appropriates \$5 million in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 from the General Fund to BOG to be allocated to the State Education Assistance Authority to increase need-based scholarships for students attending private institutions of higher learning in accordance with Article 34 of GS Chapter 116 (Need-Based Scholarships for Students Attending Private Institutions of Higher Education).

Part XI.

Appropriates specified amounts from the General Fund to the OSBM for 2026-27 to be allocated to Bennet College for facility maintenance needs and to support the education degree program.

Part XII.

Appropriates specified amounts from the General Fund to the OSBM for 2026-27 to be allocated to Livingstone College to support the College and for the Livingstone College Center for Aging Out to support students aging out of foster care.

Part XIII.

Appropriates specified amounts from the General Fund to the OSBM for 2026-27 to be allocated to Saint Augustine's University for a completion assistance grant program to address gaps in degree completion rates, and construction of a new academic building. States the NCGA's intent to annually appropriate a portion of funds in the Education Lottery Fund to support scholarships for needy students at Saint Augustine's University.

Part XIV.

Effective July 1, 2026, except as otherwise provided by the act.

Intro. by Hawkins, Ward, Baker.

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Effective upon the convening of the 2027 General Assembly and applicable to travel occurring on or after that date, amends GS 120-3.1(a) (pertaining to travel and other expenses for members of the General Assembly) as follows. Increases the business standard mileage rate set forth in the weekly travel allowance while in session as well as for occasions when a member travels as a member of the General Assembly or any of its committees or commissions, with the approval of the Legislative Services Commission, so that it is 67 cents per mile (currently, the rate is 29 cents per mile as set forth in IRS publication Rev. Proc. 93-57, published on December 27, 1993), in line with IR 2024-312 published on December 19, 2024. Requires members' subsistence allowance for meals and lodging to be at a daily rate equal to the maximum per diem rate for federal employees traveling to Raleigh as set out at 89 Federal Register 67093 (August 19, 2024) (currently, 58 Federal Register 67959, December 22, 1993). Makes conforming changes.

Appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the General Assembly for the 2025-2026 fiscal year for costs associated with implementing, and offsetting the costs of, the rate changes by this act.

Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.

Intro. by Logan, Harrison, Roberson.

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H 1137 (2025-2026) [APPROPRIATION TO THE LAKE NORMAN CDC](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE LAKE NORMAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE SMITHVILLE REVITALIZATION PLAN AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING*.

Appropriates \$4 million from the General Fund to the Lake Norman Community Development Corporation to be used as title indicates. Provides that the corporation may use up to 15 percent of these funds for administrative costs.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Helfrich.

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H 1139 (2025-2026) [LEARNING & ENRICHMENT IN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE LEARNING AND ENRICHMENT IN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COUNCIL AND GRANT PROGRAM*.

Section 1.

Designates GS 115C-8 through 115C-22 as Part 1 (Department Administration) of Article 3 of GS Chapter 115C. Adds the following new provisions and organizes them as Part 2, (Learning and Enrichment in Afterschool Programs-LEAP) to Article 3.

Section 2.

Adds GS 115C-23.2, directing the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to establish the LEAP Advisory Council (Council) to provide assistance in implementing the LEAP Grant Program (Program), discussed below. Provides for Council membership, meetings, and for it to advise DPI on the five specified matters. Sets forth three definitions that apply in new Part 2 in GS 115C-23.1. Establishes the LEAP Fund under the control and direction of the State Board of Education (SBE), which is a nonreverting special revenue fund consisting of any monies appropriated to it by the General Assembly, eligible federal funds, eligible grant funds, and private donations. Directs for any funds received by the State pursuant to litigation against social media companies for harm caused to children and youth, whether the result of a settlement or court award, to be directed to the LEAP Fund. Creates the Program to assist eligible organizations in providing high-quality positive youth development

programming across the State. Directs DPI in consultation with the Council to develop a Program application, technical assistance guides, an awardee selection time line and selection criteria, grant terms and amounts, grant renewal criteria, and programming evaluation metrics. Specifies that awards received by eligible organizations supplement and not supplant any existing funds used for positive youth development programming. Authorizes DPI to retain up to 10% of the funds appropriated for the Program for administrative costs and support activities, including the five specified. Authorizes DPI to partner with organizations to deliver the services required under this section, including for programming evaluation. Appropriates \$19.5 million from the General Fund to DPI for 2026-27 for DPI to establish the LEAP Fund and Program.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Hawkins, Baker.

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

H 1140 (2025-2026) [STATE EMPLOYEE BEREAVEMENT LEAVE/UP TO 40 HRS.](#) Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT PROVIDING STATE EMPLOYEES WITH PAID BEREAVEMENT LEAVE OF UP TO FORTY HOURS ON DEATH OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER AND EIGHT HOURS ON DEATH OF A COLLEAGUE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.*

Creates new GS 126-8.8 (Paid bereavement leave), requiring the State Human Resources Commission to adopt rules and policies granting permanent, probationary, or time-limited full-time state employees paid leave after the death of an immediate family member (40 hours of leave) or colleague (8 hours of leave). Specifies requirements for the rules and policies, including requiring a statement identifying the relationship to the deceased and documentation for immediate family members, placing no annual limit on the number of uses of the leave, granting time to travel on the day of the funeral for the death of a colleague, requiring that the leave be used within 180 days of the death for an immediate family member, and disciplinary action or dismissal for falsely claiming leave. Outlines the nature of the leave, including that it is in addition to sick and annual leave, has no cash value upon termination, does not count towards retirement eligibility, cannot be applied to negative leave balances, and is not eligible for donation as shared leave. Mandates that the statute is applicable to all state employees, employees of the University of North Carolina system, public school employees, and community college employees, and directs the appropriate governing board, officer, or entity to adopt rules and policies to implement the leave equivalent to those adopted by the State Human Resources Commission.

Amends GS 126-5(c19) including references to the new GS 126-8.8.

Appropriates \$2 million from the General Fund for 2026-27 to the Reserve for Compensation Increases for the paid bereavement leave.

Effective and applicable to requests for leave for deaths occurring on or after July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Hawkins, Colvin, Cotham.

[APPROP, GS 126](#)

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Employment and Retirement, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Office of State Human Resources (formerly Office of State Personnel), State Government, State Personnel

PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 808 (2025-2026) [BOARD OF COSMETIC ART EXAMINERS AMENDMENTS.](#) Filed Apr 21 2026, *AN ACT TO DEREGULATE NATURAL HAIR CARE; TO LICENSE HAIR DESIGNERS; TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TRAINING REQUIRED FOR*

COSMETOLOGISTS; AND TO ELIMINATE LICENSURE AS AN APPRENTICE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; AND TO ALLOW MOBILE COSMETIC ART SHOPS.

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

Modifies new GS 88B-15A, governing mobile cosmetic art shops. Specifies that individuals and vehicles they operate while providing mobile cosmetic art services (was manicuring services) are subject to State motor vehicle laws and regulations, all applicable OSHA requirements, and all local laws and ordinances regulating business establishments. Now prevents cosmetic art services (was manicuring services) from occurring while the shop is moving.

Intro. by Galey, Moffitt, Sanderson.

[GS 86B, GS 88B](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing](#)

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

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

Adds provision to GS 115C-270.15 requiring the State Board of Education (SBE) to convert a limited license to a continuing professional license for a teacher who has available growth data under the Education Value-Added Assessment (EVAAS) and has a positive growth score for two of the three most recent years for which growth scores are available. Makes conforming changes to GS 115C-270.15(e) to account for limited licenses.

Intro. by McInnis, Lee, Burgin.

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

S 894 (2025-2026) [NC A&T CHANCELLOR'S RESIDENCE TRANSFER](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO CONVEY CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY ON WHICH IS SITUATED THE NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR'S RESIDENCE.*

Requires the State to convey all rights, titles, and interests in the specified land that includes the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Chancellor's residence to the North Carolina A&T Real Estate Foundation ("Foundation") in exchange for \$1.00 consideration.

Describes the specific parcel to be conveyed and provides that conveyance is made without warranty. If the Foundation sells the property, the proceeds must be used for a new Chancellor's residence. Exempts the conveyance from Article 7 of GS Chapter 146 and requires compliance with Article 16 of that Chapter except for GS 146-74.

Appropriates \$5,000 for 2025-26 from the General Fund to the Department of Administration for transaction costs.

Intro. by Robinson.

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, UNC System, Department of Administration, State Government, State Property](#)

S 895 (2025-2026) **NONPROFIT HOSPITALS TAX EXEMPTION**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PROPERTY TAX AND SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS AFFORDED TO NONPROFIT HOSPITALS*.

Amends GS 105-278.8 to define the property tax exemption for nonprofit hospitals as the total actual cost of qualified charity care provided during the most recent fiscal year by the hospital on the parcel for which the exemption is claimed. This amount is calculated by applying the hospital's cost-to-charge ratio to the gross charges of hospital services provided on the parcel. Defines "qualified charity care." Provides that the difference between taxes due with this exemption and without this is due and payable under Subchapter II of GS Chapter 105. Sets out time frame and method by which hospitals may apply for this exemption. Effective and applicable for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2027.

Amends GS 105-282.1(a)(2)a to remove GS 105-278.8 from list of exceptions to annual application requirement. Effective and applicable for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2027.

Amends GS 105-164.14(b) to add subsection (1a) to provide that a nonprofit hospital's aggregate annual refund shall not exceed the lesser of \$31.7 million or the total actual cost of qualified charity care calculated pursuant to new GS 105-278.8(d). Effective July 1, 2027 and applies to purchases made on or after that date.

Intro. by Burgin, Mayfield.

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, Tax, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers

S 896 (2025-2026) **INCREASE MEDICAID PCS AND PDN RATES**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO INCREASE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR PERSONAL CARE SERVICES AND PRIVATE DUTY NURSING SERVICES*.

Appropriates \$120.8 million in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits (DHB) to increase to \$7.50 per 15-minute increment the Medicaid rate paid for personal care services pursuant to the specified Medicaid Clinical Coverage Policies provided to Medicaid beneficiaries through the State Plan Personal Care Services Program (PCS), Community Alternatives Program for Children (CAP/C), Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults (CAP/DA), and Community Alternatives Program Choice (CAP/CO). Specifies that these funds provide a State match for federal funds.

Appropriates \$20.1 million in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to DHB for an increase to \$16.25 per 15 minutes increment the Medicaid rate paid for private duty nursing services pursuant to the specified Medicaid Clinical Coverage policies. Specifies that these provide a State match for federal funds.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Burgin.

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Insurance, Social Services, Public Assistance

S 897 (2025-2026) **NC CROWN ACT**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA CROWN ACT TO CREATE A RESPECTFUL AND OPEN WORLD FOR NATURAL HAIR*.

Enacts new GS 95-28.1B prohibiting any person, firm, corporation, unincorporated association, State agency, local government, or any other public or private entity from denying or refusing employment to any person, or discharging any

person from employment, because of the person's race, color, creed, religion, sex, or national origin. Defines race as including traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture, hair type, and protective hairstyles.

Specifies that this statute does not prevent a person from being discharged for cause. Defines protective hairstyles as including, but not limited to, bantu knots, braids, locks, and twists. Amends GS 95-241 by making conforming changes to prohibit discriminating or taking any retaliatory action against an employee who in good faith files a claim or other action related to new GS 95-28.1B.

Appropriates \$100,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Labor to educate employers and employees about rights and responsibilities under this act. Effective July 1, 2026.

Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.

Intro. by Murdock, Smith, Salvador.

[APPROP, GS 95](#)

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[Employment and Retirement, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Labor, State Government, State Personnel, Local Government](#)

S 898 (2025-2026) [CITIZENS' TAX RELIEF CIRCUIT BREAKER MODS.](#) Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TO THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PROMOTE THE STATE'S PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS AND TO MODIFY THE PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD CIRCUIT BREAKER.*

Appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the NC Association of County Commissioners for 2026-27 to provide grants to counties for advertising and promoting the State's property tax relief programs under Subchapter II of GS Chapter 105. Effective July 1, 2026.

Amends GS 105-277.1B (Property tax homestead circuit breaker). Changes the income eligibility limit previously tied to the limit established for the elderly or disabled property tax homestead exclusion. For the taxable year beginning July 1, 2027, sets the limit at \$45,000. For taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2028, adjusts the amount for the preceding year by the same percentage as the percentage of any cost-of-living adjustment made to the benefits under Titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act, rounded as specified. Establishes that the limit for married applicants residing with their spouse is 200% of the standard income eligibility limit. Establishes a new requirement for county tax collectors to notify the Secretary of Revenue of the county's *hold harmless amount*, defined as the tax deferred under the statute, with failure to do so by the due date resulting in forfeiture of reimbursement for that taxable year. Provides for distribution of reimbursements to counties by December 31 the *total hold harmless amount*, defined as the sum of the hold harmless amount for all permanent residences in the county and cities located therein. Requires counties to distribute any funds received that are attributable to the respective city or credit other units or districts as advised by Local Government Commission regulations. Directs the Secretary to cover the cost of reimbursement and administration by drawing from collections received from individual income tax, Part 2, Article 4, GS Chapter 105. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2027.

Intro. by Murdock, Mohammed, Salvador.

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Revenue, Tax, Local Government](#)

S 899 (2025-2026) [SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT ACT.](#) Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH A MENTAL HEALTH WORKER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.*

Enacts new GS 115C-376.6, the School-Based Mental Health Grant Program (Program), to be established by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Specifies that the Program's purpose is to increase student access to mental health support

personnel in public school units. Specifies that the program is to be administered to the extent funds are made available for the Program. Defines mental health support personnel. Sets forth an application process, and authorizes DPI to set deadlines and application information. Requires DPI to award funds to selected public school units based on the need of the public school unit. In evaluating the need of the unit, DPI must prioritize the award of funds to units with a greater proportion of students who have limited or no access to mental health services, including students who do not have health insurance and students with disabilities. Requires public school units that receive Program funds to contract with mental health support personnel to provide mental health services in one or more schools in the unit. Specifies that the Program grants must supplement, not supplant, existing funds for mental health services. Starting on March 15 of each year of the Program, sets annual reporting requirements to the specified NCGA committees on the Program, with four required prongs of information. Appropriates \$50 million from the General Fund to DPI in recurring funds for 2025-26 to provide grants for school mental health services in public school units. Allows DPI to use up to \$75,000 of the funds each year for Program administrative costs.

Enacts GS 116-209.47, the Mental Health Worker Loan Repayment Program (Repayment Program) to be administered by the State Education Assistance Authority (Authority). Specifies that the purpose of the Repayment Program is to provide loan repayment grants to eligible mental health workers to repay student debt held by the worker to the extent funds are made available for this purpose. Defines authority, eligible mental health worker, high-need area, program, and student debt. Directs the Authority to establish criteria for Repayment Program participation. Requires recipients be state residents and graduates of a postsecondary UNC constituent institution. To the extent funds provided are insufficient to award forgivable loans to all interested applicants, authorizes the Authority to establish a lottery process for selection of grant recipients from among qualified applicants. Sets the award amount at 20% of each eligible mental health worker's student debt as of the date of his or her initial award and limits award receipt to no more than five years. Provides for a distribution date. Authorizes the Authority to adopt rules to implement the Repayment Program. Requires the Authority to submit a report to the specified NCGA committee by December 1 of each year on grants awarded under the Repayment Program and recommendations to improve the Repayment Program and increase the number of eligible mental health workers in high need areas. Appropriates \$50 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors to allocate to the Authority for the 2025-26 fiscal year to establish the Repayment Program. Of the appropriated funds, allows the Authority to retain up to \$500,000 each year for administration. Effective July 1, 2025, and applies to applications for the disbursement of funds beginning in the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Effective July 1, 2025.

Intro. by Smith, Murdock.

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

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, UNC System, Department of Public Instruction, State Government, State Personnel, Health and Human Services, Mental Health](#)

S 900 (2025-2026) [SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT GRANT](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST SMALL BUSINESSES ADVERSELY IMPACTED BY COVID-19*.

Identical to [S 891](#), filed 4/28/26.

Includes whereas clauses.

Appropriates \$250 million from the General Fund to the Department of Commerce (DOC) for 2025-26 to be used as provided in the act. Specifies that the funds do not revert, but remain available to DOC for the purposes provided in the act. Specifies the act's purpose to help NC small businesses that experienced disruption as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic by providing grants awarded by DOC, in consultation with the Department of Revenue (DOR) to offset the harm suffered. Establishes the COVID-19 Small Business Recovery Program (Program) administered by DOC to provide one-time grants to qualifying businesses (defined). Provides for a grant application. Instructs that a grant amount to a qualifying business cannot exceed the lesser of (1) \$250,000 or (2) the amount of reduction in sales tax collections of the qualifying businesses resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic for the 2020 tax year as compared to the 2019 tax year. Caps the total of all grants at \$250 million.

Provides for verification. Conditions a grant under the Program on a recipient business maintaining operations for a minimum of six months following receipt of the grant. Directs DOC to claw back a proportionate amount of the grant for any portion of the six months the recipient business does not maintain business operations.

Adds Program grants as an authorized other deduction from State taxable income under GS 105-153.5. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, and expires for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

Intro. by Smith, Murdock.

[APPROP, GS 105](#)

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Commerce, Department of Revenue, Tax](#)

S 901 (2025-2026) [CFSS GUN PRSNT. FOR GRADE 7 AND 9 STUDENTS](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE CENTER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS TO DEVELOP A PRESENTATION ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF GUN USE AND TO REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS TO PROVIDE THE PRESENTATION TO ALL STUDENTS IN GRADE SEVEN AND GRADE NINE IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS.*

Amends GS 143B-1209.100(c) (pertaining to the Center for Safer Schools [Center]) to require the Center to develop and update, as necessary, an interactive presentation on the legal, medical, and emotional consequences of youth gun possession, substance abuse, gun violence, and gun safety for students in grade seven and grade nine. Specifies that the Center must provide training and materials for the presentation to all local school administrative units and must provide training and materials to any other public school unit which requests to voluntarily give the presentation. Effective July 1, 2026.

Amends GS 115C-47 (pertaining to the powers and duties of local boards of education) to require each school administrative unit to provide a presentation on the consequences of gun use in line with the requirement set forth above. Specifies required notice provision to parents, and allows parents to opt their student out of the presentation. Effective July 1, 2026, and applies beginning with the 2027-28 school year.

Appropriates \$900,000 from the General Fund to the Center for Safer Schools in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 fiscal year for the Center to provide training and materials to enable local school administrative units and other voluntary public school units to give a presentation on the consequences of gun use to students in grade seven and grade nine. Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Burgin, Corbin, Chaudhuri.

[APPROP, GS 115C](#)

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

S 902 (2025-2026) [FERRY DIVISION PERFORMANCE AUDIT](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE FERRY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.*

Requires the Office of the State Auditor (Auditor) to conduct a performance audit of the Ferry Division (Division) of the Department of Transportation (DOT) to cover five matters, including: (1) a financial audit of the Division's operations and maintenance spending and budget practices, (2) an evaluation of the Division's operations, capital project, and maintenance activities, and suggestions for long-term strategies to maximize revenue and reduce costs, (3) evaluations of described route systems and options for revenue diversification; and (4) any other items the auditor deems relevant. Directs the Auditor to provide a report on the audit to the specified NCGA committee and division by October 1, 2026.

Intro. by Rabon, Sawyer, Lazzara.

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**Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation,
Office of State Auditor, Transportation**

S 903 (2025-2026) **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES DESERVE A VOICE ACT**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT REPEALING THE BAN ON PUBLIC EMPLOYEE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.*

Repeals GS 95-98 which makes unlawful and void agreements between State or local governments or entities thereof and employee labor unions or other bargaining agents.

Appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Labor for 2026-27 to inform public employees of the repeal.

Intro. by Chitlik, Grafstein.

APPROP, GS 95

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

S 904 (2025-2026) **SAVE SNAP ACT**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND COUNTIES 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; AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR A GRANT PROCESS TO REDUCE THE PAYMENT ERROR RATE FOR SNAP.*

Section 1

Appropriates \$16 million in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Central Management and Support, to cover the loss in federal receipts for the administrative costs of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) due to Public Law 119-21 (One, Big, Beautiful Bill Act). Allows allocating a portion of the funds to any division within the DHHS that has incurred a loss of federal receipts for the administrative costs of SNAP.

Appropriates \$69 million in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 from the General Fund to the DHHS, Division of Social Services to cover the loss in federal receipts for the administrative costs of SNAP due to Public Law 119-21. Requires the funds to be distributed to counties proportional to each county's loss of federal receipts.

Section 2

Appropriates \$10 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to DHHS, Division of Social Services for a request for proposal process that provides grants to entities that have innovative proposals or projects to examine ways to reduce the payment error rate for food and nutrition services program.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Chitlik, Lowe, Grafstein.

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies,
Department of Health and Human Services, Local
Government, Health and Human Services, Health, Social
Services, Public Assistance**

S 905 (2025-2026) [FOSTER CARE MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT DIRECTING THE NORTH CAROLINA RATE BUREAU TO AMEND THE EXISTING NAMED DRIVER EXCLUSION ENDORSEMENT FOR PERSONS RECEIVING FOSTER CARE, CLARIFYING THAT A FOSTER PARENT MAY TERMINATE AN ENDORSEMENT PROVIDING MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY COVERAGE FOR A PERSON RECEIVING FOSTER CARE IF THE OWNER NO LONGER PROVIDES FOSTER CARE, ESTABLISHING A FOSTER CARE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.*

Amends GS 20-309(a2) concerning motor vehicle liability insurance policy exclusion of coverage for persons receiving foster care in the owner/foster parent's household. Requires the exclusion endorsement to be available to any person who received foster care during the coverage period and provide coverage for the operation by the person receiving foster care of any nonfleet passenger motor vehicle furnished or available to that person for regular use. Prohibits the endorsement from withholding coverage solely because the person in foster care resides in a household with an existing motor vehicle liability policy. Specifies that it is not a violation of Article 13 (the Vehicle Responsibility Act) for an owner to terminate an endorsement if the owner no longer provides foster care for the child. Makes clarifying changes and expands the subsection's notwithstanding clause to include provisions of GS Chapter 58.

Enacts GS 58-36-44A to require the Rate Bureau develop an optional policy form or endorsement to provide named non-owner nonfleet passenger motor vehicle liability coverage for persons receiving foster care that complies with the requirements of GS 20-309, as amended. Requires the form or endorsement to be filed with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by October 1, 2026.

Enacts GS 131D-10.9D directing the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to establish a program to provide financial assistance for (1) the purchase of an owner's liability insurance policy issued to a foster parent that includes an endorsement covering a person that receives foster care and resides in the foster parent's household, or (2) a non-owner policy issued to a person receiving foster care that meets the requirements of GS 20-309, as amended, and new GS 58-36-44A. Lists three types of assistance the program must provide including payments or reimbursements of premiums or increased premiums, and coverage of applicable deductibles for claims involving persons receiving foster care, capped at \$1,000. Limits eligibility to persons receiving foster care who have completed a drivers education program meeting specified requirements. Directs the Social Services Commission to adopt implementing rules. Effective July 1, 2026.

Appropriates \$1 million to DHHS for 2026-27 to implement the act. Effective January 1, 2027.

Intro. by Sawyer, Jones.

[APPROP, GS 20, GS 58, GS 131D](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Insurance, Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Child Welfare](#)

S 906 (2025-2026) [MOMNIBUS 3.5](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA MOMNIBUS ACT.*

Includes whereas clauses.

Part I.

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to establish and operate a Maternal Mortality Prevention Grant Program (grant program) to award grants to eligible entities to establish or expand programs for the prevention of maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity among black women. Requires applicants to be community-based organizations offering programs and resources aligned with evidence-based practices for improving maternal health outcomes for black women. Requires DHHS, beginning July 1, 2026, to conduct outreach to encourage eligible applicants to apply and provide application assistance. Awards grants with amounts ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Sets out criteria to be considered when awarding the grants. Sets out the types of technical assistance DHHS must provide. Requires DHHS to report to the specified NCGA committee and division by October 1, 2027, and October 1, 2028; sets out issues to be addressed in the report.

Appropriates the following recurring funds from the General Fund to DHHS, Division of Public Health, beginning in 2026-27 biennium: (1) \$93,513 to establish a time limited, full-time Public Health Program Coordinator IV position to provide application assistance and technical assistance to recipients, and prepare the required report and (2) \$4,906,487 to be allocated to the Maternal Mortality Prevention Grant Program. Allows up to 1% of these funds to be used for administrative purposes related to the grant program. Authorizes DHHS to hire one full-time, time-limited Public Health Program Coordinator IV position. Effective July 1, 2026.

Part II.

Enacts new GS 130A-33.62, providing as follows. Requires DHHS, in collaboration with (1) community-based organizations led by black women that serve primarily black birthing people and (2) a historically black college or university or other institution that primarily serves minority populations to create or identify an evidence-based implicit bias training program (training program) for health care professionals involved in perinatal care (the provision of care during pregnancy, labor, delivery, and postpartum and neonatal periods). Sets out 12 minimum components of the training program, including identification of previous or current unconscious biases and misinformation; identification of personal, interpersonal, institutional, structural, and cultural barriers to inclusion; corrective measures to decrease implicit bias at the interpersonal and institutional levels; and information about how to communicate more effectively across identities. Requires all health care professionals to complete the training program, specifying deadlines for completion depending on whether the individual is licensed before or after January 1, 2027. Requires proof of completion for license/registration/accreditation/certification renewal. Defines a health care professional as a licensed physician or other health care provider licensed, registered, accredited, or certified to perform perinatal care and regulated under the authority of a health care professional licensing authority. Encourages DHHS to seek opportunities to make the training program available to all health care professions and to promote its use among four specified types of providers and programs. Requires DHHS to collect specified information related to maternal mortality to inform ongoing improvements to the training program.

Enacts GS 130A-33.63 specifying that a patient getting care at a perinatal care facility (a hospital, clinic, or birthing center providing perinatal care in the state) has six listed rights, including: to be informed of continuing health care requirements following discharge; to actively participate in decisions regarding the patient's medical care and the right to refuse treatment; and to receive care and treatment free from discrimination on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, color, religion, ancestry, disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, citizenship, nationality, immigration status, primary language, or language proficiency. Requires perinatal care facilities to provide patients upon admission with a written copy of the rights.

Effective October 1, 2026.

Appropriates \$2.5 million in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 biennium from the General Fund to DHHS, Division of Public Health, to establish and administer the training. Effective July 1, 2026.

Part III.

Appropriates \$3 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors for recruiting, training, and retaining a diverse workforce of lactation support professionals in North Carolina by supporting the infrastructure and sustainability of training programs for lactation support professionals at Historically Black Colleges and Universities located within the State, to be distributed equally between Bennett College, Fayetteville State University, Johnson C. Smith University, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, and North Carolina Central University to cover costs of administering a training program for lactation support professionals, including specified costs that include student aid. Requires DHHS to give technical assistance to those schools concerning developing training content, recruitment from historically marginalized populations to enroll, recruitment of historically underutilized providers to serve as teachers and preceptors, and identifying rural and medically underserved areas of the State experiencing a shortage of lactation support professionals in order to recruit program graduates to work in these areas. Requires a report by May 1, 2029, to the specified NCGA committees on the benefits the state received due to the funding of the training programs. Sets out items that must be included in the report. Effective July 1, 2026.

Part IV.

Requires DHHS to establish a Perinatal Education Grant Program awarding competitive grants to eligible entities to establish or expand perinatal education programs in rural, underserved, or low-wealth areas of the State. Defines perinatal education program as one that operates for the primary purpose of educating pregnant women and their families about healthy pregnancy,

preparation for labor and birth, breast feeding, newborn care, or any combination of these. Requires applicants to be community-based organizations that offer perinatal education and resources aligned with evidence-based practices for improving maternal health outcomes for black women. Requires DHHS to conduct outreach and application assistance beginning September 1, 2026. Requires outreach to give special consideration to eligible applicants who: (1) are based in, and provide support for, communities with high rates of adverse maternal health outcomes and significant racial and ethnic disparities in maternal health outcomes; (2) are led by black women; and (3) offer programs and resources that are aligned with evidence-based practices for improving maternal health outcomes for black women.

Requires individual grants to be no less than \$10,000 or more than \$50,000. Terminates the program on June 30, 2028. Requires DHHS to submit a report to the specified NCGA committee and division by October 1, 2029, on the specified information. Appropriates \$3 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to DHHS for this grant program; allows DHHS to use up to 5% of these funds for administrative purposes. Effective July 1, 2026.

Part V.

Appropriates \$6.5 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to DHHS, Division of Public Health (DPH) to create a Momni-Bus Initiative to fund efforts to expand access to maternal and infant health care and parenting programs, supports, and services to families residing in geographic areas of the State where there is limited or no access to maternity care services, including obstetric providers, a hospital or birth center, prenatal care, or postpartum care. Requires funds to be allocated in specified amounts for (1) a directed grant to the March of Dimes, Inc., and (2) for directed grants on a competitive basis to nonprofit, community-based, and faith-based organizations that offer programs, supports, and services aligned with evidence-based practices for a healthy pregnancy through the postpartum period, infant health and care, and parenting programs, supports, and services. Requires DPH to report to the specified NCGA committee and division by October 1, 2028, and October 1, 2029, on the grants that were awarded. Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Murdock, Robinson, Batch.

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S 907 (2025-2026) **[THE CIJI GRAHAM ACT](#)**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH OUTCOMES AND REDUCE MATERNAL HEALTH DISPARITIES IN NORTH CAROLINA THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HIGH-RISK PREGNANCY CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAM, A PREGNANCY CONSULTATION HOTLINE, A CENTRALIZED CLINICAL INFORMATION HUB FOR MANAGING HIGH-RISK PREGNANCIES, AND STANDARDIZED REFERRAL PATHWAYS FOR HIGH-RISK PREGNANCIES; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, FOR THESE PURPOSES.*

Includes whereas clauses and titles the act as the Ciji Graham Act.

Appropriates \$2.3 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health (DPH) for 2026-27 to establish a uniform High-Risk Pregnancy Care Navigation Program (the program) in the six NC Medicaid managed care regions to support the use of licensed nurses in the care of individuals experiencing high-risk pregnancies. Allocates funding in specified amounts to: (1) establish 12 Nurse Consultant positions at DPH to be equally distributed across the regions; and (2) cover the cost of program administration and to purchase infrastructure needed to establish telehealth services, with up to 1% of the allotted amount permitted for DPH's administration of the program. Specifies four duties of Nurse Consultants that must be performed in-person or through telehealth services, as defined. Directs DPH to report annually to the specified NCGA committee and division, beginning September 1, 2028, on the establishment and operation of the program. Specifies required content.

Appropriates \$7.7 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to DPH for 2026-27 to establish a statewide hotline that provides free, real-time consultation to healthcare providers serving pregnant patients and community organizations focused on caring for pregnant women. Requires staffing the hotline weekdays as specified with qualified healthcare providers capable of

providing four described services including clinical guidance and referrals. Directs DPH to report to the specified NCGA committee and division on September 1, 2027 and September 1, 2028, on specified information related to the hotline.

Directs DHHS to develop and maintain a centralized, evidence-based digital information hub for clinicians managing patients with high-risk pregnancies. Details four informational categories that must be included in the hub, including updated clinical guidelines, a regionally organized directory of related providers, specialists and facilities, referral protocols, and decision-support tools.

Directs DHHS to consult with stakeholders to establish uniform referral pathways to ensure patients diagnosed with high-risk pregnancy conditions are offered immediate referrals, as elected, to appropriate high-risk obstetric or maternal-fetal medicine care or to qualified providers for pregnancy termination services.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Murdock, Applewhite, Robinson.

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S 908 (2025-2026) [JANELL GREEN SMITH MATERNAL HEALTH ACC. ACT.](#) Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO RECOGNIZE MATERNAL HEALTH INITIATIVES AND TO SUPPORT AND EXPAND LICENSURE AND RECOGNITION OF MIDWIVES.*

Section 1.

Enacts new Article 10B, the “Dr. Jannell Green Smith, DNP, CNM, Maternal Health Accountability Act,” to GS Chapter 90. Contains six findings related to maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity, with disproportionate impact on Black, Indigenous, rural, and low-income communities and midwifery care. Declares the General Assembly’s intent to establish a comprehensive maternal health accountability framework that promotes safety, transparency, workforce sustainability, informed consent, and equitable access to care while honoring the legacy of Dr. Jannell Green Smith, whose leadership advanced patient-centered maternity care and system accountability. Lists six core principles that govern North Carolina’s maternal health system, including accountability and the importance of midwives as maternal health providers. Defines six terms applicable to Article 10B. Requires hospitals providing maternal or emergency obstetric services to comply with six requirements relating to accountability and safe discharge of patients admitted in labor. Instructs hospitals and perinatal health care providers to submit annual reports on the eight specified matters, including maternal mortality, severe maternal morbidity, and types of labor deliveries, to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Requires that DHHS disaggregate the data by race, ethnicity, payer, geography and provider type, and to make the reports publicly available on its website. Establishes oversight requirements. Directs DHHS to submit an annual report containing the data discussed to the specified NCGA committee by October 1 of each year. Establishes a statewide maternal health reporting and navigation system in DHHS to provide the described assistance to hospital grievance processes under the State’s medical board or DHHS’s Division of Health Service Regulation as well as the listed referrals and trauma-informed and perinatal mental health services. Directs hospitals and perinatal health care providers to participate and collaborate in standardized transfer protocols that prioritize patient safety and continuity of care while preserving professional autonomy. Directs the State to support midwifery education and apprenticeship pathways, scholarships and stipends for perinatal health care providers, and continuing education and workforce development, through new Article 10B. Requires DHHS to provide any available funds to community based organizations to provide the described infrastructure support and the statewide maternal health reporting and navigation system detailed above. Requires the State to support doulas as described.

Amends GS 58-3-170 so that a health benefit plan that provides coverage for any maternity care provided by a Certified Nurse Midwife licensed under Article 10A of GS Chapter 90 must reimburse at the same rate, subject to the same coverage terms, equivalent services provided by a perinatal health care provider licensed under Article 10C and subject to Article 10B of GS Chapter 90. Applies to insurance contracts entered into, renewed, or amended on or after October 1, 2026. Tasks DHHS’s Division of Health Benefits to take all necessary actions to ensure parity of reimbursement for Medicaid maternity care services between midwives licensed under Articles 10A and 10C of GS Chapter 90. Effective October 1, 2026.

Section 2.

Enacts new Article 10C, Certified Professional Midwives and Certified Midwives, to GS Chapter 90. Prohibits any person from practicing or offering to practice midwifery without a Certified Professional Midwife or Certified Midwife license as provided in new Article 10C. Exempts the following circumstances from the licensure requirement: (1) an individual approved to practice midwifery under Article 10A (Midwifery Practice Act), (2) a physician licensed to practice medicine; (3) the performance of medical acts by a physician assistant or nurse practitioner as specified, (4) the practice of nursing by a registered nurse as allowed under Article 9A (Nursing Practice Act), and (5) the rendering of childbirth assistance in emergency situations.

Includes definitions applicable to Article 10C. Defines *certified midwife* (CM) as a person who has obtained national certification from the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB), and a *certified professional midwife* (CPM) as a person with national certification from the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM). Defines *midwifery* as the provision of primary health or maternity care to childbearing people and infants.

Creates a seven-member North Carolina Council of Certified Professional Midwives (Council), with members appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (Secretary; DHHS). Provides for initial members to be appointed on or before October 1, 2026, or within three months of the Article becoming law, whichever is later. Details Council member requirements and term limits and includes provisions for compensation, meeting procedures, and Council administration. Directs the Council to adopt rules within one year of the initial meeting to implement the Article. Enumerates 12 powers and duties of the Council, in consultation with the Division of Health Service Regulation (DHSR) of DHHS and with guidance from the National Association of Certified Professional Midwives Standards of Practice, including rulemaking, licensing, and disciplinary authority.

Lists five requirements for licensure as a midwife, including completion of an application and payment of required fees, and completion of all required educational and clinical training and earning the national midwifery certification credential awarding by an accredited midwifery certification agency.

Lists 9 responsibilities of a licensed CPM or CM, including the responsibility to provide care for the healthy client who is expected to have a normal pregnancy, labor, birth, and postpartal phase in the setting their choice; the responsibility to order routine antepartal or postpartal screening or lab analysis at a licensed lab or testing facility; and the responsibility to instruct the parents about newborn screening requirements. Directs a midwife licensed under Article 10C to display the license at all times in a conspicuous place where the midwife is practicing. Sets forth provisions for biennial license renewal, periods of lapsed licensure, and granting inactive status. Authorizes the Council to grant a license to a person residing in North Carolina licensed, certified, or registered to practice as a certified professional midwife in another jurisdiction if that jurisdiction's standards are substantially equivalent and the person submits an application and required fees. Directs the Council to establish a formulary of drugs and devices appropriate to midwifery care from which licensed midwives are limited to dispensing from, subject to applicable state and federal laws and recordkeeping requirements. Directs the Council to set all fees under Article 10C and to pay all expenditures out of funds from the fees or other funds. Allows the Council to discipline applicants or licensees, after a hearing, under seven specified circumstances.

Authorizes the Council to apply to superior court to enjoin violations of Article 10C. Provides that no health care provider will be liable for an injury to a woman or infant arising during childbirth and resulting from an act or omission by a licensed certified professional midwife.

Section 3.

Effective October 1, 2026, except as otherwise provided.

Intro. by Murdock, Salvador, Waddell.

GS 58, GS 90

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Care Facilities and Providers, Health Insurance, Social Services, Public Assistance

S 909 (2025-2026) **THE BUMP ACT**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE FREE EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION AND TRAINING ON STILLBIRTH PREVENTION; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO LAUNCH A STATEWIDE "COUNT THE KICKS" PROGRAM.*

Enacts GS 130A-128.10 to require the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to provide pregnant patients with standardized, evidence-based educational materials on stillbirth prevention and urgent maternal and fetal warning signs during prenatal care. Defines *evidence-based stillbirth prevention education* to mean education grounded in current clinical guidance and peer-reviewed evidence regarding modifiable stillbirth risk factors with a nonexhaustive list of such modifiable risk factors. Includes three other defined terms. Requires the materials be provided in English and Spanish and other languages as needed. Lists five criteria that must be included in the materials including information on stillbirth risk factors and prevention strategies. Allows DHHS to contract or partner with qualified organizations to satisfy the requirement. Directs DHHS to develop or procure evidence-based training for prenatal care providers on stillbirth prevention protocols and lists four areas that must be included in the training. Requires the training be offered in virtual and in-person formats and allows DHHS to contract or partner with qualified organizations to satisfy the requirement.

Appropriates \$400,000 in recurring funds from the General Fund to DHHS, Division of Public Health for 2026-27 to be allocated evenly between providing evidence-based education materials and developing or procuring evidence-based training for prenatal care providers.

Appropriates \$200,000 in recurring funds from the General Fund to DHHS, Division of Public Health for 2026-27 to launch a statewide "Count the Kicks" stillbirth prevention public awareness campaign. States the purpose of the awareness campaign is to share the importance of tracking fetal movement during the third trimester of pregnancy. Requires prioritizing outreach in high-disparity areas. Provides for use of funds to establish and operate the program; provide training to health and social services providers, and community organizations; and development of educational materials for expectant parents.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Murdock, Salvador, Chitlik.

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S 910 (2025-2026) **EXPANDING INSURANCE COVERAGE/FERTILITY CARE**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO EXPAND ACCESS TO FERTILITY CARE.*

Contains whereas clauses.

Adds GS 58-3-241 (fertility and infertility coverage) requiring a health benefit plan that provides any pregnancy-related benefit to provide coverage for any covered individual diagnosed with infertility that includes fertility diagnostic care and fertility treatment performed by any licensed healthcare provider acting within the scope of practice of the provider's license, including the five services described. Defines six terms. Prevents such coverage from including the six described exclusions, limitations on coverage, waiting period, or limitations. Clarifies that no health benefit plan is required to provide coverage for any nonmedical costs relating to the procurement of gametes, donor embryos, or surrogacy services required to be covered by the statute. Applies to insurance contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after October 1, 2027.

Applies GS 58-3-21 to the State Health Plan starting the next plan year following October 1, 2027.

Part II.

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Health Benefits (DHB) to seek approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to implement Medicaid coverage for the described fertility care. Appropriates \$45 million in recurring funds and associated receipts from the General Fund to DHB beginning with 2026-27 to be used to implement the new coverage. Effective July 1, 2026.

Part III.

Requires the NC State Medical Board (new GS 90-5.5), the NC Nursing Board (GS 90-171.42), and the joint subcommittee of the NC Medical Board and Nursing Board created to administer the practice of midwifery, to provide licensees an education training module to encourage licensees to speak and have effective discussions with their patients and families in an appropriate manner on prevention and elimination of discrimination based on sexual orientation and expression in medical services, improving access to services for LGBTQ individuals, and options for LGBTQ family planning. Authorizes the above boards to adopt rules to implement the above. Effective October 1, 2026.

Part IV.

Appropriates \$1 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to DHHS for 2026-27 to fund statewide operation and maintenance of a fertility care resource hub, as specified. Effective July 1, 2026.

Appropriates \$70,000 from the General Fund to DHHS's Division of Central Management and Support, Office of Health Equity (the Office) for 2026-27 to conduct a study on the affordability, accessibility, and practicality of the resources, benefits, and services available to individuals in underrepresented groups experiencing disparities in accessing fertility care when seeking to expand their families, including individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender nonconforming, queer, or question their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression, including the matters described. Requires the Office to develop recommendations for improving access to resources, benefits and services after the conclusion of the study. Authorizes the Office to contract with a third-party to conduct the study. Provides for MOU's. Directs the Office to submit its findings and recommendations, including any recommended legislative changes to the specified NCGA division and committee by April 1, 2028.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Part V.

Enacts Article 1Q, "Assisted Reproductive Technology and Contraceptive Rights," to GS Chapter 90. Defines five terms. Declares the General Assembly's intent to clearly and unambiguously acknowledge the right of an individual to perform, and the right of an individual to receive or use, assisted reproductive technology, contraceptives, or both in the State. To that end, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, specifies that an individual has a right to engage in activities associated with assisted reproductive technology and contraception. Clarifies that the laws of this State do not prohibit an activity associated with assisted reproductive technology or contraception. Directs that nothing the new Article 1Q should be construed to prohibit the enforcement of health and safety laws related to the operation of health care facilities or the provision of health care services by health care providers.

Part VI.

Effective when it becomes law, except as otherwise provided.

Intro. by Murdock, Chitlik, Salvador.

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Human Services, Health, Health Insurance, Social Services,
Public Assistance**

Replaces “husband and wife” with “spouses” in GS 49A-1. Contains NCGA findings, including that any child born using artificial insemination or assisted reproductive treatment has have the same protections and rights as a naturally conceived legitimate child of the spouses or legal parental guardians in new GS 49A-2. Defines six terms. Instructs, in new GS 49A-4, that if an individual consents (defined) to artificial insemination with the intent to be a parent, then that individual is the parent of the child born from that artificial insemination, vested with all rights and privileges available in this State. Specifies that a failure to satisfy the consent requirements does not preclude a court of competent jurisdiction from finding that consent if evidence presented to the court shows the individual intending to parent resided in the same household as the child and openly held out the child as that individual's child for the first two years of that child's life, including any period of temporary absence.

Prohibits a licensed healthcare provider or institution from knowingly causing the use of the healthcare provider's own human reproductive material for purposes of artificial insemination without the patient's knowledge and consent in new GS 49A-5. Provides for a civil action, with liquidated damages. Specifies that such remedies are in addition to any other remedies provided by law.

Amends GS 1-17 (disabilities) to authorize an action on behalf of a minor for malpractice arising out of the performance of or failure to perform professional services as a direct result of an act covered under GS Chapter 49A, or for any other civil laction available to a minor arising out of an act covered under GS Chapter 49A, to be commenced within five years of the minor attaining 18 years of age. Effective when this act becomes law, until five years after that date, revives any civil action existing at the time the act becomes law otherwise time-barred under GS 1-52, 1-17, or 1-15 as it existed immediately before the enactment of the act.

Appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to DHHS for 2026-27 to educate the public about the implementation of the act. Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Murdock.

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S 912 (2025-2026) [MENOPAUSE OMNIBUS](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT SUPPORTING THE ADVANCEMENT OF MENOPAUSE RESEARCH AND CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION REGARDING MENOPAUSE AND MENOPAUSE-RELATED CARE; REQUIRING MEDICAID AND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF MENOPAUSE-RELATED CARE; ENACTING PROTECTIONS AGAINST EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION ON ACCOUNT OF MENOPAUSE; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION.*

Part I.

Defines four terms. Directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to: (1) conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the current state of research regarding *menopause-related care* (medical, behavioral health, and supportive services addressing symptoms associated with perimenopause, menopause, and postmenopause, including, but not limited to, hormonal and non-hormonal treatments), including the six issues specified; (2) collect data on five age groups ranging from ages 20-29 to 60-69 experiencing menopause-related symptoms; (3) develop a statewide strategic plan addressing knowledge gaps, equitable access to care, and future research focusing on the transition from perimenopause through postmenopause based on the above evaluation and data. Requires a report to the specified NCGA committee by December 1, 2027. Appropriates \$5 million from the General Fund to DHHS’s Division of Public Health (DPH) for 2026-27 for the study and strategic plan, education, and training, as described.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Part II.

For the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2032, specifies that qualifying physicians (defined) subject to the continuing medical education (CME) requirements of GS Chapter 90 will receive two hours of CME credit for each hour of CME completed in perimenopausal, menopausal, or postmenopausal care, available for up to eight hours of CME completed

during the incentive period. Instructs DHHS, in collaboration with the NC Medical Board (Board) to promote the CME incentive program along with any other Board approved training opportunities.

Part III.

Instructs DHHS's Division of Health Benefits (DHB) to take all actions to implement Medicaid coverage for menopause-related care, including the five specified services.

Adds GS 58-3-271 requiring a health benefit plan offered in the State to provide coverage for perimenopausal and menopausal care and treatment administered by a licensed healthcare provider acting within the scope of the provider's license, including, at minimum, coverage for the ten specified symptoms. Exempts such coverage from annual deductibles, copayments, or coinsurance. Requires outpatient prescription drug coverage to include coverage for the evaluation and treatment of perimenopause and menopause symptoms, as described. Requires coverage to be provided without use of any utilization management for any treatments that are approved by the FDA or discrimination on the basis of gender expression or gender identity. Requires insurers to annually provide current clinical care recommendations for hormone therapy. Clarifies that the statute does not limit coverage for medically necessary outpatient prescription drugs. Applies to insurance contracts renewed, or amended on or after October 1, 2027.

Makes conforming change to GS 135-48.51 (State health plan coverage and optional mandates related to GS Chapter 58). Applies to the start of the next plan year following October 1, 2027.

Part IV.

Enacts Article 24, the "Menopause Nondiscrimination Act," to GS Chapter 95, making it an unlawful employment practice for an employer to take any of the four listed adverse employment actions (including failure to provide reasonable accommodations), on the basis of an employee's or prospective employee's condition related to pregnancy, childbirth, menopause, or a related medical condition in new GS 95-281. Provides for abettor liability. Sets forth burdens of proof. Contains findings from the General Assembly and four defined terms. Adds GS 95-282 requiring employers to provide reasonable accommodations for employees experiencing menopause-related symptoms, similar to protections afforded for pregnancy-related conditions and prohibiting retaliation against employees requesting such accommodations. Lists seven accommodations for physically demanding work and intellectually demanding work and five accommodations for emotionally demanding work. Encourages employees to implement supportive workplace policies. Clarifies that new Article 24 should not be construed to: (1) require an individual with a need related to pregnancy, childbirth, menopause, or a related medical condition to accept an accommodation which the individual chooses not to accept and (2) affect any other provision of law relating to sex discrimination, pregnancy, or menopause or to preempt, limit, diminish, or otherwise affect any other law that provides greater protection or specific benefits with respect to pregnancy, childbirth, menopause, or medical conditions related to childbirth or menopause.

Effective July 1, 2026, appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Labor for 2026-27 to implement the act.

Applies to hiring and employment decisions made, and actions taken, on or after December 1, 2026.

Part V.

Effective when it becomes law, except as otherwise provided.

Intro. by Murdock, Smith.

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S 913 (2025-2026) [SCREEN FREE SCHOOLS](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO FURTHER LIMIT THE USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES IN SCHOOLS*.

Amends GS 115C-76.100 to add “smart watches” to list of wireless communication devices and to provide that students are prohibited from using wireless communication devices at any time on school premises (K-8th grade) or at any point during the school day for 9th-12th grade (was, during instructional time). Permits exception for use required by Statewide Testing Program for 9th and 12th grade.

Removes provision allowing student use of wireless communication devices with teacher authorization for educational purposes or in an emergency.

Appropriates \$100,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to support implementation of GS 115C-76.100 as amended.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Burgin.

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S 914 (2025-2026) [2026 APPROPRIATIONS ACT](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS*.

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Intro. by Jackson, Hise, Lee.

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S 915 (2025-2026) [2026 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES*.

Due to the fact that Governor Stein's proposed budget was released on April 21, 2026, and has been available to the public in advance of the filing of S 915, we will not be including a summary of the bill version of his budget. For the content of the bill, please follow the link to the bill on the General Assembly's site above. Further information on the Governor's proposed budget can also be found on the Office of State Budget and Management's website at: <https://www.osbm.nc.gov/budget/governors-budget-recommendations>.

Intro. by Jackson, Hise, Lee.

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S 916 (2025-2026) [2026 APPROPRIATIONS ACT](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS*.

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Intro. by Lee, Hise, Jackson.

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S 917 (2025-2026) **MELT ACT: SUPPORT IMMIGRANT LEGAL DEFENSE**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO REPEAL SESSION LAW 2025-85 (HOUSE BILL 318), TO REQUIRE A JUDICIAL WARRANT FOR FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES.*

Contains five legislative findings pertaining to SL 2025-85 (An act to Modify Eligibility for Release and Require Notification of Release to ICE when a Prisoner is Subject to an Immigration Detainer and Administrative Warrant), warrantless immigration arrests, and access to legal counsel for immigrants. Titles the act the "Repeal Session Law 2025-85 and Support Immigrant Legal Defense Act."

Repeals SL 2025-85. Adds new GS 15A-407 prohibiting United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) from taking a person into custody, search person or property, enter a residence, or otherwise conduct an immigration enforcement action within the territorial jurisdiction of North Carolina unless the officer is acting pursuant to a valid judicial warrant (defined) issued by a federal or State court based on probable cause. Clarifies that administrative warrants and other specified non-judicial documents are insufficient to detain, continued custody of, or access to State or local government records. Prohibits State or local law enforcement agencies and employees from detaining or continuing to detain a person solely on an administrative warrant or detainer, transferring custody of a person to ICE or CBP without a judicial warrant, or providing access to nonpublic areas of a detention facility to CBP or ICE for the purpose of questioning, interviewing, or arresting a person without a judicial warrant. Provides for local governments and law enforcement to retain the right to decline to cooperate with federal immigration enforcement without a judicial warrant. Allows for a person aggrieved by a violation of the statute to seek declaratory or injunctive relief. Excludes any evidence obtained in violation of the statute from admissibility in any State proceeding.

Specifies, in new GS 15A-408 that, no county jail, local confinement facility, district confinement facility, satellite jail, or work release unit can hold a person solely on the basis of a federal immigration detainer or administrative warrant beyond the time the person would otherwise be eligible for release under State law. Directs that State and local law enforcement may, but are not required to, communicate with federal authorities regarding immigration status, except where required by federal court order. Clarifies that nothing in the statute prohibits compliance with valid criminal warrants or judicial orders unrelated to civil immigration enforcement.

Appropriates \$4 million from the General Fund to the Department of Administration (DOA) for 2026-27 to be transferred to the Office of State Budget and Management to be allocated to the four nonprofits in the amounts specified. Lists six allowable uses of the funds. Specifies that the funds remain available until spent. Requires each grantee to submit an annual report to DOA and the specified NCGA committee.

Contains severability clause.

Effective July 1, 2026, and applies to any person detained or arrested by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement or United States Customs and Border Protection on or after that date.

Intro. by Theodros, Mohammed, Chitlik.

APPROP, GS 15A

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Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Administration, Office of State Budget and Management, Immigration

S 918 (2025-2026) **WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH JOINT EOC FUNDS**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO FORSYTH COUNTY TO ASSIST THE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM IN CREATING A JOINT EMERGENCY*

OPERATIONS CENTER.

Appropriates \$1 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management to be allocated as a grant to Forsyth County as title indicates.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Lowe.

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

S 919 (2025-2026) [FUNDS FOR SMART START OF FORSYTH COUNTY](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SMART START OF FORSYTH COUNTY*.

Appropriates \$250,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, to provide a directed grant to Smart Start of Forsyth County to expand early childhood education and family support services.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Lowe.

APPROP, Forsyth

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**Education, Preschool, Government, Budget/Appropriations,
State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services**

S 920 (2025-2026) [SNAP ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING/FORSYTH COUNTY](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO FORSYTH COUNTY 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*.

Appropriates from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services (Division), \$3,888,010 for 2026-27 as title indicates. Specifies the Division must allocate only the portion of these appropriated funds up to the actual amount of lost federal receipts.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Lowe.

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies,
Department of Health and Human Services, Health and
Human Services, Social Services, Public Assistance**

S 921 (2025-2026) [FORSYTH TECH FIRST RESPONDER FUNDING](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO FORSYTH TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING*.

Appropriates \$10.4 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to Forsyth Technical Community College as title indicates.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Lowe.

APPROP, Forsyth

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**Education, Higher Education, Government,
Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and Emergency
Management**

S 922 (2025-2026) [FUND INTERNATIONAL BLACK THEATRE FESTIVAL](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BLACK THEATRE FESTIVAL*.

Appropriates \$200,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management for a directed grant to the City of Winston-Salem as title indicates.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Lowe.

APPROP, Forsyth

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

S 923 (2025-2026) [FUNDS FOR BRENNER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO BRENNER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL*.

Appropriates \$250,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management to provide a directed grant to the City of Winston-Salem to support a rural maternal health program as title indicates.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Lowe.

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Office of
State Budget and Management, Health and Human Services,
Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers**

S 924 (2025-2026) [REENACT THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO REENACT THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT*.

Reenacts GS 105-151.31 (recodified as GS 105-153.12), which sunset on January 1, 2014, concerning the earned income tax credit an individual could claim under section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code. Sets the earned income tax credit at 5% (previously, 4.5% for taxable year 2013 and 5% for all other taxable years). Repeals the reenacted statute effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2029. Effective January 1, 2026.

Intro. by Lowe.

GS 105

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Government, Tax

S 925 (2025-2026) [CURE VIOLENCE PROGRAM GRANT](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION BENEFITTING THE TRIAD REGION*.

Substantively identical to [H 1052](#), filed on 4/27/26.

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 Lowe.

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

S 926 (2025-2026) [FUNDS FOR WINSTON-SALEM URBAN LEAGUE](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE WINSTON-SALEM URBAN LEAGUE*.

Appropriates \$100,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management to provide a directed grant to the Winston-Salem Urban League to support economic empowerment, education, and workforce initiatives.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Lowe.

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

S 927 (2025-2026) [FUNDS FOR YMCA REACH AND ROBINHOOD](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CERTAIN YMCA ENTITIES*.

Appropriates from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management \$500,000 for 2026-27 to provide two equal directed grants for operations and community programming support to the YMCA REACH Center at Winston Lake and the Robinhood Road Family YMCA in Winston-Salem.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Lowe.

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

S 928 (2025-2026) [FUNDS FOR GOODWILL INDUSTRIES](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO GOODWILL INDUSTRIES*.

Appropriates \$200,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management to provide a directed grant to Goodwill Industries, Inc. to support workforce development and job training in Forsyth County.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Lowe.

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

S 929 (2025-2026) [FORSYTH COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDING](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN FORSYTH COUNTY*.

Appropriates \$1 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management to provide a directed grant to Forsyth County to be allocated to Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County, Inc. as title indicates.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Lowe.

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Office of State Budget and Management

S 930 (2025-2026) [TRAFFIC SIGNAL PREEMPTION SOFTWARE](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO FUND TRAFFIC SIGNAL PREEMPTION TECHNOLOGY*.

Identical to [H 1088](#), filed on 4/28/26.

Appropriates \$2.7 million from the Highway Fund to the Department of Transportation for 2026-27 to be used for traffic signal preemption technology to allow real-time signal changes prioritizing first responder vehicles.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Lowe.

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

S 931 (2025-2026) [SMITH REYNOLDS AIRPORT HANGAR IMPROVEMENTS](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO FUND RENOVATION, STRUCTURAL REPAIRS, MODERNIZATION, AND NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENTS OF HANGAR FACILITIES LOCATED AT SMITH REYNOLDS AIRPORT*.

Identical to [H 1087](#), filed 4/28/26.

Appropriates from the General Fund to the Department of Transportation, Division of Aviation, the following amounts in nonrecurring funds for 2026-27 to be allocated to Forsyth County for renovation, structural repairs, modernization, and necessary infrastructure enhancements of hangar facilities at the Smith Reynolds Airport: (1) Hangar Facility at 4001 North Liberty Street, \$11.5 million and Hangar Facility at 3820 North Liberty Street, \$4 million.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Lowe.

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Transportation, Transportation

S 933 (2025-2026) [FUNDS FOR FORSYTH TECH BOOST](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM OFFICE TO ALLOCATE TO FORSYTH TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO SUPPORT THE BOOST PROGRAM*.

Appropriates \$1 million in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Community Colleges System Office to be allocated to Forsyth Technical Community College to support the Boost college-to-career program.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Lowe.

APPROP, Forsyth

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**Education, Higher Education, Government,
Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Community Colleges
System Office**

S 935 (2025-2026) **INCREASE NUMBER OF MAGISTRATES/MECKLENBURG**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MAGISTRATES SERVING IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY*.

Amends GS 7A-133(c) to increase the minimum number of magistrates in Mecklenburg County to 43.5 (was, 38.5).

Appropriates \$236,140 in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts to hire five additional magistrates pursuant to this act.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Mohammed.

APPROP, Mecklenburg, GS 7A

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**Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Administrative Office of the
Courts, Government, Budget/Appropriations**

S 937 (2025-2026) **MARIJUANA AND VAPOR PRODUCTS REFORM**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT DECRIMINALIZING POSSESSION OF FIVE GRAMS OR LESS OF MARIJUANA; CONFORMING THE STATE DEFINITION OF HEMP WITH THE FEDERAL DEFINITION AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN THC AND CANNABIS PRODUCTS; INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR MANUFACTURING AND SELLING MARIJUANA; RAISING THE AGE TO PURCHASE TOBACCO, VAPOR, AND CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS; INCREASING THE EXCISE TAX ON VAPOR PRODUCTS; INCREASING THE UNAUTHORIZED SUBSTANCE EXCISE TAX ON MARIJUANA; EXPANDING ALCOHOL LAW ENFORCEMENT'S (ALE) SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EVIDENCE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL BY ALE; AND MAKING ADMINISTRATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT CHANGES TO THE VAPOR PRODUCTS DIRECTORY*.

Part I.

Modifies the definition of Schedule IV controlled substance *tetrahydrocannabinols* under the NC Controlled Substances Act (Act) in GS 90-94 so that it now excludes tetrahydrocannabinols found in a product with a total tetrahydrocannabinols (including tetrahydrocannabinolic acid) concentration of not more than 0.3% on a dry weight basis. (Currently, excludes tetrahydrocannabinols found in a product with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3% on a dry weight basis.)

Adds *container, intermediate hemp-derived cannabinoid product, and Secretary of Health and Human Services* to the Act's definitions in GS 90-87. Modifies *hemp* so it excludes (1) any viable seeds from a Cannabis sativa L. plant that exceeds a total tetrahydrocannabinols (including tetrahydrocannabinolic acid) 0.3% on a dry weight basis and (2) the described hemp-derived cannabinoid products.

Makes violations of the Act with respect Schedule V controlled substances a Class I felony and the sale of those controlled substances a Class H felony under GS 90-95. Directs that a Schedule VI controlled substance will be punished as a Class G

felony and subject to a fine of not less than \$10,000 and revocation of a person's business license if the violation occurred in further of a business organized in the State. Makes technical and organizational changes. Decriminalizes possession of 5 grams or less of marijuana. Makes possession of more than 5 grams of marijuana (currently, limit is more than one-half of an ounce (avoirdupois)) or the specified amount of hashish a Class 1 misdemeanor (currently, Class 3 misdemeanor). Increases the felony classes and fines for trafficking in: (1) marijuana amounts in excess of 10 pounds but less than 50 pounds and (2) dosage units in excess of 50 dosage units but less than 250 dosage units, both to a Class G (currently, Class H) felony with a fine of not less than \$15,000 (currently, \$5,000).

Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2026.

Part II.

Imposes strict liability for manufacturers and sellers of vapor products, consumable products, and marijuana in GS 99B-1.1. Makes conforming changes. Makes conforming changes to GS 99B-2. Applies to causes of action arising on or after October 1, 2026.

Part III.

Raises the legal age for purchase, sale, or distribution of tobacco, vapor products, and consumable products from 18 to 21 under GS 14-313 (concerning youth access to such products). Makes it a Class G felony for violations of the statute's bar on the sale, purchase, or distribution of vapor products to those under 21 years of age. Exempts the distribution of vapor products or consumable products to an employee when required in the performance of their duties from the above prohibition. Defines *smart vapor product*. Modifies defined terms *tobacco* and *vapor product*. Extends the existing signage requirements to retail distributors of vapor products and consumable products. Extends the remainder of the statutory provisions to vapor products and consumable products. Makes organizational, technical, and conforming changes. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2026.

Part IV.

Makes conforming change to GS 105-113.4F to account for changes to GS 14-313, above. Modifies *vapor product* in GS 105-113.4 (definitions pertaining to the Tobacco Products Act) to include *smart vapor products* (defined). Increases the excise tax imposed on vapor products under GS 105-113.36A from five cents per fluid milliliter of consumable product to ten cents per milliliter of consumable product. Requires the Secretary to credit the net proceeds of that tax as follows: (1) 50% to the Division of Social Services (DSS) of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to be used in foster care programs and (2) 50% to DHHS's Public Health Division (DPH) for public health on the health risks associated with vapor products. Increases the excise tax under GS 105-113.107 (excise tax on unauthorized substances) from: (1) 40 cents to \$1.50 for each gram, or fraction thereof, of harvested marijuana stems and stalks that have been separated from and are not mixed with any other parts of the marijuana plant and (2) from \$3.50 to \$13.13 for each gram, or fraction thereof, of marijuana, other than separated stems and stalks taxed above, or synthetic cannabinoids. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

Part V.

Expands the subject matter jurisdiction of alcohol law-enforcement agents under GS 18B-500 to include authority to take actions for criminal offenses encountered or otherwise discovered while investigating or enforcing the provisions of Article 5 of GS Chapter 90 and Part 3 of Article 4 of GS Chapter 143B.

Appropriates \$750,000 in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Alcohol Law Enforcement Division (ALE) of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for 2026-27 for evidence storage and disposal. Appropriates \$2.5 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to ALE for 2026-27 to hire up to 37 full-time employees. Effective July 1, 2026.

Part VI.

If Senate Bill 595 of the 2026 Regular Session of the 2025 General Assembly becomes law (Senate Bill 595), then makes the following changes to GS 143B-245.10, as amended by Part IX of Senate Bill 595. Adds term *ALE Division* and modifies *timely filed premarket tobacco product application*. If Senate Bill 595 becomes law, then makes the following changes to GS 143B-245.15, as amended by Part IX of Senate Bill 595. Replaces references to "compliance checks" with "inspection." Removes limitations that unannounced inspections have to be conducted within 30 days after any specified violation. Removes

requirement that ALE has to perform an unannounced inspection upon report of a violation. Instead authorizes ALE to investigate the alleged violation and conduct an unannounced inspection if necessary. Makes conforming changes.

Part VII.

Effective when it becomes law, except as otherwise provided.

Intro. by Burgin.

[APPROP, GS 14, GS 18B, GS 90, GS 99B, GS 105, GS 143B](#)

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[Alcoholic Beverage Control, Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Public Safety, Department of Revenue, Tax](#)

S 939 (2025-2026) [DRIVERS EDUCATION MODIFICATIONS](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT REQUIRING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PROVIDE PRINTED COPIES OF DRIVERS LICENSE HANDBOOKS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSTRUCTION, MODIFYING THE LAWS RELATING TO THE LICENSURE OF COMMERCIAL DRIVER TRAINING SCHOOLS AND INSTRUCTORS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.*

Requires, in GS 20-88.1, the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to provide annual reports to the specified NCGA committees on the number of printed driver license handbooks it provided to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the number of printed handbooks requested by DPI. Makes a technical change.

Expands the requirements for commercial driver training schools under GS 20-322 so that those schools have to maintain current copies of all contracts entered into by the school and make them available for inspection at the DMV's request.

Creates a temporary instructor permit under GS 20-323, not to exceed a period of twelve months, for the applicant to provide instruction subject to supervision and evaluation conditions established by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles (Commissioner). Makes conforming changes. Expands the duration of a Driver Training School license from two years to four years in GS 20-324 and allows for remote renewal of those licenses. Tasks the DMV with creating a continuing education requirement, as specified. Removes the statutory amounts for license and renewal fees. Instead, authorizes those fees to be set by the Commissioner. Applies to Driver Training School licenses issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2027. Instructs the DMV to adopt rules to implement the above.

Effective July 1, 2026, appropriates \$100,000 from the Highway Fund to the DMV for 2026-27 for costs associated with complying with the act.

Intro. by Hise.

[APPROP, GS 20](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Transportation](#)

S 940 (2025-2026) [2026 APPROPRIATIONS ACT](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS.*

Blank bill.

Intro. by Hise, Jackson, Lee.

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Government, Budget/Appropriations

S 941 (2025-2026) [EXEMPT TREASURER FROM DHHS REVIEW](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REVIEW*.

Enlarges the exemptions from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)'s certificate of need review set forth in GS 131E-184 to now exempt from review any new institutional health service established, developed, or acquired by any entity working in partnership or conjunction with the Department of the State Treasurer.

Appropriates \$50,000 to the Department of the State Treasurer from the General Fund for 2026-27 to take any actions permitted by the act.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Burgin.

[APPROP, GS 131E](#)

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of State Treasurer, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers

S 942 (2025-2026) [REENACT EITC](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO REENACT THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT*.

Reenacts GS 105-151.31, the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) as it existed immediately before its expiration, but recodifies it as GS 105-153.12. Increases the State EITC to 20% (from 5%) of the amount the individual qualifies for under the federal earned income tax credit. Removes outdated language. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

Intro. by Chitlik, Bradley, Smith.

[GS 105](#)

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Government, Tax

S 943 (2025-2026) [KIDS OVER CORPORATIONS ACT](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT REPEALING THE SCHEDULED PHASEOUT OF THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX AND SETTING THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE AT FIVE PERCENT*.

Contains whereas clauses.

Amends GS 105-130.3 (taxes on corporations), to impose an income tax on C corporations doing business in the State at the rate of 5%. Removes provisions reducing the tax rate for C corporations so that it would have zeroed out after 2029. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

Intro. by Chitlik, Murdock, Smith.

[GS 105](#)

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Business and Commerce, Corporation and Partnerships, Government, Tax

S 944 (2025-2026) [KEEP FAMILIES FED ACT](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO ENSURE VITAL FOOD SECURITY AND YOUTH PROGRAMS CONTINUE TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDING REGARDLESS OF PASSAGE OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET*.

Appropriates \$6 million in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management to address food insecurity by providing directed grants in equal amounts to the six listed nonprofit corporations.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Chitlik, Smith, Grafstein.

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

LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 1103 (2025-2026) [ALLOW IMPLEMENTATION OF CHATHAM CO. UDO](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO ALLOW CHATHAM COUNTY TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE ENACTED ON NOVEMBER 18, 2024, AND AN ACCOMPANYING ZONING MAP.*

Authorizes Chatham County Board of Commissioners to implement and enforce unified development ordinance (adopted in November 2024) and accompanying zoning map notwithstanding GS 160D-601 and Section 3K.1(c) of SL 2024-57. Ordinance and map shall be effective upon Board approval, which must occur on or before June 1, 2027.

Intro. by Reives.

UNCODIFIED, Chatham

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Land Use, Planning and Zoning

H 1117 (2025-2026) [EVEN-YEAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS/CATAWBA CO.](#) Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN CATAWBA COUNTY BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.*

Substantively identical to [S 810](#), filed 4/21/26.

Section 1.

Amends Section 3 and Section 4 (SL 1907-230, as amended) of the Town of Brookford's Charter as follows. Lists the officers of the Town of Brookford as the mayor and four aldermen (was, initially mayor and three commissioners, and other appointed officers and agents). Specifies that the mayor's term is four years and the terms of office for the aldermen are four years, staggered. Directs that the town officers are to be elected at the time of the general election in each even-numbered year on a nonpartisan plurality basis. Removes outdated language and makes technical changes.

Specifies that no municipal elections will be conducted in 2027 and that the terms of office for the two aldermen serving on the effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2027 will be extended by one year. The terms of office for the mayor and two aldermen serving on the effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2029 will be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections will resume in even-numbered years beginning in 2028 with the same staggering of terms as when elections were conducted in the odd-numbered years.

Section 2.

Amends Section 4 (SL 1893-274, as amended), of the Charter of the Town of Catawba so that elections are conducted in even-numbered years (was, odd-numbered years). Removes outdated language.

Specifies that no municipal elections will be conducted in 2027 and that the terms of office for the mayor and two council members serving on the effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2027 will be extended by one year. The terms of office for the two council members serving on the effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2029 will be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections will resume in even-numbered years beginning in 2028 with the same staggering of terms as when elections were conducted in the odd-numbered years.

Section 3.

Amends Section 3 of the Charter (SL 1893-11, as amended) of the City of Claremont as follows. Directs that regular municipal elections will be held at the time of the general election on even-numbered years. Specifies that the elections are to be conducted on a nonpartisan plurality basis. Makes technical and conforming changes, including to section title. Removes outdated language. Makes organizational changes.

Specifies that no municipal elections will be conducted in 2027 and that the terms of office for the three council members serving on the effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2027 will be extended by one year. The terms of office for the mayor and two council members serving on the effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2029 will be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections will resume in even-numbered years beginning in 2028 with the same staggering of terms as when elections were conducted in the odd-numbered years.

Section 4.

Amends Section 4.01 of the Charter of the City of Conover (SL 1977-78, as amended), as follows. Directs that regular municipal elections will be held at the time of the general election in even-numbered years. Makes technical and conforming changes. Removes outdated language.

Specifies that no municipal elections will be conducted in 2027 and that the terms of office for the three council members serving on the effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2027 will be extended by one year. The terms of office for the mayor and two council members serving on the effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2029 will be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections will resume in even-numbered years beginning in 2028 with the same staggering of terms as when elections were conducted in the odd-numbered years.

Section 5.

Amends Section 2.01 of the City of Hickory (SL 1961-323, as amended), as follows. Replaces references to “aldermen” with “council members.” Directs that regular municipal elections will be held at the time of the general election on even-numbered years. Makes technical and conforming changes. Removes outdated language.

Specifies that no municipal elections will be conducted in 2027 and that the terms of office for the three council members serving on the effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2027 will be extended by one year. The terms of office for the mayor and three council members serving on the effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2029 will be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections will resume in even-numbered years beginning in 2028 with the same staggering of terms as when elections were conducted in the odd-numbered years.

Section 6.

Amends Section 3 (SL 1907-430, as amended) of the Charter of the Town of Long View as follows. Specifies that the town’s governing body consists of a mayor and six aldermen, who each represent and are elected by a ward of the town. Specifies that the mayor serves for a four-year term, and that the aldermen serve for four-year terms, staggered. Requires aldermen to be a resident of the ward in which they’re elected. Directs that regular municipal elections will be held at the time of the general election on even-numbered years. Makes technical changes.

Specifies that no municipal elections will be conducted in 2027 and that the terms of office for the three aldermen serving on the effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2027 will be extended by one year. The terms of office for the mayor and three aldermen serving on the effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2029 will be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections will resume in even-numbered years beginning in 2028 with the same staggering of terms as when elections were conducted in the odd-numbered years.

Section 7.

Makes the following changes to Section 4 of the Town of Maiden (SL 1883-103, as amended). Directs that regular municipal elections will be held in the first Tuesday in November on even-numbered years (was, odd-numbered years). Removes town specific rules for electing the mayor and town council. Instead directs that the results be determined in accordance with GS 163-292 (election results using the plurality method). Specifies that Town elections will be conducted in line with uniform municipal election laws in GS Chapter 163 except as otherwise provided. Makes technical and conforming changes. Removes outdated language.

Specifies that no municipal elections will be conducted in 2027 and that the terms of office for the mayor and two council members serving on the effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2027 will be extended by one year. The terms of office for the two council members serving on the effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2029 will be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections will resume in even-numbered years beginning in 2028 with the same staggering of terms as when elections were conducted in the odd-numbered years.

Section 8.

Amends Article III of the City of Newton's Charter (SL 1989-1042, as amended) as follows. Replaces references to the "Board of Aldermen" with "City Council." Extends the mayor's term to four (was, two) years. Directs that regular municipal elections will be held at the time of the general election on even-numbered years. Makes technical and conforming changes, including to section title. Removes outdated language.

Specifies that no municipal elections will be conducted in 2027 and that the terms of office for the mayor and three council members serving on the effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2027 will be extended by one year. The terms of office for the three council members serving on the effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2029 will be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections will resume in even-numbered years beginning in 2028 with the same staggering of terms as when elections were conducted in the odd-numbered years.

Section 9.

Applies to elections held on or after the act becomes law.

Intro. by Adams, Setzer.

UNCODIFIED, Catawba

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H 1119 (2025-2026) [ANNEXATION OF PUV LAND/SCHOOL CAPACITY](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT PRIOR TO ANNEXING CERTAIN PRESENT-USE VALUE PROPERTY, A CITY MUST OBTAIN APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.*

Applicable only to Iredell County, adds a pre-hearing requirement to GS 160A-58.2 (public hearings held pursuant to a petition for municipal annexation) as follows. Requires the city council to direct the planning department to determine whether zoning the area for residential use will increase the number of students attending public school in the county in which the area is located to more than 100% of the county's current capacity if the area meets all of the following: (1) is agricultural land, forestland, or horticultural land or has been enrolled in present-use value taxation within the previous three calendar years; (2) is not contiguous to the city's primary corporate limits; and (3) is not within the city's extraterritorial planning jurisdiction. If that is the case, then requires county approval before the city may annex the area. If the county with jurisdiction over the area does not approve the annexation, then city cannot proceed with the annexation unless it is willing to pay the county the amount necessary to come back into compliance with school capacity. Applicable to petitions for annexation received on or after July 1, 2026.

Intro. by McNeely.

Iredell, GS 160A

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LOCAL/SENATE BILLS

S 932 (2025-2026) [WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH CO. PLANNING & ZONING](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM TO DELEGATE REZONING AUTHORITY TO THE JOINT CITY-COUNTY PLANNING BOARD SUBJECT TO APPEAL AND FINAL REVIEW RETAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.*

Clarifies, under Section 41 of SL 1947-677 (definitions provision of the act authorizing Winston-Salem and Forsyth County to adopt zoning laws), that *Board of Alderman* and *City Council* have the same meaning. Directs, under Section 23 of SL 1947-677, as amended, that the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County must enact an ordinance to confer authority upon the joint City and County Planning Board to either revise existing zoning ordinances or to prepare new ordinances. Allows the city to enact ordinances to confer the authority for the rezoning of property, including site plan amendments, to the joint City and County Planning Board. Requires the City Council to establish rules, regulations, and guidelines under which the joint Board can exercise its rezoning authority. Also requires City Council to provide appropriate rights of appeal and final review. Makes technical changes, including replacing references to the Board of Alderman with City Council. Applicable to Winston-Salem only.

Intro. by Lowe.

UNCODIFIED, Forsyth

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Land Use, Planning and Zoning

S 934 (2025-2026) **32ND SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 32ND SENATORIAL DISTRICT*.

Blank bill.

Intro. by Lowe.

Forsyth

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ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 301: SOCIAL MEDIA & AI SAFETY. (NEW)

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary

H 369: PARKING LOT REFORM AND MODERNIZATION ACT.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to State and Local Government. If fav, re-ref to Agriculture, Energy, and Environment. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 433: REGISTERED NURSES IN SCHOOLS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget

H 1064: CIVIL RIGHTS HELPLINE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1065: PREPARED FOODS SALES TAX MODIFICATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1066: CHILD CARE STABILIZATION & AFFORDABILITY ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1070: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVORCE REFORM ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1071: SNAP FUNDING IN RESPONSE TO H.R. 1.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1072: AFFORDABLE HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1073: FAIR SHARE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1074: PRESCRIPTION DRUG EXPENSES TAX DEDUCTION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1075: PERSISTENT D.V. OFFENDER REGISTRY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1076: THE INNOVATIONS WAITLIST REDUCTION ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1077: NC WORKING FAMILIES ECONOMIC RELIEF ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1078: OMNIBUS LIFE SCIENCES APPROPRIATIONS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1079: MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS SALES TAX EXEMPTION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1080: PUBLIC SAFETY REINVESTMENT ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1090: RURAL CARE ACT.

House: Filed

H 1091: DWI MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2026.

House: Filed

H 1092: REFORM NC PROPERTY TAX.

House: Filed

H 1093: MUSEUM OF LIFE/SCIENCES APPROPRIATION.

House: Filed

H 1094: FERRY DIVISION PERFORMANCE AUDIT.

House: Filed

H 1095: TIER SYSTEM REEVALUATION.

House: Filed

H 1096: FIRST IN FLIGHT ACT.

House: Filed

H 1097: GOVERNMENT WEBSITE ACCESS ACT.

House: Filed

H 1098: RURAL COMMUTER MICROTRANSIT PILOT GRANT.

House: Filed

H 1099: FUNDING VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION.

House: Filed

H 1100: CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT ACT.

House: Filed

H 1101: HATTERAS-OCRACOKE HOVERCRAFT PILOT PROGRAM.

House: Filed

H 1102: FUEL GAS SAFETY ACT.

House: Filed

H 1104: IVC AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

House: Filed

H 1105: NORTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ACT.

House: Filed

H 1106: NC PRE-K FUNDING/IREDELL COUNTY.

House: Filed

H 1107: FUNDS FOR FAMILIES PROVIDING FOSTER CARE.

House: Filed

H 1108: CONST. AMEND./PERMITLESS CARRY.

House: Filed

H 1109: NCDOT STI STUDY RECOMMENDATION.

House: Filed

H 1110: EARLY INTERVENTION SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PILOT.

House: Filed

H 1111: MILITARY SERVICE BUYBACK REDUCTION: TEACHERS.

House: Filed

H 1112: NC WORKFORCE STABILITY & ECONOMIC PROTECTION.

House: Filed

H 1113: EXTEND SHELLFISH LEASING MORATORIUM.

House: Filed

H 1114: GSC TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS 2026.

House: Filed

H 1115: GSC ADVANCE HEALTH CARE PLANNING DOCUMENTS.

House: Filed

H 1116: FILM GRANT MODIFICATIONS.

House: Filed

H 1118: WORKFORCE HOUSING LOAN RENEWAL ACT.

House: Filed

H 1120: FINANCIAL EFFECTIVENESS AND TRANSPARENCY ACT.

House: Filed

H 1121: ADDED FEE FOR SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES.

House: Filed

H 1122: EXPAND DISABLED VETERAN PROP. TAX EXCLUSION.

House: Filed

H 1123: UNC OMNIBUS & CAPITAL CONTRACTING LAW CHANGES.

House: Filed

H 1124: INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS.

House: Filed

H 1125: THE WAKABOOMEE PROGRAM.

House: Filed

H 1126: 2026 DST ADMIN/TECHNICAL/CLARIFYING CHANGES.-AB

House: Filed

H 1127: AFFORDABLE MATERNAL ACCESS & CANCER CARE ACT.

House: Filed

H 1128: ARBOR WEEK REFORM.

House: Filed

H 1129: BALCONY SOLAR.

House: Filed

H 1130: RE-PROFESSIONALIZING THE TEACHING PROFESSION.

House: Filed

H 1131: MORE APS STAFF TO ADDRESS ELDER ABUSE.

House: Filed

H 1132: LEO FACIAL COVERINGS AND IDENTIFICATIONS.

House: Filed

H 1133: HBCU/HMSI OMNIBUS.

House: Filed

H 1134: SECRET PEEPING ON MINOR/INCREASE PUNISHMENT.

House: Filed

H 1135: MODIFY MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

House: Filed

H 1136: CAPE FEAR IBT MORATORIUM/EMC IBT REDUCTIONS.

House: Filed

H 1137: APPROPRIATION TO THE LAKE NORMAN CDC.

House: Filed

H 1138: AGING WITH DIGNITY ACT.

House: Filed

H 1139: LEARNING & ENRICHMENT IN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS.

House: Filed

H 1140: STATE EMPLOYEE BEREAVEMENT LEAVE/UP TO 40 HRS.

House: Filed

H 1141: PROTECTING MEDICAID & AUTISM SERVICES.

House: Filed

H 1142: EXPAND QUANTUM COMPUTING EDUCATION.

House: Filed

H 1143: PRINCIPAL FELLOWS & MSA INTERN STIPENDS.

House: Filed

S 229: AUTHORIZE NIL AGENCY CONTRACTS.

House: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 693: VETERAN ACCESS, LIBERTY, OPTIONS FOR RECOVERY.

House: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 808: BOARD OF COSMETIC ART EXAMINERS AMENDMENTS.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

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

S 840: TEACHER LICENSURE MODIFICATIONS.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget

S 850: PAY TEACHERS WHAT THEY'RE WORTH ACT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate: Withdrawn From Com
Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget

S 851: AMERICA'S SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL LICENSE PLATE.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 852: NC HEALTH BENEFITS EXCHANGE IMPLEMENTATION.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 853: CREATE DEPT. OF HOUSING AND COMM. DEVELOPMENT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate: Withdrawn From Com
Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget

S 854: TIER ONE COUNTY ASSISTANCE.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate: Withdrawn From Com
Senate: Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget

S 855: COMMUNITY-BASED PHARMACY PROTECTIONS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 856: CONST AMEND: LEGISLATIVE TERMS/COMPENSATION.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 857: GSC UPDATE FUNERAL BOARD AND DOI LICENSING.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate: Withdrawn From Com
Senate: Re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Commerce and Insurance. If fav, re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 858: GSC ADD MEMBER FROM HIGH POINT LAW SCHOOL.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 859: HOME DIALYSIS ACCESSIBILITY ACT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 860: NONPROFIT FUNDRAISING SALES TAX EXEMPTION.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 861: CUT STATE GOV. JOBS VACANT 24 MONTHS OR MORE.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading
Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 862: STIP GRANT ANTICIPATION NOTES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 863: STREAMLINE ADULT CARE HOME INSPECTIONS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 864: SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE AI IN SCHOOLS ACT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 865: RESTORE BENEFITS TO EDUCATORS/STATE EMPLOYEES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 866: ADD HOME SCHOOLS TO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 867: INCREASED ADMIN FUND FOR MEDICAID.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 868: MEDICAID INNOVATIONS WAIVER SLOT EXPANSION.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 869: REDUCE COUNTY SHARE/SA IN-HOME PROGRAM.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 870: FUNDS FOR VETERANS/HBOT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 871: COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 872: EDUCATION CENTER AT HARNETT CORRECTIONAL.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 873: INNOVATIONS WAIVER TIERS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 874: LICENSING CERTAIN FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 875: NO FIREARM POSSESSION AFTER DV MISDEMEANORS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: RefTo Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 877: REPEAL SERVICE TAX.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 878: INVESTMENT IN PINETOPS' POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 879: FUNDS FOR THE FRANKLINTON CENTER.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 880: FUNDS FOR TOWN OF MACCLESFIELD EQUIPMENT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 881: FUNDS FOR PITT CO. BOYS & AMP GIRLS CLUBS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 882: REENACT EITC.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 883: PINETOPS UTILITY DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 885: FUNDING FOR THE CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 886: FUNDS/TOWN OF GRIFTON RESILIENCY.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 887: COMPENSATION FOR WRONGFULLY DETAINED PERSONS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 888: IMMIGRATION DATA PRIVACY.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 889: PROPERTY TAX REAPPRAISAL MORATORIUM.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 890: KEEP IMMIGRANT TALENT IN NC.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 891: SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT GRANT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 892: FUNDS FOR PITT-GREENVILLE AIRPORT.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 894: NC A&T CHANCELLOR'S RESIDENCE TRANSFER.

Senate: Filed

S 895: NONPROFIT HOSPITALS TAX EXEMPTION.

Senate: Filed

S 896: INCREASE MEDICAID PCS AND PDN RATES.

Senate: Filed

LOCAL BILLS

H 117: OCEAN ISLE BEACH/SUNSET BEACH/PARKING FEES.

House: Withdrawn From Com

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

H 1067: RURAL HALL/ELECTIONS/UNAFFILIATED CANDIDATES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1068: CITY OF KING SATELLITE CAP REMOVAL.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1069: NEW BERN UNFIT DWELLING ENFORCEMENT OPTIONS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

House: Withdrawn From Com

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

H 1103: ALLOW IMPLEMENTATION OF CHATHAM CO. UDO.

House: Filed

H 1117: EVEN-YEAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS/CATAWBA CO.

House: Filed

H 1119: ANNEXATION OF PUV LAND/SCHOOL CAPACITY.

House: Filed

S 214: VARIOUS LOCAL PROVISIONS VII. (NEW)

House: Conf Report Adopted 2nd

House: Placed On Cal For 05/06/2026

Senate: Conf Report Passed 2nd

S 809: REMOVE SATELLITE ANNEXATION CAP/SPRUCE PINE.

Senate: Reptd Fav

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

S 811: VARIOUS LOCAL PROVISIONS VIII. (NEW)

Senate: Reptd Fav

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

S 817: ANNEX VARIOUS MILITARY PROPERTY/JACKSONVILLE.

Senate: Reptd Fav

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

S 876: ROWAN COUNTY/BD. OF COMMISSIONERS/VACANCIES.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 884: PINETOPS CHARTER REVISED & CONSOLIDATED.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 893: 33RD SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT-1.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

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

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