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PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 390 (2025-2026) [MEDICAID PREPAID HEALTH PLAN PRACTICES. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Mar 12 2025, *AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN MEDICAID PREPAID HEALTH PLAN PRACTICES.*

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

Makes conforming changes to act's titles.

Specifies that if House Bill 696, 2025 Regular Session (H 696) becomes law, then makes the following changes to GS 108D-65(b) (Role of the Department of Health and Human Services-DHHS), as amended by H 696. Now also prevents DHHS from prohibiting prepaid Medicaid health plans (PHP) from (1) aligning claims operations with national standards for coding, edits, and claims adjudication and (2) directing inpatient hospital and lab services to outpatient settings where appropriate.

Authorizes DHHS to establish rules with standards for when referral to outpatient settings is appropriate. Changes the number of standard deviations pertaining to when DHHS cannot prohibit itemized bills to two standard deviations from the mean claim amount (was, two standard deviations from the median claim amount).

Specifies that if H 696 does not become law by June 1, 2026, then this act makes the same changes as these made to GS 108D-65 in this act and by H 696.

Effective when it becomes law and applies to contracts entered into or amended after that date.

Intro. by Cunningham, White, Blackwell, Reeder.

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[Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Social Services, Public Assistance](#)

H 433 (2025-2026) [SFRF/NCPRO REVISIONS. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Mar 18 2025, *AN ACT DIRECTING THE OFFICE OF STATE BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT TO RECLASSIFY UNEXPENDED STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND BALANCES, AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA PANDEMIC RECOVERY OFFICE TO REALLOCATE STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS, DIRECTING THE OFFICE OF STATE BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT TO USE INTEREST EARNED ON VARIOUS FUNDS FOR OPERATIONS PERTAINING TO PANDEMIC RELIEF, AND EXTENDING THE DATE ON WHICH THE NORTH CAROLINA PANDEMIC RECOVERY OFFICE WILL CEASE TO OPERATE.*

Senate committee substitute to the 3rd edition replaces the prior edition in its entirety with the following.

Makes conforming changes to the act's long and short titles.

Section 1.

Extends the fiscal years when the Director of the Budget (Director) is required to make nonrecurring, budget-neutral adjustments under Section 6.9 to SL 2025-97 (Continuing Budget Operations) to now include reducing the 2026-27 net General Fund appropriation for agencies receiving State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) by an amount equal to the SFRF reclassified to that agency. Makes conforming changes to the Director's obligation to ensure that the changes do not result in a change to the net General Fund appropriations.

Section 2.

Authorizes reallocation of State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) appropriated by this act or any act of the General Assembly, including the eight listed, by the NC Pandemic Recovery Office (NCPRO) in consultation with the Director so long as: (1) there is a reasonable expectation that the funds will not be expended before the deadline established by applicable federal law or guidance and (2) the reallocation is made to support activities that previously received an appropriation from the SFRF, are authorized under this act or one of the eight acts specified, and adhere to Federal SFRF Expenditure Category 5 (Water, Sewer, or Broadband Infrastructure) guidance. Prohibits reallocated funds being used for any new purpose.

Provides for reallocation of funds by specified transfers. Emphasizes that those transfers cannot modify the purposes of the original appropriations. Authorizes the Director to reallocate any remaining funds after the reallocation process to the State Treasurer up to an amount equal to the remaining unreimbursed COVID-19-related expenses incurred by the North Carolina State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees between March 3, 2021, and December 31, 2024, provided the reallocation is consistent with federal law and guidelines.

Requires the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) to submit a report to the specified NCGA division on the reallocations by January 15, 2027.

Section 3.

Appropriates any interest earned on the four listed funds to OSBM for operations pertaining to pandemic recovery, including use of such funds in accordance with the requirements of Section 6.9 of SL 2025-97.

Section 4.

Extends the expiration of the North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Office (NCPRO) set forth in Section 4.3 of SL 2020-4 (pertaining to NCPRO), as amended, from June 30, 2026, to May 1, 2027. Changes NCPRO's monthly reporting requirement to a final report that is due no later than one week prior to the date NCPRO sunsets. Modifies the reporting matters, so that NCPRO is has to describe its activities during the 2026 calendar year (was, 2020) and has to detail any funding returned to the US Treasury.

Intro. by Gillespie, White, Cotham, Reeder.

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

H 696 (2025-2026) [MEDICAID & HHS ADJUST./OTHER CRITICAL NEEDS \(NEW\)](#). Filed Apr 2 2025, *AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM AND OTHER CHANGES RELATED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, IMPLEMENTING VARIOUS BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS, AND MAKING OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE.*

AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM AND OTHER CHANGES RELATED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, IMPLEMENTING VARIOUS BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS, AND MAKING OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE. SL 2026-1. Enacted April 30, 2026. Effective April 30, 2026, except as otherwise provided.

Intro. by Potts, Reeder, Campbell.

APPROP, STUDY, Avery, Burke, Harnett, Iredell, Johnston, Mitchell, Perquimans, GS 90, GS 108A, GS 108C, GS 108D, GS 116, GS 131D

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Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Administrative Office of the Courts, Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, General Assembly, Public Records and Open Meetings, Public Safety and Emergency

Management, State Agencies, UNC System, Department of Adult Correction, Department of Commerce, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, Department of Transportation, Office of State Auditor, Office of State Budget and Management, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Health Insurance, Social Services, Adult Services, Public Assistance, Military and Veteran's Affairs, Transportation

H 727 (2025-2026) **LIMIT MEDICAID REIMB. FOR FACILITY FEES (NEW)**. Filed Apr 2 2025, *AN ACT TO LIMIT MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTAIN FACILITY FEES*.

Senate committee substitute to the 2nd edition replaces the content of the previous edition with the following and makes conforming title changes.

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), to the extent allowed under federal law, to ensure that the Medicaid program does not reimburse for facility fees unless the services are provided on a hospital's main campus, at a facility that includes an emergency department, or at an ambulatory surgical facility. Defines facility fee as any fee charged or billed by a health care provider for outpatient services provided in a hospital-based facility that is (1) intended to compensate the health care provider for the operational expenses of the health care provider, (2) separate and distinct from a professional fee, and (3) charged regardless of the modality through which the health care services were provided.

Specifies that DHHS is not required to maintain, after June 30, 2027, any modifications to the Medicaid program required by this act, except for statutory changes or where otherwise specified.

Requires that the act be implemented as soon as practicable after the date that it becomes law.

Intro. by Reeder, Blackwell, Wheatley, Gable.

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

H 1105 (2025-2026) **NORTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ACT**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO INCREASE STATE TROOPERS IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY, TO INCREASE MAGISTRATES IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY, TO REVISE CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS AND AUTHORIZE THE USE OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION AS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF RESPONSIBILITY, TO PROHIBIT DISCLOSURE OF HIGHWAY CAMERA VIDEO RECORDS STORED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, TO EXPAND THE OPERATIONAL HOURS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION METROLINA TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT CENTER IN CHARLOTTE, TO INCREASE THE MONETARY PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE MOVE OVER LAW, TO ADD A MONETARY PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE STREET TAKEOVER LAW, TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSE OF DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY BY RECKLESS BOATING, AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR ASSAULT ON PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATORS*.

Section 1.

Appropriates \$999,400 in recurring funds from the General Fund to the State Highway Patrol (SHP) starting in 2026-27 to fund twelve full-time State Trooper positions. Assigns those positions to State Highway Patrol District H5 of Troop H. Effective July 1, 2026.

Section 2.

Increases the number of magistrates assigned to Mecklenburg County from 38.5 to 43.5 in GS 7A-133. Appropriates \$402,070 in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) starting in 2026-27 to hire those magistrates. Appropriates \$15,140 from the General Fund to AOC for 2026-27 to hire those magistrates. Effective July 1, 2026.

Section 3.

Amends GS 20-217, which requires motor vehicles to stop for properly marked school buses when stopped in certain described instances, increasing the minimum fines as follows: for violation of the statute, from \$500 to \$1,000; for willful violation of the statute and also striking any person, from \$1,250 to \$4,500; and for willful violation of the statute and also striking a person that results in their death, from \$2,500 to \$7,000. Enacts a new subsection, establishing that it is prima facie evidence that the vehicle was operated by the person in whose name the vehicle was registered at the time of the violation whenever evidence is presented in any court or administrative hearing of the fact that a vehicle was operated in violation of the statute. Provides a similar provision with regard to operation by a renter of a rented vehicle. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2026.

Section 4.

Amends GS 132-1.1 to prohibit highway camera video records stored by the Department from being disclosed except as provided in new GS 132-1.7B.

Enacts new GS 132-1.7B, providing as follows. Sets out and defines terms, including defining *highway camera* as a Department of Transportation (DOT) video or digital camera, located on highway rights-of-way, for the purpose of monitoring vehicle traffic.

Requires highway cameras to record and store incidents when requested by law enforcement agencies to assist in the following types of incident investigations along interstates and highways: vehicle chases, hit-and-run crashes, road rage altercations, street races, street takeovers, and any other incident investigations law enforcement agencies feel would be supported and expedited by the use of this technology. Specifies that recordings under this statute are not public records.

Allows a person to request disclosure of a recording through a written request to DOT that includes the name of the person making the request, date and approximate time of the activity, or otherwise identify the activity with reasonable particularity sufficient to identify the recording. Allows disclosure of a recording to only: (1) a person whose image or voice is in the recording; (2) a personal representative of an adult person whose image or voice is in the recording, if the adult person has consented to the disclosure; (3) a personal representative of a minor or of an adult person under lawful guardianship whose image or voice is in the recording; (4) a personal representative of a deceased person whose image or voice is in the recording; or (5) a personal representative of an adult person who is incapacitated and unable to provide consent to disclosure. Requires disclosing only the portions of the recording relevant to the person's request. Prohibits a person receiving disclosure from recording or copying the recording. Requires DOT to make the disclosure or deny the request as promptly as possible. Sets out six factors the Department is to consider when deciding whether to grant or deny the request. Sets out the procedure under which the person seeking disclosure may apply to the appropriate superior court for a review of the denial of disclosure when disclosure has been denied or disclosure has not been made more than three business days after the request. Sets out conditions under which the court may order disclosure. Sets out individuals that must be notified and given an opportunity to be heard at the hearing.

Provides that recordings are to be released only pursuant to court order. Allows any person requesting release of a recording to file an action in the appropriate superior court for an order releasing the recording. Requires the request to state the date and approximate time of the activity captured in the recording or otherwise identify the activity with reasonable particularity sufficient to identify the recording to which the action refers. Sets out factors the court is to consider in determining whether to order the release of all or a portion of the recording. Limits the release to only those portions of the recording relevant to the person's request and allows placing conditions or restrictions on the release. Sets out individuals that must be notified and given an opportunity to be heard at the hearing.

Requires DOT to disclose or release a recording to a district attorney (1) for review of potential criminal charges, (2) to comply with discovery requirements in a criminal prosecution, (3) for use in criminal proceedings in district court, or (4) for any other law enforcement purpose and allows disclosure or release of a recording for suspect identification or apprehension or to locate a missing or abducted person.

Provides that DOT is not required to retain any recording subject to this statute for more than 30 days, unless a court of competent jurisdiction orders otherwise.

Provides that no civil liability arises from compliance with the statute, so long as the acts or omissions are made in good faith.

Allows DOT to charge a fee for making a copy of a recording for release, not to exceed the actual cost. Prohibits the court from awarding attorneys' fees.

Prohibits using recordings subject to the statute for fines or private investigation. Provides that no elected official may review recordings subject to this statute, unless they meet the statute's disclosure criteria; excludes a county sheriff or district attorney if review of the recordings is within the scope of a criminal investigation.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Section 5.

Appropriates \$3 million in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the Highway Fund to DOT to be used to expand the operational hours of the IMap and North Carolina Department of Transportation Metrolina Transportation Management Center in Charlotte to 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Allocates \$15 million in recurring funds from the fund appropriated to DOT for 2026-27, and \$20 million in nonrecurring funds, to be used to expand operational hours of the IMap and Metrolina Transportation Management Center to 24 hours a day, every day. Effective July 1, 2026.

Section 6.

Increases the fine from \$250 to not less than \$300 but not more than \$500 for violation of GS 20-157 (failure to move one's vehicle out of the way for law enforcement or other first responder vehicles). Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2026. Makes technical changes.

Section 7.

Requires a court to order a person who knowingly violates the street takeover law (GS 20-141.10) to pay restitution for the cost of the damages to the State if they cause damage to a curb, road surface, or any other portion of a public vehicular area. Makes technical changes. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2026.

Section 8.

Adds GS 75A-10.4, establishing the offenses of death (A1 misdemeanor) and serious injury (Class 1 misdemeanor) by reckless boating. Sets forth the four elements of the crime: (1) the person unintentionally causes the death/serious injury; (2) while recklessly operating the boat in violation of GS 75A-10(a); (3) they were not engaged in the offense of impaired boating; and (4) the offense proximately caused the death/serious injury. Creates an aggravated offense for individuals with prior convictions under GS 75A-10(a) within seven years of the date of the death/serious injury. Prohibits double prosecutions. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2026.

Section 9.

Repeals GS 14-33(c)(7) (making it a Class A1 misdemeanor to assault a public transit operator, including a public employee or a private contractor employed as a public transit operator, when the operator is discharging or attempting to discharge his or her duties).

Adds GS 14-34.6A, making it a Class I felony if a person an assault causing physical injury on any public transit operator, including a public employee or a private contractor employed as a public transit operator, when the operator is discharging or attempting to discharge the operator's official duties. Makes it a Class D felony if the person uses a firearm unless the person's conduct is covered by another provision of law providing greater punishment.

Section 10.

Effective when it becomes law, except as otherwise provided.

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Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of Transportation

H 1123 (2025-2026) **UNC OMNIBUS & CAPITAL CONTRACTING LAW CHANGES**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES RELATED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND UPDATES TO STATUTES RELATED TO CONTRACTING FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS*.

Section 1.

States the act's purpose to authorize the financing of the capital improvement projects listed in this act for the respective institutions of The University of North Carolina with the described funds available, including revenue bonds or special obligation bonds, to the institutions. Authorizes four capital improvement projects for the four listed UNC constituent institutions in the amounts specified. Allows the Director the Budget (Director), upon request of the UNC Board of Governors (BOG), to authorize and increase or decrease in the specified costs, as described. Provides for special obligations bonds capped at the amounts of each capital project cost plus 5% to pay issuance expenses, fund reserve funds, and to pay capitalized interest or other related costs or project increases.

Section 2.

Modifies the residency requirement for admission of students to the NC School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) under GS 116-235 so that it applies to a student who has who has established legal residence (domicile) in North Carolina and maintained that legal residence for at least 12 months immediately prior to his or her classification as a resident for tuition purposes (currently, applicant just has to be a legal resident). Tasks the State Education Assistance Authority (Authority) with determining residency. Makes technical, organizational, and clarifying changes. Applies beginning with applications to NCSSM for the 2027-28 school year.

Section 3.

Specifies the purpose of the tuition grant for graduates of NCSSM and the NC School of the Arts (NCSOA) in GS 116-209.89 is to provide financial assistance to promote the retention of high-performing students in the State. Adds terms *eligible graduate*, *eligible student*, and *program*. Clarifies that a student's residency eligibility for a tuition grant is determined at the time of application for the initial tuition grant in GS 116-209.90. Requires that the scholarship recipient be enrolled full-time, as described, to maintain continued eligibility for the scholarship award. Reorganizes the FAFSA submission requirement into GS 116-209.1 (administration of tuition grants) and allows the Authority to require a student to submit other documentation, as necessary to administer and award the tuition grant. Makes conforming and technical changes. Applies with the award of tuition grants in the 2025-26 academic year.

Section 4.

Amends the definition of *capital improvement* in GS 143C-1-1 to increase the threshold from \$100,000 to \$150,000 in value. Increases the amounts that trigger use of an architect or an engineer for public buildings under GS 133-1.1 as follows: for buildings needing repair from \$300,000 to in excess of \$300,000; for buildings needing repairs affecting life safety systems, from \$100,000 to \$150,000; for buildings where the repair includes major structural changes in framing or foundation, from \$135,000 to \$150,000, and for construction of or additions to State public buildings, from \$135,000 to \$150,000. Makes organizational and technical changes. Increases the amount triggering a need for a certificate of compliance with the State Building Code (Code), from \$100,000 to \$150,000. Increases the amounts that authorize retainage on periodic or final payments made by the owner or prime contractor in public construction contracts from \$100,000 to \$150,000. Increases the dollar amount triggering the letting process for public contracts under GS 143-129 from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million for construction or repair work. Increases the dollar amount falling under UNC's capital improvement projects under GS 143-64.34 from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million. Removes the projects tied to dollar amounts under the exceptions to GS 143-128.

Section 5.

Prevents, in GS 143C-8-7.1, State funds appropriated for a capital improvement project at a State agency that is not a public-private partnership (defined) project from being used in conjunction with or for the benefit of public-private partnership project without express authorization by an act of the NCGA.

Section 6.

Designates the BOG as being responsible for the final determinations on all expenditures and project scope for capital improvement projects for UNC and its constituent institutions in GS 116-31.11. Appropriates \$1 million from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund to UNC for 2026-27 to be used for time-limited capital project management positions at the System Office to assist constituent institutions without capital project management staff. Effective July 1, 2026.

Section 7.

Contains a severability clause.

Section 8.

Effective when it becomes law, except as otherwise provided.

Intro. by Arp, Lambeth, Hastings, Pickett.

[APPROP, GS 116, GS 133, GS 143C](#)

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, UNC System, State Government, State Property](#)

H 1127 (2025-2026) [AFFORDABLE MATERNAL ACCESS & AMP CANCER CARE ACT](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT ENACTING THE AFFORDABLE MATERNAL ACCESS AND CANCER CARE ACT TO ESTABLISH AND FUND A MATERNAL CARE ACCESS GRANT PROGRAM AND A PROSTATE CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM; AND TO PROVIDE HEALTH COVERAGE PARITY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AND DIAGNOSTIC BREAST IMAGING.*

Includes whereas clauses.

Part I.

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to establish and administer a Maternal Care Access Grant Program (Program) to award grants to eligible entities to establish or expand programs for the prevention of maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity among marginalized and underserved populations. Directs DHHS to establish eligibility requirements which must include that applicant organizations be led by individuals from communities that have historically experienced disparities in accessing health and human services. Directs DHHS to conduct outreach and provide application assistance. Lists three applicant criteria for which DHHS should give special consideration, including organizations that 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. Provides for grants between \$10,000 and \$50,000 and requires awards be geographically diversified. States further criteria for special consideration in recipient selection, including the previously described outreach criteria and other described program offerings. Requires DHHS to provide technical assistance to grant recipients in the ways described. Appropriates \$5 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to DHHS, Division of Public Health (DPH) for 2026-27. Allocates funds in specified amounts to (1) establish a full-time Public Health Program Coordinator IV position with three listed duties; and (2) for grant awards and administration. Authorizes DHHS to hire a Public Health Program Coordinator. Directs DHHS to submit two reports to the specified NCGA committee and division, one by October 1, 2027, and one by October 1, 2028. Specified required content of each report.

Part II.

Appropriates \$2 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to DPH for 2026-27 to establish and administer a statewide Prostate Cancer Control Program to provide free or low-cost prostate cancer screenings and follow-up. Specifies the screenings and follow-up are available to all male North Carolina residents who are uninsured or underinsured, not a beneficiary of

Medicare Part B or Medicaid, meet specified age and family history requirements, and have a household income below 250% of the federal poverty level.

Part III.

Repeals GS 58-65-92 and 58-67-76, which provide for coverage for mammograms and cervical cancer screening at hospital service corporations and health maintenance organizations. Recodifies GS 58-51-57, concerning coverage for mammograms and cervical cancer screening, as GS 58-3-271 and amends the statute as follows. Enacts ten defined terms. Directs every health benefit plan offered by an insurer in the State (was every policy or contract of accident or health insurance and every preferred provider benefit plan) to provide coverage for exams and lab tests for screening for early detection of cervical cancer and for low-dose screening mammography. Adds a new subsection to require health benefit plans offered by an insurer that provides benefits for a diagnostic or supplemental exam for breast cancer, as defined, to ensure that the cost-sharing requirements that apply are no less favorable than the cost-sharing requirements applicable to low-dose screening mammography. Lists four services for which an insurer is not required to reimburse a provider that is not contracted in the provider network of a health benefit plan offered by the insurer any rate more than the rate paid to a contracted provider: diagnostic, screening, or supplemental examination for breast cancer; low-dose mammography; breast ultrasound; and breast magnetic resonance imaging. References guidelines of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (was the American Cancer Society) regarding coverage for screening for the early detection of cervical cancer. Adds a new subsection providing for the statute's application when doing so would render the insured ineligible for a health savings account under section 223 of the IRS Code.

Amends GS 135-48.51 making the State Health Plan subject to GS 58-3-271 as amended. Effective July 1, 2026, appropriates \$5 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the State Treasurer for 2026-27 to ensure statutory compliance.

Applies to insurance contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after October 1, 2026.

Part IV.

Recodifies GS 90-701 (Billing of anatomic pathology services) as GS 90-705.

Enacts GS 90-702 to defined six terms applicable to Article 41, now titled Transparency in Healthcare Provider Billing Practices. Enacts GS 90-704 to require healthcare providers who are not contracted with an insurer to participate in the provider network of a health benefit plan to accept the reimbursement amount provided by the insurer for breast cancer prevention services provided to individuals under a health benefit plan. Bars providers from billing a patient covered under a health benefit plan or requesting additional reimbursement from the insurer. Makes conforming changes to the title of Article 41. Applies to services provided on or after October 1, 2026.

Part V.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Belk, Clark, G. Brown, Prather.

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

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, General Assembly, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Health Insurance, Public Health](#)

H 1129 (2025-2026) [BALCONY SOLAR](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF SMALL PORTABLE SOLAR ENERGY GENERATION DEVICES*.

Amends Article 6B, Distributed Resources Access Act, of GS Chapter 62 to add definition of “portable solar energy generation device,” a moveable device using a solar photovoltaic system, limited to a 1.2 kW capacity, and designed to be used through a standard 120-volt outlet. Adds new GS 62-126.15 permitting installation and use of portable solar energy devices, provided that (1) primary purpose is to offset one’s own electricity use, (2) applicable standards of the State Electrical Code are met, (3) device is properly certified, (4) device prevents itself from powering the building during an outage, and (5) customer notifies

electric power supplier via standard form at least 15 days before operating the device. Prohibits electric power suppliers from conditioning service to a customer operating such a device on approval, a fee, or installation of extra controls/equipment. Exempts electric power suppliers from liability for damage or injury caused by such a device. Amends GS 62-126.4 to exempt customers that own portable solar energy generation devices from certain requirements and tariffs applicable to customers that own other renewable energy facilities.

Requires Utilities Commission (NCUC) to implement a standard notice form for customers who intend to operate a portable solar energy generation device. Directs NCUC to adopt the form within 90 days of the act's effective date.

Amends GS 62-110.1(g) to exempt portable solar energy generation devices from certain reporting requirements for building energy-generating facilities.

Adds new section to Article 5, Residential Rental Agreements, of GS Chapter 42 establishing tenant right to operate portable solar energy generation devices. New GS 42-42.4 prohibits landlords who own or have more than 10% interest in more than four rental dwellings from prohibiting tenants from installing such devices but permits reasonable restrictions on placement. Requires tenant give 7-day notice to landlord of intent to install and to provide certain supporting documentation at landlord's request. Provides that tenant is responsible for damages resulting from the device. Requires tenant receive written landlord approval if device would require altering the building.

Appropriates \$10,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to NCUC to implement the act. This section becomes effective July 1, 2026. Otherwise, this act is effective when it becomes law.

Intro. by Cook, Harrison, Cervania, Rubin.

[APPROP, GS 42, GS 62](#)

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

H 1130 (2025-2026) [RE-PROFESSIONALIZING THE TEACHING PROFESSION](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING THE EMPLOYMENT, LICENSURE, AND QUALITY OF LIFE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS IN SETTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR*.

Section 1.

Repeals GS 115C-302.10 (detailing qualifications for certain education-based salary supplements). For 2026-27, applies State Board of Education policy TCP-A-006, as it was on June 30, 2013, to determine (1) whether teachers and instructional support personnel are paid on the "M" salary schedule and (2) whether they receive a salary supplement for academic preparation at the six-year or doctoral degree level. Appropriates \$8 million in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to DPI to reinstate the education-based salary supplements for teachers and instructional support personnel. Effective July 1, 2026.

Section 2.

Repeals GS 115C-296.2A (establishing the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) Certification (Certification) participation fee grant program).

Creates a forgivable loan program for the program fee for Certification participants in GS 115C-296.2. Directs the State Education Assistance Authority (Authority) to forgive the loan of the application fee if the teacher attains NBPTS certification within five years of applying for NBPTS certification, those that do not pass must repay the fee within eight years. Makes conforming changes. Allows the Authority to forgive the loan if the teacher dies or is totally or permanently disabled. Allows the Authority to establish a lottery for selection if there are insufficient funds to award forgivable loans. Appropriates \$1.14 million from the General Fund to DPI in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 to provide the forgivable loans.

Section 3.

Sets a monthly teacher salary schedule for "A" teachers for 2026-27 for licensed public school personnel classified as teachers, based on years of experience, ranging from \$6,000 for teachers with 0 years of experience to \$10,365 for 30 or more years of experience. Provides for a 12% salary supplement for licensed teachers who have NBPTS certification; a 10% salary

supplement for licensed teachers classified as "M" teachers; a \$126 salary supplement for licensed teachers with licensure based on academic preparation at the six-year degree level, in addition to the "M" teachers salary supplement; a \$253 salary supplement for licensed teachers with licensure based on academic preparation at the doctoral degree level, in addition to the "M" teachers salary supplement; a 10% salary supplement for certified school nurses; and monthly salary supplement of \$100 for school counselors licensed at the master's degree level or higher. Requires that the first step of the salary schedule for school psychologists, school speech pathologists licensed at the master's degree level or higher, and school audiologists licensed at the master's degree level or higher, must be equivalent to the sixth step of the "A" salary schedule. Provides for a salary supplement of the higher of \$500 or 10%. Deems these employees eligible to receive salary supplements equivalent to those of teachers for academic preparation at the six-year degree level or the doctoral degree level. Requires that the twenty-sixth step of the salary schedule for school psychologists, school speech pathologists licensed at the master's degree level or higher, and school audiologists licensed at the master's degree level or higher must be 7.5% higher than the salary received by these same employees on the twenty-fifth step of the salary schedule. Provides that in lieu of the amounts of annual longevity payments to teachers paid on the teacher salary schedule, beginning with the 2014-15 fiscal year, the amounts of those longevity payments are included in the monthly amounts under the teacher salary schedule. Details teacher compensation for the 2026-27 school year based on either (1) the applicable salary schedule; (2) the sum of the salary the teacher received in 2013-14, longevity pay for the 2013-14 school year, and annual bonus provided in SL 2014-100; or (3) the sum of the salary and annual bonus the teacher received in the 2014-15 school year, with the compensation amount determined to be equal to the greater of those amounts. Provides that teacher includes instructional support personnel. Appropriates \$4.39 billion in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 from the General Fund to DPI for the teacher raises.

Section 4.

Adds GS 115C-302.5, establishing an Exploratory Sabbatical Grant Program (Program) for teachers to support teacher retention by allowing eligible teachers to take sabbaticals from their current teaching positions and serve as substitute teachers in other subjects, other schools located in the local school administrative unit, or both, while continuing to receive their salaries as full-time teachers. Defines *department*, *eligible teacher* (who, among other requirements must have worked as a public schoolteacher for 10 years) and *Program*. Provides for an application selection of teachers, and application timeline. Directs DPI to award a total of up to 500 teacher sabbatical positions and to allocate the number of awardees based on the number of eligible teachers in the unit. Instructs DPI to allocate one additional classroom teaching position to the local school administrative unit for that school year for every sabbatical position authorized by DPI under the Program. Requires the local school administrative unit where the teacher is employed to determine the minimum number of hours the teacher is required to work as a substitute teacher during the sabbatical. At the conclusion of the sabbatical, requires the local school administrative unit to offer the teacher a full-time teaching position somewhere within the unit unless the teacher is dismissed or demoted for cause. Specifies that the position need not be in the same location or the same grade level as the position the teacher vacated prior to taking the sabbatical. Requires DPI to report on the Program to the specified NCGA committee by March 15, 2028, and every year thereafter while the Program is in existence. Appropriates \$40 million in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 from the General Fund to DPI for Program grants. Effective July 1, 2026.

Section 5.

Under current law, GS 115C-84.2(d) sets the parameters within which local boards of education must determine the opening and closing dates of public schools under subdivision (a)(1) of this statute. Amends GS 115C-84.2(d) to provide the local boards of education with additional flexibility in adopting their school calendars by removing the specified opening and closing dates. No longer requires local boards to identify the statutory exemption allowing an earlier school start date in their reports on their instructional calendar submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and State Board of Education and to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee.

Authorizes, in GS 115C-84.3, public school units to use up to 75 (currently, 5) remote instruction days or 450 remote instruction hours (currently, 30) towards the required instructional school calendar time (currently can only use such time under specified adverse conditions). Makes conforming changes. Increases the required information in a governing board's remote instruction plan to include the number of remote instruction days or hours used in the prior school year as well as the number planned for the upcoming year. Requires the SBE to provide that same information in its annual report on remote instruction to the specified NCGA committee. Repeals GS 115C-105.26(b)(3) (concerning waivers to school calendar requirements to provide sufficient days to accommodate anticipated makeup days due to school closings).

Section 6.

Amends GS 115C-301.1 so that all full-time assigned classroom teachers are guaranteed a minimum of five duty-free planning hours per week (currently, no minimum guarantee and planning occur during regular student contact hours). Makes conforming changes. Makes technical and conforming changes to GS 115C-105.27(b) (school improvement plans).

Section 7.

Reenacts GS 115C-84.2(a)(4) as it existed immediately before its repeal and makes the following changes. Increases the number of minimum teacher workdays from five to nine days to be provided on the schedule listed.

Section 8.

Effective when it becomes law, except as otherwise provided.

Intro. by Cook, von Haefen, Prather, R. Pierce.

[APPROP, GS 115C](#)

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

H 1132 (2025-2026) [LEO FACIAL COVERINGS AND IDENTIFICATIONS](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM WEARING FACIAL COVERINGS AND TO REQUIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO BE CLEARLY IDENTIFIABLE*.

Amends GS Chapter 17F to add two new sections regulating law enforcement officer (LEO) identification and use of facial coverings.

New GS 17F-22 prohibits LEO use of facial coverings in course of duties. Defines terms including *facial covering* as an item that obscures the wearer's facial identity, except for clear and surgical masks, helmets during transportation, and religious head coverings. Allows use of facial coverings for active undercover or tactical operations, identity protection during prosecution, as governed by occupational health and safety or reasonable accommodation laws. Requires law enforcement agencies to adopt policy that includes purpose statement, prohibition on use, and list of exceptions from this act. Directs Attorney General to enforce violations of this statute. Prohibits LEOs from asserting waiver or immunity from certain torts while knowingly violating this statute.

New GS 17F-23 requires LEOs to wear clear and accurate identification of their agency on their uniforms and identify themselves by name or badge number upon request.

Contains severability clause.

Appropriates \$500,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Justice for training regarding the requirements of this act.

Intro. by Cervania, Harrison, Clark, Greenfield.

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H 1134 (2025-2026) [SECRET PEEPING ON MINOR/INCREASE PUNISHMENT](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR SECRET PEEPING OFFENSES IN WHICH THE VICTIM IS A MINOR*.

Amends GS 14-202, as amended by SL 2025-70, by making it a Class A1 misdemeanor for a person to secretly peep into any room occupied by a minor or to secretly or surreptitiously peep underneath or through clothing worn by another using a mirror or other device to view the body or undergarments of that other person without consent and the victim is a minor (remains a

Class 1 misdemeanor for either offense if victim is not a minor). Adds definition of minor (individual under 18 years old) to GS 14-202(b). Makes technical changes to numbering of definitions in that subsection to account for the new definition.

Further amends GS 14-202 by making it a Class I felony to secretly peep into any room while in possession of a device that can create images with the intent to create an image where the victim is a minor (remains a Class A1 misdemeanor where victim is not a minor); making it a Class H felony for any person to: (1) secretly peep into any room and use a device to create a photo of another person in the room for the purpose of arousal or gratification of sexual desire of any person where the victim is a minor; (2) knowingly, and with intent to, creates a photo of a private area of an individual without consent where the victim is a minor and has a reasonable expectation of privacy; (3) secretly or surreptitiously use or install any device that can be used to create an image in a room with intent to capture the image of another without consent and to do so for the purpose of arousal or gratification of the sexual desire of any person where the victim is a minor; or (4) knowingly possess an image that the person knows, or has reason to believe, was obtained in violation of GS 14-202 where the victim is a minor (all four offenses remain a Class I felony where victim is not a minor); and making it a Class G felony for any person to disseminate or allow dissemination of images that the person knows, or should have known, were obtained as a result of the violation of GS 14-202 if the dissemination is without consent of the person in the photo and the victim is a minor (remains a Class H felony where the victim is not a minor).

Effective December 1, 2026, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Appropriates \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to be used for costs incurred by DPS from developing a marketing campaign to make the public aware of GS 14-202, as amended by this act. Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Shepard.

[APPROP, GS 14](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Public Safety](#)

H 1136 (2025-2026) [CAPE FEAR IBT MORATORIUM/EMC IBT REDUCTIONS](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO IMPOSE A LIMITED MORATORIUM ON INITIATING CERTAIN SURFACE WATER TRANSFERS FROM THE CAPE FEAR RIVER BASIN, TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLABORATORY TO STUDY THE CAPE FEAR RIVER BASIN, AND TO MAKE CERTAIN REVISIONS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION'S AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE REDUCTIONS TO EXISTING SURFACE WATER TRANSFERS FROM ANY RIVER BASIN IN THE STATE.*

Part I.

Titles this part the “Cape Fear Water Resources Modernization and Regionalization Act of 2026.” Sets out legislative findings. States legislative purpose to ensure sustainable use and protection of the Cape Fear River Basin by pausing new surface water transfers during a comprehensive review.

Establishes a moratorium on new or increased interbasin surface water transfers from defined area of Cape Fear River Basin. Prohibits Environmental Management Commission (EMC) from issuing certificates authorizing such transfers. Creates exceptions for existing transfers and any emergency transfer authorized by the Secretary of Environmental Quality. Expires June 1, 2030.

Directs the North Carolina Collaboratory at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Collaboratory) to study the Cape Fear River Basin to determine its reliable yield of water supply and make recommendations for legislative changes to ensure sustainability of use. Sets out required contents of the study. Directs Collaboratory to consult with the Department of Environmental Quality, the EMC, the State Water Infrastructure Authority, the North Carolina League of Municipalities, and other relevant entities. Requires Collaboratory to report to the General Assembly no later than July 1, 2029.

Appropriates \$1.5 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina to be allocated to the Collaboratory for this study. Provides that the funds shall not revert at the end of the 2026-27 fiscal year and shall remain available until the end of the 2028-29 fiscal year.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Part II.

Adds new subdivision to GS 143-215.13(d) to permit the EMC, after a public hearing, to issue rules requiring any person who has an existing interbasin surface water transfer to reduce the transfer at a rate established by the rule.

Adds new subdivision to GS 143-215.22L(n) to require surface water transfer certificates issued by the EMC to include a provision stating that the EMC will amend the certificate to reduce the maximum amount of water authorized to be transferred if the EMC finds that a reduction is necessary to avoid harm to the source basin. Requires any person who was issued a certificate for an interbasin transfer on or before the act's effective date to submit a request to the EMC to modify the certificate to include this new provision.

Part III.

Contains a severability clause. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.

Intro. by Davis.

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

H 1138 (2025-2026) [AGING WITH DIGNITY ACT](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT PROMOTING AGING WITH DIGNITY BY STRENGTHENING HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE; IMPROVING LONG-TERM CARE OVERSIGHT; SUPPORTING FAMILY CAREGIVERS AND THE GERIATRIC WORKFORCE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR STRATEGIC STATE INVESTMENTS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF NORTH CAROLINA'S GROWING SENIOR POPULATION; AND REESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMISSION ON AGING.*

Part I includes seven legislative findings related to long-term care of older adults.

Part II.

Enacts GS 108A-70.5A establishing state policy for individuals 55 or older to receive long-term services and supports funded by medical assistance programs in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs. Creates a presumption of preference for home- and community-based services for purposes of Medicaid-funded long-term care services and supports unless institutional placement is medically unnecessary. Requires documentation that home- and community-based services are insufficient to meet clinical, functional, or safety needs to be placed or remain in an institutional long-term care setting. Details required assessment and documentation. Specifies that the statute does not limit an individual's right to choose an institutional setting if eligible and informed of available home- and community-based service options. Grants the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) implementing and rulemaking authority.

Enacts GS 108A-70.5B to require DHHS to ensure periodic medication review for individuals aged 55 or older receiving Medicaid-funded long-term services and supports. Includes legislative findings and states the purpose of the reviews are to reduce preventable harm and unnecessary health expenditures. Lists four parameters of the medication reviews, including considering the cumulative medication burden drug-drug interactions, and drug-condition interactions. Requires the reviews be conducted by a licensed pharmacist, physician, or other qualified health care professional authorized by DHHS and acting within their scope of licensure. Authorizes DHHS to adopt rules to permit deprescribing and medication modification when clinically appropriate. Require medication review findings to be incorporated into the patient's care plan. Allows DHHS to implement review requirements through managed care contracts, clinical policy, or other administrative mechanisms and prioritize implementation based on highest risk of medication-related harm.

Enacts GS 108A-70.5C to require DHHS to ensure that behavioral health assessment, treatment, and care coordination are integrated into the delivery of Medicaid-funded long-term services and supports for adults aged 55 or older. States the purpose of the statute is to ensure access to services to improve quality of life, reduce hospitalizations, and decrease reliance on inappropriate sedation or chemical restraint. Lists five parameters for behavioral health integration, including crisis intervention strategies that reduce emergency department visits and hospitalizations. Requires DHHS to promote care models and clinical practices that prioritize nonpharmacological and person-centered interventions and discourage the use of

antipsychotics, sedatives, or other medications that are not clinically indicated. Authorizes DHHS to implement the requirements through clinical policy, managed care contracts, provider standards, care management requirements, or other administrative mechanisms and prioritize implementation based on highest risk of behavioral health-related hospitalization or institutional placement. Authorizes DHHS to support training and technical assistance for providers and care managers related to geriatric behavioral health and dementia-capable care expertise.

Enacts GS 108A-70.5D to direct DHHS to authorize and promote screening for social isolation and loneliness among adults aged 55 or older receiving Medicaid-funded long-term services and supports using evidence-based tools approved by DHHS. States the purpose of the statute is to prevent avoidable health decline, functional impairment, and progression to more serious mental health conditions. Provides three permissible actions that may follow screening, including care coordination, referrals, and service decision making. Requires social isolation and loneliness identified through screening to be grounds for Medicaid-funded care coordination, assessment, and referral services. Specifies these conditions do not require coverage of nonmedical housing nor substitute clinical evaluations. Authorizes DHHS to implement the requirements through clinical policy, care management requirements, managed care contracts, or other administrative mechanisms and prioritize implementation based on higher risk of hospitalization, functional decline, or institutional placement.

Part III.

Directs DHHS to establish and conduct an integrated senior housing and care pilot program (program). States the purpose of the program and lists four criteria that must be met for DHHS and any selected partner entity to launch the pilot facility, including that residents retain tenancy rights and receive health and supportive services through integrated on-site or affiliated providers. Grants DHHS four authorities with regard to the program, including establishing a selection process for contracts, structuring the program as a public-private partnership, coordinating state and federal support, and adopting necessary rules. Appropriates \$120 million from the General Fund to DHHS for 2026-27 to establish and conduct the program. Lists four permissible uses of the funds and specifies that the funds remain available until expended. Directs DHHS to annually report to the specified NCGA committee and division by May 1, 2028, until funds are expended, on the implementation and operation of the program. Specifies required content. Terminates the program at the end of the fiscal year in which appropriated funds are expended.

Directs the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to strengthen the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTC Program) in four specific ways including reducing the backlog of complaints received by the LTC Program. Directs the office to develop and implement a staffing and regional coverage plan for the LTC Program by January 1, 2027, that meets five benchmarks, including supporting complaint intake, investigation, resolution, and follow-up. Appropriates \$3.5 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Office to improve the LTC program and implement the staffing and regional coverage plan. Lists seven permissible uses of appropriated funds. Directs the Office to annually report to the specified NCGA committee and division on the status of implementation beginning December 1, 2027. Specifies required content.

Enacts GS 143B-181.87 to direct DHHS to establish a geriatric workforce pipeline and direct care career advancement program (advancement program). Requires consultation with specified agencies and licensing boards. States the advancement program's purpose is to increase the supply, distribution, retention, and advancement of workers prepared to serve older adults in a variety of settings. Lists seven benchmarks for the advancement program including implementing recruitment initiatives targets to rural counties, underserved communities, and areas experiencing workforce shortages in the geriatric and long-term care settings. Authorizes funding loan forgiveness and similar initiatives for eligible individuals committing to practice in these settings in the State for a minimum period of time set by DHHS. Details required priority for workforce investments. Requires recognition of credentials developed under the advancement program across participating employers and training institutions to the extent practicable. Directs DHHS to annually report to the specified NCGA committees and division on implementation and operation of the advancement program. Specifies required content.

Appropriates \$10 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to DHHS for implementation of the geriatric workforce pipeline and advancement program.

Directs DHHS, Division of Health Benefits (DHB) to take action to support implementation of the pilot program for eligible caregivers of Medicaid beneficiaries receiving long-term services and supports as specified. States the purpose of the pilot program is to authorize a Medicaid-funded family caregiver support stipend to reduce caregiver burnout, delay or prevent avoidable institutionalization, and support older adults in home- and community-based settings. Directs DHB to implement the pilot program subject to federal approval. Caps the monthly stipend at \$400 to each eligible family caregiver per eligible care recipient. Directs DHB to adopt rules or clinical coverage policies to establish (1) eligibility criteria for recipients and family

caregivers that include at least four listed criteria, including that the family caregiver satisfies any training, documentation, and program integrity requirements; and (2) guardrails for the program that can include six listed options, such as safeguards to protect beneficiary choice, health, safety, and quality of care. Directs DHB to report to the specified NCGA committee and division within six months of federal approval and annually thereafter. Specifies required content. Clarifies no entitlement to a stipend exists without federal approval and legislative appropriation. Appropriates \$13.5 million in recurring funds and \$750,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Fund for 2026-27 to DHB for implementation of the pilot program. Specifies that unexpended funds revert. Sunsets the directives two years from the date the act becomes law.

Creates the Aging Study Commission (Commission) to study and recommend legislative changes necessary for the State's response to the needs of the aging population. Lists eight issues the Commission must address, including financing and sustainability of services for older adults and oversight, quality, and accountability in long-term care settings. Identifies Commission membership and appointment. Includes 15 voting members, with 12 legislatively appointed and three gubernatorially appointed, and five ex officio members. Provides for Commission meetings and staffing. Directs the Commission to report to the NCGA by December 31, 2027. Terminates the Commission upon submission of the report.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Ball, G. Pierce, G. Brown, Pittman.

APPROP, STUDY, GS 108A, GS 143B

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Social Services, Adult Services

H 1141 (2025-2026) **PROTECTING MEDICAID & AMP AUTISM SERVICES**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO ALLOW MEDICAID PREPAID HEALTH PLANS TO OPERATE A CLOSED PROVIDER NETWORK FOR RESEARCH-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT PROVIDERS, TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE MEDICAID REBASE, AND TO ELIMINATE THE STATUTORY TRIGGERS FOR DISCONTINUATION OF COVERAGE FOR THE MEDICAID EXPANSION POPULATION*.

Contains whereas clauses.

Appropriates \$319 million in recurring funds and associated receipts for 2025-26 from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services, Division of Health Benefits and an additional \$728 million in recurring funds and associated receipts for 2026-27 to adjust Medicaid funding. Retroactively effective July 1, 2025.

Adds new GS 108D-22(c) requiring each prepaid health plan (PHP) to develop and maintain a closed network of providers for research-based behavioral health treatment services. Amends GS 108D-22(a) to allow a PHP to exclude providers from network in accordance with new subsection (c).

Amends GS 108D-24 to add research-based behavioral health treatment services to list of services for which the closed-network requirement applies.

Removes "intensive" from subdivision (l) of GS 108D-35(b)(1) list of Medicaid services covered by capitated PHP contracts so it now reads "research-based behavioral health treatment."

Repeals GS 108A-54.3B and GS 108-54.3C (mandatory discontinuation of Medicaid coverage for NC Health Works participants if certain cost conditions fall below prescribed thresholds).

Intro. by Crawford, Prather, Hawkins, G. Pierce.

APPROP, GS 108A, GS 108D

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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

H 1142 (2025-2026) [EXPAND QUANTUM COMPUTING EDUCATION](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO EXPAND ACCESS TO QUANTUM COMPUTING CLASSES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS, TO ESTABLISH THE QUANTUM COMPUTING GRANT PROGRAM AT THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLABORATORY, AND TO CREATE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CERTAIN BUSINESSES.*

Contains whereas clauses.

Section 1

Appropriates \$2.6 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for the development, expansion, or continuation of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education programs that assist students in developing the academic background necessary to pursue opportunities in quantum computing later. Of that, \$2 million must be equally divided among public school units within the geographical boundaries of any local school administrative unit containing a military base or installation, and \$200,000 each to Durham Public Schools, Orange County Schools, and Wake County Schools. Provides list detailing what the allocated funds may be used for. Requires DPI to report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee no later than April 1, 2027 on the listed information related to use of this funding.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Section 2

Establishes the Quantum Computing Grant Program (Program). Mandates that the North Carolina Collaboratory (Collaboratory) administer the Program for the 2026-27 academic year. Program's purpose is to provide opportunities for NC public high school students and Department of Defense schools to work with higher education institutions on current issues in quantum computing and other emerging technologies. Provides definitions applicable to this section, including (1) *Collaboratory*, (2) *eligible high school* (including schools located in a public school unit or a Department of Defense school in NC), (3) *eligible institution of higher education* (higher education institution that has demonstrated ability to collaborate with public school units located near the Research Triangle region of the state, including listed units, and that has a formal partnership with the US Department of Defense related to research and workforce development), and (4) *institution of higher education* (constituent institution of The University of North Carolina (UNC), NC community college, or eligible private postsecondary institution). Provides eligibility and application information for the Program and caps grant awards at \$50,000 per eligible institution of higher education. Provides permitted use of grant funds. Requires the Collaboratory to report listed information related to Program and the grants awarded to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division no later than February 15, 2027.

Appropriates \$200,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of UNC to be allocated to the Collaboratory to grant awards pursuant to the Program.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Section 3

Amends GS Chapter 105, Part 2 of Article 4 by adding new GS 105-153.12, which defines (1) *eligible business* as a business (1) in the defense, technology, computing, cybersecurity, or quantum sector, or that has a service line in quantum computing, (2) subject to income tax under this Article, and (3) that has eligible expenses and defines *eligible expenses* as costs invested by an eligible business into collaborative or experiential learning opportunities with NC high school students either during the school year or through summer programs, complies with all relevant state and federal nondiscrimination laws, and offers those students the opportunity to use lab space, computing power, or incorporate expertise and resources not typically available to high school students into an applied learning project that will either increase interest in quantum computing careers or better prepare students to succeed in a quantum computing program or career after graduating high school. Allows credit equal to

taxpayer's eligible expenses, up to \$100,000, for eligible business taxpayers against tax imposed by Article's Part 2 Individual Income Tax. Sets aggregate limitation of credits to \$10 million for all taxpayers for any one calendar year. Provides application process for eligible businesses and mandates for the Department of Revenue related to creating this application and review and approval of submitted applications. Provides that credits will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis if amounts exceed maximum aggregate limit. Requires report from the Department of Revenue by June 30 each year that includes listed information related to such applications and tax credits allowed during the previous calendar year to the Joint Legislative Committee on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal Research Division.

Effective January 1, 2027.

Intro. by Hawkins, Charles Smith.

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Business and Commerce, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System, Department of Public Instruction, Department of Revenue, Tax

H 1143 (2025-2026) **PRINCIPAL FELLOWS & AMP MSA INTERN STIPENDS**. Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PRINCIPAL FELLOWS PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR STIPENDS FOR THE MASTER'S IN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION INTERNSHIP*.

Section 1

Amends GS 116-74.44(a) to provide for grants to school leader preparation programs to develop innovative ways of training principals as part of the NC Principal Fellows Program (Program). Makes conforming changes in subsection (c) of GS 116-74.44, GS 116-74.45. and GS 116-74.46 to clarify if referring to grants to provide forgivable scholarship loans, the new grants to develop innovative ways of training, or both.

Further amends GS 116-74.46 to mandate that the North Carolina Principal Fellows Commission (Commission) select up to two recipients for a grant of up to \$250,000 per recipient per fiscal year to develop innovative ways of training principals and notify the State Education Assistance Authority (SEAA) of its decisions on the duration and renewal of grants to eligible entities in accordance with the included list, which includes a mandate that the duration of grants for training development be one year that may be renewed by the Commission on an annual basis, in its discretion.

Section 2

Amends GS 116-74.41B by adding the following to the list of permitted uses that the Commission can expend the SEAA's allocation to the Commission from the North Carolina Principal Fellows Trust Fund (Trust Fund) each fiscal year: programming on research-based school leadership practices that will be shared with eligible entities to improve principal preparation throughout NC. Adds new subsection (c) requiring the SEAA to allocate funds to the Commission for any purposes identified in GS 116-74.41B(b)(3) through (6), upon the request of the Commission, if there are unobligated or otherwise unencumbered funds remaining in the Trust Fund at the end of each fiscal year.

Section 3

Appropriates \$5 million in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Trust Fund to increase the number of principal fellows candidates supported by the Program in accordance with GS Chapter 116, Article 5C. Directs that these funds will be allocated as follows: (1) \$2.6 million to be used to bring the number of candidates receiving funds in the 2028-34 award cycle into parity with the number of recipients in other award cycles and (2) \$2.4 million to expand the number of candidates supported by the Program with the goal of having 55% of all principals employed in NC be graduates of the Program.

Section 4

Amends GS Chapter 115C, Article 19 by adding new GS 115C-284.2, which does the following:

(1) Defines (1) *Authority* (SEAA), (2) *Department* (Department of Public Instruction), (3) *MSA intern* (participant in approved full-time master's in school administration program who is completing an internship pursuant to GS 115C-284.1(d)(1)), (4) *Principal Fellow MSA intern* (MSA intern who is a participant in the Principal Fellows Program), and (5) *school administrator* (principal or assistant principal).

(2) Requires Department to provide a 10-month stipend to MSA interns with a full-time internship position during the internship period of the master's program, to the extent funds are made available for this purpose. Requires the stipend to be equal to the beginning salary of an assistant principal or, for a teacher who becomes an intern, at least as much as that person would earn as a teacher on the teacher salary schedule. Directs Department to use funds appropriated to the State Public School Fund for this purpose, if the funds provided for this purpose are insufficient to fully fund the stipend. Sets out certification requirement for the Program or MSA intern's school of education to receive stipends.

(3) Conditions receipt of stipend for MSA interns who are not Principal Fellow MSA interns on an agreement that intern will reimburse SEAA on behalf of the Department in cash for up to \$20,000 of the stipend funds provided to the intern if the intern does not serve as a school administrator in a public school unit for two years within seven years after graduation from the MSA program. Provides authorized deferment exception. Requires SEAA to transfer any funds received in repayment to the Department.

(4) Permits the Department to retain up to 2% of funds appropriated pursuant to GS 115C-284.2 for the administrative costs associated with the payback agreement. Requires the Department to use these funds to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the SEAA to accept repayment on behalf of the Department and to monitor the acceptability of compliance of the recipient with that agreement. Details when the SEAA is required to forgive repayment, the required repayment timeline of 10 years after MSA internship completion, when repayment should begin, and permits the SEAA to extend the repayment period where recipient presents extenuating circumstances for up to a total of 12 years.

(5) Requires the Department, in consultation with the SEAA, to report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the stipends provided, including all listed information, no later than February 15 of each year.

Requires the Department to include the funds retained for administration of the payback agreement pursuant to GS 115C-284.1(d) as part of its recommended technical adjustments, beginning with the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2027.

Appropriates \$177,241 in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department to provide for MSA intern stipends in accordance with new GS 115C-284.2(b).

Section 4 applies beginning with MSA internships beginning in the 2027-28 academic year.

Except as otherwise provided, effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Blackwell, Biggs, Cotham, Willis.

APPROP, GS 115C, GS 116

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**Education, Higher Education, Government,
Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Public
Instruction**

H 1144 (2025-2026) **DOMINIQUE MOODY SAFETY ACT**. Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS REGARDING ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY CASES FOR JUVENILES*.

Enacts Part 2C, the Child Welfare Case Escalation Team, to Article 1 of GS Chapter 108A, requiring the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to maintain a Child Welfare Case Escalation Team (team) of representatives for each regional social services department that conducts escalation assessments of juveniles that have a history of child protective services attention due to a combination of safety and risk factors. Sets three purposes of the teams: (1) support county departments of social services (county DSS); (2) provide an additional level of review to ensure child safety statewide; and (3) provide quality assurance of the child protective services history of a family who has returned to the attention of child protective services, including assessing the quality of prior service intervention and further decisions of services provided to ensure the safety and well-being of juveniles moving forward with the family. Requires DHHS to staff the team, including the assigned manager and escalation specialists. Directs the team to coordinate with the specified social services and law enforcement officials. Defines

six terms applicable to new Part 2C in GS 108A-15.26. Sets out the following criteria that trigger team involvement in a report of abuse or neglect to screen in GS 108A-15.27: (1) extensive child welfare history, (2) three or more reports within a 12-month period involving the same or similar allegations that were screened out that indicate a pattern of concern despite prior screening decisions, (3) history of prior removal and placement into foster care, such as previous removal of juveniles from the home due to similar or identical allegations, (4) three or more substantiated findings involving the family that demonstrate a pattern consistent with chronic or habitual neglect, or (5) ongoing medical or mental health neglect, such as repeated reports indicating failure to address juveniles' medical or mental health needs with allegations consistent across multiple reports and time frames. Provides for notice and information sharing. Tasks the team escalation specialist in GS 108A-15.28, with assessing the child welfare history, identify gaps in services and other areas that impact safety of the juvenile, review the overall safety planning for the juvenile in the current assessment to determine if there are additional steps required to ensure safety, and to create a timeline of CPS interventions. Directs the escalation specialist and other team members to provide technical assistance and for the escalation specialist to collaborate with the county DSS as described. Directs the county DSS to respond to unaddressed safety concerns identified through the team's review process immediately or within the same day of notification. Specifies that the team and other assigned and DHHS staff will review records to ensure that practices that have deficiencies are corrected and there is communication with county department staff and others to improve child welfare practice at all levels across the county departments of social services.

Appropriates \$550,000 in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 from the General Fund to DHHS for six full-time equivalent positions, including human services program consultants and one human services program manager, to staff and implement the team along with \$157 in federal receipts beginning 2026-27. Effective July 1, 2026.

Directs DHHS's Division of Social Services (Division) to explore means and resources needed to automate and reduce the burden on the county workforce to alert DHHS of escalation reviews, as described. Instructs DHHS to amend its protocols and rules as necessary to integrate team involvement into the entry of a private residence to ensure seamless and coordinate assistance for high-risk juveniles at risk of abuse or neglect.

Section 2.

Requires the Division to adopt rules amending Subchapter 70A of the North Carolina Administrative Code and update associated Division policies, Child Protective Services Assessments Policy, Protocol, and Guidance, and the Partnership and Technology Hub for North Carolina to require directors of departments of social services to require photographs or video evidence be gathered during an initial investigative assessment response or initial family assessment response if evidence tends to show a juvenile subject to the assessment has been alleged to be abused or neglected. Requires, in GS 7B-302, a law enforcement agency to show by clear and convincing evidence in a judicial action to prevent disclosure of information requested by the team that disclosure of the information in question will jeopardize the right of the State to prosecute a defendant or the right of a defendant to receive a fair trial or will undermine an ongoing or future investigation. Adds instances when a report alleges suspected abuse or neglect of a high-risk juvenile and the team has been activated and is assisting the county DSS in conducting the assessment at the juvenile's residence as one of the grounds for entry of a private residence for assessment purposes.

Section 3.

Appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to DHHS for 2026-27 for training for the specified social workers and employees to recognize abuse and neglect, as specified. Effective July 1, 2026.

Section 4.

Effective October 1, 2026, unless otherwise indicated.

Intro. by Cunningham, Chesser, Colvin, Lambeth.

[APPROP, GS 108A](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Juvenile Law, Abuse, Neglect and Dependency, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services](#)

H 1145 (2025-2026) [SAFETY FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY 49 & EASTWAY DRIVE](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO UPDATE THE UTILITIES AND STREET INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE CORNER OF HIGHWAY 49 (NORTH TRYON STREET) AND EASTWAY DRIVE*.

Appropriates \$2.5 million for 2026-27 from the Highway Fund to the Department of Transportation as title indicates.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Belk, Carney, Logan, Majeed.

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Transportation, Transportation](#)

H 1146 (2025-2026) [2026 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES*.

Identical to [S 915](#), filed on 4/29/26.

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 H 1146, 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 Arp, K. Hall, Strickland, Lambeth.

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Government, Executive](#)

H 1147 (2025-2026) [IDD OMNIBUS](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT VARIOUS CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE JOINT CAUCUS FOR INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TO POSITIVELY IMPACT THE LIVES OF NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS WITH INTELLECTUAL OR OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES*.

Part I.

Declares the General Assembly's intent to increase the hourly wage of direct care workers in the state to a minimum of \$18 per hour. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Health Benefits (DHB), to provide a Medicaid rate increase to all of the following:

- Home and community-based providers enrolled in the Medicaid program.
- Intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IIDs), including ICF/IID-level group homes.
- Providers who provide services to Medicaid beneficiaries receiving services through the North Carolina Innovations waiver program, the Community Alternatives Program for Children, or the Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults, and who are either (i) enrolled in the Medicaid program or (ii) approved financial managers or financial support agencies billing for personal care service or waiver service hours provided by direct care workers hired by employers of record or managing employers under consumer-directed or self-directed options in accordance with any of the listed Medicaid Clinical Coverage Policies in the act.

Requires DHB to determine the definition of direct care worker to be applied, the amount of rate increases, how a provider or facility will use the increased rate and demonstrate compliance, including required documentation. Provides that any rate increase provided will be effective on the date approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMMS). Upon implementation of an applicable rate increase required by this section, DHB must adjust the per member per month (PMPM)

capitation amount paid to LME/MCOs and the entity operating the children and families specialty plan accordingly. The LME/MCOs and those entities will be required to implement the increase.

Appropriates \$183 million in recurring funds and receipts beginning in 2026-27 from the General Fund to DHB to implement the above wage increase.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Part II.

Effective July 1, 2026, requires DHB to amend the NC innovations waiver to increase the number of slots under the waiver by a minimum of 1,000, made available upon approval by CMMS. Appropriates \$36.2 million in recurring funds and associated receipts beginning in 2026-27 from the General Fund to DHB to implement the above slots increase. Effective July 1, 2026.

Requires DHB to convene a workgroup of relevant stakeholders to develop a plan to satisfy the registry of unmet needs for the waiver within the next ten years. Requires DHB to submit a report containing the ten-year plan to the specified NCGA Committee by February 1, 2026.

Part III.

Removes income limits from the eligibility requirements for the Medicaid buy-in for workers with disabilities in GS 108A-66.1. Makes technical and conforming changes. Prevents DHB from considering income disregarded under the State Medical Assistance Plan's financial methodology, including the \$65 disregard, impairment-related work expenses, student earned-income exclusions, and other SSI program work incentive income disregards in determining an individual's counting income. Requires DHB to submit the necessary documentation to CMMS for approval to remove the unearned income limit and the resource limit from the eligibility requirements for the Health Coverage for Workers with Disabilities Medicaid eligibility category by no later than 90 days after the act becomes law. Provides for notice to the Revisor of Statutes upon approval by CMMS. Effective on the date approved by CMMS for the removal of the unearned income and resource limits for Health Coverage for Workers with Disabilities program eligibility.

Appropriates \$165,000 in recurring funds and associated receipts from the General Fund to DHB beginning in 2026-27, effective July 1, 2026.

Part IV.

Requires DHB to study the feasibility of adding coverage of a new Medicaid service, entitled "Community Activities and Employment Transitions" (CAET), that provides individualized services and supports for individuals age 16 or older with intellectual or other developmental disabilities and that meets the three specified criteria established in the subsection. Directs DHB to consider the feasibility of adding the coverage in any of the following ways: (i) by adding an "in-lieu-of" service offered through the 1115 waiver for Medicaid transformation, (ii) by adding or amending a 1915(i) home and community-based State Plan amendment to include the service, or (iii) by adding the service to any existing Medicaid waiver in this state. Requires DHB to collaborate with listed stakeholders. Requires the Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (Commission) to also collaborate with those stakeholders to review any relevant rules. Allows the Commission to amend any relevant rules and, if necessary, to adopt additional rules to account for the numerous community-based activities and employment services that may be provided to Medicaid beneficiaries as part of a new CAET service. Allows DHB to submit any State Plan waivers or amendments or request any other approval from CMMS necessary to implement any new CAET service. Specifies that coverage of the new service cannot begin until on or after January 1, 2027. Requires DHB to submit a report on the CAET service to the specified NCGA committee by April 1, 2027. Effective July 1, 2026, appropriates \$2 million from the General Fund to DHB for 2026-27 to be used to support the feasibility study and for drafting requests for the authorities or supports needed to implement any proposed new CAET service.

Part V.

Requires Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services (DHM) to develop a State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP), modeled after the Transitions to Community Living Program, to provide vouchers to assist individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to transition to integrated housing as required by the 2024 consent order entered in *Samantha R., et al. v. State of North Carolina, et al.*, 17 CVS 6357-910 (Wake County Superior Court). Effective July 1, 2026, appropriates \$100,000 in recurring funds to DHM beginning in 2026-27 to support the SRAP.

Requires DHM to convene a workgroup of relevant stakeholders to develop a five-year plan for monthly housing rental subsidies to be provided to individuals with intellectual or other developmental disabilities for use in integrated settings. Specifies that the plan must create 200 new monthly housing rental subsidies to be provided to individuals with intellectual or other developmental disabilities each year over the course of five years, resulting in the creation of a total of 1,000 monthly housing rental subsidies by the end of the five-year period. Directs that by no later than October 1, 2026, DHM must submit a report containing the five-year plan to the specified NCGA committees.

Part VI.

Appropriates \$4,755,071 from the General Fund to the DHHS Division of Employment and Independence for People with Disabilities (DEIPD) in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 to increase pay to address the vacancy rate in DEIPD, raise rates for Community Rehabilitation Programs, and sustain the vocational rehabilitation workforce to ensure individuals with disabilities can access paid employment services. Specifies that the funds provide a State match for the \$17,569,207 in recurring federal funds, which are appropriated to DEIPD for the same purpose. Appropriates \$995,163 from the General Fund to the DHHS Division of Services for the Blind (DSB) in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 to increase pay to address the vacancy rate in DSB, raise rates for Community Rehabilitation Programs, and sustain the vocational rehabilitation workforce to ensure individuals with disabilities can access paid employment services. Specifies that the funds provide a State match for the \$3,676,959 in recurring federal funds, which are appropriated to DSB for the same purpose. Effective July 1, 2026.

Part VII.

Amends GS 115C-391.1 to ban school personnel from physically restraining a student in a prone position. Requires a public school unit to request confirmation that parents have received the school's policy on seclusion and restraint. Amends the GS 115C-391.1(j) notice, consent, reporting, and documentation provisions as follows. Requires school personnel to promptly notify the principal or designee of any use of mechanical restraint (currently, just prohibits uses of mechanical restraint), any use of physical restraint (currently, any use of physical restraint resulting in observable physical injury to a student), any use of seclusion (currently, any prohibited use of seclusion or seclusion that exceeds 10 minutes or the amount of time specified on their behavior intervention plan), and adds notification if the seclusion or restraint was used in a prohibited manner, caused observable physical injury to a student, or exceeded 10 minutes or the amount of time specified on a student's behavior intervention plan. Changes the time limit to promptly notify by the end of the school day when the incident occurred (currently, end of the workday when the incident occurred but in no event later than the end of the following workday). Requires teachers to take at least one credit on the use of seclusion and restraint, including State policies, safe techniques, and trauma-informed practices as part of the licensure renewal. Applies beginning with the 2026-27 school year.

Part VIII.

Requires the data on the numbers of students who have dropped out of school, been subjected to corporal punishment, been suspended, been expelled, been reassigned for disciplinary purposes, or been provided alternative education services that the State Board of Education (Board) is required to annually report to the General Assembly under GS 115C-12 to also be available to the public on an electronic dashboard established and maintained by the Board. Applies beginning with the 2026-27 school year.

Part IX.

Appropriates \$25 million from the General Fund to the University of North Carolina Board of Governors in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 to increase pay to be allocated to the State Education Assistance Authority for the North Carolina Personal Education Student Accounts for Children with Disabilities Program (Accounts) in accordance with Article 41 of GS Chapter 115C. Increases the appropriations to the Accounts by \$25 million from fiscal year 2027-28 through fiscal year 2032-33 so that the appropriation for the Accounts after fiscal year 2032-33 is \$107,643,166. Effective July 1, 2026.

Part X.

Directs DPI to establish a grant program for local school administrative units to apply for funds from the Special State Reserve Fund (SSRF) for children with disabilities for the purpose of covering the extraordinary costs of certain students with disabilities, including costs associated with the placement of students in private schools with approved nonpublic education programs providing special education in accordance with a student's individualized education program (IEP), starting with the 2026-27 school year. Directs that funds administered pursuant to this act are to supplement and not supplant existing federal, State, and local funding for children with disabilities. Provides for an application process for local school administrative units

and eligibility requirements, including that the total cost of the services equals or exceeds four times the State average per pupil expenditure for children with disabilities in the prior fiscal year. Provides for reimbursement of 75% of the *extraordinary costs* (defined). Provides for oversight by DPI, as described, to ensure that if a student covered by grant funds is placed in a private school that has an approved nonpublic education program providing special education in accordance with a student's IEP, the school is approved by DPI as adhering to State and federal laws governing education services for students with disabilities and State and federal laws governing seclusion and restraint of students. Appropriates \$1 million from the General Fund to the State Special Reserve Fund in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 for DPI to implement the above grant program. Requires DPI to submit a report to the specified NCGA committees and division on the amount of grant applications, as described, by March 15, 2027.

Expands the matters in GS 115C-107.5 upon which the Board has to report to the specified NCGA committee pertaining to the educational performance of children with disabilities to include a summary analysis of the listed data monitored and collected by DPI. Directs the Board to submit the data beginning with the report submitted on October 15, 2027.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Part XI.

Requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to create an office within DOT to be known as the Office of Accessible Transportation and Mobility (Office). Specifies the Office's purpose, and requires all appropriate State and local agencies to coordinate with the Office. Requires the Office to consult with stakeholders. Requires DOT to submit a report on the Office's mission and scope of responsibilities and include a five-year plan to guide the Office's work to the specified NCGA committees by no later than March 31, 2027.

Intro. by Hawkins, Crawford, Quick, Almond.

APPROP, GS 108A, GS 115C

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Land Use, Planning and Zoning, Property and Housing, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Transportation, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Health Insurance, Public Health, Mental Health, Social Services, Adult Services, Public Assistance

H 1148 (2025-2026) **UNIVERSAL PRE-K**. Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR ALL INCOME-ELIGIBLE, FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTH CAROLINA PREKINDERGARTEN (NC PRE-K) PROGRAM.*

Appropriates \$2 million in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, as title indicates.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Johnson-Hostler, Baker.

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

H 1149 (2025-2026) **KEEP NC WORKING ACT**. Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS IN NORTH CAROLINA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS RELATED TO THAT PURPOSE.*

Effective October 1, 2026, enacts Article 6, “Short-Time Compensation,” to GS Chapter 96. Defines eight terms. Requires employers wishing to participate in the short-time compensation program to submit a short-time plan to the Department of Commerce’s (DOC) Division of Employment Security (Division). Lists ten required components of the application to request approval of a plan, including: identifying the affected units covered by the plan, the weekly hours of work affected and the specific percentage by which hours will be reduced; certification by the employer that the aggregate reduction in work hours is in lieu of layoffs, whether temporary or permanent; and certification by the employer that any affected collective bargaining unit agrees with the plan. Provides flexibility in the application contents where industries and modes of operation present good cause. Conditions eligibility on the employer having no outstanding employment security contributions, penalties, or interest. Requires the Division to approve or disapprove of the plan within 30 days of receipt. Allows submitting a subsequent plan after 90 days from disapproval. Provides for an approved plan's effective date being that specified on the approval notice with expiration either twelve months from that date or an earlier agreed upon date. Allows for an employer to terminate a plan at any time upon written notice and submit a new application at any time after expiration or termination. Authorizes the Division to revoke approval for good cause at any time and permits periodic review of employer operations. Defines good cause. Establishes a procedure for modifying an approved plan. Specifies that while every change to the plan must be reported in writing, only substantial changes to the plan require requests for modification.

Details eligibility for individuals to receive short-time compensation, including that with respect to the relevant week, the individual is eligible for unemployment compensation, not otherwise disqualified for unemployment compensation, and meets three criteria relating to the employer's short-time compensation plan and employee's work schedule. Establishes the weekly benefit amount to be the product of regular weekly unemployment compensation for a week of total unemployment multiplied by the percentage of reduction in the individual's usual weekly hours of work. Bars eligibility for combined short-time compensation or unemployment compensation benefits in any benefit year in an amount more than the maximum or more than 52 weeks of paid short-time compensation benefits. Makes provisions applicable to unemployment compensation applicable to short-time compensation. Provides eligibility thresholds and requirements for individuals who work for another employer during weeks covered by an approved short-time compensation plan with a short-time compensation employer.

Specifies that short-time compensation will be charged to employers' experience rating accounts in the same manner as unemployment compensation with service attributed alike. Provides for extension of benefits.

Includes a severability clause.

Effective July 1, 2026, appropriates \$100,000 to the Division from the General Fund for 2026-27 to implement the act and educate employers.

Intro. by Chesser, Reeder, Rhyne, Schietzelt.

[APPROP, GS 96](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Employment and Retirement, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Commerce](#)

H 1150 (2025-2026) [NC CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ACT/FUNDS](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO PROTECT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF NORTH CAROLINIANS BY PROVIDING THE RIGHT TO CIVIL RELIEF FOR VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THIS PROTECTION.*

Adds new GS Chapter 99F, North Carolina Constitutional Rights Act, which includes:

- (1) GS 99F-1: Sets out legislative findings and defines *under color of law* to include any actions taken under the actual or apparent authority of any law, statute, regulation, custom, or usage of any state, territory, or local government, or of the US, for purposes of the chapter;
- (2) GS 99F-2: Permits any person within NC jurisdiction to bring a civil action against any other person who, under color of law, deprives any person within NC of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the US Constitution. Allows filing in any county permitted under GS 1-82 or where the alleged violation occurred. Provides permitted relief;
- (3) GS 99F-3: Provides permitted defenses and immunities;

(4) GS 99F-4: Requires action under this Chapter to commence within three years after the cause of action accrue;

(5) GS 99F-5: Provides statutory construction provisions; and

(6) GS 99F-6: Contains severability clause for the provisions and applications of the chapter.

Effective October 1, 2026, and applies to causes of actions occurring on or after that date.

Appropriates \$150,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Justice to be used as title indicates, effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Rubin, Helfrich, Alston, Lofton.

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[Constitution, Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Justice](#)

H 1151 (2025-2026) [ADDITIONAL MAGISTRATES/MECKLENBURG COUNTY](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MAGISTRATES FOR MECKLENBURG COUNTY*.

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

Appropriates \$405,585 in recurring funds beginning in 2026-27 and \$15,140 in nonrecurring 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 T. Brown, Helfrich, Lopez.

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[Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Administrative Office of the Courts, Government, Budget/Appropriations](#)

H 1152 (2025-2026) [PROTECTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT PROTECTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS INJURED DURING IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT*.

Expands the causes of action for interference with civil rights available under GS 99D-1 to authorize suit under that statute by a person injured during civil immigration enforcement against an individual who violates the North Carolina Constitution during the enforcement, whether or not the defendant was acting under color of law at the time. Allows such plaintiffs to seek any of the remedies in GS 99D-1(b), including punitive damages and attorneys' fees. Provides that the listed immunities do not apply to a defendant in such a civil action to the extent permissible under the United States Constitution.

Contains severability clause.

Appropriates \$50,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management to design and prepare a downloadable "Know Your Rights" pamphlet. Describes requirements for pamphlet content and distribution.

Intro. by Butler, Harrison, Morey, Cook.

[APPROP, GS 99D](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Office of State Budget and Management, Immigration](#)

H 1153 (2025-2026) [BUDGETING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO INTRODUCE GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY INTO THE BUDGET PROCESS BY AMENDING THE STATE BUDGET ACT TO INCREASE PUBLIC NOTICE AND PARTICIPATION AND BY REMOVING LEGISLATIVE CONFIDENTIALITY FOR CERTAIN COMMUNICATIONS TO OR FROM LEGISLATORS REQUESTING BUDGET PROVISIONS OR FUNDS MADE.*

Codifies four rules for each house of the General Assembly to comply with prior to either calendaring a vote on a second reading of each house's Current Operations Appropriations Act (Act) or the adoption of a conference report that includes a committee substitute for the Act in new GS 143C-5-1A. Requires public notice of at least one week for public comments (during which public comments are submitted virtually and also in person during at least one public hearing) on the Act, at least three nonvoting committee meetings for consideration and debate on the Act during the notice period, and requires providing the budget bill and committee report to legislators at least five days before any budget adoption votes. Specifies that the rules are to be considered procedural rules of each house of the General Assembly unless either house otherwise provides.

Enacts new GS 120-133.5, removing confidentiality provisions for any documents received from State agencies and from individual legislators to legislative employees or to other legislators documenting requests for provisions or funding in the Act so that they are public records when the Act becomes law.

Appropriates \$250,000 in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Legislative Service Commission of the General Assembly for maintenance and operations of the public comment portal and for staffing and other expenses associated with the requirements of this act.

Intro. by Butler, Harrison, Morey, Price.

[APPROP, GS 120, GS 143](#)

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, General Assembly, Public Records and Open Meetings](#)

H 1154 (2025-2026) [EXPAND THE FARMSHARE FOOD HUB PROGRAM](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO EXPAND THE FARMSHARE FOOD HUB PROGRAM, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS MARKET NETWORK, AND TO EXPAND THE DOUBLE UP FOOD BUCKS PROGRAM.*

Appropriates \$4 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) to be allocated to the Carolina Farm Stewardship Organization to provide grants for the FarmSHARE program. Requires DACS to report to the specified NCGA committees and division by October 1 annually until all funds have been expended. Describes minimum report requirements.

Appropriates \$2 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to DACS for a grant to the North Carolina Farmers Market Network to provide grants administered by the Double Up Food Bucks Program. Requires DACS to report to the specified NCGA committees and division by October 1 annually until all funds have been expended. Describes minimum report requirements.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by McNeely, Penny, Gillespie, Almond.

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[Agriculture, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services](#)

H 1155 (2025-2026) [THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO AMEND ACT](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE TO THE PEOPLE THE POWER OF INITIATIVE.*

Subject to approval by voters at the statewide election on November 3, 2026, adds new Section 5 to Article XIII of the North Carolina Constitution authorizing citizen initiated referendums to amend the State constitution, by present the State Board of Elections with a petition setting out the proposed amendment, that has been certified as signed by qualified voters not less in

number than 8% of the votes for all candidates for Governor at the last gubernatorial election with no less than 3% of such signatures from each congressional district. Sets out a process for registering the petition before it is circulated. Sets out requirements on the timing of submitting the proposal to voters. Prohibits an initiative from changing these provisions and prohibits considering a defeated initiative measure until five years have passed. If approved, effective upon certification.

Intro. by Helfrich, Rubin, Lopez, Cook.

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H 1156 (2025-2026) **WASTEWATER DESIGN FLOW MODIFICATIONS**. Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN THE CALCULATION OF WASTEWATER DESIGN FLOW RATES FOR PERMITTED WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS*.

Allows wastewater permittees under GS 143-215.1(f3) to calculate wastewater flows for new dwelling units that discharge to wastewater systems serving two or more dwelling units that have yet to be connected at a flow rate less than 75 gallons per day per bedroom with approval from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Requires DEQ approval to be based on permittee's demonstration that the calculated flow rate corresponds to average actual flow during the last calendar year and that such flow rate will not adversely impact public health or the environment. Prohibits DEQ from approving flow rates for new dwelling units calculated to be less than 55 gallons per day per bedroom. Makes conforming changes.

Appropriates \$10,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to DEQ to review wastewater design flow rates proposed by permitted wastewater treatment systems in accordance with the act.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Almond, Echevarria, Campbell.

APPROP, GS 143

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction, Property and Housing, Environment, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Environmental Quality (formerly DENR)

H 1157 (2025-2026) **RED WOLF SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE**. Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A RED WOLF SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FEES FROM THE PLATE TO SUPPORT RED WOLF CONSERVATION, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND INITIAL ISSUANCE OF THE PLATE AND FOR CAMPUS PROMOTION OF THE PLATE, AND TO DIRECT NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY TO PROMOTE THE PLATE ON CAMPUS*.

Includes whereas clauses. Amends GS 20-63(b1) and GS 20-79.4(b) as title indicates. Plate issuance is contingent on the receipt of at least 500 plate applications, as required by GS 20-79.3A(a)(2), applicable to all special plates with described backgrounds authorized under GS 20-63(b1). Amends GS 20-79.7 and GS 20-81.12 to establish a special plate fee of \$30 and require that \$20 of that fee be transferred quarterly to the Wildlife Resources Commission (Commission) to be used for red wolf conservation, management, research, monitoring, and habitat preservation and restoration. Authorizes technical changes.

Directs NC State to promote the Red Wolf special registration plate as described. Directs NC State, in consultation with the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the Commission, to report to the specified NCGA committees and division on its promotional efforts and the number of plates issued by September 1, 2027.

Appropriates \$15,000 from the Highway Fund to the DMV for 2026-27 to develop the special registration plate as specified. Appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors to allocate to NC State, College of Veterinary Medicine for 2026-27 to support its promotion of the special registration plate. Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Ball, Ross, Alston.

APPROP, GS 20

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**Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Government,
Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, UNC System,
Department of Transportation**

H 1158 (2025-2026) **INCREASE MARKET RATE/RATE FLOOR/CHILD SUBSIDY**. Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO INCREASE CHILD CARE SUBSIDY RATES TO THE SEVENTY-FIFTH PERCENTILE OF THE 2023 MARKET RATE STUDY, WITH AUTOMATIC INCREASES UPON COMPLETION OF SUBSEQUENT NEW STUDIES, TO SET A STATEWIDE RATE FLOOR, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THOSE PURPOSES.*

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education (Division) to increase the child care subsidy market rates to the 75th percentile for children in three-, four-, and five-star-rated child care centers and homes beginning July 1, 2026 as recommended by the 2023 Child Care Market Rate Study (2023 Study). Mandates Division automatically increase the rates to the 75th percentile of those recommended rates whenever new rates are recommended in subsequent studies to begin July 1 of the next fiscal year. Appropriates \$60 million in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund and \$20 million in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the Child Care and Development Fund Block Grant to the Division, to be used to implement these market rate increases.

Beginning July 1, 2026, payment rates for child care providers in counties that have a county rate below the State rate for center-based and home-based care are set at the 75th percentile statewide market rate as recommended by the 2023 Study for children birth through five years old for licensed centers and homes, unless it is demonstrated that statewide rate application to a county with less than 50 children in each age group is lower than the county market rate and would inhibit the county's ability to purchase child care for low-income children. If that is the case, the county market rate may be applied. Appropriates \$160 million in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Division to implement this statewide floor.

Effective July 1, 2026.

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

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

H 1159 (2025-2026) **INVESTING IN TEEN MENTAL HEALTH**. Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING, TO EXPAND ACCESS TO TEEN MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING AND YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING.*

Includes whereas clauses.

Appropriates \$1,290,626 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Well-Being, as title indicates.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Lofton, Lambeth, White, Crawford.

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

H 1160 (2025-2026) [REDUCE PARENT COPAYS/CHILD CARE SUBSIDY/FUNDS](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO REDUCE PARENT COPAYMENTS FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE*.

Amends Section 9D.3.(b) of SL 2023-134 to lower the fees required from parents purchasing subsidized child care services from 10% to 7% of gross family income starting October 1, 2026.

Appropriates \$25,000,000 in recurring funds from the General Fund for 2026-2027 to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, to implement the reduction in fees required by the act.

Effective July 1, 2026.

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

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

H 1162 (2025-2026) [STANDING UP FOR WILSON COUNTY VOL. FIRE DEPTS](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO WILSON COUNTY FOR UPGRADES TO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT*.

Appropriates \$15 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management to provide a directed grant to Wilson County to make allocations to county fire departments as title indicates.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Pittman.

APPROP, Wilson

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

H 1166 (2025-2026) [REORGANIZE & FUND RARE DISEASE ADV. COUNCIL](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT REVISING THE COMPOSITION AND DUTIES OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RARE DISEASES; TRANSFERRING THE COUNCIL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO COVER THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE COUNCIL*.

Amends Taylor's Law, Establishing the Advisory Council on Rare Diseases, as follows. Amends GS 130A-33.65 by changing the location of the Advisory Council from within the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Changes the number of the Advisory Council to 19 members and removes the appointing authority of the Dean of the School of Medicine at UNC-Chapel Hill. Instead, allows the DHHS Secretary to appoint 15 members in line with the qualifications listed in the statute.

Amends the appointed membership as follows:

- increases number of physicians from one to two;
- removes rare disease survivor, rare disease foundation, parent of childhood rare disease survivor, and medical researcher appointees;
- removes appointees who are chairs of the NCGA Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, or their designees;
- decreases the number of researchers from State academic research institutions to one receiving any grant funding for rare disease research (currently one representative per State institution receiving any such grant funding);
- adds the following appointees:

- o one hospital administrator, or the hospital administrator's designee, representing a hospital in the State that provides care to persons diagnosed with a rare disease;
- o two persons age 18 or older who have been diagnosed with a rare disease; two persons age 18 or older who are, or were previously, caregivers to a person diagnosed with a rare disease;
- o one representative of a rare disease patient organization that operates in the State;
- o one pharmacist licensed and practicing in this State with knowledge and experience regarding drugs used to treat rare diseases;
- o one representative of the life sciences, biotechnology, or biopharmaceutical industry that either focuses on research efforts related to the development of therapeutic products for persons diagnosed with a rare disease or has demonstrable understanding of the path to commercialization of such products;
- o two representatives of a health benefit plan or health insurer, at least one of whom is a representative of a North Carolina Medicaid Managed Care health plan;
- o one genetic counselor with experience providing services to persons diagnosed with a rare disease or caregivers of persons diagnosed with a rare disease;
- o one member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- o one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
- o one member appointed by the Governor.

Provides for terms for each of the initial appointed representatives and term limits of three consecutive terms, except that the initial physician member and initial member representing a rare disease patient organization can serve up to four terms. Thereafter, directs that members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor will serve for a term of two years and members appointed by the Secretary will serve for a term of two, three, or four years as determined by the chair of the advisory council. Provides for filling vacancies, member removal, and selection of a chair by a majority vote. Requires that the Advisory Council meet at least quarterly (currently, just need to meet). Makes technical and conforming changes.

Amends GS 130A-33.66, pertaining to the Advisory Council's powers and duties as follows. Specifies that the Advisory Council should advise the Governor, the DHHS Secretary, and General Assembly on all of the following, in addition to powers already listed in the statute: coordination of statewide efforts to increase public awareness and understanding of rare diseases, identification of policy issues related to rare diseases and the advancement of policy initiatives related to rare diseases at the State and federal levels, and the appropriation of State funds to facilitate increased public awareness of and improved treatment for rare diseases. Requires the Advisory Council to, in consultation with certain medical schools, other educational institutions with specified programs, and hospitals in the State that provide services to persons with rare diseases, develop resources or recommendations regarding quality of and access to treatment and services available within North Carolina for persons diagnosed with a rare disease. Now requires the Advisory Council to advise and consult with DHHS and other specified boards and panels in developing recommendations, resources, and programs relating to the diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases. Now requires the Advisory Council to identify additional relevant areas for the advisory council to study and evaluate. Makes technical changes.

Effective July 1, 2026, appropriates from the General Fund to DHHS the sum of \$250,000 in recurring funds for 2026-27 fiscal year to be allocated to cover the administrative costs of the Advisory Council on Rare Diseases.

Intro. by Carney, Lambeth, Belk, Price.

APPROP, GS 130A

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

H 1167 (2025-2026) **2026 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET**. Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

Identical to [S 915](#), filed on 4/29/26.

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 H 1146, 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 Lambeth, Arp, K. Hall, Strickland.

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Government, Executive

H 1170 (2025-2026) [FUNDING FOR WINSTON-SALEM](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR A COMMUNITY CENTER LOCATED IN WINSTON-SALEM*.

Appropriates \$210,800 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management to provide a directed grant to Bodegas Alvarado Inc., a nonprofit, to assist in the completion of a community center in Winston-Salem.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by K. Brown.

APPROP, Wilson

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

H 1172 (2025-2026) [THE CIJI GRAHAM ACT](#). Filed Apr 30 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*.

Identical to [S 907](#), filed 4/29/26.

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 Johnson-Hostler, Greenfield, Clark.

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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,
Public Health**

H 1183 (2025-2026) **DEFEND NC**. Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO DEFEND THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA*.

Creates new GS 17F-15 to prohibit any sheriff's office; criminal justice agency or criminal justice officer, as defined by GS 17C-2; or any justice officer, as defined by GS 17E-2, from assisting United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the (1) apprehension or arrest of persons for alleged or suspected immigration violations or (2) service of warrants for removal from the United States. Prohibits any criminal justice officer, as defined by GS 17C-2, or any justice officer, as defined by GS 17E-2, from being deputized by ICE for these purposes. Provides that any current or future memorandum, agreement, or contract between ICE and a criminal justice agency or sheriff's office shall be void to the extent it violates these prohibitions. Requires the Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the Sheriff's Education and Training Standards Commission to promulgate rules consistent with GS 17F-15.

Amends GS 105-164.3 to define tariff-affected goods of 2026 as any item subject to NC sales tax that has increased in price in 2026 by more than 50% due to federal tariff modifications made and implemented in 2025, as determined, announced, and made publicly available by the NC Department of Commerce. Amends GS 105-164.13 to exempt from retail sales and use tax, during fiscal year 2025-26, the sale of tariff-affected goods.

Directs the NC Department of Health and Human Services to consider alternatives to decreased or terminated federal funding related to state biomedical initiatives, state health initiatives, and state biomedical and health-related research. Directs NC DHHS to report any findings and recommendations made pursuant to this directive to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services no later than March 1, 2027.

Directs the State Board of Education, the UNC Board of Governors, and the State Board of Community Colleges to report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee by March 15, 2027, on federal education funds eliminated by the federal Department of Government Efficiency and any actions taken or that need to be taken to replace those funds, or if the funds cannot be replaced, to achieve the purposes for which the funds were intended. The report must include (1) an estimate of the total cost of the reduced, suspended, or cancelled grants from the National Institutes of Health to the in-state operations of entities registered, headquartered, or doing business in the state and (2) a proposal to appropriate 50% the total value of the identified loss in NIH funding to create the NC Institute of Health to grant funds for biomedical and health research and innovation in North Carolina. Provides that the NC NIH be housed within the NC Department of Health and Human Services with a fund operated at the discretion of the NC Secretary of HHS. Requires the Secretary to distribute funds according to an open grant application process that considers the geographic distribution of awardees, to draw funds from the value of funding lost in the current fiscal year only, and to fully distribute the fund by the end of fiscal year 2027.

Expresses the intent of the General Assembly to take every action necessary to keep the promises of federal agencies working in North Carolina and to ensure that benefits through the NC Medicaid Program remain available to eligible North Carolinians regardless of any federal action.

Appropriates \$50,00 in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services to establish and operate the North Carolina Institute of Health pending the outcome of this Act. The funds shall revert back to the

General Fund no later than May 1, 2027, if the proposal to create the North Carolina Institute of Health is unfavorable.

Includes a severability clause.

Intro. by Hawkins.

[STUDY, GS 17F, GS 105](#)

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H 1185 (2025-2026) [MANDATE MOWING IN MAY FOR MAJOR EVENTS](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO MOW THE HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY LOCATED WITHIN A FIVE-MILE RADIUS OF CERTAIN MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF MAY AT THE REQUEST OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROHIBITION ON MOWING IN MAY; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT THE MOWING.*

Upon request of a local government stemming from a sporting event that expects no less than 5,000 attendees scheduled to be held in the month of May, requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to mow highway rights-of-way located within a five-mile radius of the location of the sporting event within the specified timeframe. Provides for timing of the submission of the request and for the mowing to take place. Appropriates \$10,000 from the General Fund to DOT for 2026-27 for mowing services.

Intro. by Almond.

[APPROP, GS 136](#)

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies,
Department of Transportation, Transportation](#)

H 1190 (2025-2026) [MINDSET ADVANTAGE PILOT PROGRAM](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MASTER'S LEAGUE ATHLETE MINDSET ADVANTAGE PILOT PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.*

Establishes the Master's League Athlete Mindset Advantage Pilot Program (Program) for the 2026-27 school year to promote mental performance, emotional wellness, and resilience among student-athletes through a structured, preventative model of support. Requires the Program to provide mandatory mindset and wellness sessions, coordinated support services, and collaboration among mental health professionals, coaches, physicians, and athlete mentors. Lists three high schools that are authorized to participate in the Program. Structures the Program with two components: (1) mandatory participation in mindset session and (2) two mindset sessions per academic quarter led by mental health professionals, and one-on-one sessions for support when needed, subject to parental approval. Provides for anonymous surveys. Requires Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools to report to the specified NCGA committee on the aggregated results of the surveys and the other matters described.

Appropriates \$180,000 to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for 2026-27 to provide a directed grant to the named nonprofit to implement the Program, as specified. Authorizes \$30,000 of the appropriated funds to be used for costs associated with securing and operating an off-site facility for the Program.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by K. Brown.

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

H 1194 (2025-2026) [WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH JOINT EOC FUNDS](#). Filed Apr 30 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*.

Identical to [S 918](#), filed 4/29/26.

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 K. Brown.

[APPROP, Forsyth](#)

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

H 1195 (2025-2026) [MOMNIBUS 3.5](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA MOMNIBUS ACT*.

Identical to [S 906](#), filed on 4/29/26.

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 Mommi-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 Johnson-Hostler, Hawkins.

[APPROP, GS 130A](#)

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, UNC System, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Public Health](#)

H 1196 (2025-2026) [REQUIRE FREE WATER IN BARS](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE ON-PREMISES ABC PERMITTEES TO PROVIDE DRINKING WATER WITHOUT CHARGE TO ANY CUSTOMER ON THE PREMISES REQUESTING THE WATER.*

Amends GS 18B-1006 to require a permit holder of an on-premises malt beverage permit, on-premises unfortified wine permit, on-premises fortified wine permit, or mixed beverages permit issued under GS 18B-1001 to furnish drinking water without charge to any customer (defined) on the licensed premises requesting the water during the hours when it is authorized to sell alcoholic drinks. Provides for requirements concerning the purity of the drinking water. Retroactive to July 1, 2025, appropriates \$15,000 from the General Fund to the Division of Alcohol Law Enforcement in the Department of Public Safety for 2026-27 to make information posters about the new requirement. Provides for distribution and prominent display of posters.

Intro. by Greenfield.

[APPROP, GS 18B](#)

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[Alcoholic Beverage Control, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Public Safety](#)

H 1202 (2025-2026) [FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING TRACK](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO FORSYTH TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO DEVELOP A LAW ENFORCEMENT DRIVING TRAINING CENTER.*

Appropriates \$6.1 million from the General Fund to the Community Colleges System Office for 2026-27 to be allocated to Forsyth Technical Community College (Forsyth Tech) to establish a law enforcement driving training center in King, North Carolina, in partnership with the City of Winston-Salem. The center will be used as part of Forsyth Tech's Basic Law Enforcement Training and continuing education programs.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by K. Brown.

[APPROP, Forsyth](#)

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office](#)

PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 945 (2025-2026) [SAFE CAMPS ACT](#). Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A YOUTH CAMP PERMITTING AND SAFETY PROGRAM; TO PROHIBIT PERMITTING OF YOUTH CAMPS WITH CABINS IN FLOODPLAINS EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED; TO REQUIRE EMERGENCY PLANNING AND WARNING COMMUNICATIONS; TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR CAMPGROUNDS; AND TO PROVIDE IMPLEMENTATION FUNDS.*

Enacts Article 25, GS Chapter 130A to establish a permit requirement for the operation of youth camps as follows. Includes seven defined terms. Defines *youth camp* as an unlicensed facility or property that provides structured recreational, athletic, religious, or educational opportunities to minors for for or more consecutive days, including residential, primitive, and day camps. Details permit issuance and renewal procedures by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Specifies that a permit satisfies any permit required by rules of the Commission for Public Health (Commission) for the operation of a youth camp but does not affect required permitting otherwise provided by law. Exempts religious sponsored child care facilities operating a day camp from permitting requirements, except specified sections related to cabins located in floodplains, emergency planning, and inspection and compliance requirements. Limits DHHS and or local health inspections and requests for records to compliance with these specified sections and specifically requires the exempt facilities to make documentation supporting floodplain and floodway determinations and required emergency planning parental notice available to DHHS and local health upon request.

Places administrative and oversight responsibility with DHHS and authorizes interlocal agreements. Directs the Commission to adopt implementing rules that must include camp classifications and minimum health and safety standards as described. Requires DHHS to coordinate inspections and enforcement with those of other State health and safety programs to the extent practicable. Directs the Commission to consult with the Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety (DEM) to adopt rules establishing a uniform method for determining and documenting floodplain determinations and floodway measurements for cabins on facility premises. Details require contents of the rules, including specifying floodplain mapping sources and flood hazard maps to be used, methods for taking measurements from a floodway, and record retention requirements. Establishes the Youth Camp Safety Multidisciplinary Team (team) to advise DHHS and the Commission. Provides for the composition of the nine-member team and lists six duties including reviewing anonymized program data and incident trends to recommend updates to guidance and training. Provides for team expenses and meetings.

States required content for permit applications including required emergency plans and floodplain and floodway documentation and proof of liability insurance. Requires DHHS to notify applicants within ten days of submission of whether the application is complete. Directs the Commission to establish a fee schedule for initial and renewal permits not to exceed \$1,000, or \$250 for reviews of updated applications, and review the schedule at least biennially. Establishes the Youth Camp Oversight Fund (Fund) within DHHS for fee collection with the limited purpose of supporting the Article's implementation. Requires DHHS remit 20% of each fee collected to the Fund and 80% to local health departments having jurisdiction over youth camps to support inspections and enforcement. Provides for late fees, suspension for nonpayment, and reinstatement fees. Requires DHHS to establish and maintain a list of permitted youth camps on its website.

Prohibits permitting a youth camp if any cabin on the premises is located in whole or in part within a floodplain unless the owner demonstrates either (1) the location is the result of proximity to a lake, pond, or other still body of water that is not connected to a watercourse or the body of water is dammed; or (2) each cabin is located at least 1,000 feet from a floodway. Requires permitted camps meeting this exception to install and maintain emergency ladders to access the cabin's roof and meet other standards required by rule. Requires religious sponsored child care facilities operating day camps to demonstrate any cabins located in floodplains meet either condition and maintain an emergency ladder in order to be used for lodging or sleeping. Directs the Commission to adopt rules establishing minimum standards for camper health, staffing, sanitation, water safety, emergency action, and incident reporting and recordkeeping. Requires coordination with other State health and safety programs to avoid duplication. Requires the Commission to adopt rules making campground safety requirements under the Article applicable to youth camps.

Requires youth camp operators to develop, implement, and maintain an emergency plan that meets 11 criteria. Requires the plan identify triggers for activating the plan's procedures, including National Weather Service warnings and State and local government directives. Requires operators to implement the plan when activation triggers occur as specified. Requires the plan designate an emergency preparedness coordinator. Directs the Commission to adopt rules requiring operators to provide and maintain for each camp warning and communication capabilities and annually certify that they have done so. Lists four required capabilities of these systems. Establishes a procedure for submission and DHHS review of the emergency plan, including an opportunity to revise a plan and resubmit for approval. Allows for DHHS to consult with applicable local health departments or municipal emergency management, as well as the team. Details required transmittal of approved emergency plans to county officials, and includes religious sponsored child care facilities operating day camps in the requirement. Directs DHHS to digitally store approved emergency plans and authorizes access to identified state and local entities. Requires youth camp operators to provide parents and legal guardians notice of emergency plans and any determination that a portion of the premises is located in a floodplain and require parents and guardians to sign an acknowledgement of receipt. Establishes

camper safety orientation requirements and annual staff and volunteer emergency training. Requires each cabin have posted evacuation routes that are visible at night. Deems emergency plans confidential.

Provides for annual inspection of youth camps by local health departments or as needed to ensure compliance. Provides for limited inspection of religious sponsored child care facilities. Grants the DHHS Secretary and local health director right of entry for health and safety enforcement. Grants the DHHS Secretary enforcement authority and authorizes the Secretary and local health directors to issue administrative orders requiring corrective action or for immediate closure where imminent hazard exists. Requires local health directors to notify DHHS of enforcement actions. Provides an appeals process. Directs the Commission adopt rules to establish data and reporting requirements for youth camps where local departments submit data to DHHS and DHHS publishes an annual summary. Further directs DHHS to publish an annual summary of receipts and expenditures from the Fund.

Establishes safety and emergency planning requirements for campground operators. Includes five defined terms. Defines *campground* to mean a property that is designed to provide cabins or recreational vehicle sites for transient overnight occupancy or use. Defines *campground operator* as a person or governmental entity that owns, operates, controls, or supervises a campground, regardless of profit status. Requires campground operators to (1) install and maintain in each cabin located within a floodplain an emergency ladder that can access the cabin's roof; (2) develop an emergency plan that address evacuations and shelter in place scenarios as described; and (3) implement its emergency plan upon specified warnings issued by the National Weather Service or state or local government directives. Requires submission of emergency plans to local emergency management officials. Deems emergency plans confidential. Requires campground operators to maintain and make available for inspection by DHHS or local health departments documentation of Building Code approvals and inspections. Directs the Commission to adopt implementing rules in consultation with the Building Code Council and Office of the State Fire Marshal. Permits enforcement by DHHS and local health departments as specified. Requires coordinated inspections and enforcement where a campground is part of a youth camp.

Amends GS 130A-22 to authorize the DHHS Secretary or local health director to assess a penalty of up to \$1,000 for any violation of youth camp laws or rules after consideration of described factors.

Amends GS 130A-248 to require DHHS and local health departments to coordinate youth camp permitting and inspections with that of food and lodging.

Requires the Commission to adopt permanent implementing rules and allows for the adoption of temporary rules. Requires consultation with the Building Code Council and Office of the State Fire Marshal. Prohibits conflict with the State Building Code. Requires conforming rule amendments. Requires temporary rules be adopted and effective by March 1, 2027, and permanent rules by October 1, 2027. Limits compliance dates in temporary rules to at least 30 days after the rules' effective date.

Directs DHHS to make available forms, templates, instructions and electronic submission processes; establish an emergency plan database; and provide guidance and training materials to local health departments before temporary rules become effective. Specifies that youth camp operators or religious sponsored child care facilities operating day camps are not require to submit an emergency plan before 60 days after the date temporary rules become effective. Makes the permit requirement effective 60 days after the date temporary rules become effective. Allows for permitting without emergency plan approval through December 31, 2027, if described requirements are met, and requires approval for permitting on and after January 1, 2028. Requires DHHS to establish the online list of permitted youth camps upon the issuance of permits. Begins annual inspection of permitted youth camps on or after January 1, 2028. Provides for appointment and designation of team members within 30 days of the date the act becomes law with the team's first meeting within 60 days of when the act becomes law. Allows for rulemaking, guidance development, coordination and implementation activities to begin on the date the act becomes law.

Appropriates \$500,000 in recurring funds from the General Fund to DHHS for implementation. Authorizes DHHS to establish up to four positions with appropriated funds. Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Sawyer, Chitlik.

[APPROP, GS 130A](#)

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Department of Health and](#)

S 946 (2025-2026) **KEEP OUR SCHOOLS STANDING ACT**. Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE KEEP OUR SCHOOLS STANDING BOND ACT OF 2026*.

Provides for the issuance of \$50 billion in general obligation bonds for public school facilities through grants to counties for public school capital outlay projects, repairs, and renovations, subject to a vote of the majority of qualified voters in the State at the November 2026 election. Outlines applicable definitions for the section regarding the capital bonds. Authorizes the State Treasurer, with consent of the Council of State, to issue and sell State of North Carolina Education Bonds if approved by the voters in the election held on the issue. Specifies restrictions on the use of funds from the bonds, and permits the combination of funds received from the federal government with the funds received from the sale of bonds in the Education Bonds Fund. Directs each local school unit receiving funds from the described bond proceeds to submit a report to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) on the projects funded from those bonds by January 1, 2028, and quarterly thereafter. Instructs DPI to submit combined reports to the specified NCGA committees, with the specified totals.

Directs the State Treasurer to establish a system for tracking bond proceeds to properly account for the use of the proceeds for compliance with applicable requirements of the federal tax law or otherwise, and requires all recipients to comply with the tracking system. Provides for a statewide election to approve the \$50 billion of education bonds during the November 2026 election. Makes the election subject to the general election laws of the state, and provides required ballot language. Provides for the manner of issuing the education bonds, and limits maturity to 40 years or less. Outlines requirements for signatures, manner of sale, notes in anticipation of the bond sale, refunding procedures, exemption from state and local taxation, investment eligibility, and full faith and credit support for the bonds. Allows the State Treasurer to provide that any bonds have variable interest rates, and provides other flexibilities in issuance to the State Treasurer based around the redemption and requirements for credit facilities. Includes an interpretation section, specifying that the language in the section regarding the sale of bonds is in addition and alternative to any other applicable method of providing for the sale of the bonds under applicable law. Outlines statutory reference provisions, construction of the section regarding bond sales, makes the provisions of the act regarding the sale of bonds controlling over any inconsistent provisions in general law, and contains a severability clause. Permits the State Treasurer to enter into other agreements around the sale of the bonds as the Treasurer deems desirable. Establishes requirements for each entity receiving funds from the sale of bonds. Requires each local school administrative unit and corresponding board of county commissioners to jointly submit a plan to DPI outlining a plan for the use of funds in accordance with the requirements of the act. Allows DPI to disburse funds after determining the plans comply with the requirements of the act. Establishes requirements for the OSBM to retain a portion of the funds for escalation of costs, and to release funds for unforeseen contingencies and inflation costs. Requires the OSBM to report on any funds retained after a project's completion. Directs any funds from the education bonds spent on school technology for public schools to be credited against the judgment in *N.C. Sch. Bds. Ass'n. v. Moore*.

Intro. by Chitlik, Garrett.

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**Education, Elementary and Secondary Education,
Government, State Agencies, Department of Public
Instruction, Department of State Treasurer, State
Government, State Property, Public Enterprises and Utilities**

S 947 (2025-2026) **MILITARY INFLUENCE AREAS**. Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ESTABLISH MILITARY INFLUENCE AREAS TO PREVENT INCOMPATIBLE DEVELOPMENT AND PROTECT MILITARY READINESS*.

Adds new GS 160D-917, Military Influence Areas, to Article 9 of GS Chapter 160D. Defines “military influence area” as all property within five miles of a major military installation as defined in GS 143-151.71(5).

Authorizes a local government to adopt and enforce a zoning regulation or unified development ordinance providing specific requirements for military influence areas, notwithstanding the requirements of GS 160D-601(d) as amended. Establishes four minimum standards for such zoning regulation or unified development ordinance.

Provides that such zoning regulation or unified development ordinance regulating a military influence area is subject to the requirements of GS Chapter 160D except as otherwise provided and that nothing in this section shall be construed as denying a property owner their vested rights under Article 1 of this Chapter.

Appropriates \$50,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Military Affairs Commission of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for a joint land-use study between major military installations and local governments affected by this act.

Intro. by Lazzara, Brinson, McInnis.

[APPROP, STUDY, GS 160D](#)

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[Development, Land Use and Housing, Land Use, Planning and Zoning, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, Military and Veteran's Affairs](#)

S 948 (2025-2026) [SCREEN FREE SCHOOLS ACT](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE GOVERNING BODIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS TO ADOPT POLICIES RESTRICTING THE USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES IN SCHOOLS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR TEACHER ASSISTANTS.*

Allows parents to opt out of their child being issued or having to use a school wireless communication device, except for State assessments issued for compliance with federal law, in GS 115C-76.25 (listing parental legal rights for their child's education). Adds the following restrictions to the required public school policy on wireless communication devices under GS 115C-76.100:

- Bars students in kindergarten through fifth grade from using any wireless communication device in the classroom and provides for print-based instruction, materials, and tests, as described.
- Allows students in grades six through eight to use wireless communication devices that are shared between other students or classrooms. Prevents schools from issuing individual wireless communication devices to students in those grades. Limits time to less than an hour per day. Requires firewalls to limit access to non-educational content. Requires the wireless communication device to remain on school premises at all times.
- Allows students in grades nine through twelve to use wireless communication devices individually for instructional purposes. Limits time to less than an hour and 30 minutes per day. Requires that any assignments or homework that require the use of a school-issued wireless communication device outside of normal school hours do not require a student to use such digital device for more than one hour per day to complete the assignments or homework.

Requires printed materials to be used in all classrooms in kindergarten through eighth grade in GS 115C-85.

Appropriates \$930 million from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) in recurring funds beginning with 2026-27 to be used to allocated one teacher assistant to every classroom serving students in kindergarten through grade five. Appropriates \$4.3 million from the General Fund to DPI in recurring funds beginning with 2026-27 to provide grants pursuant to GS 115C-269.31.

Intro. by Chitlik, Chaudhuri.

[APPROP, GS 115C](#)

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[Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations](#)

S 949 (2025-2026) [FULLY FUND SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS & COUNSELORS](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO FULLY FUND SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST AND SCHOOL COUNSELOR POSITIONS PER THE LEANDRO COMPREHENSIVE REMEDIAL*

PLAN.

Appropriates \$359.3 million in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction beginning in 2026-27 to increase the School Health Personnel Allotment. Funds are to be used to increase positions for the following school health support personnel in order to meet the following statewide ratios: (1) at least one school psychologist for every 700 students and (2) at least one school counselor for every 250 students.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Mohammed, Murdock, Theodros.

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

S 950 (2025-2026) **SCHOOL MEALS FOR EVERY CHILD**. Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT NO COST TO STUDENTS*.

Amends GS 115C-263 to require public school units to have a school food authority that offers two meals a day at no cost to students. Directs the State Board of Education to allocate funds to school food authorities based on an evaluation of the school food authority's nutrition services. Requires the evaluation to account for school size, number of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch, prior year funds expended, nutrient content and quality of food, whether food is locally sourced, and other information the Board deems relevant. Provides that the funds must be distributed on a fair and equitable basis at the beginning of each fiscal year (except the Board may reserve up to 10% for future allocation) and that funds allocated shall supplement (not replace) funds from other sources provided for the same purpose.

Amends GS 115C-264(a) to require local boards of education to participate in the federal Community Eligibility Provision Program if eligible.

Amends GS 115C-150.14 (schools for the deaf and blind), GS 115C-218.75 (charter schools), GS 115C-238.72(b) (regional schools), and GS 116-239.8(b)(4) (laboratory schools) to require the provision of school nutrition services in accordance with GS 115C-263 and GS 115C-264 as amended.

Appropriates \$116,000,000 in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to provide nutrition services to students in accordance with this act. Provides that the State Board of Education may use funds appropriated to State Aid for Public Schools for this purpose if this appropriation is not sufficient to fulfill the act's purpose.

Effective July 1, 2026. Applies beginning with the 2026-27 school year.

Intro. by Mohammed, Murdock, Applewhite.

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

S 951 (2025-2026) **CRITICAL FUNDS FOR NORTH MECKLENBURG**. Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR CRITICAL FUNDS FOR NORTH MECKLENBURG*.

Appropriates \$20.44 million in nonrecurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) to provide a directed grant for emergency services to the Town of Davidson: \$17 million to construct a fire station, \$3 million to buy an emergency vehicle, \$100,000 for police equipment, and \$340,000 to replace breathing apparatus equipment.

Appropriates \$10 million in nonrecurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to OSBM to provide a directed grant to the Town of Cornelius: \$3 million to acquire property for public safety facilities, including specific future projects, \$1.5 million to replace a fire engine, \$2 million for specified pedestrian improvements, and \$3.5 million for a recreation center at an elementary school.

Appropriates \$4 million in nonrecurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to OSBM to provide a directed grant to the Lake Norman Community Development Corporation: \$2 million to develop affordable housing in Cornelius (excluding Smithville), and \$2 million to buy land and develop affordable housing in Smithville.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Mohammed.

[APPROP, Mecklenburg](#)

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

S 952 (2025-2026) [REPEAL STI CAP ON LIGHT RAIL/FUND RAIL SAFETY](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO REPEAL THE STI FUNDING CAP ON LIGHT RAIL AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY ON THE CATS BLUE LYNX RAIL LINE*.

Amends GS 136-189.10 to remove funding caps on commuter rail, intercity rail, and light rail projects. Removes outdated language.

Repeals GS 136-189.11(d1), which prohibited State funding for light rail without a written agreement that all non-State funding necessary to construct the project had been committed.

Appropriates \$1 million in nonrecurring funds for 2026-27 from the Highway Fund to the Department of Transportation for safety and security on the CATS Blue Lynx rail line.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Mohammed.

[APPROP, GS 136](#)

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Transportation, Transportation](#)

S 954 (2025-2026) [LEARNING & ENRICHMENT IN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE LEARNING AND ENRICHMENT IN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS ADVISORY COUNCIL AND GRANT PROGRAM*.

Identical to [H 1139](#), filed on 4/29/26.

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 Chitlik, Mohammed, Chaudhuri.

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

S 955 (2025-2026) [PERMIT SELF-DEFENSE DEVICES ON COLLEGE CAMPUS](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO PERMIT SELF-DEFENSE DEVICES ON HIGHER EDUCATION PROPERTY AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ADVERTISE THIS CHANGE*.

Amends GS 14-269.2 by adding new subsection (i2) making the provisions of GS 14-269.2 (prohibiting weapons on school property) inapplicable to a person that is at least 18 years old who carries or possesses, whether openly or concealed, a self-defense device on any property owned, used, or operated by a school of higher education. Restricts schools of higher education from prohibiting a person 18 years of age or older, including staff, students, employees, or other persons lawfully present on school property, from carrying a self-defense device on such property. Defines *school of higher education* and *self-defense device* (pepper spray, pepper gel, mace, a taser, ordinary pocket knife, or other similar, nonlethal devices and provides list of excluded devices). Makes conforming change to GS 14-269 making subsection (a) (which makes it unlawful for any person to willfully and intentionally carry certain concealed weapons except when on their own premises) inapplicable to a person concealing a self-defense device in accordance with GS 14-269.2(i2).

Effective December 1, 2026, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Appropriates \$10,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina to be used to advertise the above changes to the public, students, and staff at public and private institutions of higher education in NC.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Hise.

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S 956 (2025-2026) [OMNIBUS LIFE SCIENCES APPROPRIATIONS](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES; REVISING THE COMPOSITION AND DUTIES OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RARE DISEASES; TRANSFERRING THE COUNCIL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO COVER THE OPERATING EXPENSES*

OF THE COUNCIL; ALLOWING CERTAIN WATER AND SEWER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; AND CREATING THE LIFE SCIENCE AND BIOMANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES RESERVE FUND.

Identical to [H 1078](#), filed 4/28/26.

Part I

Appropriates \$10 million from the General Fund to the Department of Commerce (DOC) in recurring funds for 2026-27 to be allocated to the One NC Small Business Account established in GS 143B-437.71. Effective July 1, 2026.

Part II

Appropriates \$2 million from the General Fund to DOC in recurring funds for 2026-27 to be allocated to the NC Biotechnology Center (Center) to support life science company funding, university technology development, workforce development, and economic development programs administered by the Center. Effective July 1, 2026.

Part III

Amends Taylor's Law, Establishing the Advisory Council on Rare Diseases, as follows. Amends GS 130A-33.65 by changing the location of the Advisory Council from within the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Changes the number of the Advisory Council to 19 members and removes the appointing authority of the Dean of the School of Medicine at UNC-Chapel Hill. Instead, allows the DHHS Secretary to appoint 15 members in line with the qualifications listed in the statute.

Amends the appointed membership as follows:

- increases number of physicians from one to two;
- removes rare disease survivor, rare disease foundation, parent of childhood rare disease survivor, and medical researcher appointees;
- removes appointees who are chairs of the NCGA Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, or their designees;
- changes the number of researchers from State academic research institutions to one receiving any grant funding for rare disease research (currently one representative per State institution receiving any such grant funding);
- adds the following appointees:
 - one hospital administrator, or the hospital administrator's designee, representing a hospital in the State that provides care to persons diagnosed with a rare disease;
 - two persons age 18 or older who have been diagnosed with a rare disease; two persons age 18 or older who are, or were previously, caregivers to a person diagnosed with a rare disease;
 - one representative of a rare disease patient organization that operates in the State;
 - one pharmacist licensed and practicing in this State with knowledge and experience regarding drugs used to treat rare diseases;
 - one representative of the life sciences, biotechnology, or biopharmaceutical industry that either focuses on research efforts related to the development of therapeutic products for persons diagnosed with a rare disease or has demonstrable understanding of the path to commercialization of such products;
 - two representatives of a health benefit plan or health insurer, at least one of whom is a representative of a North Carolina Medicaid Managed Care health plan;
 - one genetic counselor with experience providing services to persons diagnosed with a rare disease or caregivers of persons diagnosed with a rare disease;
 - one member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
 - one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
 - one member appointed by the Governor.

Provides for terms for each of the initial appointed representatives and term limits of three consecutive terms, except that the initial physician member and initial member representing a rare disease patient organization can serve up to four terms. Thereafter, directs that members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor will serve for a term of two years and members appointed by the Secretary will serve for a term of two, three, or four years as determined by the chair of the Advisory Council. Provides for filling vacancies, member

removal, and selection of a chair by a majority vote. Requires that the Advisory Council meet at least quarterly (currently, just need to meet). Makes technical and conforming changes.

Amends GS 130A-33.66, pertaining to the Advisory Council's powers and duties as follows. Specifies that the Advisory Council should advise the Governor, the DHHS Secretary, and General Assembly on all of the following, in addition to powers already listed in the statute: coordination of statewide efforts to increase public awareness and understanding of rare diseases, identification of policy issues related to rare diseases and the advancement of policy initiatives related to rare diseases at the State and federal levels, and the appropriation of State funds to facilitate increased public awareness of and improved treatment for rare diseases. Requires the Advisory Council to, in consultation with certain medical schools, other educational institutions with specified programs, and hospitals in the State that provide services to persons with rare diseases, develop resources or recommendations regarding quality of and access to treatment and services available within North Carolina for persons diagnosed with a rare disease. Now requires the Advisory Council to advise and consult with DHHS and other specified boards and panels in developing recommendations, resources, and programs relating to the diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases. Now requires the Advisory Council to identify additional relevant areas for the Advisory Council to study and evaluate. Expands upon report recipients to also include Fiscal Research Division. Makes technical changes.

Appropriates from the General Fund to DHHS the sum of \$250,000 in recurring funds for the 2026-27 fiscal year to be allocated to cover the administrative costs of the Advisory Council on Rare Diseases.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Part IV

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

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

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

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

Part V

Transfers \$20 million from the General Fund to the Life Science and Biomanufacturing Technologies Reserve Fund (Tech Reserve), established below, for 2026-27. Establishes the Tech Fund to be administered by the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) only for appropriation by the NCGA to provide State matching funds, cost-share contributions, and other financial support for joint federal, State, local government, and industry initiatives involving emerging life science or biomanufacturing technologies. Lists four eligible uses for funds from the Tech Reserve, including (1) financing for public-private partnerships involving life science or biomanufacturing facility development, workforce development, or technology

transfer initiative and (2) seed funding for multigovernmental consortia or regional innovation hubs focused on biomanufacturing technologies, cell and gene therapy manufacturing, advanced pharmaceutical manufacturing, or related fields. Prohibits funds from being spent unless appropriated by the NCGA. Requires the Director of the Budget to report to the specified NCGA committee and division on the appropriated funds from the Tech Reserve by March 1 of each fiscal year. Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Sawrey, Chaudhuri.

APPROP, GS 130A

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Business and Commerce, Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, UNC System, Department of Commerce, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health

S 957 (2025-2026) **PORTABLE-SCALE SOLAR ENERGY DEVICES**. Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF SMALL, PORTABLE-SCALE SOLAR ENERGY GENERATION DEVICES AND TO EXPAND THE PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM OFFERED BY THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS.*

Amends G.S. 62-126.3 to add definition of *portable-scale solar energy generation device*, a solar photovoltaic system and associated equipment, including a battery energy storage system, designed or commissioned to supply a maximum power output of 1.92 kW to the electric grid.

Adds new GS 62-126.15 authorizing a customer of an electric power supplier to operate a portable-scale solar energy device so long as (1) operation is primarily intended to offset the customer's electricity use, (2) the device has been appropriately certified as described if it was designed to have a maximum power output more than 391 watts, and (3) the device prevents itself from energizing the grid during a power outage. Prohibits electric power suppliers from conditioning service to a customer operating such a device on approval, a fee, or installation of extra controls/equipment. Exempts electric power suppliers from liability for damage or injury caused by a portable-scale solar energy generation device. Provides that electric power suppliers may offer a special rate tariff to customers who operate a device.

Amends GS 62-110.1(g) to exempt the construction or installation of portable-scale solar energy generation devices from certain reporting requirements for building energy-generating facilities.

Amends GS 62-126.4 to exclude customers that own portable-scale solar energy generation devices from net metering tariffs applicable to customers that own other renewable energy facilities. Clarifies that retail customers that operate portable-scale solar energy generation devices without otherwise owning or leasing a renewable energy facility are not eligible to participate in any net metering tariff. Authorizes customers to operate renewable energy facilities without having to elect to participate in a net metering rate.

Amends GS 87-50.1 to require the State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors to provide workforce training and education programs as part of a public awareness program and to promote compliance with the State Building Code.

Appropriates \$100,000 in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors to implement the public awareness program. Effective July 1, 2026.

Except as otherwise provided, effective when the act becomes law.

Intro. by Moffitt, Lazzara, Mayfield.

APPROP, GS 62, GS 87

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Environment, Energy, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Enterprises and Utilities

Part I.

Establishes the Contaminated Parks Remedial Account (CoPRA) in GS 130A-295.9. Directs that 67.67% proceeds of the solid waste disposal tax credited to the Inactive Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund (Fund) should be credited to the new CoPRA, with the remaining 33.33% used by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to fund the assessment and remediation of pre-1983 landfills, as described, including the portion of that amount allocated for administrative expenses. (Currently, 100% of tax credited to the Fund is intended for DEQ's funding related to pre-1983 landfills.) Mandates that DEQ establish CoPRA as a separate account within the Fund and to use the account to fund assessment and remediation of pre-1983 landfills or other inactive hazardous sites that impair the use of a public park owned by a local government. Requires match by local government unit that owns or operates the park of \$1 provided by the local government unit for every \$4 provided from CoPRA. Makes conforming changes to statute title. Makes organizational changes.

Part II.

Amends GS 105-187.61, concerning the excise taxes on both the disposal and transfer of municipal solid waste and construction and demolition debris, raising both tax rates from \$2 to \$4 per ton of waste.

Amends GS 105-187.63 requiring the Secretary of the Department of Revenue (Secretary) to credit or distribute taxes received pursuant to Article 5G of GS Chapter 105, less the cost of collection, on a quarterly basis as follows:

- 75% (was, 50%) to the Fund to be used as set forth in Part I of the Act;
- 18.75% (was, 37.5%) to cities and counties on a per capita basis with ½ distributed to cities and ½ to counties; and
- 6.25% (was, 12.5%) to the General Fund.

Amends GS 105-130.3 by changing the tax percentage of the tax imposed on the State net income of every C Corporation doing business in NC: from 2% to 2.5% in taxable years beginning in 2026, from 1% to 1.5% in taxable years beginning in 2028, and from 0% to 0.5% in taxable years beginning in after 2029.

Enacts GS 105-13.3D requiring the Secretary to credit or distribute a portion of the taxes received pursuant to GS 105-130.3, less the cost of collection, to the CoPRA on a quarterly basis as follows: in taxable years beginning in 2026, 25%; in taxable years beginning in 2028, 33.33%; and in taxable years beginning after 2029, 100%.

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

Part III.

Effective July 1, 2026, except as otherwise provided.

Intro. by Chitlik, Murdock, Mayfield.

[GS 105, GS 130A](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Corporation and Partnerships, Environment, Government, Tax](#)

S 959 (2025-2026) [STUDY STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM/SEAA](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF ESTABLISHING A STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS AND TALENT RETENTION PROGRAM FOR GRADUATES OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION LOCATED IN NORTH CAROLINA AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.*

Includes whereas clauses. Titles the act as the "Student Loan Forgiveness and Talent Retention Study Act."

Defines *eligible borrower* as an individual who obtained a postsecondary credential from a *public institution of higher education* (a constituent institution of the University of North Carolina or a community college in the State). Defines *eligible student loan debt* as federal student loans incurred by an eligible borrower to attend a public institution of higher education (excludes private loans, loans issued to an eligible borrower's parents, and loans to attend a private or out-of-state institution).

Directs the State Education Assistance Authority (SEAA) to study the feasibility of establishing a Student Loan Forgiveness and Talent Retention Program for eligible student loan debt, in consultation with the UNC Board of Governors, the State Board of Community Colleges, the Department of Commerce and any other relevant stakeholders. Requires the study to evaluate possible structures and necessary costs to encourage eligible borrowers to remain in North Carolina. Lists seven categories for evaluation. Directs SEAA to report results to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and make a recommendation as to whether a Program should be established by the General Assembly.

Appropriates \$150,000 in nonrecurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors to be allocated to SEAA to conduct this study and provide this report. Specifies that funds shall not revert at the end of the 2026-27 fiscal year and shall remain available until October 1, 2027.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Theodros, Garrett.

[APPROP, STUDY](#)

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[Education, Higher Education, Government, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office, UNC System](#)

S 960 (2025-2026) [MODERNIZED CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES FUNDING](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO RAISE THE CAP ON THE MAXIMUM PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS FOR WHICH A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT CAN RECEIVE FUNDS, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR HIGH-COST DISABILITIES, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THOSE PURPOSES.*

Contains whereas clauses.

Amends the percentage prong of GS 115C-111.05 (funding for children of disabilities), as follows. Requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to now allocate funds for children with disabilities to each local school administrative unit on a per child basis with each unit receiving funds for the lesser of either: (1) all children who are identified as children with disabilities or (2) 16% (was, 13%) of its allotted average daily membership in the unit for the current school year.

Appropriates \$82.8 million in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for funding for children with disabilities.

Enacts GS 115C-111.11 mandating that DPI maintain a High-Cost Disabilities Support Fund (HCDSF) to provide funds to local school administrative units and charter schools for costs associated with educating children with disabilities who require intensive and specialized services. Requires DPI to allocate funds for the three described purposes. Requires SBE to adopt rules governing the use of funds from the HCDSF including at least the three specified matters.

Appropriates \$15 million in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to DPI to be used for the purposes set out in GS 115C-111.11.

Effective July 1, 2026, and applies to funds allocated for children with disabilities beginning with the 2026-27 school year.

Intro. by Grafstein.

[APPROP, GS 115C](#)

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

S 961 (2025-2026) [HOSPITAL AUTHORITY COMMISSIONER REFORMS](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO MAKE REFORMS TO HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS.*

Amends GS 131E-18 to increase the permissive range of the number of commissioners for county hospital authority boards, now requiring at least eight (was six) and not more than 38 (was 30) commissioners. Adds a new requirement for membership to include (1) four public members who are not licensed healthcare providers, married to licensed healthcare providers,

employed by the authority, or married to anyone employed by the authority; and (2) four elected officials who are either county commissioners or city/town officials in a municipality located within the hospital authority's territorial boundaries, as specified. Authorizes adoption of a resolution to increase or decrease the number of commissioners by fixed number upon finding that it is required for statutory compliance. Adds a new requirement that any meeting of the Commissioners must be conducted in accordance with state public meetings laws, GS Chapter 143, Article 33C.

Specifies that an authority that already meets membership requirements for public or elected official commissioners required by GS 131E-18 is not required to appoint additional commissioners. Provides for staggering the appointment of public and elected official members by initial members serving one and two years terms, with all subsequent terms being three years. Requires appointments be made to comply with the act by December 1, 2026.

Appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services for 2026-27 to ensure hospital authorities are in compliance with the act.

Intro. by Burgin.

[APPROP, GS 131E](#)

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

S 963 (2025-2026) [AI CHATBOTS-LICENSING, SAFETY, & PRIVACY](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT REGULATING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CHATBOT LICENSING, SAFETY, AND PRIVACY IN NORTH CAROLINA*.

Enacts new GS Chapter 114B, licensing of chatbots, as follows.

Defines *chatbot* as a generative artificial intelligence system with which users can interact by or through an interface that approximates or simulates conversation through a text, audio, or visual medium. Defines *generative artificial intelligence system* as one that uses artificial intelligence, as defined in the specified federal act, to generate or substantially modify image, video, audio, multimedia, or text content. Define additional terms used in the Chapter.

Requires obtaining a health information chatbot license before operating or distributing a chatbot that deals substantially with health information. Sets out information that must be included in the license application, including quality control and testing procedures, proof of insurance coverage, and documentation of the chatbot's security measures and protocols. Requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to review applications based on six criteria, including public safety considerations and risk management procedures. Requires DOJ to adopt rules to carry out this Chapter. Requires licensees to maintain professional liability insurance. Requires licensees to: (1) implement industry-standard encryption for data in transit and at rest, maintain detailed access logs, and conduct regular security audits no less than once every six months; (2) report any data breaches within 24 hours to DOJ and within 48 hours to affected consumers; (3) obtain explicit user consent for data collection and use; (4) provide users with access to their personal data; and (5) provide users with the ability to delete their data upon request. Requires licensees to clearly disclose six pieces of information, including the artificial nature of the chatbot, data collection and use practices, and emergency resources when applicable. Requires a licensee to: (1) demonstrate effectiveness through peer-reviewed, controlled trials with appropriate validation studies done on appropriate sample sizes with real-world performance data; (2) demonstrate effectiveness in a comparative analysis to human expert performance; and (3) meet minimum domain benchmarks as established by the DOJ. Requires licensees to ensure that all interactions between chatbots and users comply with new GS 170-5 (requirements for a chatbot identification process), discussed below.

Under new GS 114B-6, requires DOJ to enforce this Chapter and rules adopted under this Chapter. Requires the Attorney General to designate staff to the oversight and enforcement of this Chapter, who may enter, at reasonable times, any factory, warehouse, or establishment in which licensed chatbots are manufactured, processed, or held, and to inspect, in a reasonable manner and within reasonable limits and in a reasonable time. Also allows DOJ to conduct digital inspections of licensed chatbots. Requires treating information that is a trade secret or confidential commercial information as confidential. Requires providing the manufacturer or importer with a detailed report on identified deficiencies and required corrective actions. Includes recordkeeping and reporting requirements for manufacturers or importers.

Makes it illegal to: (1) introduce or deliver for introduction into state commerce any chatbot that deals substantially with health information without complying with these licensing requirements; (2) fail to comply with any requirement of this Chapter or any rule adopted hereunder; (3) refuse to permit access to or copying of any record as required by this Chapter; or (4) fail to report adverse events as required under this Chapter. Violations of GS 114B-5 are subject to civil penalties of \$50,000, with the proceeds remitted to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund.

Includes a severability clause.

Effective January 1, 2027.

Effective July 1, 2026, appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to DOJ for 2026-27 to publicize the provisions above.

Part II.

Enacts new GS Chapter 170, Chatbot Safety and Privacy Act, as follows.

Defines *covered platform* as any person that provides chatbot services to users in this state, if the person (1) has annual gross revenues exceeding \$100,000 in the last calendar year or any of the two preceding calendar years or (2) has more than 5,000 monthly active users in the US for half or more of the months during the last 12 months. Excludes from the term any person that provides chatbot services solely for educational or research purposes and does not monetize such services through advertising or commercial uses or any government entity providing chatbot services for official purposes. Defines *legitimate purpose* as a purpose that is lawful and in line with the stated objectives, functionalities, core services, and reasonable expectation of users on a platform. Defines other terms used in this Chapter.

Prohibits a covered platform from processing data or designing chatbot systems and tools in ways that significantly conflict with trusting parties' best interests, as implicated by their interactions with chatbots. Sets out requirements for covered platforms, in carrying out their duty of loyalty in emergency situations, duty of loyalty in preventing emotional dependence on a chatbot, duty of loyalty in chatbot identify disclosure, duty of loyalty in influence, duty of loyalty in collection, duty of loyalty when personalizing content, and duty of loyalty in gatekeeping of personal information.

Specifies that the duties between a covered platform and an end-user are to be established through a terms of service agreement which is presented to the end-user in clear, conspicuous, and easily understandable language. Requires the terms of service agreement to (1) explicitly outline the online service provider's obligations, (2) describe the rights and protections afforded to the end-user under this relationship, and (3) require affirmative consent from the end-user before the agreement takes effect. Requires notification of material changes to the terms of service agreement and obtain renewed consent for such changes and requires the terms to be easily accessible to users at all times through the covered platform's application or website.

Requires the chatbot's identification process to include the covered platform informing users that the chatbot has four specified features, including that it is not human or sentient, and is without personal preference or feelings. Requires users to give explicit and informed consent to interact with the chatbot, as described. Prohibits using deceptive design elements that manipulate or coerce users into providing consent or that obscure the nature of the chatbot or consent process. Requires repeating the chatbot identity communication and opt-in consent at the start of each new session with a user.

Requires covered platforms to: (1) ensure that all user-related data disclosed collected through conversations between users and chatbots or through third-party cookies, undergoes a process of de-identification prior to storage and analysis; (2) take reasonable care to prohibit the incorporation or inclusion of any sensitive personal information derived from a user during the use of a chatbot into an aggregate dataset used to train any chatbot or generative artificial intelligence system; and (3) store all chatbot conversations which does not include sensitive personal information for at least 60 days. Sets out further requirements related to these data privacy provisions.

Allows the Attorney General to bring a civil action when he has reason to believe that a covered platform has committed a violation, on behalf of the State's residents, to: (1) enjoin any practice violating this Chapter and enforce compliance with the pertinent section or sections on behalf of residents of the State; (2) obtain damages, restitution, or other compensation, each of which must be distributed in accordance with State law; or (3) obtain such other relief as the court may consider appropriate.

Allows persons suffering an injury due to a violation of the Chapter to sue the covered platform to enjoin further the violation, recover damages in an amount equal to the greater of actual damages or \$1,000 per violation, obtain reasonable attorneys' fees and litigation costs; and obtain any other appropriate relief. Requires actions to be brought within two years after the person

first discovered or reasonably should have discovered the violation. Prohibits a person from bringing more than one action against the same covered platform for the same alleged violation.

Includes a severability clause for the Chapter.

Effective January 1, 2027.

Part III.

Directs DOJ to adopt rules necessary to implement Parts I and II above by January 1, 2027.

Intro. by Burgin.

[APPROP, GS 114B, GS 170](#)

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

S 965 (2025-2026) [DIT CONSULTATION](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE ADVISORY AND CONSULTATION RESOURCES TO EXEMPT AGENCIES*.

Adds new subsection (c1) to GS 143B-1320, allowing an agency exempted from the requirements of GS Chapter 143B's Article 15 (concerning the Department of Information Technology (DIT)), to receive DIT advisory and consultation resources upon request.

Appropriates \$50,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to DIT to establish an interagency liaison network to enable DIT to provide the advisory and consultation resources set forth in GS 143-1320(c1), as established by the act.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Burgin.

[APPROP, GS 143B](#)

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[Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Information Technology](#)

S 967 (2025-2026) [BUDGET REQUIREMENT FOR TAX TRIGGERS](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO DISALLOW TAX RATE MODIFICATIONS IN THE ABSENCE OF A COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET SPENDING PLAN*.

Amends GS 105-153.7(a1) to add new requirement that the General Assembly must have ratified a Current Operations Appropriations Act by July 1 of the fiscal year set out in the subsection's list for the tax rate reduction to be triggered. Makes conforming changes in the remainder of the subsection.

Intro. by Grafstein, Garson.

[GS 150](#)

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[Government, Tax](#)

S 968 (2025-2026) [NCSU TO STUDY CREATION OF NEW VET SCHOOL](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF ESTABLISHING A NEW COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE IN NORTH CAROLINA AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE*.

Directs the Board of Trustees of North Carolina State University (NCSU), in consultation with the College of Veterinary Medicine at NCSU to study the feasibility of establishing a new college of veterinary medicine at another higher education institution in North Carolina. Requires the Board to report study results to the specified NCGA committee by March 15, 2027.

Provides that the study shall consider the need for additional veterinarians (especially for large animals), costs and benefits of a new college of veterinary medicine, and a suitable location for the new college.

Appropriates \$300,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina to be allocated to NCSU to conduct this study.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Burgin.

[APPROP, STUDY, UNCODIFIED](#)

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[Animals, Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, UNC System](#)

S 969 (2025-2026) [FIRST GRADE READING PROMISE](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR HIGH-DOSAGE TUTORING BASED ON THE SCIENCE OF READING, TO CLARIFY THAT SCHOOLS MAY USE VIRTUAL TUTORING PROGRAMS, AND TO REQUIRE READ TO ACHIEVE PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTING*.

Appropriates \$5 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to provide first grade students with access to in-person and virtual high-dosage early literacy tutoring that is based on the science of reading. Effective July 1, 2026.

Amends GS 115C-83.6(c) by adding that the tutoring described in the subsection may be provided virtually (previously, no explicit permission or restriction for virtual tutoring).

Amends GS 115C-83.10(a) to require that the information each local board of education must publish and report annually in that subsection be disaggregated by school for each grade level in which there are at least 30 students (previously, no disaggregation requirement). Applies beginning with information published and reported in the 2026-27 school year.

Intro. by Hanig.

[APPROP, GS 115C](#)

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

S 970 (2025-2026) [E-BIKE DEFINITION AND LOCAL REGULATION](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF ELECTRIC ASSISTED BICYCLE AND TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION*.

Substantively identical to [H 1084](#), filed 4/28/26.

Modifies the definition of electric assisted bicycle in GS 20-401 so that it must meet the requirements of one of the following three listed classes: (1) a class 1 electric bicycle (a bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to assist once the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour); (2) a class 2 electric bicycle (a bicycle equipped with a motor that may propel the bicycle without pedaling but ceases to assist once the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour); and (3) a class 3 electric assisted bicycle (a bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to assist once the bicycle reaches a speed of 28 miles per hour). Enacts new GS 160A-300.2 authorizing cities to regulate electric assisted bicycles on any street, road, or highway within municipal limits to include (1) restricting the use of a class or classes of electric assisted bicycles on multiuse paths, sidewalks, or trails, and (2) establishing speed limits on greenways or shared-use paths. Enacts new GS 20-171.3 allowing the operation of an electric assisted bicycle on all roadways, bicycle lanes, and shared-use paths, except as otherwise regulated in new GS 160A-300.2 and GS 153A-245.1; requires persons under the age of 18 operating or riding class 3 bicycles to wear a helmet. Allows a city to require helmet use by a person under the age of 18 operating or riding as a passenger on a class 1 or 2 electric assisted bicycle and to impose penalties for violations. Permits counties, in new GS 153A-245.1 to regulate electric assisted bicycles in the same as cities can except that the statutory authority cannot be deemed to restrict or repeal the authority of a city to regulate the use of

an electric assisted bicycle. Requires the Department of Transportation to develop educational materials on the proper use and safety considerations of electric assisted bicycles.

Appropriates \$100,000 from the Highway Fund to the Department of Transportation for 2026-27 to develop educational materials and conduct a public awareness campaign on the proper use and safety considerations of electric-assisted bicycles.

Applies to all electric assisted bicycle riders and passengers on or after the act becomes law.

Intro. by Lee, Lazzara.

[APPROP, GS 20, GS 153A, GS 160A](#)

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

S 971 (2025-2026) [STATEWIDE YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL STUDY](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND POTENTIAL OUTCOMES OF A STATEWIDE YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL CALENDAR*.

Requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to conduct study as title indicates, including analysis of the eleven specified matters relevant to the feasibility and potential outcomes of a statewide year-round school calendar. Requires DPI to report its findings and recommendations to the specified NCGA committee by February 1, 2027. Appropriates \$50,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to DPI, to be used for costs associated with conducting the study and preparing the report. Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Burgin, Corbin.

[APPROP, STUDY](#)

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

S 972 (2025-2026) [CUT STATE AGENCY COSTS BY 10%](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO REDUCE STATE AGENCY BUDGETS BY TEN PERCENT BY JUNE 30, 2028*.

States legislative findings and purpose.

Requires total budgets of State agencies be reduced by not less than 10%. Allows Director flexibility to administer cost reduction to mitigate any substantial burdens so long as the overall reduction reaches 10%.

Requires every State agency head to submit a detailed budget reduction plan to the Director by January 1, 2027. Requires Director to approve or require revision of plans by February 1, 2027 and to publish approved plans on the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) website.

Requires Director to report progress to the specified NCGA division by October 1, 2027.

Appropriates \$200,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to OSBM to implement this act, effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Burgin, Corbin.

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

S 973 (2025-2026) [DOA AGENCY REQUESTS](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS STATUTORY CHANGES RELATED TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION*.

Amends GS 143-341.2 concerning duties of the Department of Administration (DOA). Adds new subsection (d) to require that DAO, as part of executing its required State facilities plan, identify facilities that are abandoned, condemned, flagged for surplus, or that otherwise require extraordinary maintenance and its recommendations for the facilities, if any. Requires DAO to quarterly report to the specified NCGA division and committee and the Council of State on the facility assessment.

Appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to DAO for 2026-27 to establish a reporting mechanism to cover the statewide inventory of property assessed pursuant to new GS 143-341.2(d). Directs that the initial quarterly report must be submitted by October 1, 2026.

Amends GS 20-28.2(i) concerning the expedited sale of seized motor vehicles. Authorizes the State Surplus Property Agency to sell a motor vehicle, regardless of fair market value, any time the outstanding towing and storage costs exceed 85% of the fair market value of the vehicle, or with owner consent (currently authorization is limited to county boards of education).

Amends GS 143-341(4) concerning DAO's powers and duties relating to real property control. Adds a new duty to require execution of any documents, instruments, or other records in connection with any purchase, sale, or lease of property in accordance with the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, Article 40, GS Chapter 66, to the extent practicable.

Amends GS 146-25.1 governing State advertisements for property leases. Permits DAO to advertise for prospective lessors through electronic means as an alternative to the existing requirement to place the advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. Makes existing notice requirements apply to electronically posted notices. Defines electronic means to include posting the advertisement on DAO's website or any other means DAO deems appropriate to provide adequate notice.

Intro. by Burgin.

[APPROP, GS 20, GS 143, GS 146](#)

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

S 974 (2025-2026) [BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS REFORMS](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO REFORM THE PRACTICE OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS*.

Amends GS 90-732 to add definition of *registered behavior technician* and amends GS 90-745 to apply only to registered behavior technicians (was, behavior technicians).

Adds section GS 90-745.1 to require that at least 10% of services provided by a registered behavior technician be observed and directed by a licensed behavior analyst or licensed assistant behavior analyst. Prohibits registered behavior technicians from one-on-one contact with patients without 80 hours of service completed under such observation and direction.

Adds section GS 90-746.1 to impose the following practice limitations on individuals licensed or registered under Article 43 of GS Chapter 90 (governing licensure for behavior analysts). Prohibits behavioral analysis via telehealth unless the patient is in a North Carolina county with a population density of less than 400 people per square mile. Prohibits behavioral analysis with a minor for more than 16 hours per week unless the parent or legal guardian is present.

Effective January 1, 2027.

Appropriates \$50,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the North Carolina Behavior Analysis Board to adopt rules for registered behavior technicians. Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Burgin.

[APPROP, GS 90](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Health and Human](#)

S 975 (2025-2026) [STATE DIGITAL ASSET PAYMENTS STUDY ACT](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER TO STUDY THE ACCEPTANCE OF DIGITAL ASSET PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN STATE FEES, TO STUDY HOUSEHOLD REMITTANCE COSTS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE STUDIES.*

Titles the act the “State Digital Asset Payments Study Act.” Defines *digital asset* as a fungible, blockchain-based digital representation of value designed for use as a medium of exchange or settlement instrument and capable of being transmitted, stored, or traded electronically. It does not include non-fungible tokens, digital collectibles, tokenized artwork, any digital asset primarily marketed or structured as a speculative investment or unique collectible item, or a central bank digital currency, as defined in GS 147-86.19(a). Lists seven legislative findings. Establishes a two-part statewide study on the following: (1) the acceptance of digital asset payments for certain State fees (“Digital Asset Study”) and (2) household remittance costs and international payment mechanisms that may reduce transaction costs for North Carolina residents, while maintaining appropriate consumer protections, financial stability, and regulatory compliance (“Household Study”). Towards that end, directs the State Treasurer (Treasurer), to conduct two studies on those topics, as specified. Requires the Treasurer conduct the Household Study in consultation with the Office of the Commissioner of Banks. Requires the Treasurer to consult with relevant State agencies and constitutional officers, including those listed, as part of the Digital Asset Study. Provides for the scope of both studies. Prioritizes evaluation of U.S. dollar-denominated, fully reserved stablecoins issued by entities subject to regulatory oversight in the Digital Asset Study. Clarifies that the act does not require the State to accept, hold, invest, retain, directly custody, or speculate in digital assets. Nor does it designate any digital asset as legal tender or payment for taxes or criminal fines. Instructs the Treasurer to submit a report to the specified NCGA committee and division by January 15, 2027, summarizing the findings of the Digital Asset Study. Also requires a report to submitted to the specified NCGA committee and division on the Household Study.

Appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Treasurer for 2026-27 to implement the studies required by the act.

Intro. by Theodros, Blue, Lowe.

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[Banking and Finance, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of State Treasurer](#)

S 984 (2025-2026) [WORK TRAINING/DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR WORK OR WORK-RELATED ACTIVITIES AS AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY TO INCARCERATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DETERMINED TO BE DELINQUENT ON CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS.*

Amends GS 50-13.4(f)(9), which authorizes contempt proceedings to enforce orders or judgements for periodic payments of child support. Authorizes a court to direct the person, as a special condition of a contempt order, into job search or dually specific education training. Requires the court exercising this option to review the person's progress in at least 30-day intervals unless the person is enrolled and actively participating in work-specific training. Caps enrollment in work-specific training at six months and requires the person to comply with the following: payment of at least \$50 monthly for child support; notify the court upon completing the training; and notify the court within 14 days of failing to satisfy the attendance requirements of the training.

Appropriates \$3 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Community Colleges System Office to be distributed to applicable community colleges to defray the costs for the training for program participants.

Intro. by Smith.

[APPROP, GS 50](#)

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**Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Family Law, Court System,
Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies,
Community Colleges System Office**

S 985 (2025-2026) **HALO LAW**. Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SAFETY BUFFER AROUND FIRST RESPONDERS WHILE THEY ARE IN THE LAWFUL PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.*

Enacts GS 14-223.1, which (1) defines *first responder* to include a law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician or medical responder, a probation or parole officer, or any person whose employment duties include the custody, transportation, or management of persons who are detained or confined to a detention facility, youth development center, or correctional institution operated under the jurisdiction of the State or a local government; (2) defines *harass* as willfully engaging in a course of conduct directed at a first responder which intentionally causes that responder substantial emotional distress and serves no legitimate purpose; and (3) makes it a Class 2 misdemeanor for a person, after receiving a verbal warning not to approach from a person he or she knows or reasonably should know is a first responder, who is engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty, to knowingly and willfully violate that warning and approach/remain within 25 feet of the first responder with the intent to either impede or interfere with the first responder's ability to perform his or her duty, threaten physical harm, or harass the first responder.

Effective December 1, 2026, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Appropriates \$25,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety to be used for costs incurred to develop and implement a marketing campaign to make the public aware of GS 14-223.1.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Measmer.

APPROP, GS 14

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**Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and
Procedure, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public
Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies,
Department of Public Safety**

S 987 (2025-2026) **LOWER HEALTHCARE COSTS**. Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO PREVENT REDUCTIONS IN TAKE-HOME PAY FOR STATE EMPLOYEES DUE TO INCREASES IN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES PLAN PREMIUMS.*

Enacts GS 143C-9-11 creating the Fund for State Employee Premium Stabilization (Fund) within the Department of State Treasurer. Consistent with the stated legislative intent, directs the State Treasurer to administer the Fund in consultation with the Office of State Human Resources to supplement State employee compensation to maintain the net income of State employees in the event of an increase in the monthly premiums required for participation in the State Health Plan. Directs the State Treasurer to adopt rules for the Fund's administration.

Directs the State Education Assistance Authority to transfer to the Fund \$150 million from funds appropriated to the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve for 2025-26 for scholarship awards for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Batch, Grafstein, Bradley.

APPROP, GS 143C

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**Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies,
Department of State Treasurer, State Government, State
Personnel, Health and Human Services, Health, Health
Insurance**

S 988 (2025-2026) **PROTECTING WORKERS IN THE AGE OF AI ACT.** Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO PROTECT WORKERS IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION.*

Titles the act the “Protect Workers in the age of AI Act.” Adds GS 143B-438.14A, establishing the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Workforce Transition Program (Program) and the AI Workforce Transition Fund (Fund) in the Department of Commerce (DOC). Directs the Program to use any funding to support workers displaced due to artificial intelligence or automation by providing job retraining, credentialing programs, and workforce education. Prioritizes training programs in health care, advanced manufacturing, infrastructure, and other skilled trades. Requires employers receiving State economic incentives to report layoffs attributable to automation or AI to DOC. Authorizes DOC to engage in partnerships to carry out GS 143B-438.14A. Makes conforming change to GS 115D-20.

Directs the State Education Assistance Authority to transfer \$50 million to DOC of unencumbered, nonrecurring funds remaining at the end of 2025-26 that would otherwise be carried forward into 2026-27 for opportunity scholarship grants. Appropriates those funds to DOC to establish the AI Workforce Transition Fund to provide grants to community colleges and workforce training providers.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Batch, Garrett, Theodros.

APPROP, GS 143B

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

S 997 (2025-2026) **NURSING FELLOWS & CURRIC. SUPPORT FUNDS/WSSU.** Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NURSING FELLOWS PROGRAM AT WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CURRICULUM SUPPORT FOR NURSING STUDENTS AT WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY.*

Adds new Part 3A, North Carolina Nursing Fellows Program, under Article 23 of GS Chapter 116, as follows. Defines twelve terms, including qualifying nurse (an eligible nurse who holds a B.S. in Nursing from Winston-Salem State University and who is employed as a nurse in the state); qualified nursing instructor (an eligible nurse who holds a B.S. in Nursing and an M.S. in Nursing Education from Winston-Salem State University and is employed as an instructor in a qualified nursing program in the state); and qualifying nursing program (a nursing program at a community college, university, or private postsecondary institution that prepares students to earn a degree in nursing and become a licensed practical nurse in the state).

Establishes the North Carolina Nursing Fellows Program (Fellows Program) in GS 116-209.65 with the purpose of recruiting, preparing, and supporting students enrolled in an eligible nursing program at Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) for preparation as highly effective nurses and instructors by providing forgivable loans to those nursing students interested in preparing to become nurses in the state or instructors in qualifying nursing programs. Provides for administration of the Fellows Program by the State Educational Assistance Authority (Authority) in cooperation with the Dean of the School of Health Sciences at WSSU, with the Dean to determine selection criteria (including those set forth in the act) and engage in recruitment. Provides for staff and office space by WSSU.

Establishes the North Carolina Nursing Fellows Program Trust Fund (Fund) to provide the financial assistance to be administered by the Authority and the Dean. 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 as described. Sets out provisions governing the administration of the loans and establishes reporting requirements, with annual reports due to the specified NCGA committee starting January 1, 2027. Establishes the amount of the forgivable loans as \$5,000 per semester/\$2,500 per summer session with the number of eligible

semesters dependent upon whether the recipient is either a student pursuing a career as a qualifying nurse or a student pursuing a career as a qualifying nurse instructor. Lists permitted uses of loan funds, including tuition, fees, and books. Requires an annual report, beginning January 1, 2027, to the specified NCGA committee on the Trust Fund and related information on the Fellows Program.

Sets out the terms of the forgivable loans including interest caps in GS 116-209.66. Provides rules for forgiveness as follows. For every year a qualifying nurse remains a qualifying nurse or a qualifying nurse instructor, directs the Authority to forgive one-third of the total loan amount received over the course of enrollment in the applicable degree program and any interest accrued on that amount. Directs the Authority to also forgive the loan if it finds that it is impossible for the recipient to work for up to three years, within ten years after completion of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program for persons pursuing forgiveness as qualifying nurses or of the Master of Science in Nursing Education degree program for persons pursuing forgiveness as qualifying nurse instructors, because of the death or permanent disability of the recipient. Requires completion of indebtedness within 10 years after completion of the latest applicable degree program supported by the forgivable loan if the recipient pays in cash. Allows for extension of the repayment program under extenuating circumstances for no more than a total of 12 years.

Makes conforming changes to GS 116-204.

Requires applications to be available by December 31, 2026, and for recipients to be selected and initial awards made by April 1, 2027.

Appropriates \$1.4 million in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Fund to establish the Fellows Program.

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

Appropriates \$650,000 from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors in recurring funds for 2026-27 to be allocated to WSSU to provide mentoring, coaching, and other curriculum-support services for students enrolled in a nursing degree program at WSSU.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Lowe.

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[Education, Higher Education, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, UNC System](#)

S 1016 (2025-2026) [FAIR SHARE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO IMPOSE A SEVEN PERCENT INCOME TAX ON INCOME THAT EXCEEDS ONE MILLION DOLLARS AND TO DISTRIBUTE THOSE PROCEEDS TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND*.

Identical to [H 1073](#), filed on 4/29/26.

Amends GS 105-153.7 to establish a 7% annual income tax on individual income in excess of \$1 million. Excludes this tax rate from the statute's rate reduction trigger. Requires distribution of collections to the State Public School Fund for allotment by the State Board of Education to local school administrative units on a per pupil basis, less administrative expenses of collection up to \$100,000, as specified. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

Intro. by Chitlik, Garrett.

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[Education, Government, Tax](#)

S 1021 (2025-2026) [FUNDS FOR PINEVILLE PEDESTRIAN BEACON](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF PINEVILLE FOR A PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON*.

Appropriates \$545,588 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) for 2026-27 to provide a directed grant to the Town of Pineville for the construction of a pedestrian hybrid beacon, a crosswalk across Hwy 51 and Main St. at the Town Hall, to increase pedestrian safety and contribute to the walkability of the Town. Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Salvador.

APPROP, Mecklenburg

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, Transportation

S 1022 (2025-2026) **CONSUMER PRIVACY ACT**. Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO PROTECT CONSUMERS BY ENACTING THE CONSUMER PRIVACY ACT OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.*

Titles the act as the "North Carolina Consumer Privacy Act."

Enacts GS Chapter 75F, to be cited as the North Carolina Consumer Privacy Act. Sets forth 36 defined terms. Defines the scope of the Chapter, making the Chapter apply to any controller, defined as a person doing business in the State who determines for which and the means by which personal data are processed, or processor, defined as a person who processes data on behalf of a controller, who: (1) conducts business in the State or produces a product or service that is targeted to consumers who are residents; (2) has annual revenue of \$25 million or more; and (3) who either (a) controls or processes personal data of 100,000 or more consumers during a calendar year, or (b) derives over 50% of the entity's gross revenue from the sale of personal data and controls or processes personal data of 25,000 or more consumers. Lists 17 types of entities, information, and activities that are exempt from the Chapter's provisions, including governmental entities and contractors, nonprofit corporations, federally protected health and private information, and individual's processing of personal data for personal purposes. Establishes that a controller is in compliance with the Chapter's parental consent requirements if the controller complies with the verifiable parental consent mechanisms under the federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). Clarifies that the Chapter does not require actions that conflict with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA).

Establishes that the Chapter supersedes and preempts local laws regarding the processing of personal data by a controller or processor. Provides that reference to federal law includes any rules or regulation adopted thereunder.

Establishes four consumer rights: (1) confirm whether a controller is processing the consumer's personal data and access the consumer's personal data; (2) delete the consumer's personal data that the consumer provided to the controller; (3) obtain a copy of the consumer's personal data that the consumer previously provided to the consumer, in a readily usable format as described; and (4) opt out of the processing of the consumer's data for purposes of targeted advertising or the sale of personal data. Specifies that the rights do not require a person to cause a breach of security system. Provides for a consumer, parent or guardian, to submit a request to a controller specifying the right the consumer intends to exercise. Requires controllers to take action and inform the consumer of any action taken, or inform the consumer of reasons for not taking action, within 45 days after the day the controller receives a request, absent reasonable suspicion that the request is fraudulent. Provides for extension by another 45 days if reasonably necessary due to the complexity of the request or volume of requests received, subject to notice requirements. Establishes instances in which the controller can charge a fee for requested information. Adds that if a controller is unable to authenticate a consumer request using commercially reasonable efforts, the controller is not required to comply and may request the consumer provide additional information reasonably necessary to authenticate the request.

Requires processors to adhere to controllers' instructions and as reasonably practicable, assist controllers in meeting the controllers' obligations, including security obligations. Establishes mandatory terms for contracts between contractors and processors and requires contracting prior to performing processing on behalf of the processor. Provides for determining acting as a processor versus a controller in specific processing.

Requires a controller to provide consumers with a reasonably accessible and clear privacy notice that includes five points, such as the categories of personal data processed by the controller, the purpose of processing the categories of personal data, and how consumers may exercise a right. Requires conspicuous disclosure of the manner in which a consumer can opt out of a controller's sale of personal data to a third party or processing for targeted advertising. Requires a controller to establish, implement and maintain reasonable administrative, technical, and physical data security practices as described. Prohibits processing sensitive data without first presenting the consumer with clear notice and an opportunity to opt out; requires compliance with COPPA for personal data concerning a known child. Prohibits specified discriminatory acts against a

consumer for exercising a right; allows for different offerings when consumers opt out of targeted advertising or offerings related to a customer's voluntary participation in loyalty type programs. Adds that a controller is not required to provide a product, service, or functionality to a consumer if the personal data, or its processing, is reasonably necessary for the controller to provide the consumer the product, service, or functionality, and the consumer does not provide the personal data or allow for its processing. Deems contractual provisions that waive or limit consumer's rights void.

Lists actions that the Chapter does not require of controllers or processors, including reidentifying de-identified data or pseudonymous data. Details responsibilities related to pseudonymous data. Lists 14 actions of controllers or processors which are not restricted by the Chapter, including compliance with civil, criminal, or regulatory inquiries, investigations, subpoenas, or summons by a federal, State, local, or other governmental entity. Sets limits for the Chapter's application, such as when compliance would violate evidentiary privilege under State law or would adversely affect the privacy or rights of any person. Deems controllers and processors not in violation of the Chapter when disclosing personal data to third-party controllers or processors in compliance with the Chapter, the third party processes in violation of the Chapter, and the controller or processor did not have actual knowledge of the third party's intent to commit a violation. Places the burden of demonstrating the processing is exempt on the controller. Specifies that the Chapter does not require disclosure of a trade secret.

Specifies that the Chapter provides no right to a private cause of action. Directs the Consumer Protection Division of the Department of Justice (Division) to establish and administer a system to receive consumer complaints regarding alleged violations and authorizes the Division to investigate consumer complaints. Grants the Attorney General exclusive enforcement authority upon referral from the Division. Details enforcement procedures, including notice of violations, and an opportunity to cure noticed violations. Provides for recovery of actual damages to the consumer and up to \$7,500 for each violation; requires allocation of liabilities among multiple processor and controllers involved in the same processing violation.

Creates the Consumer Privacy Account (Account), funded by money received through civil enforcement actions. Allows for the funds, upon legislative appropriation, to be used by the Attorney General for investigation and administrative costs relating to Chapter violations, recovery of costs and attorneys fees incurred during enforcement, and providing consumer and business education relating to the Chapter. Requires annual transfer of amounts exceeding \$4 million in the Account to the General Fund.

Directs the Attorney General and the Division to report to the specified NCGA committee by July 1, 2027, evaluating the liability and enforcement provisions of the Chapter, and summarizing the data protected and not protected. Allows updating the report as new information becomes available.

Effective January 1, 2027.

Effective July 1, 2026, appropriates \$1 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Department of Justice for the purposes, administration, and enforcement of the act.

Intro. by Salvador.

[APPROP, GS 75F](#)

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

S 1023 (2025-2026) [CHIROPRACTIC ABUSE OF COSTS](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS MAY CHARGE AS COSTS IN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AND TO REQUIRE ACCURATE MINUTES FOR OFFICIAL MEETINGS*.

Allows for the NC State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) to charge the licensee costs for a disciplinary action (defined) against them under GS 90-157.4 only if the disciplinary action results in a disposition other than a complete exoneration of a licensee. Specifies that the costs may include attorneys' fees (was, reasonable attorneys' fees), as well as the newly added meeting costs, investigative fees and any other costs, so long as it does not exceed \$2,000. Voids any provision in an informal settlement, consent order, final agency decision, or other dispositive document in which the licensee consents to pay costs in an amount greater than \$2,000. Requires, in GS 90-144, the Board to keep full and accurate minutes as a public body under State law that covers the specified matters, including summaries of the contents of the treasurer's, director's, and attorney's reports and each committee report and the motion verbiage and the corresponding vote of each member of the Board

for any motion before the Board. Directs that a draft version of the minutes be published within 15 business days after each meeting and the final version of the minutes immediately upon approval of the draft version.

Requires the Board to adopt rules to implement the act.

Effective October 1, 2026, and applies to disciplinary actions (defined) on or after that date.

Intro. by Burgin.

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[Business and Commerce, Occupational Licensing, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers](#)

S 1025 (2025-2026) **CONSTITUTIONAL REPEAL OF ART. XIV SEC. 6.** Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION AND REPEAL A CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION THAT RECOGNIZES MARRIAGE BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN AS THE ONLY DOMESTIC LEGAL UNION THAT IS VALID OR RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE.*

Subject to approval by voters at the general election in November 2026, removes Section 6 of Article XIV of the North Carolina Constitution, which made marriage between one man and one woman the only domestic legal union that is valid or recognized in North Carolina. If approved, effective January 1, 2027.

Intro. by Garrett.

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S 1058 (2025-2026) **CRITICAL FUNDS FOR MECKLENBURG COUNTY.** Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE CRITICAL FUNDS FOR MECKLENBURG COUNTY.*

Appropriates \$5 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management to provide a directed grant to the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Foundation for the construction of the new main library.

Appropriates \$500,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management to provide a directed grant to The C.W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc., to assist in the completion of its full-service community health center.

Appropriates \$9.5 million for 2026-27 from the Highway Fund to the Department of Transportation to be used for the planning and design of the Westmoreland Road Interchange in the Town of Cornelius.

Appropriates \$7.5 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management to provide directed grants as follows: (1) \$5 million to Habitat for Humanity of the Charlotte Region, Inc., for costs associated with providing affordable housing and (2) \$2.5 million to the City of Charlotte for operational expenses and other costs of The Umbrella Center.

Appropriates \$6.5 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management to provide a directed grant to The Discovery Place-Charlotte Nature Museum for capital improvements.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Mohammed, Salvador.

APPROP, Mecklenburg

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Cultural Resources and Museums, State Agencies, Department of Transportation, Office of State Budget and Management, Transportation

S 1061 (2025-2026) **PROTECT MOMS WHO SERVE**. Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, TO STUDY HEALTH ISSUES AFFECTING WOMEN WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE.*

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to perform a study on issues affecting women who serve in the military, including (1) coordination between veterans health care facilities and non-veterans facilities in the delivery of maternity and other health care, (2) facilitating access to community resources to address social determinants of health, including housing, nutrition, and employment status, (3) identifying mental and behavioral risks to health for prenatal and postpartum periods, and ensuring veteran mothers get necessary treatments, (4) facilitating access to classes on childbirth preparation, parenting, and lactation, and nutrition counselling and breastfeeding support, and breast pumps, (5) reducing maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity with a focus on racial and ethnic disparities in health outcomes, (6) referring veterans who are mothers to the VA Community Care Network and recommendations for how that process can be improved, and (7) existing barriers to maternity care affecting veterans who are mothers. Requires DHHS to consult with mothers who currently serve or formerly served in the military, and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Requires DHHS to report its findings with any recommendations for legislation to various committees and division at the General Assembly by April 1, 2027. Appropriates \$100,000 for 2026-27 from the General Fund to DHHS for completion of the study.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Applewhite, Murdock.

APPROP, STUDY

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, Military and Veteran's Affairs

S 1067 (2025-2026) **HAZARD MITIGATION FUNDS**. Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ALLEVIATE FLASH FLOODING IN THE TOWN OF AYDEN.*

Appropriates \$3 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Town of Ayden for stormwater management projects to mitigate flooding hazards in the specified subdivision.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Smith.

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and Emergency Management

S 1069 (2025-2026) **INCLUSIONARY ZONING/WORKFORCE HOUSING FUNDS**. Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO SUPPLEMENT THE AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY ALLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR INCLUSIONARY ZONING AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR THE WORKFORCE HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM.*

Amends GS 160D-702 to allow local government zoning regulations to provide for inclusionary zoning in order to supplement the availability of affordable housing.

Appropriates \$10 million in recurring funds for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the Housing Financing Agency for the Workforce Housing Loan Program.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Smith.

APPROP, GS 160D

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Land Use, Planning and Zoning, Government, Budget/Appropriations

S 1070 (2025-2026) **RESTORE THE AMERICAN DREAM**. Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO EXPAND WORKFORCE HOUSING BY PROVIDING CURRENT AND ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE HOUSING TRUST FUND*.

Includes whereas clauses.

Appropriates \$30 million for 2026-27 from the General Fund to the North Carolina Housing Trust Fund to be used in accordance with the purposes of GS Chapter 122E (North Carolina Housing Trust and Oil Overcharge Act).

Amends GS 161-11.5 by amending the distribution of the \$6.20 of the fee collected by the register of deeds for registering or filing Instruments in General and registering or filing any deed of trust or mortgage, by decreasing the amount that goes to the General Fund from 20% to 18.5% and adds a distribution of 1.5% to the North Carolina Housing Trust Fund.

Amends GS 105-228.30 by amending the distribution of the proceeds of the excise tax on instruments conveying an interest in real property so that 33% of the funds are remitted to the North Carolina Housing Trust Fund, with the remainder to the General Fund.

Effective July 1, 2026.

Intro. by Smith.

APPROP, GS 105, GS 161

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LOCAL/SENATE BILLS

S 953 (2025-2026) **CHEROKEE COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX MODIFICATIONS**. Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CHEROKEE COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX*.

Amends SL 1983-1055 (Cherokee County's Occupancy Tax), as amended, by adding new requirement that Cherokee County Tourism Development Authority (TDA) members serve for three-year terms and no more than two consecutive full terms unless at least 12 months has elapsed since the expiration of the member's second full term. Requires TDA to be composed of seven members with (1) one member being a member of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (Board); (2) one member nominated by the Town Council of the Town of Murphy who is actively engaged in the county's travel and tourism promotion or the collection of the occupancy tax; (3) one member nominated by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Andrews who is actively engaged in the county's travel and tourism promotion or the collection of the occupancy tax; (4) three members affiliated with businesses that collect the tax in the county; and (5) one member currently active in the county's promotion of travel and tourism (all members are appointed by the Board) (previous composition requirements were, at least

one-third of TDA members must be affiliated with businesses that collect the tax in the county and at least one-half must be currently active in the county's travel and tourism promotion).

Effective October 1, 2026, and applies to occupancy tax proceeds collected by the county and remitted to TDA on or after that date. Modifications to appointments and term limits of TDA become incrementally effective upon expiration of the terms of current members of the Authority.

Intro. by Corbin.

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[Government, Tax](#)

S 993 (2025-2026) [TOWN OF PINEVILLE/RESERVE POLICE](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF PINEVILLE TO AUTHORIZE RESERVE POLICE AND THEIR COMPENSATION WHEN CALLED INTO ACTIVE DUTY*.

Amends the Pineville Town Charter, SL 1965-296, as amended, by adding a new section that allows the town to establish a reserve police division in addition to any auxiliary police department established pursuant to GS 160A-282. Allows reserve division officers to be compensated for active-duty time. Requires the town council to set the compensation amount and cause it to be paid.

Intro. by Salvador.

[Mecklenburg](#)

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[Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management](#)

ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 122: [NORTH CAROLINA HEALING ARTS ACT.](#)

House: Withdrawn From Com

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

H 390: [MEDICAID PREPAID HEALTH PLAN PRACTICES. \(NEW\)](#)

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

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

H 433: [SFRF/NCPRO REVISIONS. \(NEW\)](#)

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Placed On Cal For 05/05/2026

H 662: [SUPPORT THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL.](#)

House: Withdrawn From Com

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

H 696: [MEDICAID & HHS ADJUST./OTHER CRITICAL NEEDS \(NEW\).](#)

House: Signed by Gov. 4/30/2026

House: Ch. SL 2026-1

H 727: [LIMIT MEDICAID REIMB. FOR FACILITY FEES \(NEW\).](#)

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute
Senate: Com Substitute Adopted
Senate: Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 1033: DENTAL BOARD REFORM.

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

H 1081: FUNDS FOR VETERANS/HBOT.

House: Passed 1st Reading
House: Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 1082: TAX RELIEF FOR WORKING FAMILIES ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading
House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 1083: VOLUNTARY PORTABLE BENEFITS PLAN ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading
House: Ref to the Com on Commerce and Economic Development, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 1084: E-BIKE DEFINITIONS/LOCAL SAFETY REGULATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading
House: Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 1085: IMPROVE CABLE SERVICE COMPLAINT RESOLUTIONS.

House: Passed 1st Reading
House: Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 1086: CHILD CARE INITIATIVE FUNDS/REFORM/STUDY.

House: Passed 1st Reading
House: Ref to the Com on Health, if favorable, Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 1087: SMITH REYNOLDS AIRPORT HANGAR IMPROVEMENTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading
House: Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 1088: TRAFFIC SIGNAL PREEMPTION SOFTWARE.

House: Passed 1st Reading
House: Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 1089: CONST. AMEND. PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT.

House: Passed 1st Reading
House: Ref to the Com on Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 1090: RURAL CARE ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading
House: Ref to the Com on Health, if favorable, Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 1091: DWI MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2026.

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 1092: REFORM NC PROPERTY TAX.

House: Passed 1st Reading
House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 1093: MUSEUM OF LIFE/SCIENCES APPROPRIATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1094: FERRY DIVISION PERFORMANCE AUDIT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1095: TIER SYSTEM REEVALUATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1096: FIRST IN FLIGHT ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1097: GOVERNMENT WEBSITE ACCESS ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1098: RURAL COMMUTER MICROTRANSIT PILOT GRANT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1099: FUNDING VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1100: CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1101: HATTERAS-OCRACOKE HOVERCRAFT PILOT PROGRAM.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1102: FUEL GAS SAFETY ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1104: IVC AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1105: NORTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1107: FUNDS FOR FAMILIES PROVIDING FOSTER CARE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1108: CONST. AMEND./PERMITLESS CARRY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1109: NCDOT STI STUDY RECOMMENDATION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1110: EARLY INTERVENTION SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PILOT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1111: MILITARY SERVICE BUYBACK REDUCTION: TEACHERS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1112: NC WORKFORCE STABILITY & ECONOMIC PROTECTION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1113: EXTEND SHELLFISH LEASING MORATORIUM.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1114: GSC TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS 2026.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 1115: GSC ADVANCE HEALTH CARE PLANNING DOCUMENTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 1116: FILM GRANT MODIFICATIONS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1118: WORKFORCE HOUSING LOAN RENEWAL ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1120: FINANCIAL EFFECTIVENESS AND TRANSPARENCY ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1121: ADDED FEE FOR SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Judiciary 1, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 1122: EXPAND DISABLED VETERAN PROP. TAX EXCLUSION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1123: UNC OMNIBUS & CAPITAL CONTRACTING LAW CHANGES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

House: Withdrawn From Com

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

H 1124: INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1125: THE WAKABOOMEE PROGRAM.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1127: AFFORDABLE MATERNAL ACCESS & AMP CANCER CARE ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1128: ARBOR WEEK REFORM.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1129: BALCONY SOLAR.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1130: RE-PROFESSIONALIZING THE TEACHING PROFESSION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1144: DOMINIQUE MOODY SAFETY ACT.

House: Filed

H 1145: SAFETY FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY 49 & EASTWAY DRIVE.

House: Filed

H 1146: 2026 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET.

House: Filed

H 1147: IDD OMNIBUS.

House: Filed

H 1148: UNIVERSAL PRE-K.

House: Filed

H 1149: KEEP NC WORKING ACT.

House: Filed

H 1150: NC CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ACT/FUNDS.

House: Filed

H 1151: ADDITIONAL MAGISTRATES/MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

House: Filed

H 1152: PROTECTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

House: Filed

H 1153: BUDGETING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY.

House: Filed

H 1154: EXPAND THE FARMSHARE FOOD HUB PROGRAM.

House: Filed

H 1155: THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO AMEND ACT.

House: Filed

H 1156: WASTEWATER DESIGN FLOW MODIFICATIONS.

House: Filed

H 1157: RED WOLF SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.

House: Filed

H 1158: INCREASE MARKET RATE/RATE FLOOR/CHILD SUBSIDY.

House: Filed

H 1159: INVESTING IN TEEN MENTAL HEALTH.

House: Filed

H 1160: REDUCE PARENT COPAYS/CHILD CARE SUBSIDY/FUNDS.

House: Filed

H 1161: OMNIBUS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PROTECTIONS.

House: Filed

H 1162: STANDING UP FOR WILSON COUNTY VOL. FIRE DEPTS.

House: Filed

H 1163: WORKFORCE ACT OF 2026.

House: Filed

H 1164: NSF FOR TAXES PENALTY MODIFICATION.

House: Filed

H 1165: HYGIENE PRODUCTS PROTECTIONS/SALES TAX.

House: Filed

H 1166: REORGANIZE & FUND RARE DISEASE ADV. COUNCIL.

House: Filed

H 1167: 2026 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET.

House: Filed

H 1168: LIMIT ELECTRIC UTIL. HIST. FUEL COST RECOVERY.

House: Filed

H 1169: PROHIBIT DRIVING WITH ANIMAL IN LAP.

House: Filed

H 1170: FUNDING FOR WINSTON-SALEM.

House: Filed

H 1171: PROHIBIT GAMBLING IN PREDICTION MARKETS.

House: Filed

H 1172: THE CIJI GRAHAM ACT.

House: Filed

H 1173: JALEEYAH'S LAW.

House: Filed

H 1174: HOA OVERSIGHT ACT.

House: Filed

H 1175: AFFORDABILITY IN HEALTHCARE ACT.

House: Filed

H 1176: NORTH CAROLINA-IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION.

House: Filed

H 1177: CONSUMER PROTECTION AI BILL OF RIGHTS.

House: Filed

H 1178: THE NC TEACHER PAY COMPETITIVENESS ACT.

House: Filed

H 1179: SENIOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF MODERNIZATION ACT.

House: Filed

H 1180: DATA CENTER AMENDMENTS.

House: Filed

H 1181: PROPERTY TAX MODIFICATIONS.

House: Filed

H 1182: PART-TIME STATUS FOR DISABLED STUDENTS.

House: Filed

H 1183: DEFEND NC.

House: Filed

H 1184: VOUCHER SCHOOL TRANSPARENCY ACT.

House: Filed

H 1185: MANDATE MOWING IN MAY FOR MAJOR EVENTS.

House: Filed

H 1186: EQUIPPING LAW ENF. FOR BETTER DRUG DETECTION.

House: Filed

H 1187: SAVE OUR BEACHES.

House: Filed

H 1188: LIMITS ON IMMIGRATION DETENTION FACILITIES.

House: Filed

H 1189: DATACENTER TRANSPARENCY ACT.

House: Filed

H 1190: MINDSET ADVANTAGE PILOT PROGRAM.

House: Filed

H 1191: FOSTERING CARE IN NC ACT 2026.

House: Filed

H 1192: ENERGY AND HOUSING AFFORDABILITY ACT.

House: Filed

H 1193: REP. MIKE CLAMPITT BONE MARROW DONATION ACT.

House: Filed

H 1194: WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH JOINT EOC FUNDS.

House: Filed

H 1195: MOMNIBUS 3.5.

House: Filed

H 1196: REQUIRE FREE WATER IN BARS.

House: Filed

H 1197: REVISE NC TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM.

House: Filed

H 1198: SANE NURSES DATA/REGISTRATION INFO REQS.

House: Filed

H 1199: THE SEATBELT ACT.

House: Filed

H 1200: TAX-FREE FAMILY ESSENTIALS ACT.

House: Filed

H 1201: YOUTH PLACEMENT STUDY.

House: Filed

H 1202: FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING TRACK.

House: Filed

H 1203: FAMILY SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO SERVE ACT.

House: Filed

H 1204: REQUIRE SEAT BELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES.

House: Filed

H 1205: ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT IN-PERSON EXAM REQ.

House: Filed

H 1206: PREGNANT WORKERS FAIRNESS ACT/FUNDS.

House: Filed

H 1207: KEEPING NC OPEN FOR BUSINESS.

House: Filed

H 1208: COMMUNITY SAFETY RISK PROTECTION ACT.

House: Filed

H 1209: STRENGTHEN ED BY EMBEDDED NEW TEACHER SUPPORT.

House: Filed

H 1210: FIREARM & AMP CONFLICT DE-ESCALATION TRAINING ACT.

House: Filed

H 1211: HOME EQUITY INVESTMENT LOAN ACT.

House: Filed

H 1212: HOA ACCESSORY LIMITATION BAN.

House: Filed

H 1213: PROTECT TAXPAYERS AND CONSUMERS.

House: Filed

H 1214: MAKE E-VERIFY GREAT AGAIN.

House: Filed

H 1215: GARNER MGR/WAKE MUNIC. MEALS TAX REALLOCATION.

House: Filed

H 1216: JOHN ROLLINS SCHOLARSHIP PROTECTION ACT.

House: Filed

S 394: PROHIBIT FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF NC LAND.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref to the Com on Judiciary 2, if favorable, Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

LOCAL BILLS

H 1103: ALLOW IMPLEMENTATION OF CHATHAM CO. UDO.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

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

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

H 1119: ANNEXATION OF PUV LAND/SCHOOL CAPACITY.

House: Passed 1st Reading

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

S 214: VARIOUS LOCAL PROVISIONS VII. (NEW)

Senate: Conf Report Adopted 3rd

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