

## North Carolina Legislative Update, April 28, 2017

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Dozens of bills passed through both the House and Senate this week as Legislators worked overtime to beat the "crossover deadline." Crossover is the date by which a bill that does not impact taxes or appropriations must pass one chamber to remain eligible for the remainder of the biennium. Lobbyists, and even a few lawmakers, got through the long week by swapping out their dress shoes for sneakers in a bid to raise money for Donate Life, an organization that encourages people to become organ donors.

### **Veto Overrides (SB68 & HB239)**

The General Assembly overrode two of Governor Cooper's vetoes this week. The first override was of SB68, which consolidates the functions of the State Board of Elections and the State Ethics Commission and creates a new eight-person governing board evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans. A similar measure, passed in December 2016, was ruled unconstitutional by a three judge panel. Governor Cooper has asked the Wake County Superior Court to put a hold on the new law. Legislators also overrode Cooper's veto of HB239, which would reduce Court of Appeals from 15 to 12 judges.

### **Conference Reports (SB131 & HB13)**

Legislators adopted conference reports for two bills this week. The first was SB131, which contains various regulatory changes including some provisions that failed to pass during last year's session. The other bill, HB13, is a response to class size reductions enacted last year that some education leaders say would have forced a reduction in the number of arts and physical education teachers in order to comply with the reductions. The bill delays the reductions for one year. Governor Cooper has signed HB13 and is expected to sign SB 131.

### **Sanctuary Cities (SB145 & HB113)**

Both the House and Senate passed bills this week related to what are often called "sanctuary cities." SB145, among other things, penalizes local governments for not complying with state immigration laws by halting certain state funding. HB113 would allow a person to bring an action against a city, county, or local law enforcement agency if they believe the local government entity is not in compliance with state immigration laws.

### **House Bills Filed:**

H872

ATV & Motorcycles Off-Road Fund.

H873

NC Consumer Fireworks Safety Act.

H874

Year-Round School Pilot.

H875

Establish WSSU Pilot BLET Program/Funds.

H876

CPR Training/School Bus Drivers.

H877

Safer Roads and Communities Act.

H878

Grant Funds for Supported Employment Training.

H879

Retroactive Personal Care Services Payment.

H880

PUV for Beekeeping Property.

H881

Automatic Voter Registration.

H882

Financial Literacy Elective Course Pilot.

H883

Increase Inmate Health Care.

H884

Life Changing Experiences School Pilot.

H885

Community Opportunity Tax Credit.

H886

Excise Tax Increases for Substance Abuse.

H887

Health Insurance State Mandates Study/Funds.

H888

Prof. Teachers & Admins. Accountability Act.

H889

Extended-Year Teacher Contracts/Study.

H890

Amend Psychology Practice Act.

H891

Free Breakfast and Lunch in K-12 Pub. Schools.

H892

Free Lunch for Some Students/Stop Lunch Shame.

H893

Healthy Foods in Our Schools.

H894

Veterans/Health Care/Pilot Program.

H895

Pilot Program/Professional Teachers & Admins.

H896

Broadband Access to Rural Areas.

H897

Funds for Child Advocacy Centers.

H898

Digital Learning Plan/Programs/Funds.

H899

Historic Rehab: Disguised Sales.

H900

Safe Infrastructure & Low Property Tax Act.

H901

Amend Certificate of Need Laws.

H902

Enhance Patient Safety in Radiologic Imaging.

H903

Water Resources Management Partnership Funds.

H904

North Carolina Rural Job Creation Fund.

H905

Reenact Conservation Tax Credit.

H906

Statewide Nondiscrimination/Funds.

H907

Enhance Health Care Choices for Seniors.

H908

Enhance Scholarships for Adopted Children.

H909

Sound Energy & Renewables Policy Act.

H910

Human Trafficking: Resistance and Rescue.

H911

Private Sector Affordable Housing Act.

H912

State/TANF Funds/Boys and Girls Clubs.

H913

Reestablish NC High Risk Pool.

H914

Enhance Suicide Prevention Awareness & Svcs.

H915

Reenact Employment-Related Tax Credit.

H916

North Carolina Health Plan.

H917

Establish Bd of Postsecondary Ed. Credentials.

H918

Post Crime On Social Media/Enhanced Sentence.

H919

Pembroke Optometry School Funds.

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