

North Carolina Legislative Update, March 17, 2017

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This week at the legislature, Senate confirmations continued as committees in both chambers received informational presentations and voted on bills.

Confirmations

Senate committees are continuing the process of confirming Governor Cooper's Cabinet members despite the matter being the subject of a pending lawsuit. This week the Senate confirmed Erik Hooks to be Secretary of Department of Public Safety and Jim Trogdon to be the Secretary of the Department of Transportation. Senate committees also issued subpoenas to two other acting secretaries to appear before them— Machel Sanders, Department of Administration, and Tony Copeland, Department of Commerce. In addition, the Senate also confirmed Darrel Allison to fill the vacant seat on the UNC Board of Governors. Allison is the founding president of Parents for Educational Freedom in North Carolina and is a North Carolina Central University trustee.

Cooper veto (HB100)

Governor Cooper issued his first veto this week, objecting to a bill that would require that the political party of a judicial candidate be listed on the ballot. The bill will now be sent back to the General Assembly where a three-fifths majority from both chambers would be required for the veto to be overridden. With 74 seats in the House and 35 in the Senate, the GOP has a supermajority.

Bathrooms and Basketball (HB328)

In the wake of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) and Atlantic Coast Conference's (ACC) decisions to relocate championship tournaments outside of North Carolina in response to HB2, some House members are now questioning the tax-exempt status of these organizations. Representative Mark Brody (R-Union) has introduced a bill that would require the Speaker of the House and President Pro Tempore of the Senate to file a complaint with the Internal Revenue Service against both the NCAA and ACC, questioning their tax-exempt status.

Bills Filed

House Bills

H323

Honor the Life and Memory of Howard Wilson.

H324

Pilot Project to Treat Opiate Overdose.

H325

Amend Arson Law/Prosecutor Funds.

H326

Military College Plates/Reduce Applications.

H327

NC Board of Proprietary Schools.

H328

Athletic Associations Accountability Act.

H329

Home School Education Tax Credit.

H330

CivPro/Qualified Immunity for Auto Accident.

H331

Correct Board Member Terms/Town of Oakboro.

H332

Morrow Mountain State Park License Plate.

H333

Local Option Sales Tax Flexibility.

H334

Families' Stabilization Act.

H335

Vacancies/NC Sup Ct/Ct of App/Superior Ct/DAs.

H336

Ltd. License/Drive to School Event Past 9:00.

H337

Unmanned Aircraft Systems Law Revisions.

H338

Establish New Nurse Licensure Compact.

H339

North Carolina Teaching Fellows.

H340

Special Separation Allowance for Firefighters.

H341

Unlicensed Driver/Tow Vehicle.

H342

Creedmoor Charter Revised & Consolidated.

H343

Enforcement of DVPO on Appeal.

H344

Exempt Ocular Surgery From CON Laws.

H345

Omnibus Firearms Bill.

H346

School Calendar Flex./Iredell County.

H347

MV Municipal Tax/Exclude Trailers.

H348

Give Retirees 1.5% COLA/Funds.

H349

Currituck-Developer Funds for Road Constr.

H350

Charlotte CRB/Issue Subpoena.

H351

Utilities/Rate Base/Fair Value Determination.

H352

Rate making/Water/Wastewater Public Utilities.

H353

Authorize State Park System Expansion.-AB

H354

Heating & Plumbing Disciplinary Changes.

H355

Firefighters' Death Benefits/Cancers.

H356

Tax Reduction Act of 2017.

H357

Modernize Dietetics/Nutrition Practice Act.

H358

Modernize Respiratory Care Practice Act.

H359

CC/High School Enrollment in CTE Courses.

H360

Harnett Co. Schools/Exam Window.

H361

Coastal Crescent Trail/State Parks System.

H362

Changes to the Juvenile Code.-AB

H363

The Pollinator Protection Act.

H364

Tolling of Misdemeanor Statutes.

H365

Towing MVs With Handicapped Placard/Plate.

H366

Retail Workers' Bill of Rights.

H367

Community Health Centers Grant Program/Funds.

H368

Block MV Reg./Unpaid Parking Fines in W-S.

H369

Community Corrections and Probations.

H370

Interstate Compact Bill.

H371

Agency Powers and Duties/Technical Changes.-AB

H372

School Cal. Flex./Warren County.

H373

DOL/Carolina Star Program.-AB

H374

2017 DOL Technical Changes.-AB

H375

School Cal. Flex./CC.

H376

Subdivision Improvement Guarantee Changes.

H377

School Cal. Flex./Chatham County.

H378

Bertie/Gates County/Ambulance Service.

H379

Task Force on Regulatory Reform.

H380

Winston-Salem Downtown Revitalization.

H381

Winston-Salem Downtown Econ. Development.

H382

Insurance Technical Corrections.-AB

H383

NAIC Model/Own Risk and Solvency Assessment.-AB

H384

Increase Penalties/Organized Retail Theft.

H385

Impaired Hunting/Orange County.

H386

Intensive Family Preservation Services Funds.

H387

Corner Store Initiative.

H388

Modernize Mutual Assistance Statutes.

H389

School Calendar Flexibility Pilot Program.

H390

Counties/Internet Infrastructure.

H391

American Economic Recovery.

H392

Notary Public/Noncitizens.

H393

Mebane Charter Revised & Consolidated.

H394

Correction to Day/Date.

H395

Add Member to NC Training Standards Commiss.

H396

Municipal Broadband Service Area.

H397

Carolina Shores Deannexation.

H398

Brunswick County/Municipal Meals Taxes.

H399

Stop Images Taken W/O Consent From Dissemin.

H400

Exempt Vacation Linen Rentals From Sales Tax.

H401

Supporting Clean Energy/Creating Green Jobs.

H402

Limit Env. Liability for Certain Recyclers.

H403

LME/MCO Claims Reporting/Mental Health Amdts.

H404

Debts to Judgment Debtors/Pay to Sheriff.

Senate Bills

S301

Need-Based Scholarships/Private Colleges.

S302

Concussion Protocol/County Rec.

S303

Use of Passing Lane/Increased Penalty.

S304

Required Financial Audits.

S305

Raise Awareness About Alzheimer's & Dementias.

S306

Subdivide Mecklenburg County District Courts.

S307

Occup. Therapy/Choice of Provider.

S308

Amend Various DWI Statutes.

S309

9/11 as First Responders Day.

S310

Advisory Council Review of Rare Disease Bills.

S311

DHHS Study/Maternal and Neonatal Care.

S312

Surplus Computers for Low-Income Students.

S313

Increase Small Brewery Limits.

S314

Give Retirees 2% COLA/Funds.

S315

Implement UNC Undergrad Completion Plan.

S316

Suicide Prevention/Awareness School Personnel.

S317

Hypertension Awareness Day.

S249

Coyote Bounty Pilot Program.

S250

Judicial Standards Commission.

S251

Privacy/Protect SSN/CHP.

S252

North Carolina Teaching Fellows.

S253

Carteret Co. Bd. of Ed. Partisan Election.

S254

Access to Sports/Extracurr. Certain Students.

S255

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S256

Body Art Regulation Changes.

S257

Appropriations Act of 2017.

S258

Enact Naturopathic Doctors Certification Act.

S259

Restore Master's Degree Pay for All Teachers.

S260

Wake Forest Annexation.

S261

Kannapolis Deannexation.

S262

School Calendar Flex./Certain School Systems.

S263

UNC Board of Governors Vacancy.

S264

38th Senatorial District Local Act-1.

S265

Creedmoor Charter Revised & Consolidated.

S266

Durham Donut Annexations.

S267

20th Senatorial District Local Act-1.

S268

Stormwater/Flood Control Activities.

S269

Durham Speed Device Pilot/School Zones.

S270

Lumberton Riverwalk Funds.

S271

Fair Bluff Visitors Center Funds.

S272

Fair Bluff Town Hall Funds.

S273

Fair Bluff Riverwalk Funds.

S274

Robeson First Responders Training/Funds.

S275

Columbus Swift Water Training/Funds.

S276

Robeson Swift Water Training/Funds.

S277

Robeson County/Local Business Preference.

S278

Pembroke Optometry School Funds.

S279

Change Exclusion for Solar Energy Systems.

S280

Early Literacy Initiative/Funds.

S281

Currituck-Developer Funds for Road Constr.

S282

Hatteras Village Community Center District.

S283

Modify Jacksonville Occupancy Tax.

S284

Property Insurance Fairness.

S285

Require Electoral Districts/City of Asheville.

S286

Amend LEO Recordings: Decision Authority.

S287

16th Senatorial District Local Act-1.

S288

39th Senatorial District Local Act-1.

S289

Town of Sunset Beach/Deannexation.

S290

Medicaid Expansion/Healthcare Jobs Initiative.

S291

NCVPS/Equal Access to Education.

S292

Ordinance Violation Not a Misdemeanor.

S293

Insurance Technical Corrections.-AB

S294

Depopulate Reinsurance Fac./NCRB Opt Out.

S295

NAIC Model/Own Risk and Solvency Assessment.-AB

S296

Road Improvements Adjacent to Schools.

S297

Modernize Dietetics/Nutrition Practice Act.

S298

Mayberry Special Registration Plate.

S299

Habitual Impaired Driving/10-Year Period.

S300

Inclusionary Zoning - Durham.

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Need-Based Scholarships/Private Colleges.

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