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PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 83 (2025-2026) [REVISE LAWS ON MINORS/HUMAN TRAFFICKING. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Feb 10 2025, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE OFFENSE OF DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY TO MINORS; TO ADD THE OFFENSES OF DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY TO MINORS, DISSEMINATING HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS, AND EXHIBITING HARMFUL PERFORMANCES TO MINORS TO THE LIST OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS THAT MAY REQUIRE REGISTRATION UNDER THE SEX OFFENDER AND PUBLIC PROTECTION REGISTRATION PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM VENDORS ON A SYSTEM FOR REPORTING SUSPECTED HUMAN TRAFFICKING; AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.*

Senate committee substitute to the 2nd edition makes the following changes. Amends the act's titles.

Removes the following: (1) proposed changes to GS 14-190.9 that established the offenses of habitual indecent exposure and aggravated habitual indecent exposure and (2) proposed changes to GS 14-208.6, which added habitual indecent exposure and aggravated habitual indecent exposure to the definition of *sexually violent offense*. Moves the remaining provisions into Section 1 of the act and makes those provisions applicable to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2026 (was, 2025).

Adds the following.

Section 2

Sets out NCGA findings related to human trafficking. Requires the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission (Commission) to conduct a request for information from vendors equipped to study human trafficking reporting, including information on the development process for a statewide human trafficking reporting and response system (system). Encourages the Commission, after receiving responses, to start developing a system that facilitates referral to the National Human Trafficking hotline for crisis support. Sets out the NCGA's intent that the system will: (1) notify law enforcement and child protection officials of high priority reports; (2) provide a secure dashboard for authorized personnel to view, triage, and respond to reports; and (3) support real-time communication between investigators and survivors or reporters with consent.

Section 3

Amends GS 143-805 to add officials or employees investigating matters involving incarcerated offenders or matters related to misuse of Department of Adult Correction devices to list of exceptions to the prohibition on viewing pornography on government devices. Effective upon becoming law and applicable to investigations before, on, or after that date.

Amends GS 42A-39 (Human trafficking awareness reporting and training requirements for vacation rentals) to require third-party contractors to ensure that employees performing housekeeping or check-in/check-out services receive human trafficking awareness training. Effective upon becoming law and applicable to training required to be completed on or after that date.

Amends GS 130A-511(b)(1) to provide that human trafficking training for lodging establishment employees does not have to conform to the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act. Effective upon becoming law and applicable to training developed or identified before, on, or after that date.

Intro. by Torbett.

[GS 14, GS 42A, GS 130A, GS 143](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing](#)

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

Senate amendment to the 5th edition makes the following changes.

Amends proposed GS 114B-1, as follows. Amends the requirements for the method used by a government agency or business for age verification under the definition of *anonymous age verification*, to require that it be conducted by a nongovernmental, independent third party that is not owned or controlled by an entity formed in a foreign country or by a government of a foreign country, unless the entity: (1) has received a determination from the committee of Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) that there are no unresolved national security concerns with respect to the entity in connection to a matter submitted to CFIUS and which CFIUS concluded all actions under the specified federal law, (2) has a national security agreement with CFIUS and maintains the validity of the national security agreement, or (3) is a US domicile subsidiary of an entity that meets the above criteria.

Amends proposed GS 114B-2 by specifying that an addictive social media platform must terminate the account of a holder who is 14 or 15 years old who does not have a parent or guardian's consent (previously did not refer to consent) after providing 30 days to dispute the termination.

Amends proposed GS 114B-4 by adding that a connected-device manufacturer or seller or an operating-system developer or provider does not violate the Chapter solely for taking the specified actions; updates those action for all listed entities to include manufacturing, selling, configuring, preloading, updating, or securing access or connection to or from an addictive social media platform not under the provider's control.

Changes the effective date of Section 1 of the act so that it applies to causes of action arising on or after January 1, 2027 (was, effective October 1, 2026).

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

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

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

H 369 (2025-2026) **PARKING LOT REFORM/STORMWATER CONTROL. (NEW)** Filed Mar 11 2025, *AN ACT TO RESTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM REGULATING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES AND TO MODIFY THE AUTHORITY OF CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO REQUIRE STORMWATER CONTROL FOR REDEVELOPED PROPERTY.*

Senate committee substitute to the 4th edition makes the following changes.

Part I.

Adds to the proposed changes to GS 160D-702, which prohibit zoning or development regulations from requiring an off-street parking lot to meet a minimum number of parking spaces per development or structure. Makes the proposed limitations not applicable to (1) properties located within a National Register Historic District or a local historic district, or properties individually listed or designated nationally or locally as a historic place or landmark; (2) properties located within a district on the Study List for the National Register of Historic Places, or a national or state historic landmark; and (3) local governments located in the coastal areas, defined by statutory cross-reference.

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and Construction, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Commerce, Local Government

H 376 (2025-2026) [WATER/WASTEWATER AFFORDABILITY & CAPACITY ACT. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Mar 11 2025, *AN ACT TO ADDRESS WATER AND WASTEWATER AFFORDABILITY AND CAPACITY AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE STATUTES GOVERNING ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS AND PRIVATE WELLS.*

Senate committee substitute to the 4th edition makes the following changes. Amends the act's titles.

Removes proposed change to GS 90A-73 concerning the On-Site Wastewater Contractors and Inspectors Certification Board (Board).

Amends GS 90A-72 to require a person conducting any project requiring certification under Article 5 (Certification of On-Site Wastewater Contractors and Inspectors) to hold sufficient general liability coverage for the project as well as any additional liability coverage required for systems completed under the specified statutes. Removes proposed changes to GS 90A-77(a)(8). Amends the changes to GS 90A-78 by removing the requirement that an applicant submit proof that they hold sufficient liability coverage. Changes the effective date of changes to GS 90A-73 and GS 90A-78 from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027.

Removes previous Section 3.5 concerning the Application Submittal Rule.

Removes the proposed changes to GS 87-97(e) concerning determination deadlines.

Adds the following.

Amends GS 62-133.1B allowing the Utilities Commission to suspend the effect of the proposed base rates and the Water and Sewer Investment Plan implementation pending investigation into a request by a water or sewer utility to adjust base rates for no longer than 300 days.

Enacts new GS 162A-19.1 prohibiting a local government service provider from selling a water or sewer system that provides service to the public to a private company until the governing body of the local government service provider determines, after a public hearing, that the sale is in the public interest. Sets out nine issues to be considered in making the determination.

Requires the local government service provider to prepare a statement showing the public interest, including the purchaser's experience in water or sewer utility operation and showing they are financially capable of providing the service. Requires funds from the sale to be used to reduce debt for the system and repayment of federal grants associated with the system; remaining funds are to be deposited in the local government service provider's general fund. Enacts new GS 162A-19.2 allowing a local government service provider establishing an increase in the rates, fees, or charges for water or sewer system customers outside of their jurisdictional boundaries to impose those that are higher than the charges to customers inside its boundaries. Sets out when a public hearing is required. Defines *local government service provider* under both of these statutes as: a county, city, water and sewer authority, metropolitan sewerage district, sanitary district, county water and sewer district, metropolitan water district, or a metropolitan water and sewerage district.

Requires the Environmental Management Commission to study whether the wastewater design flow rates as they apply to commercial and industrial water users accurately measure the user's actual flow rates. Requires a report to the specified NCGA commission by January 1, 2027.

Amends GS 143-214.7 as follows. Defines *built-upon area*. Amends the definition of development, by no longer specifying that when additional development occurs at a site that has existing development, the built-upon area of the existing development must not be included in the density calculations for additional stormwater control requirements and that stormwater control requirements cannot be applied retroactively to existing development unless required by federal law. Now requires in (b3) that when development or redevelopment occurs on a site that has existing built-upon area; (1) the existing built-upon area is not included in the density calculations for additional stormwater control requirements; (2) the existing built-upon area is not subject to additional stormwater control requirements; (3) for purposes of determining the size of the area for

which stormwater controls are required, a built-upon area that existed before the development or redevelopment must be applied on a square-foot-for-square-foot basis to reduce the built-upon area for which stormwater controls are required; and (4) stormwater control requirements cannot be applied retroactively to existing built-upon areas unless required by federal law. Adds new (b8) allowing local governments to offer nonmandatory incentives that waive building, zoning, connection, or other regulations or fees, provide tax and financial benefits, or institute other incentives for development or redevelopment that implements additional stormwater controls beyond those required. Requires local governments that implement a stormwater management program to amend their ordinances to conform to the changes made to (b3) in this act within 12 months.

Amends GS 130A-334 (definitions pertaining to wastewater systems) as follows. Adds defined terms *advanced pretreatment* (any biological, chemical, or physical process or system used in addition to or in place of a septic tank system, including, but not limited to, aeration, clarification, digestion, disinfection, filtration, separation, and settling. Advanced pretreatment effluent shall meet the treatment standards adopted by the Commission for Public Health (Commission) for better than septic tank effluent quality; specifies that advanced pretreatment must be part of a ground absorption system) and removes term *pretreatment* (any biological, chemical, or physical process or system for improving wastewater quality and reducing wastewater constituents prior to final treatment and disposal in a subsurface wastewater system and includes, but is not limited to aeration, clarification, digestion, disinfection, filtration, separation, and settling). Makes organizational changes. Replaces references to “pretreatment” with “advanced pretreatment” in GS 130A-335(f) and GS 130A-336.1(e)(1). Further amends GS 130A-343(g)(3) (allowing for a manufacturer of a wastewater system for on-site subsurface to apply and be considered for innovative system status) as follows. Replaces reference to “wastewater system” with reference to “advanced pretreatment system” when describing the system to be approved as an innovative wastewater system under the subsection so long as the statutory conditions are met. Now also requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to verify that (1) the protocol testing dataset includes a minimum of 55 influent and effluent datasets that include the applicable constituents identified in rules adopted by the Commission and obtained from testing for a minimum of 26 weeks, with protocol sampling conducted during all weeks of the testing period and (2) the protocol testing data complies with the applicable effluent standards identified in rules adopted by the Commission in addition to other required verifications for issuance of an innovative wastewater permit under the statute. Allows the Commission to adopt temporary and permanent rules to implement these changes to GS 130A-343(g).

Amends GS 130A-4 to make the Secretary of Health and Human Services, rather than the Secretary of Environmental Quality, responsible for enforcing rules adopted by the Commission of Public Health and Environmental Management Commission under GS 87-87(6) and (7) concerning private drinking water wells, under supervision of both the Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Health and Human Services (was, Department of Environmental Quality only). Requires a local health department to use local staff authorized by the Department of Health and Human Services (was, Department of Environmental Quality) to enforce the specific rules.

Intro. by Brody, Zenger, Riddell.

STUDY, GS 62, GS 87, GS 90A, GS 130A, GS 162A

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Government, State Agencies, Department of Environmental Quality (formerly DENR), Department of Health and Human Services, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Health, Public Health, Public Enterprises and Utilities

H 437 (2025-2026) **DRUG-FREE ZONES/UNAUTHORIZED PUBLIC CAMPING. (NEW)** Filed Mar 18 2025, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH DRUG-FREE HOMELESS SERVICE ZONES AND INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR COMMITTING CERTAIN DRUG OFFENSES IN A DRUG-FREE HOMELESS SERVICE ZONE AND BAN UNAUTHORIZED PUBLIC CAMPING OR SLEEPING IN THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS OF THE STATE.*

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

Changes the effective date from December 1, 2025, to December 1, 2026, and moves the content of the previous edition into Section 1 of the act.

Adds the following content and amends the act's titles.

Amends GS Chapter 160D, Article 9, enacting new GS 160D-917, titled Camping in public spaces. Defines the following terms:

(1) Department – The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or the county health department if designated by DHHS.

(2) Public camping or sleeping – Lodging or residing overnight in a temporary outdoor habitation used as a dwelling or living space and evidenced by the erection of a tent or other temporary shelter, the presence of bedding or pillows, or the storage of personal belongings or lodging or residing overnight in an outdoor space without a tent or other temporary shelter. The term does not include (i) lodging or residing overnight in a motor vehicle that is registered, insured, and located in a place where it may be lawfully or (ii) camping for recreational purposes on property designated for those purposes.

Prohibits a local government from authorizing or otherwise allowing any person to regularly engage in public camping or sleeping on public property, including, public buildings or grounds and any public right-of-way under its jurisdiction. Provides an exception to this prohibition that allows the local government governing board to, by majority vote, designate property it owns that is located within its jurisdiction to be used for a continuous period of up to one year for public camping or sleeping purposes. Other than those local governments on the Local Government Commission’s “unit assistance list,” a local government so designating property must establish and maintain minimum standards and procedures designed to (i) ensure the safety and security of the designated property and the persons lodging or residing on the property, (ii) maintain sanitation, including, at a minimum, by providing access to clean and operable restrooms and running water, (iii) coordinate with the county health department to provide access to behavioral health services, which must include substance abuse and mental health treatment resources, and (iv) prohibit illegal substance use and alcohol use on the designated property and enforce the prohibition against such use.

Requires a local government’s designation to be certified by the Department to become effective. Certification requires submitting documentation proving that (i) insufficient open beds in homeless shelters in the local government exist, (ii) the designated property is not contiguous to property zoned for residential use, (iii) the designated property would not adversely and materially affect the property value or safety and security of other existing residential or commercial property in the local government and would not negatively affect the safety of children, and (iv) the local government developed a plan to satisfy the minimum standards and procedures required under new GS 160D-917(c), described above.

Establishes a timeline for certain actions related to designation and certification.

- Requires the Department within 10 days of receiving a request to certify a designation to notify a requesting local government of the date a request was received and any incorrect or missing information.
- Requires the Department within 45 days after receiving a complete submission to certify the designation. Deems a designation as having been certified on the 45th day if the Department takes no action.
- Requires a local government to publish on its website within 30 days after the Department certifies the designation the minimum standards and procedures required under new GS 160D-917(c), described above, for so long as the local government’s property remains so designated.
- Requires a local government to publish on its website any notice by the Department recommending closure no more than five business days after receiving notice by the Department, which may inspect designated property at any time and must provide notice if it recommends closure due to a failure to comply with the statute’s requirements.

Allows for a civil action to be brought by the Attorney General or by any resident of or owner of a business located in the local government to enjoin violations under this act and provides certain remedies for successful actions. Requires that an applicant seeking an injunction to file an affidavit attesting that (i) the applicant provided written notice of the allegation to the local government’s governing board, (ii) the local government was given five business days to cure the alleged violation before the applicant sought an injunction, and (iii) the county or municipality failed to take all reasonable actions within its powers to cure the alleged violation within those five business days.

Declares that the statute does not apply during any time in which a state of emergency has been declared by the Governor pursuant to GS 166A-19.20 or a local government pursuant to GS 166A-19.22.

Effective October 1, 2026.

Intro. by Rhyne, Chesser, Pickett.

GS 90, GS 160D

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Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing, Government, Local Government

H 481 (2025-2026) [PAY EXCEPTIONS/SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO AMEND THE SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE OPTION FOR STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.*

Senate committee substitute to the 2nd edition deletes the content of the previous edition and replaces it with the following.

Amends GS 143-166.41(b1) and GS 143-166.42(b1) to add that a break in required continuous service due to retirement (was, disability retirement) salary will not impact an otherwise eligible officer's qualification to an allowance under this subdivision if the officer returned to service within 45 days after such benefits ceased. Makes clarifying changes to GS 143-166.41(c)(2)(b) and GS 143-166.42(c)(2)(b).

Amends GS 143-166.41(c)(3) to provide that the payments to a retired officer will cease on the first day of reemployment by a State department, agency, or institution in a position that requires participation in the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System and (a) is subject to the North Carolina Human Resources Act and/or (b) is in the agency from which the officer retired. Applies to any reemployment under this subdivision on or after the act's effective date.

Makes conforming changes to the act's titles.

Intro. by Davis.

GS 143

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Employment and Retirement, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management

H 1126 (2025-2026) [2026 DST ADMIN/TECHNICAL/CLARIFYING CHANGES.-AB](#) Filed Apr 29 2026, *AN ACT TO MAKE ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE LAWS RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER.*

House committee substitute to the 3rd edition makes the following changes.

Part VI.

Deletes proposed changes to the following statutes:

- GS 120-14 (prohibiting the denial, delay, redaction or limitation of production of papers to investigate NCGA committees and providing for confidentiality);
- GS 120-19 (expanding data and information that must be furnished to legislative committees or commissions by state officers, adding that the statute supersedes any conflicting provision of State law other than GS 105-259, preventing the denial, delay, redaction or limitation of production, and providing for confidentiality); and
- GS 120-77 (expanding the additional powers listed for the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations including the power to compel access or attendance, adding that the statute supersedes any conflicting provision of State law other than GS 105-259, preventing the denial, delay, redaction or limitation of production, and expanding conduct that constitutes a Class 2 misdemeanor under the statute).

Makes conforming deletions to the act's long title.

Intro. by Wheatley, Carson Smith.

STUDY, Edgecombe, Gaston, GS 58, GS 63A, GS 74C, GS 74D, GS 105, GS 113, GS 115C, GS 116, GS 116B, GS 120, GS 122E,

[GS 126, GS 127A, GS 128, GS 131A, GS 135, GS 143, GS 143B, GS 143C, GS 147, GS 159, GS 159D](#)

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development, Property and Housing, Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Employment and Retirement, Government, General Assembly, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, UNC System, Department of State Treasurer, State Government, State Personnel, Local Government, Military and Veteran's Affairs

H 1173 (2025-2026) [JALEEYAH'S LAW](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO MAKE CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS RELATED TO THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN FUNDS.*

House amendment to the 3rd edition makes the following changes.

Amends proposed GS 14-50-32 to also make it illegal for a criminal gang member to use or carry a firearm during and in relation to, or possess a firearm in furtherance of, a *serious felony*, defined as any offence that would be chargeable under GS Chapter 14 that is a Class A, B1, B2, C, D, or E felony. Amends the definition of *crime of violence* so that it is an offense that would be chargeable by indictment under the State's laws for which the State proves, based on the defendant's actual conduct in committing the offense, that the defendant or another participant acting in concert with the defendant, used, attempted to use, or threatened to use physical force.

Intro. by Bell, Stevens.

[APPROP, GS 8C, GS 14, GS 15A](#)

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Courts/Judiciary, Evidence, Court System, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Government, Budget/Appropriations

H 1203 [FAMILY SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO SERVE ACT](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO EXPAND TUITION WAIVERS TO THE CHILDREN OF CERTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES FOR ENROLLMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGES.*

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes.

Removes proposed changes to GS 115B-1 and GS 115B-2 and enacts new GS 115B-2.1A instead, which provides the same parameters for a community college tuition waiver for children with a parent, guardian, or legal custodian who is a law enforcement officer, experienced correctional officer, or firefighter. Requires the community college to require the child to produce proof of eligibility.

Intro. by Schietzelt, Chesser, Rhyne.

[GS 115B](#)

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Education, Higher Education, Government, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, Community Colleges System Office

H 1214 (2025-2026) [MAKE E-VERIFY GREAT AGAIN](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYERS TO COMPLY WITH ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 64 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, TO CREATE A GOOD-FAITH SAFE HARBOR FOR EMPLOYERS WHO UNKNOWINGLY RECEIVE FRAUDULENT DOCUMENTATION RELATED TO THE FEDERAL E-VERIFY PROGRAM, TO ALLOW THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR TO CONDUCT RANDOM COMPLIANCE CHECKS RELATED TO E-VERIFY, TO ALLOW EMPLOYERS TO CURE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF E-VERIFY REQUIREMENTS,*

TO INCREASE THE CIVIL PENALTIES FOR EMPLOYERS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH E-VERIFY REQUIREMENTS, TO PROTECT EMPLOYEES FROM RETALIATION FOR GOOD-FAITH REPORTS OF SUSPECTED VIOLATIONS OF E-VERIFY REQUIREMENTS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF 13 LABOR FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ACT.

House committee substitute to the 2nd edition changes the appropriation from the General Fund to the Department of Labor to \$90,000 (was, \$448,195) in recurring funds for the 2026-27 fiscal year for one (was, five) full-time equivalent position to assist in the enforcement of the act.

Intro. by Gillespie, N. Jackson, Moss.

[APPROP, GS 64, GS 95, GS 126, GS 153A, GS 160A](#)

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[Environment, Government, Budget/Appropriations, State Agencies, Department of Labor, State Government, State Personnel, Local Government, Immigration](#)

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S 59 (2025-2026) [AGE 21 HEMP-DERIVED COMSUMABLES/KRATOM. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Feb 5 2025, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS AND KRATOM PRODUCTS FROM BEING POSSESSED BY OR SOLD TO PERSONS UNDER AGE TWENTY-ONE*

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

Enacts new GS 14-313.1 which makes it a Class 2 misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$500 for a first offense, \$1,000 for a second offense, and \$1,500 for subsequent offenses, for any person: (1) to knowingly sell or deliver a hemp-derived consumable product or kratom product (each as defined) to a person under age 21 (requires the seller to demand proof of age if they have reasonable grounds to believe that the purchaser is under 21), or (2) who is under age 21 to possess a hemp-derived consumable product or kratom product. Specifies that this does not authorize the sale, delivery, or possession of any hemp, hemp product, or hemp-derived consumable product or kratom product that is not otherwise authorized by State or federal law. Defines terms as they apply to the statute. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2026.

Intro. by Galey, Jackson, Jones.

[GS 14](#)

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[Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure](#)

S 474 (2025-2026) [ADJUST COUNTIES/REAPPRAISAL MORATORIUM. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO ADJUST THE COUNTIES SUBJECT TO THE PROPERTY TAX REAPPRAISAL MORATORIUM AND PREVENTING A REDUCTION IN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY VALUES FOR COUNTIES SUBJECT TO THE MORATORIUM*

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

Amends the act's long title.

Adds the following, applicable only to public service company system property located in a county subject to the act's property tax reappraisal moratorium. Designates this property as a special class that is assessed for taxation under this section. Repeals GS 105-284(b) (which required that the assessed value of public service company system property subject to appraisal by the Department of Revenue under GS 105-335(b)(1) be determined by applying to the allocation of such value to each county a percentage to be established by the Department of Revenue). Effective for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2026, and expires for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2027.

Intro. by Berger, Moffitt, Jarvis.

UNCODIFIED, GS 105

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**Development, Land Use and Housing, Property and Housing,
Government, Tax, Local Government**

S 695 (2025-2026) [INCENT DEVELOPMENT FINANCE DISTRICT FUNDING](#). Filed Mar 25 2025, *AN ACT TO GROW THE PROPERTY TAX BASE OF UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY FACILITATING PRIVATE DEVELOPER INVOLVEMENT IN CERTAIN PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS.*

House amendment to the 3rd edition makes the following changes.

Amends the triggers in GS 105-277.03 for ending the property tax exclusion so that it is now at the earlier of the sale of the property, or 10 years (was, five years) from the time the property first received the property tax benefit.

Intro. by Lazzara, Johnson.

GS 105

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**Development, Land Use and Housing, Building and
Construction, Property and Housing, Government, Tax**

S 1047 (2025-2026) [REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 2026](#). Filed Apr 30 2026, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA.*

Senate committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes.

Amends proposed GS 143-64.18A by no longer requiring a governmental unit to consider the following when determining which qualified provider best meets the governmental unit's needs: (1) the technical feasibility of the proposal; (2) the life cycle cost analysis; (3) certification by a licensed professional engineer that the proposed measurement and verification protocol, to be used as the basis of the annual reconciliation statement, is capable of measuring actual savings in accordance with the specified methods; and (4) the total project costs, inclusive of all financing options. Makes conforming changes. Removes the requirement that the qualified provider make a pre-award report. Removes the provisions: (1) allowing a local government to waive the investment grade audit for a contract with a total cost below \$250,000, (2) allowing a State governmental unit to terminate the project based on audit results; and (3) allowing local government units to terminate the project based on certain variance thresholds. Limits the requirement for a qualified reviewer to provide an evaluation of specified matters concerning the negotiated scope, saving methodology, and impact of changes on projected savings and risk profile, to the award of a State government unit's award.

Amends GS 143-64.18B by removing the proposed \$1,000 administrative fee for reviewing and administering the program under a guaranteed energy savings contract.

Makes the Department of Environmental Quality, instead of the Department of Administration responsible for adopting rules to implement Section 1-3 of the act.

Removes Section 5 of the act concerning implementation of the Financing Disclosure Rule.

Removes Section 6 of the act concerning implementation of the Federal Funds Certification Rule.

Adds the following content.

Section 7

Amends GS 62-110 by providing that for a leased mobile home in a mobile home park or a *tiny home*, as defined, within a tiny home community where the lessor determines it is impractical or not economic to measure the lessee's total water usage, the lessor may allocate the cost for water and sewer service to the lessee using either: (1) equipment that measures the lessee's hot water usage, using the described process to calculate billing or (2) a ratio utility billing system or other allocation billing

system that does not rely on individually submetered hot water usage to determine the allocation of costs. Specifies that the conditions of (1a) b. through e. (concerning billing for common areas or leaks, equipment for measuring usage, record keeping, and information that must be in bill) apply. Makes conforming changes.

Section 8

Amends GS 74-49, which defines terms as they are used in Article 7 (The Mining Act of 1971) of GS Chapter 74, by excluding from the definition of *mining* activities undertaken at any time within the mine permit boundaries for the production and harvesting of timber and timber products and conducted according to standards defined by the Forest Practice Guidelines Related to Water Quality, as adopted by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Amends GS 74-50 by amending the timing by which requests must be made for public hearings on proposed new or modified mining operations that add land to the permitted area, so that requests must be made within 30 days of the later of the issuance of the notice or receipt of the application (was, within 30 days of issuance of the notice). Requires that if the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is noticed of pending cancellation of the operator's bond by the surety and the bond is replaced within 45 days of receiving notice, then the permit to which the bond applies is automatically revoked. Prohibits DEQ from extending or altering public comment periods and time frames for conducting public hearings under Article 7. Specifies that when there is a public hearing under GS 74-51(c) (when significant public interest exists in an application for a new mining permit or for a modification of a mining permit to add land to the permitted area), the 60-day technical review period does not end until the later of 30 days following the hearing or the original 60-day technical review period.

Amends GS 74-51 by removing the specified time limitations for deciding on mining permits, leaving the requirement that they be granted or denied as expeditiously as possible. Prohibits refusing to accept an application for, nor refusing to issue, a new, modified, or transferred mining permit only because of the applicant's failure to obtain another permit, authorization, or certification required for the same project (specifies that such failure does not include denial based on the standards for approval of the permit, authorization, or certification provided by law). Requires DEQ to act on a permit application as quickly as possible. Allows conducting any necessary inquiry or investigation before acting on the application and allows requiring an application to submit additional information. Deems an application approved without modification if DEQ fails to act on an application for a new, modified, or transferred mining permit as required by the statute after the applicant submits all of the information required by DEQ. Requires reviewing an application for completeness within ten working days and then sets out additional deadlines for the start of the technical review period depending on completeness. Requires DEQ to develop an application package checklist. Requires an application to be approved when, during the 60-day technical review period, DEQ determines that the application meets the standards for issuance of a new, modified, or transferred mining permit. Sets out steps that must be taken when, during the 60-day technical review period, DEQ determines that additional information is needed to process the application. Allows a permit to be denied if the applicant failed to pay the application processing fee within 30 days of DEQ receiving the application. Automatically denies a permit if the operator fails to deposit the required bond or security within 60 days after DEQ mails a notice of the required bond to the operator.

Applies to permit applications filed on or after October 1, 2026.

Section 8.5

Amends GS 130A-295.2 to exempt from financial assurance requirements the owner or operator of a permitted Small or Large Type 1, 2, or 3 compost facility if: (1) the facility does not accept mixed municipal solid waste, post-collection separated or processed waste, industrial solid waste, sewage sludge, biosolids, septage, or any other feedstock that would cause the facility to be classified as a Type 4 facility, (2) the facility is in substantial compliance with its permit, the Article, and rules, and (3) the facility has not been abandoned. Allows the Department of Health and Human Services to require financial assurance for a facility if it has been abandoned, failed to meet closure requirements, caused or contributed to release of pollutants, or has a history of significant or repeated violations. Exempts from these new provisions, a Type 4 compost facility, sanitary landfill, transfer station, septage management facility, or any other solid waste management facility located on the same site as an exempt facility unless the other solid waste management facility is independently exempt. Requires DHHS, when requested by an owner or operator, to release or authorize cancellation of any financial assurance instrument required solely for closure of the compost facility.

Section 9

Amends the definition of *lead poisoning hazard* in GS 130A-131.7 so that the concentration of lead dust on floors is equal to or greater than five micrograms (was, 10 micrograms) and interior windowsills is equal to or greater than 40 micrograms (was,

100, micrograms); retains the specified amounts for vinyl miniblinds, bathtubs, kitchen sinks, and lavatories. Also amends the definition so that the concentration for any lead-based paint or their substance containing lead on a friction or impact surface subject to abrasion, rubbing, binding, or damage by repeated contact and where the lead dust concentrations on the nearest horizontal surface underneath the friction or impact surface are equal to or greater than five micrograms (was, 40 micrograms) per square foot on floors or 40 micrograms (was, 250 micrograms) per square foot on interior windowsills.

Amends GS 130A-131.9C by requiring that remediation plans require that the lead poisoning hazards be reduced to less than five micrograms (was, less than 10 micrograms) per square foot for lead dust on floors, less than 40 micrograms (was, less than 100 micrograms) per square foot for lead dust on interior windowsills, and less than 100 micrograms (was, less than 400 micrograms) per square foot for lead dust on window troughs.

Effective January 1, 2027.

Section 10

Requires DEQ to approve for use as a new stormwater technology any prefabricated permeable block panel system approved for use in the state. Requires that the Minimum Design Criteria follows the manufacturer's installation and service requirements as closely as possible while still complying with federal requirements. Provides that when it is used in traffic areas, a professional engineer may use the approved prefabricated permeable block panel system after showing that the system meets H-20 structural loading requirements.

Section 11

Amends GS 87-43.1 by exempting from Article 4, Electrical Contractors, of GS Chapter 87 a person temporarily attaching listed single 3-prong receptacles or power taps to existing temporary luminaries or lighting fixtures and plugging those luminaries or fixtures into existing permanent receptacles, only when the three listed conditions apply, including that a valid electrical permit is obtained from the local authority having jurisdiction before the work.

Section 12

Requires the Building Code Council and the Residential Code Council (Council) and local governments enforcing the North Carolina State Building Code collection, and amendments to the Code, to adhere to the following as it relates to the R402 (provisions and tables within Section 402, Building Thermal Envelope, North Carolina—Residential Provisions, of the North Carolina Energy Conservation Code) rules within the North Carolina Energy Conservation Code. Provides that when Table R402.1.2, Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component, requires wood frame wall R-Values, installing air-impermeable spray foam insulation as cavity insulation, which meets R13 in climate zones 3 and 4, and R-15 insulation in climate zone 5, without installation of additional continuous insulation, will be deemed to satisfy the R-value requirements for the wood frame wall in the appropriate climate zone, so long as the building envelope obtains an ACH50 blower door test result of less than or equal to 3.0. Requires the Council to adopt rules to amend the R402 Rules to be consistent with this provision.

Section 12.5

Specifies that there is no requirement that that building thermal envelope meets or exceeds the levels of efficiency and Solar Heat Gain Coefficients in tables R406.2.1 and R406.2.2, which must be deleted from the R406 Rules (as defined). Requires that the minimum standards associated with compliance must be the ANSI RESNET ICC Standard 301-2022. Requires the Building Code Council and the Residential Code Council to adopt rules to amend R406 Rules consistent with this provision.

Section 13

Amends GS 143-755 by prohibiting a development permit applicant from selecting a version of an erosion and sediment control permit or a stormwater permit that does not comply with federal law. Amends the definitions of the following terms as they are used in the statute. Amends the definition of *development permit* so that it includes legislative approval (in addition to the already included administrative or quasi-judicial approval) required before commencing development or undertaking a specific activity, project, or development proposal and expands upon the list of those items to include conditional zoning, rezoning, and stormwater permits. No longer requires the approval to be in writing. Amends the definition of *land development regulation* by expanding upon the examples of statutes, rules, or regulations, or local ordinances affecting the development or use of real property meeting the definition to also include conditional zoning, rezoning, and stormwater permits. Makes conforming changes.

Section 14

Clarifies that the authority granted by GS Chapter 160D is development regulation authority (was, regulatory authority). Lays out a time period for approval of an application for a development approval. Establishes a 7-day period within which a local government or its designated staff must determine whether an application for a development approval is complete and notify the applicant of the application's completeness or deficiencies. Establishes a second 7-day period within which a determination of completeness must be made for amended applications or supplemental information submitted to cure identified deficiencies. Requires the local government or its designated staff to issue a receipt letter or electronic response upon the date the application is deemed complete, starting a review period that must meet the specified deadlines. Permits extension of the review period up to six months only by agreement with the applicant and due to circumstances beyond the control of local government. Deems failure to act within the review period to constitute approval of the application, requiring written approval be issued upon demand by the applicant.

Enacts GS 160D-707 (concerning applications for amendment of a zoning map or zoning regulations), establishing a 7-day period within which a local government or its designated staff must determine whether an application for an amendment of a zoning map or zoning regulations is complete and notify the applicant of the application's completeness or deficiencies. Establishes a second 7-day period within which a determination of completeness must be made for amended applications or supplemental information submitted to cure identified deficiencies. Requires the local government or its designated staff to issue a receipt letter or electronic response upon the date the application is deemed complete, starting a review period that must meet the specified deadlines. Permits extension of the review period up to six months only by agreement with the applicant and due to circumstances beyond the control of local government. Deems failure to act within the review period to constitute approval of the application, requiring written approval be issued upon demand by the applicant.

Applies to applications, approvals, and actions filed on or after August 1, 2026.

Section 15

Amends GS 160D-944, adding new criteria for the designation of a historic district. Now requires that 50% of the property owners in the proposed district sign a petition requesting designation of the district. Adds a new requirement for the governing board of the local government to approve the adoption of the district by at least a three-fifths vote of a quorum.

Section 16

Amends GS 160D-102 to define *dwelling unit* to mean a single unit, subject to the North Carolina Residential Code, providing complete, independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation.

Amends GS 160D-703, adding a new requirement for local governments to classify residential zoning districts based only on the number of dwelling units allowed per acre and prohibits classification based on the minimum lot size allowed. Specifies that this does not: (1) authorize development in an area that may not be developed under State or federal law or (2) limit the authority or duty of a local government to adopt or enforce a regulation required as a condition of a federally delegated or approved program, including those specified.

Section 17

Enacts new GS 160D-402.1 requiring local governments to prominently display their current fee schedules on their website. Requires the website to be updated to reflect any changes to fees, rates, or methods used to develop fees and rates within 30 days of adopting an ordinance that makes the changes. Requires local governments to report annually on fee schedules, fee collections, and compliance with this statute to the Local Government Commission, which must publish and display on its website a statewide report of local governments' current fee schedules. Requires local governments to give the fee schedule and a fee estimate to an applicant before a development approval; requires that the information be provided within 10 days of an application being completed. Also sets the deadline for providing an updated estimate when the project materially changes. Prohibits requiring the fee to be paid before providing an estimate. Requires local governments to give applicants a written, final, binding fee statement when a development approval is issued and prohibits the final fee from exceeding the most recent estimate, unless the local government adopts a new fee schedule by ordinance. Allows applicants to pursue a civil action to compel a local government to comply with this statute.

Specifies that this section does not limit or affect the power or authority of a local government to impose fees consistent with its statutory authority or constitutional requirements. Also specifies that this section does not require the disclosure of confidential information.

Section 18

Amends GS 160D-108, concerning development permit choice and vested rights, by adding to the conditions under which the 24-hour discontinuance period that follows the expiration of the vesting for an uncompleted development project that has been discontinued for no less than 24 consecutive months is automatically tolled so that it is tolled during the duration of an emergency declaration for which the defined emergency area includes the property. Makes conforming and organizational changes.

Section 19

Amends Section 1D.3.(b) of SL 2024-75, as amended, which concerns extension of certain development approvals in the area impacted by Hurricane Helene, by suspending the development approval and any associated vested right development approvals that are current and valid at any point from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2027, within the affected area during the period beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2030 (was, 2027).

Changes the effective date of the changes to (b) to when the act becomes law (was, effective retroactively to December 11, 2024, and applies only to development approvals issued by local governments located in the affected area that qualify, in whole or in part, for FEMA Public Assistance Categories C through G).

Section 20

Changes certain powers of the unit owners' association (Association) under the NC Condominium Act (GS 47C-3-102) or a homeowners' association (HOA) under the NC Planned Community Act (GS 47F-3-102) as follows. Allows imposing a reasonable charge for providing copies of records. Requires the Association/HOA to provide a fair, reasonable, and expeditious procedure for making a decision pertaining to a proposed change to a unit or limited common element. Requires that the Association/HOA decision be in writing, made in good faith, and not be unreasonable, arbitrary, or capricious. Requires that the procedure be set forth in the Association/HOA's governing documents. Provides for timeframe on decision and a procedure for reconsideration of the decision if disapproved by the Association/HOA executive board.

Amends GS 47C-3-107.1 (process for fines collected by an Association) and GS 47F-3-107.1 (same--HOA) to require a written notice of hearing to be sent to a unit owner not less than 10 days prior to the hearing date to be heard on any charges by the Association/HOA. Requires the executive board or adjudicatory panel, no less than two days before the hearing, to give the unit/lot owner the name of the person whose testimony it intends to offer in support of the charge and any documents, photos, and exhibits it intends to submit in support of the charge. Caps any fines imposed without further hearing on the violation at \$2,500 for continuing violations.

Amends GS 47C-3-116 (pertaining to liens imposed for sums due to condominium owners' associations) and GS 47F-3-116 (pertaining to liens imposed by homeowners' associations in planned communities) to require that a claim of lien securing a debt consisting of *finer or fine-related charges* (as defined) be filed separately from a claim of lien securing other sums owed to the association and within 90 days after the date the fine was imposed. Requires the unit owners'/homeowners' association to provide proper notice of delinquent assessment to the unit/lot owner before filing a claim of lien. Sets forth rules related to notice and requires the association to send a statement of the assessment amount via electronic mail, in addition to first class mail, if the owner has designated an email address; makes conforming changes. Extinguishes a lien securing a debt consisting of fines or fine-related charges unless proceedings to enforce the lien are instituted within one year after the filing of the claim of lien in the office of the clerk of superior court.

Amends the provisions concerning the recovery of attorneys' fees, to allow the court, in its discretion, the association to recover the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in connection with collecting any sums due.

Limits when the association may foreclose a claim of a lien securing a debt for sums due to the association so that it is only sums other than fines or fine-related charges, and requires that the delinquency have continued for 180 (was, 90) days or more.

Expands upon the notice requirements in nonjudicial power of sale foreclosures of a claim of lien so that it references the owners' right of redemption and so that it includes the association's certification of the actions it has taken to give the owner notice of delinquent assessments. Requires the clerk to inquire as to whether the owner occupies the unit as their principal

residence and, if so, about the efforts that have been made to resolve the matter voluntarily. Sets out conditions under which the clerk must order the hearing continued.

Provides that a claim of lien securing a debt consisting of fines or fine-related charges may only be enforced by the filing of a civil action seeking a judgment. Under GS 47F-3-116, also adds that if before a hearing held pursuant to such a civil action, the lot owner satisfies the debt giving rise to the civil action, the association must dismiss the civil action and cancel the claim of lien; specifies that the lot owner has all rights granted under Article 4 of GS Chapter 45 to ensure the association's satisfaction of the claim of lien, and the association is not entitled to the collection or award of any attorneys' fees or court costs related to the dismissed civil action or cancelled claim of lien.

Amends GS 47C-3-118 (condo association records) and GS 47F-3-118 (HOA records) to authorize a property owner or their authorized agent to inspect and copy, at a reasonable time and location specified by the association/HOA, any contract entered into by the association if the owner gives the association/HOA written notice of the demand at least five business days prior to the date on which the owner wishes to inspect and copy. Allows for reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to the prevailing party if a motion to compel such records is filed. Also allows the court to order the association to pay an owner's costs incurred in obtaining an order when the association doesn't allow the owner to inspect and copy the requested contract and the court later enters an order compelling the association to do so. Requires that the statement, provided upon request, setting forth the amount of unpaid assessments and other charges be furnished within 10 days (was, 10 business days) after receiving the request; allows charging an additional expedited fee for the statement when it is requested to be furnished less than 10 days after receipt of the request (was, when the request is made within 48 hours of closing).

Section 20.5

Amends GS 86B-32 by amending the exemption from Article 2, Barbers, of GS Chapter 86B, for a person whose duties are expressly confined to shampooing or blow drying of hair to no longer require that they be employed by a barbershop. Amends GS 88B-25 by amending the exemption from GS Chapter 88B for a person whose duties are expressly confined to shampooing or blow drying of hair to no longer require that they be employed in a cosmetic art shop and by removing the requirement that they comply with rules related to sanitary management of cosmetic art shops.

Section 21

Amends GS 130A-280 to exclude from Part 10, Public Swimming Pools, of GS Chapter 130A, private pools serving a single family dwelling used by a person providing swim instruction, regardless of whether their guests or the swim instructor gain use of the private pool through a sharing economy platform or pay a fee for its use. Makes conforming changes. Amends GS 130A-39 by including in the prohibition on a local board of health from adopting a rule concerning a private pool serving a single family dwelling otherwise exempt from regulation under GS 130A-280, rules concerning the recreational or instructional use of the exempt private pool.

Section 22

Amends GS 20-171.15 to allow persons under age 16 to operate all-terrain vehicles if they: (1) are at least eight years old, (2) participate in or have completed the specified safety course, (3) it has been determined by a course instructor that they cannot safely operate an all-terrain vehicle that complies with the Age Restriction Warning label and that the vehicle to be operated is appropriate for the person, (4) that the person meets requirements related to brake reach, leg length, grip reach, and handlebar control, (5) operates the all-terrain vehicle while supervised by the safety course instructor while participating in the course, or after the course, under supervision of a person age 18 or older, and (6) comply with all other requirements of the Part.

Amends GS 20-171.20 to allow an all-terrain vehicle safety certification issued to a person under age 16 to include a written rider-fit determination by the course instruction identifying the appropriate type or size of vehicle for the person.

Section 23

Amends GS 87-22 to prohibit the Plumbing Board from charging a fee or payment associated with licensing except those expressly authorized by the statute.

Section 24-Section 29

Creates exemptions to the statutory due dates for the annual reports that must be filed by corporations (new GS 55-16-22.3), LLCs (new GS 57D-2-26), and limited liability partnerships (new GS 59-84.6) under State law for those entities owned by

deployed members of the Armed Forces, as follows. For corporations and limited liability partnerships, specifies that a deployed member of the Armed Forces is a member of the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, or Space Force or a member of any reserve component, who is removed from his or her county of residence pursuant to an official order for a deployment period that ends on or after the ninetieth day preceding the due date of the annual report. For LLCs the deployment period is one that ends on or after the ninetieth day preceding the due date of the annual report. Deems an annual report timely filed for corporations and limited liability partnerships if it is filed by the requisite entity in which more than 50% of the ownership interest is owned by one or more deployed members and within 90 business days of the end of the deployment period. Imposes the same ownership requirements on LLCs owned by deployed members of the Armed Forces, but deems the date of timely filing April 15 of the year immediately following the end of the deployment period. Requires the corporation/LLC/limited liability partnership (collectively, the businesses) to electronically file a sworn affidavit of deployment with the Secretary of State prior to the start of the deployment. Provides for extensions if the deployment is extended; requires filing a sworn affidavit of extended deployment. Only allows for dissolution if the period of delinquency for the applicable ground is 180 days or more past the end of the deployment period indicated in the affidavit of deployment. Waives document fees and the filing fee for the report due after the end of deployment for the businesses. Makes conforming changes to GS 55-16-22 (annual report--corporations); GS 57D-2-24 (annual reports--LLCs); and GS 59-84.4 (annual reports--limited liability partnerships). Effective October 1, 2026.

Amends GS 132-1.2 making confidential information that reveals information contained in an affidavit of deployment or an affidavit of extended deployment under the statutes above. Effective October 1, 2026.

Effective when the act becomes law, requires the Secretary of State to make the notice of deployment forms available by October 1, 2026.

Section 29.2

Enacts new GS 90-624.1 providing that a person providing only stretching services is not required to be licensed as a massage and bodywork therapist. Allows a massage and bodywork therapy establishment to employ or contract with one or more person to provide stretching services. Specifies that establishment's license does not extend any authorization to practice massage and bodywork therapy to a person providing only stretching services at the establishment, and the person is not authorized to practice massage and bodywork therapy under the establishment's license. Amends GS 90-632.16 concerning the prohibition of unlicensed massage and bodywork therapy at establishments by adding that the statute does not prohibit a massage and bodywork therapy establishment from employing or contracting with a person to provide only stretching services and specifies that for the purposes of the statute, a person providing only stretching services is not employed or contracted to provide massage and bodywork therapy. Amends GS 90-624 by adding that the Article does not prohibit or affect providing stretching services by a person providing only those services. Amends GS 90-622 by adding and defining the terms active stretching, active-assisted stretching, passive stretching, and stretching services.

Section 29.3

Enacts new GS 160D-702.1 providing as follows. Prohibits a local government from adopting or enforcing a glazing requirement requiring glazing, transparency, windows, doors, storefront glass, faux windows, or other transparent or translucent facade materials to exceed 35% of the ground-floor facade area (was defined) of a commercial or mixed use building. Defines glazing requirement. Provides that for portions of a commercial or mixed-use building used primarily for non-storefront purposes, local governments are prohibited from adopting or enforcing a glazing requirement that requires glazing or transparency to exceed 20% of the ground-floor facade area; includes a list of eight items that are considered non-storefront uses. Specifies that these limitations apply only to glazing or transparency required by a local government; voluntary glazing is not limited by this statute and local governments may not condition development approvals on voluntary glazing in excess of the statutes' limits. Sets out eight areas not impacted by this statute. Effective July 1, 2026, and voids any development regulation that is inconsistent with GS 160D-702.1 on or after that date to the extent of the inconsistency. Specifies that this does not affect the validity of a development approval issued, or an application for a development approval submitted before the July 1, 2026, effective date.

Section 30

Includes a severability clause.

Intro. by Jarvis.

GS 20, GS 47C, GS 47F, GS 55, GS 57D, GS 59, GS 62, GS 74, GS 86B, GS 87, GS 88B, GS 90, GS 130A, GS 132, GS 143, GS 160D

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LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 1035 (2025-2026) [VARIOUS LOCAL ELECTION CHANGES III. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Apr 21 2026, *AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL ELECTION LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA.*

Senate committee substitute to the 2nd edition adds the following content. Amends the act's titles.

Section 2

Amends Section 2 of the Bolivia Town Charter to require that municipal elections be held in even-numbered years at the time of the general election. Requires that the mayor and aldermen be elected on a nonpartisan plurality basis. Changes the terms of office for the mayor and aldermen from two to four years. Requires elections to be held and conducted according to the uniform municipal election laws in GS Chapter 163.

Prohibits holding elections in Bolivia in 2027. Extends the terms of office of the mayor and four aldermen serving on the section's effective date whose terms expire in 2027 by one year. Resumes regular elections in Bolivia in even-numbered years beginning in 2028.

Section 3

Makes the following changes to Sections 4 and 5 of the Town Charter of Belville (SL 1977-84). Directs that regular municipal elections be conducted in even-numbered (was, odd-numbered) years at the time of the general election. Requires the mayor and board of commissioners to be elected on a nonpartisan plurality basis according to GS 163-292. Extends the mayor's term from two to four years. Removes outdated language and makes technical and clarifying changes.

Specifies that regular municipal elections will not be held in Belville in 2027. Extends the terms of the mayor and two commissioners whose terms are set to expire in 2027 and 2029 by one year. Restarts regular municipal elections in 2028, to take place biennially in even-numbered years. Instructs that the mayor will begin to be elected for four-year terms starting in 2028.

Section 4

Amends New Bern's Charter, SL 2016-41, as follows. Requires regular municipal elections to be held in even-numbered years at the time of the general election. Requires the mayor and members of the board of aldermen to be elected according to the nonpartisan plurality basis according to GS 163-292.

Prohibits holding elections in New Bern in 2029. Extends the terms of office of the mayor and six aldermen serving on the section's effective date whose terms expire in 2029 by one year. Resumes regular elections in New Bern in even-numbered years beginning in 2030.

Adds new Section 3.6 requiring the remaining members of the board of aldermen to appoint a person to fill a vacancy within 90 days; requires a special election if they fail to do so.

Section 5

Amends Everetts' Charter, SL 1893-321 by adding that the Town's officers consist of a mayor and three commissioners who will serve four-year terms. Requires elections to be conducted on a nonpartisan plurality basis under GS 163-292. Repeals Sections 1 (requiring biennial election of a mayor and three commissions for two year terms), 2 (specifying that the board of commissioners consists of three members), and 3 (requiring elections to be conducted under the nonpartisan plurality method and the results determined as provided in GS 163-292).

Section 6

Amends Snow Hill's Charter, as follows. Requires municipal election to be held in even-numbered years at the time of the general election. Requires the mayor and board of commissioners to be elected on a nonpartisan plurality basis in accordance with GS 163-292. Specifies that commissioners are elected for staggered terms. Repeal Section 3.2, which requires election of a mayor and setting out staggered terms for commissioners.

Specifies that regular municipal elections will not be held in Snow Hill in 2027. Extends the terms of the two commissioners whose terms are set to expire in 2027 by one year. Extends the terms of the mayor and three commissioners whose terms are set to expire in 2029 by one year. Restarts regular municipal elections in 2028, to take place biennially in even-numbered years.

Section 7

Amends Columbus' Charter, SL 1985-46, so that the mayor is elected for four year terms instead of two year terms. Extends the mayor's term that is set to expire in 2026 by two years.

Section 8

Amends Rural Hall's Charter, SL 1973-1100, as amended, by adding that a candidate seeking nomination by petition must comply with Article 11 of GS Chapter 163, except that date and time for filing must be done according to GS 163-122(a)(3). Effective January 1, 2027, and applies to elections held in 2028 and thereafter.

Requires vacancies in the council to be done by recommendation by the county executive committee of a political party when the vacating official was elected as the nominee of a political party; requires the recommendation to be made within 30 days of the vacancy and voting is restricted to committee members residing within Rural Hall's corporate limits.

Sets out the deadline for candidates seeking nomination by petition for the 2026 election only.

Section 9.1

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

Repeals SL 1961-109, concerning the election and terms of the mayor and aldermen of Brookford.

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

Section 9.2

Amends Catawba's Charter, SL 1893-274, as amended, by adding that Catawba's governing board consists of a mayor and four council members who serve staggered four-year terms. Requires elections to be held in even-numbered years at the time of the general election. Requires the mayor and council to be elected on a nonpartisan plurality basis, with elections conducted

according to the uniform municipal law of GS Chapter 163. Repeals Section 3 (concerning the mayor, commissioners, and marshal) and 4 (concerning the election of officers).

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

Section 9.3

Amends Claremont's Charter, SL 1893-274, as amended, by adding that Claremont's governing board consists of a mayor and five council members who serve staggered four-year terms. Requires elections to be held in even-numbered years at the time of the general election. Requires the mayor and council to be elected on a nonpartisan plurality basis, with elections conducted according to the uniform municipal law of GS Chapter 163. Repeals Section 3 (concerning the mayor, commissioners, and constable) and 4 (concerning the election of officers). Repeals SL 1961-76 (concerning the election of the mayor and aldermen), SL 1975-97 (staggering the terms of specified aldermen), and SL 2005-54 (appears to mean only Section 2, which changed the mayor's term from two years to four years).

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

Section 9.4

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

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

Section 9.5

Amends Section 2.01 of the Charter of the City of Hickory (SL 1961-323, as amended), as follows. Requires aldermen to each reside in and represent a ward; requires candidates for alderman to be a qualified voter and resident of the ward they seek to be elected to. Directs that regular municipal elections will be held at the time of the general election on even-numbered years. Requires the nonpartisan primary to be held on the date in GS 163-1 and requires candidates to file notice under the schedule in GS 163-106.2. Makes technical and conforming changes. Removes outdated language.

Repeals Sections 2.51 through 2.58 (concerning nominations and primary) and section 2.71 through 2.74 (concerning general elections) of the charter.

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

Section 9.6

Amends Long View's Charter, SL 1907-430, as amended, as follows. Specifies that the town's governing body consists of a mayor and five aldermen, serving staggered four-year terms. Requires elections to be held in even-numbered years at the time of the general election with elections for mayor and council members held on a nonpartisan plurality basis. Requires elections

to be conducted according to the uniform municipal election laws in GS Chapter 163. Requires the aldermen to be elected from wards, with each alderman residing in and representing one ward, but nominated and elected at large. Requires a candidate to be a qualified voter residing in the ward in which they seek to be elected.

Repeals Section 3, concerning the election of the mayor, aldermen, and marshal. Repeals SL 1955-789, which established wards and set out the terms of the mayor and aldermen.

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

Section 9.7

Amends Maiden's Charter, SL 1883-103, as amended, as follows. Specifies that the town's governing body consists of a mayor and five council members. The mayor serves a two-year term and council member serving staggered four and two year terms. Requires elections to be held in even-numbered years at the time of the general election with elections for mayor and council members held on a nonpartisan plurality basis. Requires elections to be conducted according to the uniform municipal election laws in GS Chapter 163.

Repeals Section 4, concerning the election of officers.

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

Section 9.8

Amends Article III of the City of Newton's Charter (SL 1989-1042, as amended) as follows. Directs that regular municipal elections will be held at the time of the general election in even-numbered years. Requires elections to be conducted according to the uniform municipal election laws in GS Chapter 163. Makes technical and conforming changes. Removes outdated language.

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

Section 10

Amends Conetoe's Charter, SL 1887-154, to allow the mayor to vote on any question before the board (was, mayor may only vote in the case of a tie).

Section 11

Amends SL 2015-35 by amending the process for filling vacancies on the Iredell-Statesville Schools Board of Education so that if vacancies are not filled within 60 days, the superintendent must report the vacancy to the clerk of superior court who must appoint a person to fill the vacancy within 10 calendar days. Sets out requirements for the appointee.

Intro. by Humphrey.

UNCODIFIED, Brunswick, Catawba, Craven, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Greene, Iredell, Lenoir, Martin, Polk

ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 83: REVISE LAWS ON MINORS/HUMAN TRAFFICKING. (NEW)

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

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

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

Senate: Amend Adopted A1

Senate: Amend Tabled A2

Senate: Amend Tabled A3

Senate: Amend Tabled A4

Senate: Amend Tabled A5

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Engrossed

H 315: PROHIBIT LITIGATION INVEST/AMEND WC BENEFITS. (NEW)

Senate: Regular Message Sent To House

House: Regular Message Received For Concurrence in S Com Sub

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Added to Calendar

House: Concurred In S Com Sub

House: Ordered Enrolled

H 356: VARIOUS CIVIL AND INSURANCE LAW CHANGES. (NEW)

Senate: Sequential Referral To Judiciary Added After Finance

H 369: PARKING LOT REFORM/STORMWATER CONTROL. (NEW)

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

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

H 376: WATER/WASTEWATER AFFORDABILITY & CAPACITY ACT. (NEW)

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

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

H 437: DRUG-FREE ZONES/UNAUTHORIZED PUBLIC CAMPING. (NEW)

Senate: Sequential Referral To Health Care Added After Judiciary

Senate: Sequential Referral To Health Care Added After Judiciary

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Health Care

H 481: PAY EXCEPTIONS/SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE. (NEW)

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

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

H 536: PHYSICAL THERAPY PRACTICE ACT MODS.

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

H 920: VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK CONSUMER PROT. ACT. (NEW)

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

H 925: CONSUMERS IN CRISIS PROTECTION ACT.

House: Withdrawn From Com

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

H 1029: NC DIGITAL ASSET AND STABLECOIN ACT.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

H 1114: GSC TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS 2026.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

H 1115: GSC ADVANCE HEALTH CARE PLANNING DOCUMENTS.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

H 1123: UNC OMNIBUS & CAPITAL CONTRACTING LAW CHANGES.

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

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

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On State and Local Government

H 1173: JALEEYAH'S LAW.

House: Amend Adopted A1

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

House: Ordered Engrossed

H 1203: FAMILY SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO SERVE ACT.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Re-ref Com On Appropriations

H 1214: MAKE E-VERIFY GREAT AGAIN.

House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2

House: Re-ref Com On Appropriations

House: Withdrawn From Com

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

S 59: AGE 21 HEMP-DERIVED COMSUMABLES/KRATOM. (NEW)

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

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

S 401: NC FARM ACT OF 2025-2026. (NEW)

House: Conf Report Adopted

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Conf Report Adopted

Senate: Ordered Enrolled

S 474: ADJUST COUNTIES/REAPPRAISAL MORATORIUM. (NEW)

House: Amend Adopted A1

House: Ruled Material

House: Withdrawn From Cal

House: Placed On Cal For 06/16/2026

S 587: WAKE SURFING SAFELY. (NEW)

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

S 695: INCENT DEVELOPMENT FINANCE DISTRICT FUNDING.

House: Amend Adopted A1

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

House: Ordered Engrossed

S 889: PROPERTY TAX REAPPRAISAL MORATORIUM.

House: Passed 3rd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

House: Ordered Enrolled

Senate: Ratified

Senate: Pres. To Gov. 6/10/2026

S 1047: REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 2026.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

Senate: Re-ref Com On Judiciary

LOCAL BILLS

H 1035: VARIOUS LOCAL ELECTION CHANGES III. (NEW)

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

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

S 809: SATELLITE ANNEXATION CAP/RURAL HALL FIRE DISTRICT. (NEW)

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

S 811: VARIOUS LOCAL PROVISIONS VIII. (NEW)

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Placed On Cal For 06/16/2026

S 1074: EDEN/MILLS RIVER/GUILFORD ART 46 LOCAL ACT. (NEW)

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

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