

North Carolina Legislative Update, April 13, 2017

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This week at the Legislature, House members filed dozens of bills and tried to get as much accomplished as possible prior to the legislature's spring recess.

Confirmations

The Senate continued the process of confirming Governor Roy Cooper's cabinet picks this week. The Senate finalized the confirmations of Secretary Michael Regan of the Department of Environmental Quality, Secretary Tony Copeland of the Department of Commerce, and Secretary Susi Hamilton of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

Court of Appeals Judges (HB239)

A bill that would reduce the number of judges on the Court of Appeals from 15 to 12 passed both chambers this week. The three seats would be reduced by attrition as three judges on the Court are expected to retire in the next two years.

Ethics and Elections (SB68)

This week, both chambers adopted a conference report on a proposal that would combine the state elections and ethics boards and would evenly divide membership of the newly created eight-person board between Republicans and Democrats. A similar piece of legislation, which was adopted in December of 2016, was recently ruled an unconstitutional encroachment on executive authority by a three judge panel. The new proposal gives the Governor the authority to appoint all eight members from names submitted by the State's two largest political parties. It was approved by a three-fifths majority in both chambers making it likely that a gubernatorial veto could be overridden.

Bills Filed

House Bills

H664

Retroactive Sex Offender Registration.

H665

Sheriffs' Supp. Pension Fund Changes.

H666

Revise Volunteer Fire Department Req'ts.

H667

Drinking Water Wholesalers Testing and Eval.

H668

Clarify Political Sign Ordinance Authority.

H669

Fees to Certify as a Company Police Agency.

H670

Protect Educational Property.

H671

Expand Certificate of Relief.

H672

Rear Occupant Seat Belt Use/Enforcement.

H673

DWLR/Death or Injury by Vehicle.

H674

Independent Redistricting Commission.

H675

Clerk of Court Notify AOC Judge Ends Early.

H676

Special Superior Court Judge Assignments.

H677

Amend Who Can Serve on Three-Judge Panel.

H678

Opp. Scholarships/Accredited Schools Only.

H679

Restore Direct Allocation of Funds to ADATCs.

H680

Allow OPAV/Conservation Esmts. on Farmland.

H681

Teacher Licensure/Military Spouses.

H682

Limit General Assembly Session Length.

H683

Indian Child Services Changes.

H684

Sex Offender Registry Fee.

H685

Mft'd Home Purchase Agreement Changes.

H686

Zero-Based Budgeting.

H687

Amend Various Coal Ash Provns.

H688

Certain Appeals Allowed/Premarital Agreements.

H689

Occ. Licensing Turnaround Time/PED Study.

H690

SUDEP Awareness Week.

H691

Driving Moped at Night/Reflective Gear.

H692

Enact Naturopathic Doctors Certification Act.

H693

Study/Public Records & Open Meetings.

H694

Increase Threshold/Certain Contributions.

H695

Same ID Requirements/Curbside Voters.

H696

Enhance Citizen Voter List Maintenance.

H697

Election Observer Bill of Rights.

H698

Increase Penalty for Voter Fraud.

H699

No Race/Ethnicity Req/Voter Registration Form.

H700

Online Voter Registration.

H701

Occupational Licensing Injunctive Relief.

H702

Seniors CC Tuition Waiver.

H703

Felon W/Gun/B&E/Increased Penalties.

H704

Divide School Systems/Study Committee.

H705

EMC Oversight of DEQ Studies.

H706

Landlord/Tenant-Alias & Pluries Summary Eject.

H707

Lien Agent/Notice of Cancellation.

H708

Require Criminal BGC/Pharmacist Licensure.

H709

Solicitation for Copies/Reg. of Deeds Fees.

H710

Private Parking/Immobilization Device.

H711

Increase Hate Crime Punishment.

H712

ECU Brody School of Medicine Funds.

H713

LRC/Sptd Decsn-Making In Lieu of Guardianship.

H714

Fair Redistricting Study Committee.

H715

Renew Commitment to Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prev.

H716

CMVs/Use of Platoons.

H717

Revise Certain Superior Court Districts.

H718

Rates and Transfers by Public Enterprises.

H719

Improve Security/Upper Level/Pking Lot 65.

H720

Funds for Indian Affairs Comm. Staff.

H721

Omnibus Act Regarding Coal-Based Energy.

H722

Hog Lagoon Sunset/Livestock Treatment.

H723

Gun Safety Act.

H724

Citizens United Disclosures.

H725

Mental Health Support Funding/Study.

H726

Repeal Sales Tax on RMI.

H727

Taxpayers' Bill of Rights.

H728

UNC Institutions/Conference Boycotts.

H729

Expressing Support for ABLE Act.

H730

Ninth Grade Academy Pilot/Funds.

H731

Law Enforcement Inventory SAECKs.

H732

Household Goods Carrier Revisions.

H733

Require Permit for Ginseng Harvesting.

H734

In-State Tuition Equity.

H735

Redistricting by Computer.

H736

Provide Minor Alcohol/Felony if Death Results.

H737

Open Primary Act.

H738

Opioid Prescription & Treatment Opt Out Act.

H739

Ambulance Weapon Exception/LEO & Firefighters.

H740

SAR Rename/Disputed County Boundaries/Mapping.

H741

DHHS Study/Maternal and Neonatal Care.

H742

Study Bill for Reentry Housing Program.

H743

Study Efficiency and Cost-Savings/State Govt.

H744

State Emps./Amend Salary Continuation.

H745

NC Energy Ratepayers Protection Act.

H746

NC Constitutional Carry Act.

H747

LRC Study/Reg. Impact in Coastal Areas.

H748

Underground Damage Prevention Act/Changes.

H749

Limited Identification Cards.

H750

Gaming Commission/VLTs.

H751

Career and College Ready/High School Grads.

H752

Utilities/Water and Wastewater Rates.

H753

LRC Study/Parental Drug Abuse Effect on Child.

H754

Optional Meals for Bed & Breakfast Guests.

H755

Bankruptcy and Receivership Amendments.

H756

Beehive Grant Program.

H757

Regulate Retail Display of Tobacco Products.

H758

Voter Integrity.

H759

Cemeteries/Perpetual Care Trust Funds.

H760

Child Protection and Accountability Act.

H761

Athletic Trainer/Choice of Provider.

H762

Campaign Contribution Uses.

H763

Notice to Innocent Purchasers/Haz. Sites.

H764

Expansion of MSD/Bd Appt.

H765

Honor Ruth Samuelson, Former Member.

H766

DWI for Controlled Substances.

H767

NC Toxic-Free Kids Act.

H768

Ban Endangered Species Product Trafficking.

H769

Voter Freedom Act of 2017.

H770

Noncommercial USTs/Rule-Making Report.

H771

Juvenile/Parent Comm. Service.

H772

Amend NC Int'l Arbitration/Conciliation Act.

H773

ABC Sales/Sports & Entertainment Venues.

H774

Require County DSS to Review Placements.

H775

UNC Capital Efficiencies.

H776

Adoption Law Changes.

H777

Amend Law Regarding University Discipline.

H778

LRC/Opioid Misuse Prevention.

H779

Charter School Changes.

H780

Uphold Historical Marriage Act.

H781

JMAC Modifications.

H782

Paid Holiday/Primary and General Elections.

H783

Prohibit Resale of Lottery Tickets.

H784

Suitability in Annuity.

H785

Duty to Call 911/Violation Misdemeanor.

H786

NC Energy and Water Efficient Schools Act.

H787

Strengthen Do Not Call Registry.

H788

Amend Expunction Laws.

H789

End of Life Option Act.

H790

Solitary Confinement in Prisons.

H791

Electoral Districts/Wake Co District Ct.

H792

2017 Appropriations Act.

H793

IHE Policies Sexual Assault/Sexual Consent.

H794

NC Permitting Efficiency Act of 2017.

H795

Economic Development Incentives Modifications.

H796

Expunctions Related to 50B Orders.

H797

Changes to Current BWC Law.

H798

Income Tax Deduction for Tolls Paid.

H799

Utility Billing by Lessors.

H800

Various Changes to Charter School Laws.

H801

Reentry Collaborative.

H802

Exempt Motorcoach Manufacturer & Distributor.

H803

Landlord Liability Changes.

H804

Add Additional ADA to District 9.

H805

Disclosure of Cosmetics Ingredients.

H806

Student Notice/Charter School Closure/Restr.

H807

Create Divisions - ALE and Cap. Police in DPS.

H808

Advisory Council Review of Rare Disease Bills.

H809

Honor the Life and Memory of Robert Dalrymple.

H810

Pet Boarding Facilities.

H811

Energy Savings Incentives/State Agencies.

H812

Minimum Wage/Agriculture/Domestic Workers.

H813

Veteran Retirement Income Tax Benefit.

H814

Planned Community Act Changes.

H815

Nondiscrim. & Account./Certain Private Schs.

H816

Consumer Protection/Roofing Contractors.

H817

Repeal Pistol Permit Requirements.

H818

Chiropractors Perform Physicals for Athletics.

H819

Protect NC Right to Work Constitutional Amend.

H820

Protect Right to Work/Conforming Changes.

H821

NC Guardianship Bill of Rights.

H822

Regulate Arbitration Agrmts/LTC Facilities.

H823

Adult Adoptee/Access Original Birth Cert.

H824

Contraceptive Education for Women in Recovery.

H825

Protect NC Children From Lead Exposure.

H826

Modify Low-Performing School Definition.

H827

Use of Passing Lane/Increased Penalty.

H828

IT Changes/Libraries & Telemedicine.

H829

Customary and Reasonable Fees for Appraisers.

H830

WC/Independent Truckers.

H831

Brian Garlock Act.

H832

Study Student Loan Alternatives.

H833

Driver Education Oversight.

H834

Fayetteville State University Capital Project.

H835

Create Chain of Survival Task Force.

H836

No Concealed Gun on Private Prop/Posting Reg.

H837

Outdoor Learning Center Pilot/Funds.

H838

Supt. Public Instruction Support Staff.

H839

School Cal. Flex./Low-Performing Districts.

H840

Earned AP, IB, CTE, & 3rd Grade Bonuses.

H841

Testing Transparency.

H842

Solitary Confinement in Prisons.

H843

Adjust Municipal Election Schedule.

H844

DOT/Traffic Signal Oversight.

H845

NC Healthy Schools.

H846

County Eugenics Compensation.

H847

Exempt Manufacturing Equip. From Tax & Study.

H848

School Energy Savings Act of 2017.

H849

Restore Longitudinal Data System Board.

H850

Film Grants for NC Productions and Festivals.

H851

Conform Appraiser Fees/Truth in Lending.

H852

Real Property Technical Corrections.

H853

Protect Striped Bass/Central Southern Area.

H854

Subsidy Market Rate Adjust./Tier 3 Counties.

H855

Teacher Appreciation.

H856

Road Rage/Increase Penalty.

H857

Study Dual Arrest in Domestic Violence Cases.

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