

North Carolina Legislative Update, April 7, 2017

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This week at the Legislature, Senate confirmation of Cabinet secretaries continued as Legislators filed dozens of bills ahead of filing deadlines.

Confirmations

Senate committees are continuing the process of confirming Governor Cooper's Cabinet members. Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and Mabelle Sanders, Secretary of the Department of Administration, were both confirmed by the Senate Thursday. Acting Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality, Michael Regan, was recommended for confirmation by the Senate Agriculture, Natural, and Economic Resources Committee Thursday. He will next go before the Senate Nominations Committee.

Education Boards

This week the House voted to elect their six appointees to the UNC Board of Governors. Kellie Hunt Blue, chair of the UNC Pembroke trustees, Rob Bryan, former Republican House member, Carolyn Lloyd Coward, trustee of Western Carolina University, Leo Daughtry, also a former Republican House member, Wendy Murphy, UNC Wilmington trustee, and Doyle Parrish, an incumbent member were all elected Wednesday.

The House and Senate also elected Burr W. Sullivan, former CEO of the Lexington Chamber of Commerce, and current Board member Wade Bryan Irwin, respectively, to serve six- year terms on the North Carolina Board of Community Colleges.

Ethics and Elections (SB68)

The House passed a bill this week that aims to consolidate the state elections and ethics boards and evenly divide membership of the eight person board between Republicans and Democrats. A similar piece of legislation, passed 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 adopted in the House largely on a party-line vote and Governor Cooper has indicated he will veto it if it reaches his desk.

Bills Filed

House Bills

H548

Equalize Treatment of Wastewater Products.

H549

UNC Benchmark/Reporting Dates.

H550

Establish New Nurse Licensure Compact.

H551

Strengthening Victims' Rights.

H552

General Contractor Licensing Amendments.

H553

Lane Departure Driver Education Curric./Study.

H554

Fines and Forfeitures/Payment to Schools.

H555

Funds/Street Gang Prevention & Intervention.

H556

Office of Early Childhood Education.

H557

Mitigation Services Amendments.

H558

Study/Texting While Driving Enforcement.

H559

Outdoor Heritage Enhanced.

H560

I/DD Services Waiting List Transparency.

H561

Sanitary Districts/Impact Fees.

H562

Enhanced Penalty for Second Degree Trespass.

H563

Whole Woman's Health Act.

H564

Revise IVC Laws to Improve Behavioral Health.

H565

Modify Composition/911 Board.

H566

Private Protective Services Changes.

H567

Study Hexavalent Chromium in Groundwater.

H568

UNC/Use of Institutional Trust Funds.

H569

Pretax Supplemental Benefits.

H570

K-12 Academic Freedom.

H571

Automatic Expunction/Wrongful Conviction.

H572

Legal Notices/Require Internet Publication.

H573

Vacant Building Receivership.

H574

Wind Energy/Consistency With Military.

H575

Require Info. About Abortion Pill Reversal.

H576

Allow Aerosolization of Leachate.

H577

Authorize LSC/Criminal Record Checks.

H578

Revisions to Outdoor Advertising Laws.

H579

Revisions to Outdoor Advertising Laws.

H580

Revisions to Outdoor Advertising Laws.

H581

Revisions to Outdoor Advertising Laws.

H582

Abuse & Neglect Resources/Anon. Tip Line App.

H583

Pay-As-You-Go Capital & Infrastructure Fund.

H584

Real Prop./Error Correction & Title Curative.

H585

Extend Statute of Limitations/Child Sex Abuse.

H586

NC Am. Indian Hunting/Fishing Rights.

H587

Sanitary Districts/Projects Economic Impact.

H588

Omnibus Gun Changes.

H589

Utilities Commission Fees and Charges.

H590

Interior Design Profession Act.

H591

Study/LEO Interaction With Disabled Drivers.

H592

"Kick Cancer for Kids" Special Plate.

H593

Increase Personal Care Services Rates.

H594

Healthy Mother, Healthy Child.

H595

Adopt Official State Spider.

H596

Study/MPO Voting Power Distribution.

H597

Willful Injury of Person/Trap in Public Park.

H598

Swimming Pool Electrical Safety.

H599

Body-Worn Camera Recordings.

H600

School Construction Flexibility.

H601

Amend Medical Records Manager Qualifications.

H602

Cities/Require Performance Guarantees.

H603

Small Farms to Healthier Schools Initiative.

H604

Repeal Death Penalty.

H605

Sch. Dist. Hold Harmless/Hurricane Matthew.

H606

Study 64 Bypass Effect & Transfer Funds.

H607

Knight-LeCount Advocacy for Marrow Ed. & Reg.

H608

Family/Child Protection & Accountability Act.

H609

Amend Various Innocence Commission Statutes.

H610

Funds for NC Pre-K/Tier 3 Counties.

H611

Clarify Objective/Child Protective Services.

H612

Comprehensive Firearm Ed. Elective/Schools.

H613

Transfer DACS Property to Granville Co.

H614

Scientific Wildlife Management Act.

H615

Amend Substance Abuse Professional Pract. Act.

H616

North Carolina Public Benefit Corporation Act.

H617

Clarify Sale of Antique & Specialty Vehicles.

H618

Improve Healthcare IT Systems Efficiency.

H619

Clarify Motor Vehicle Dealer Laws.

H620

UNC Capital Projects.

H621

Expungement Process Modifications.

H622

Cities/Periodic Building Inspections.

H623

Transfer Certain Excess Lands/Haywood BoEd.

H624

Uniform System Development Fees for Water.

H625

HOA/Condo Crime & Fidelity Insurance Policies.

H626

Local Authority/Large-Scale Chicken Farms.

H627

DOT/Honor Fallen Warriors.

H628

Limit Health Care Power of Attorney.

H629

Amend Funeral Procession Law.

H630

Rylan's Law/CPS Observation.

H631

Reduce Admin. Duplication/BH Providers.

H632

Amend Mitigation Services Law.

H633

Small Business Retirement Program.

H634

Private Alternative Teacher Preparation.

H635

Electronic Pawn & Metals Database.

H636

Sale of Salvage Vehicle/No Inspection.

H637

Clarify Regional Water and Sewer Funds.

H638

Public School Const. Grants & Lottery Changes.

H639

DIT/COG Technical Assistance/Funds.

H640

Repeal Certificate of Need Laws.

H641

School Bus Safety Enhancement Act.

H642

Brewery/Sales at Brewery & Retail Locations.

H643

Civics and Economics Educ. Study Committee.

H644

Charter School Transportation Grant Program.

H645

Legal Services Rendered for Nonprofits.

H646

ApprenticeshipNC.

H647

Task Force on Homelessness.

H648

Responsible Deer Hunting.

H649

Sweepstakes Control Act.

H650

State Board Construction Contract Claim.

H651

State Pension/Ret. Health Ben. Fund Solvency.

H652

Freeze New Toll Contracts.

H653

Report/Car Accident Caused by Seizure or Coma.

H654

Reduce Mortgage Lender Surety Bonds.

H655

Election Equipment/Grants to Counties.

H656

College of Albemarle/Construction Funds.

H657

Improve Adult Care Home Regulation.

H658

Early Literacy Initiative/Funds.

H659

Filling Vacancies/U.S. Senate.

H660

Drivers License/Reciprocity W/Foreign Nation.

H661

Innocent Spouse Tax Relief.

H662

Carolina Cares.

H663

Right to Repair Act.

Senate Bills

S580

UI for High Unemployment Areas/State Funding.

S581

Establish Mandatory Dementia Care Training.

S582

GSC Technical Corrections 2017.

S583

Occup. Therap./Phys. Therap. Salaries.

S584

Pilot Project: Tablets for Inmates.

S585

Study Intergovernmental Relations.

S586

Require U.S. Civics Test in High Schools.

S587

Tax Returns Uniformly Made Public Act.

S588

Whole Woman's Health Act.

S589

Fantasy Sports Regulation.

S590

NC Consumer Fireworks Safety Act.

S591

Site and Building Development Fund.

S592

Small Business Access to Capital Act.

S593

Arbitration and Mediation for Business Court.

S594

Family/Child Protection & Accountability Act.

S595

Strengthening Victims' Rights.

S596

Protect Law Enforcement Officers.

S597

ApprenticeshipNC.

S598

Future Teachers of North Carolina.

S599

Excellent Educators for Every Classroom.

S600

Britny's Law: IPV Homicide.

S601

Gang Nuisance Abatement Act.

S602

Lien Agent/Notice of Cancellation.

S603

Exceptional Educ. for Exceptional Children.

S604

Homemade Alcoholic Beverage Tasting Permit.

S605

Attorney Options/IOLTA Funds.

S606

One-Year EDPNC Contract Modifications.

S607

Job Order Contracting Method.

S608

I/DD Services Waiting List Transparency.

S609

Uniform Group Practice Provider Credentialing.

S610

Equalize Treatment of Wastewater Products.

S611

Mitigation Services Amendments.

S612

Pet Boarding Facilities.

S613

Attorney's Fees & Costs/State Prevails.

S614

Withholdings for Property Sales: Nonresidents.

S615

North Carolina Farm Act of 2017.

S616

Limit Look-Back for Immaterial Irregularities.

S617

Eliminate Emergency Recall Judges.

S618

EDGE Committee Draft.

S619

JLCEP Study Grid Modernization.

S620

Eliminate Duplication/PED Study.

S621

Business Contracts/Choice of Law and Forum.

S622

Business Corporation Act Revisions.

S623

School Bus Flexibility.

S624

Outdoor Heritage Enhanced.

S625

Summons for Private Warrants.

S626

Permit Superintend. Spouses to Work.

S627

Minority Colleges Advisory Board.

S628

Various Changes to the Revenue Laws.

S629

Health Care Services Billing Transparency.

S630

Revise IVC Laws to Improve Behavioral Health.

S631

Protect Right to Work/Conforming Changes.

S632

Protect NC Right to Work Constitutional Amend.

S633

Reduce Annual State Bar Fees.

S634

Private Protective Services Changes.

S635

Judicial Assistants for Judges.

S636

Increase Judicial Pay 20%.

S637

Small Farms to Healthier Schools Initiative.

S638

Funds to Enhance Tribal Recognition.

S639

Healthy Mother, Healthy Child.

S640

Study 64 Bypass Effect & Transfer Funds.

S641

Uniform System Development Fees for Water.

S642

Burden of Proof - Planning and Zoning.

S643

Establish Veterans Treatment Court.

S644

Increase Diversity Among Physician Assistants.

S645

Keep Both Parents in Life of Child.

S646

Universal Voter Registration.

S647

JLEOC Study/ESSA/School Report Card.

S648

Legalize Medical Marijuana.

S649

Public Records Access - NC Residents Only.

S650

State Pension/Ret. Health Ben. Fund Solvency.-AB

S651

Drivers License/Reciprocity W/Foreign Nation.

S652

Increase Access to Higher Education.

S653

SOG - Study Gubernatorial Transition.

S654

Make NC Better for Business/Revenue Laws.

S655

Change Date When Primary Elections Held.

S656

Electoral Freedom Act of 2017.

S657

Study Hexavalent Chromium in Groundwater.

S658

Charter School Funds.

S659

Secretary of Commerce Confirmation.

S660

Economic Development Incentives Modifications.

S661

Sch. Dist. Hold Harmless/Hurricane Matthew.

S662

Charter School Transportation Grant Program.

S663

The I. Beverly Lake, Jr., Fair Trial Act.

S664

Restore Ed.-Based Salary Supplements.

S665

The I. Beverly Lake, Jr., Fair Trial Act.

S666

Capital Procedure/Severe Disability.

S667

Amend Various Innocence Commission Statutes.

S668

Enhanced Penalty for Second Degree Trespass.

S669

SE NC Ag Events Center/Funds.

S670

Sales Tax Exemption - Agricultural Fairs.

S671

Sales Tax: Manufactured Homes.

S672

Lack of Postmark/Absentee Ballots.

S673

Knight-LeCount Advocacy for Marrow Ed. & Reg.

S674

Sch. Dist. Hold Harmless/Hurricane Matthew.

S675

Lack of Postmark/Absentee Ballots.

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