

State Government

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H99 - Transfer ALE/Move Boxing Advisory Commission.

Part I: Transfer Ale. (SL 2019-203)

Part I of S.L. 2019-203 relocates the Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch (ALE) from within the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) to create a new Division of the Department of Public Safety and clarifies the jurisdiction of ALE agents. Co-location of SBI/ALE offices will continue until funding is appropriated.

This act became effective October 1, 2019.

H99 - Transfer ALE/Move Boxing Advisory Commission.

Part II: Move Boxing Advisory Commission and Give it Rule-making Authority. (SL 2019-203)

Part II of S.L. 2019-203 transfers the Boxing Advisory Commission from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Commerce; provides that the "Boxing Commission" exercises its powers independently of the Secretary of Commerce; directs the transfer of personnel and funds; and makes conforming changes.

Part II of this act became effective October 1, 2019. Please see the act for more detail.

H100 - DOT Budget for 2019-2021 Biennium. (SL 2019-231)

S.L. 2019-231 enacts a budget with adjustments consistent with House Bill 966 for the Department of Transportation.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective July 1, 2019. Please see S.L. 2019-231 for all applicable effective dates.

H111 - 2019-2021 Base Budgets/Certain Agencies. (SL 2019-242)

S.L. 2019-242 enacts a base budget for certain State agencies, departments, and institutions for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium.

This act became effective July 1, 2019.

H126 - Pay Increases/State Highway Patrol. (SL 2019-210)

S.L. 2019-210 awards legislatively mandated salary increases and special annual leave to the law enforcement officers of the State Highway Patrol.

This act became effective July 1, 2019.

H131 - Repeal Map Act. (SL 2019-35)

S.L. 2019-35 repeals the Transportation Corridor Official Map Act, which authorized the North Carolina Department of Transportation, local governments, and other authorities to adopt maps for future transportation projects and placed restrictions on properties within mapped corridors.

This act became effective June 21, 2019.

H200 - 2019 Storm Recovery/Var. Budget Corrections. (SL 2019-250)

S.L. 2019-250 provides funds for (i) disaster relief from Hurricane Dorian (ii) resiliency measures against future storms, and (iii) the Rural Health Care Stabilization Fund. It also makes corrections to various budget-related bills and enacts certain budget provisions from House Bill 966, 2019 Regular Session.

Sections 3.6 and 3.7 became effective July 1, 2019. Section 3.8 became effective May 16, 2019. The remainder of the act became effective November 18, 2019.

H226 - Pay Increases/State Employees. (SL 2019-209)

S.L. 2019-209 appropriates funds for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium to award public employee benefits increases and legislatively mandated salary increases to state employees, and enacts certain budget provisions from House Bill 966, 2019 Regular Session.

This act has various effective dates. Please see the full act for more detail.

H243 - State Human Resources Act Amendments. (SL 2019-152)

S.L. 2019-152 directs the Office of State Human Resources (OSHR) to provide consultative and technical services to assist State agencies in establishing and administering safety and health programs required by law and monitor compliance with the State Employees Workplace Requirements Program for Safety, Health, and Workers' Compensation. It clarifies that officers and employees of the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System and the Legislative Retirement System are "eligible officers and employees" under the North Carolina Flexible Compensation Plan.

The act became effective July 22, 2019.

H268 - Amend On-Site Wastewater Laws. (SL 2019-151)

S.L. 2019-151 disapproves certain wastewater rules adopted by the North Carolina Commission for Public Health, creates a task force to study and recommend new wastewater rules to the Commission, amends the

approval process for wastewater dispersal systems, and allows soil scientists to approve non-engineered wastewater systems.

This act became effective July 22, 2019.

H325 - Opioid Epidemic Response Act. (SL 2019-159)

S.L. 2019-159 removes the registration requirement for buprenorphine prescribers, decriminalizes the use of drug testing equipment, broadens the objectives of syringe exchange programs, and removes the restriction on using State funds to purchase to purchase needles, hypodermic syringes, or other injection supplies.

This act became effective July 22, 2019.

H370 - Require Cooperation with ICE Detainers. (Ratified)

House Bill 370 would (1) require confinement facilities to comply with detainers and administrative warrants issued by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); (2) authorize the removal of a sheriff or officer from office for failing to comply with ICE detainers, and (3) require confinement facilities to submit annual reports to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety (JPS Oversight) regarding compliance with ICE detainers.

House Bill 370 was ratified by the General Assembly on August 20, 2019, and vetoed by the Governor on August 21, 2019.

H377 - Teacher Step Act.

Sec. 2.5: Principal Recruitment Supplement. (SL 2019-247)

Section 2.5 of S.L. 2019-247 directs the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to establish the Principal Recruitment Supplement Program (Program) to provide time-limited salary supplements to qualifying principals of qualifying schools. A qualifying principal who accepts a position as a principal in a qualifying school will receive an annual salary supplement of \$30,000 as long as the principal stays with that school up to a maximum period of 36 months subject to the following requirements:

- A qualifying principal is not to be excluded in future years from contracting with the same eligible employer or a different eligible employer for another salary supplement.
 - A qualifying principal who works at a qualifying school will continue to receive the salary supplement for up to 36 months even if one or more of the following occur: (i) the principal no longer meets the definition of a qualifying principal; or (ii) the school is no longer an eligible school that meets the definition of a qualifying school.
- The salary supplements are not considered compensation under the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System.

To the extent that funds are available for the Program, DPI must notify eligible employers with one or more eligible schools that they may be selected to participate in the program and the eligible employer must

notify DPI that it wishes to be in the Program. DPI must select up to a statewide total of 40 schools and must prioritize eligible schools with the lowest overall school performance scores. Eligible employers must notify DPI of the principals, schools, and the length of time the qualifying principal will receive the salary supplement. The principals must begin employment by August 1, 2020.

The salary supplements are to supplement and not supplant State and non-State funds already provided for principal compensation. By March 15, 2021 and every year thereafter in which funds are expended under the Program, DPI must report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly on the Program. The report must include:

- The impact of the Program on school performance, including the performance of schools receiving a principal in the Program and schools that lost a principal due to the Program.
- The number of principals participating in the Program.
- The identity of the schools participating in the Program.
- The length and rate of retention of principals with the Program and at specific schools within the Program.

This section became effective July 1, 2019.

H532 - DNCR Add New Trails & Various Changes. (SL 2019-20)

S.L. 2019-20 adds two trails to the State Trails System, makes various technical, clarifying, and conforming changes to the States Parks Act and the North Carolina Trails System Act, and transfers authority to administer the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

This act became effective June 3, 2019.

H590 - Amend Administrative Procedure Laws. (SL 2019-140)

S.L. 2019-140 makes the following changes to State administrative procedure laws:

- Provides that an agency may make certain technical changes to its rules without submitting the changes to the Rules Review Commission.
- Permits the Codifier of Rules to make certain technical changes to an agency's rules.
- Amends the process for the periodic review of rules so that all rules are classified as necessary or unnecessary. Rules classified as necessary are subject to readoption.

The amendments to the process for the periodic review of rules became effective July 19, 2019, and apply to agency rule reports submitted to the Office of Administrative Hearings on or after October 1, 2019. The remainder of the act became effective July 19, 2019.

H609 - Salary Increases/Adult Correctional Employees. (SL 2019-208)

S.L. 2019-208 provides salary increases and other compensation to State employees employed in a position based in one or more State adult correctional facilities as of June 30 of each year of the fiscal biennium.

This act became effective July 1, 2019.

H620 - Street Database/Manual/Public Record Except. (SL 2019-156)

S.L. 2019-156:

- Requires the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) to compile a readily available Public Street Information Database.
- Requires the DOT to update its Subdivision Roads Minimum Construction Standards Manual.
- Amends the public records law to designate proprietary design work, work product, and certain intra-agency communications as confidential during a DOT competitive bid process.

This act became effective July 22, 2019.

H629 - Law Enforcement Mutual Aid. (SL 2019-130)

S.L. 2019-130 authorizes mutual aid agreements between North Carolina law enforcement agencies and out-of-state law enforcement agencies.

The act became effective July 19, 2019.

H675 - 2019 Building Code Regulatory Reform. (SL 2019-174)

S.L. 2019-174 does all of the following:

- Requires the North Carolina Building Code Council (Building Code Council) to:
 - Create a form for inspection certifications by licensed engineers and licensed architects.
 - Conduct a cost-benefit analysis for all proposed changes to the North Carolina Energy Conservation Code.
 - Consult with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to study options for on-site disposal of demolition debris.
- Requires the North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board (Q-Board) to establish a standard certificate for a residential changeout inspector.
- Clarifies the definition of building "component."
- Prohibits cities and counties from requiring:
 - Licensed engineers and licensed architects inspecting building components or elements to submit information other than that required on the inspection certification form.
 - Residential building plans submitted by licensed engineers and licensed architects to be under seal unless required by the North Carolina State Building Code (State Building Code).
 - Developers to bury existing above ground power lines.
 - A minimum square footage for residential structures.
- Requires cities and counties to:
 - Complete initial residential plan reviews within 15 business days.
 - Issue temporary certificates of occupancy in certain circumstances.

- Makes it a Class 2 misdemeanor to falsely claim or suggest that a person, firm, or corporation is a licensed general contractor.
- Exempts, under certain circumstances, temporary motion picture, television, and theater stage sets and scenery from the State Building Code permit requirement.
- Authorizes the Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating, and Fire Sprinkler Contractors to establish and issue a Residential Fire Sprinkler Design License.
- Extends to October 1, 2021, the requirement to report to the Department of Insurance (DOI), any residential framing inspection resulting in 15 or more violations.
- Requires the DOI to issue a guidance paper by October 1, 2019, on the review of residential building plans.

This act has various effective dates, please see the full summary for more detail.

H735 - Adopt Rules Incorporating 2017 Food Code. (SL 2019-129)

S.L. 2019-129 allows the Commission for Public Health to adopt rules to incorporate all or part of the 2017 United States Food and Drug Administration Food Code.

This act became effective July 19, 2019.

H747 - North Carolina Missing Person Information Sharing. (SL 2019-90)

S.L. 2019-90 authorizes law enforcement agencies to enter information from a missing person report or about unidentified persons into the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUS) after 30 days have passed and the person has not been found or identified.

The act became effective October 1, 2019.

H757 - Pender County/Butner Property Transfers. (SL 2019-137)

S.L. 2019-137 requires the State of North Carolina to convey to the Pender County Board of Commissioners, for \$1.00, all its rights, titles, and interests in approximately 100 acres of land to be used as a jail and law enforcement center and to convey to the Town of Butner, for \$1.00, all its rights, titles, and interests in the former Umstead Correctional Center in Butner.

The act became effective July 19, 2019.

H758 - MSD Expansion and Governance/DACS Study. (SL 2019-127)

S.L. 2019-127 requires expansion of a metropolitan sewerage district in certain limited circumstances and upon the Environmental Management Commission finding that the inclusion of the new territory would not adversely affect customer service in the district and would preserve and promote the public health and welfare of the district; and directs the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to study wildlife enhancement, invasive species control, and native habitat restoration on properties managed by the State.

This act became effective July 19, 2019.

H917 - Emergency Declaration/Clarify Rd Closure. (SL 2019-89)

S.L. 2019-89 clarifies that a local declaration of emergency includes the authority to close roads and public vehicular areas to the public within the emergency area during the emergency.

This act became effective July 8, 2019.

H966 - 2019 Appropriations Act. (Ratified)

House Bill 966 would make base budget appropriations for current operations of state agencies, departments, and institutions. This bill has various effective dates. Please see the full bill for more detail.

This bill was ratified by the General Assembly on June 27, 2019 and vetoed by the Governor on June 28, 2019. The veto has not been overridden by the General Assembly, therefore this bill has not become law.

H1001 - Raise the Age Funding. (SL 2019-229)

S.L. 2019-229 (i) increases the number of full-time assistant district attorneys allowed in certain prosecutorial districts, (ii) adjusts the number of district court judges allowed in certain district court districts, and (iii) appropriates funds to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Office of Indigent Defense Services, and the Department of Public Safety to cover costs associated with increased staff and other additional resources needed to implement Section 16D.4 of S.L. 2017-57 ("Raise the Age legislation").

Except as otherwise provided, the act became effective July 1, 2019.

H1014 - 2020 Census VTD Verification Program. (SL 2019-16)

Effective May 29, 2019, S.L. 2019-16 requires the Legislative Services Officer to be responsible for submissions in the Phase 2, Voting District Project, portion of the 2020 federal decennial census.

S55 - Continuing Education for General Contractors. (SL 2019-72)

S.L. 2019-72 establishes a continuing education requirement for general contractors of eight hours per year, effective for licenses renewed on or after January 1, 2020. Of the eight hours, two hours will be a mandatory course and six hours will be elective courses, all of which must be approved by the Board.

S61 - Community Colleges Budget/2019-2021 Biennium. (SL 2019-235)

S.L. 2019-235 makes changes related to the North Carolina Community College System.

Section 3.1: Codify Reorganization Authority of Community Colleges System Office

Section 3.1 of S.L. 2019-235 codifies the authority of the President of the North Carolina Community Colleges System Office to reorganize that office with approval of the State Board of Community Colleges.

This section became effective July 1, 2019.

Section 3.2: Community College Tuition Waiver/Campus Police of Private Institutions of Higher Education

Section 3.2 of S.L. 2019-235 allows the State Board of Community Colleges to provide waivers of tuition and registration fees to the campus police agencies of private institutions of higher education that have been certified by the Attorney General to be campus police agencies pursuant to Chapter 74G of the General Statutes.

This section became effective July 1, 2019, and applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

Section 3.3: North Carolina Career Coaches/Local Matching Funds

Section 3.3 of S.L. 2019-235 makes changes to the requirements for the local matching funds for the North Carolina Career Coach Program (Program).

This section became effective July 1, 2019.

Section 3.4: Community Colleges Earn FTE for Instruction in Local Jails

Section 3.4 of S.L. 2019-235 allows community colleges to earn regular budget full-time equivalents for instruction offered in local jails beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year.

This section became effective July 1, 2019.

Section 3.5: Waive Tuition/Dependents of Fallen Correctional Officers

Section 3.5 of S.L. 2019-235 waives tuition at public universities and community colleges for spouses and dependents of correctional officers killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty.

This section became effective July 1, 2019, and applies beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year.

Section 3.8: Community College System Transition

Section 3.8 of S.L. 2019-235 requires the Community College System Office to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Information to coordinate information technology systems and policies. This section repeals a report due by October 1, 2019, and instead requires a report by February 1, 2020, from the Community College System Office and State CIO to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology and the Fiscal Research Division on the memorandum of understanding.

This section became effective July 1, 2019.

Section 4.1: Education Lottery Scholarship Modifications

Section 4.1 of S.L. 2019-235 increases the threshold for students who are eligible for education lottery scholarships in North Carolina. Under this section, students are considered "needy North Carolina students" if their expected family contribution under federal methodology does not exceed \$6,000. Additionally, this section increases the limit on annual scholarship awards from \$4,000 to \$5,100, including any federal Pell Grant.

This section became effective July 1, 2019, and applies beginning with the award of scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic year.

S77 - Ag Disaster Fund/Certain Counties. (SL 2019-3)

S.L. 2019-3 provided an opportunity for farmers in a county that, between January 31, 2019, and February 15, 2019, was designated under a Presidential or Secretarial disaster declaration, to apply for recovery under the Hurricane Florence Agriculture Disaster Program of 2018.

This act became effective March 8, 2019, and expired on the date that the Department processed all applications validly received during the ten business day application period.

S118 - Prison Safety/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) State Plan/Clarifications. (SL 2019-223)

S.L. 2019-223 (i) makes various appropriations totaling \$4,471,149 in nonrecurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year for the costs associated with listed prison safety expenditures, (ii) requires quarterly reporting to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety starting on November 1, 2019, and until the end of the 2019-2021 biennium, delivered by the Department of Public Safety regarding listed prison reform initiatives, (iii) revises descriptive language regarding funds referenced in House Bill 966 of the 2019 Regular Session and other salary and benefits bills enacted in 2019 by using the term departmental receipts, and (iv) approves the 2019-2022 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) State Plan.

This act became effective July 1, 2019.

S127 - Protect Governmental Accountability. (SL 2019-80)

S.L. 2019-80 extends whistleblower protection to persons reporting improper government activity to agents and employees of legislative panels duly appointed by the President Pro Tempore and/or the Speaker of the House designated to conduct inquiries on their behalf, and requires State officers, agents, agencies, and departments to provide information upon request to legislative panels and their agents and employees.

This act became effective July 4, 2019.

S148 - Public Records/Release of LEO Recordings. (SL 2019-48)

S.L. 2019-48 amends G.S. 132-1.4A to clarify a law enforcement agency's responsibility to disclose and release certain recordings.

This act became effective on June 26, 2019.

S220 - Removal of Political Signs by Citizens. (SL 2019-119)

S.L. 2019-119 does all of the following:

- Deems abandoned any political sign remaining in the public right-of-way more than 40 days after the primary or election day, and authorizes a citizen to remove and dispose of the abandoned sign without penalty. This section became effective December 1, 2019.
- Requires county boards of elections to provide at least 36 hours prior to the opening of polls for political advertising to be placed and at least 36 hours after the close of polls for political advertising to be removed at publicly owned polling places. This section became effective December 1, 2019.
- Authorizes the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections to reduce the canvass period in the 2019 municipal elections, to resolve any conflicts in the election schedule. This section became effective July 11, 2019, and expired November 7, 2019.

S255 - State Board Construction Contract Claim. (SL 2019-39)

S.L. 2019-39 imposes deadlines for issuance of a final written decision by the Director of the Office of State Construction, effective January 1, 2020, for both of the following:

- A contractor's verified written claim for amounts due under a completed building construction or repair contract with the State, a State board or commission, a State institution, or a State agency.
- A contractor's verified written claim for amounts due under a completed building construction or repair contract with a community college board of trustees.

S313 - Perf. Guar. to Streamline Afford. Housing. (SL 2019-79)

S.L. 2019-79 makes various changes to State law concerning performance guarantees for the successful completion of required improvements.

This act became effective July 4, 2019, and applies to performance guarantees issued on or after that date.

S316 - Affordable Housing. (SL 2019-144)

S.L. 2019-144 directs municipalities with a population of at least 90,000 to report to the General Assembly on local government funding, subsidies, and activities related to affordable housing.

The act became effective July 19, 2019.

S354 - Strengthening Educators' Pay Act. (Ratified)

Senate Bill 354 would provide (i) legislatively mandated compensation increases for certain public school employees, consistent with House Bill 966 of the 2019 Regular Session, and (ii) contingent on House Bill 966 becoming law, additional legislatively mandated compensation increases for certain educational employees and increased funding for tuition grants for graduates of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics.

SB 354 was ratified by the General Assembly on October 31, 2019, and vetoed by the Governor on November 8, 2019.

S355 - Land-Use Regulatory Changes. (SL 2019-111)

Part I of S.L. 2019-111 makes various changes to the land-use regulatory laws of the State, and became effective on July 11, 2019.

Part II of S.L. 2019-111 reorganizes and consolidates existing statutes governing local government regulation of land planning and development into a new Chapter 160D of the General Statutes. Part II also makes various changes to these laws. Part II of this act also clarifies and restates the intent of existing law.

Part II becomes effective January 1, 2021, and applies to local government development regulation decisions made on or after that date. Insofar as Part II clarifies and restates the intent of existing law, it applies to ordinances adopted before, on, and after that date.

This act has various effective dates. Please see the full summary for more detail.

S356 - DOT Cash and Accountability. (SL 2019-251)

S.L. 2019-251 implements budget stabilization and financial transparency measures for the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective November 18, 2019.

S381 - Reconstitute/Clarify Boards and Commissions. (SL 2019-32)

S.L. 2019-32 reconstitutes several boards and commissions that were held to have unconstitutionally appointed memberships, makes corrections to remedy those deficiencies, and makes other clarifying changes.

This act became effective July 1, 2019. All rules, regulations, and decisions made by the predecessor boards and authorities reconstituted in this act must remain in full force and effect until and unless duly modified by the successor entities.

S429 - Disaster Recovery - 2019 Budget Provisions. (SL 2019-224)

S.L. 2019-224 contains identical appropriations and allocations for disaster recovery matters that are contained in the 2019 Appropriations Act (HB 966, 2019 Regular Session).

This act has various effective dates. Please see the full summary for more detail.

S433 - DNCR Omnibus & Other Changes. (SL 2019-241)

S.L. 2019-241 amends State law as follows:

- Makes various changes to the statutes governing the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR).
- Removes certain lands from the State Nature and Historic Preserve, as recommended by DNCR.
- Directs the NC Policy Collaboratory (Collaboratory) to create an inventory of aqueous film-forming foam currently in use by North Carolina fire departments and develop a process for the safe collection and disposal of unneeded foam.
- Extends the deadline for Collaboratory study on nontargeted PFAS analysis.
- Makes other various changes to certain effective dates and certain funding for disaster recovery and emergency operating funds for utilities.
- Adjusts for inflation the threshold for Department of Administration approval of State leases.
- Clarifies and amends the septic tank site suitability determination process.

This act became effective November 6, 2019, except that the section of the act pertaining to certain State park violations became effective December 1, 2019 and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

S466 - EDPNC Modifications. (SL 2019-50)

S.L. 2019-50 modifies the duties that may be performed by the North Carolina Department of Commerce (Department) and the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC); broadens the notice requirements for new or changed EDPNC contracts; makes changes to the EDPNC governing board requirements; modifies EDPNC contract terms relating to the renewal of contracts, fundraising requirements, and other conforming changes.

This act has various effective dates. Please see the full summary for more detail.

S478 - Modify Appointment Reporting/Industrial Commission Terms. (SL 2019-167)

S.L. 2019-167 modifies the reporting requirement for gender-proportionate appointments to certain boards and commissions and modifies the appointment process for, and term of office of, the chairman and vice-chairman of the North Carolina Industrial Commission (NCIC).

This act became effective July 26, 2019.

S525 - Textile Hist. Site/Operate SE NC Museum. (SL 2019-118)

S.L. 2019-188 directs the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) to determine the feasibility of creating a State historic site or State museum focused on the State's textile production and industrial history, determine the feasibility of operating a museum in southeastern North Carolina, and report its findings and recommendations by May 1, 2020 or October 1, 2020. The act allows DNCR to use up to \$20,000 in funds appropriated to it for the 2018-2019 fiscal year for some of the evaluations and reports required by this act.

This act became effective July 11, 2019.

S535 - Authorize State Park/Clarify Corps Name. (SL 2019-138)

S.L. 2019-138 authorizes the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) to add Pisgah View State Park to the State Parks System, and updates the General Statutes to reflect a conservation group's name change.

This act became effective July 19, 2019.

S553 - Regulatory Reform Act of 2019. (Ratified)

Senate Bill 553 would amend several State laws as follows:

- Raise the dollar threshold for contracts exempted from the conflict-of-interest prohibition for public employees benefitting from public contracts from \$40,000 to \$60,000 for goods and services that are not medically related.
- Direct the Building Code Council to amend the Building Code and Plumbing Code for certain regulations concerning drinking fountains and water closets.
- Direct the Building Code Council to amend the Fire Prevention Code to allow certain doorstep garbage and recycling containers.
- Require all occupational licensing boards with continuing education requirements to study and report on any available options for online continuing education.
- Exempt Onslow and Rockingham Counties from the list of counties required to conduct vehicle emissions testing.
- Create a process for counties to permit temporary event venues in certain situations.

- Require NC Pre-K operators to provide parents with information pertaining to public and private school choices in their county or any other county.
- Clarify landfill life-of-site franchise requirements.
- Repurpose pre-regulatory landfill funds.
- Direct the Department of Environmental Quality to study and report on express permitting expansion for certain programs.
- Extend the deadline for Coastal Area Management Act Emergency General Permits authorized in response to Hurricanes Florence and Michael to October 12, 2019, with all work to be completed by October 12, 2020.
- Provide additional criteria for determining priority for grants from the Wastewater Reserve or the Drinking Water Reserve.
- Amend the septic tank site suitability determination process.
- Establish a process to identify and assess distressed public water and wastewater systems and create a Viable Utility Fund within the Department of Environmental Quality to be used to assist distressed systems to become self-sustaining.
- Expand the architectural license exemption for small commercial projects.
- Direct the Department of Revenue to provide information to the Revenue Laws Study Committee concerning the property taxation of outdoor signs.
- Require that electric membership cooperatives and their subsidiaries comply with applicable notice, safety, and permitting requirements when constructing or maintaining broadband lines.
- Authorize cities to require that manufactured homes be installed in accordance with certain standards, but prohibit cities from requiring masonry curtain walls or skirting being installed on manufactured homes on land leased to the homeowner.
- Authorize the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue a limited registration plate to a vehicle owner in certain situations.
- Require that the State Board of Elections certify voting systems only if a performance bond or letter of credit has been posted.
- Allow a dealer to sell, without a safety inspection, a salvage-titled vehicle in certain circumstances.
- Direct the Division of Motor Vehicles to study whether the laws governing salvage vehicles should be revised to protect consumers from unsafe vehicles.
- Allow the sale of alcoholic beverages at certain stadiums.
- Direct the Division of Emergency Management within the Department of Public Safety to study the needs of law enforcement and first responders to improve access to the interstate system.
- Make technical changes to the statutes governing the North Carolina Board of Architecture and the criteria necessary to sit for the architecture licensure exam.
- Add aquaculture to the uses that may be made of flood hazard areas without a permit.
- Clarify that proof of mailing is sufficient proof of notice for certain insurance policy or renewal cancellations by the insurer.
- Allow the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to use funds appropriated to it to provide a non-federal match for any project that has been or will be approved for funding by the USDA Emergency Watershed Protection Act.

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on September 20, 2019, has not been overridden by the General Assembly, and, therefore, has not become law.

S556 - GSC People First Language 2019. (SL 2019-76)

Parts I and II of S.L. 2019-76 implement People First drafting by changing the phrase "mental retardation" to "intellectual disability" or "intellectual or other developmental disability" in statutes relating to the

provision of services and makes further People First language, technical, and clarifying amendments in those statutes.

Additionally, S.L. 2019-76 adjusts the General Statutes Commission (Commission) membership by:

- removing an appointment to the Commission by the dean of the Charlotte School of Law because of the school's closure;
- deleting a provision that applied only to the original appointments to the Commission and is now obsolete;
- adjusting the beginning and ending dates of appointments to the Commission to align more closely with the Commission's work year;
- resolving ambiguous language dealing with vacancies on the Commission and clarifies what procedure applies; and
- making conforming amendments to these changes.

S574 - Study Establish Gaming Comm/Sports Betting. (SL 2019-217)

S.L. 2019-27 authorizes the North Carolina State Lottery Commission (Commission) to study gaming including authorizing and regulating sports betting, on-site betting at horse steeplechases, and the creation of a commission to provide oversight of gaming. The Commission must contract with an independent third party to conduct research for the study and report findings, recommendations, and any legislation to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on the State Lottery on or before April 15, 2020.

This act became effective September 4, 2019.

S594 - Register of Deeds Updates. (SL 2019-117)

S.L. 2019-117 does the following:

- Clarifies standards and requirements for registration of certain records with the Register of Deeds.
- Makes changes to the prohibition on filing false liens.
- Provides suggested forms for the registration of assumed business names.
- Makes various conforming changes.

The section of the act pertaining to the filing of a false lien became effective December 1, 2019. The remainder of the act became effective October 1, 2019, and applies to instruments, certificates, and amended certificates submitted on or after that date.

S600 - Vets Children/Short-Term Workforce Training. (SL 2019-214)

S.L. 2019-214, Sec. 1, allows children of wartime veterans receiving a Class I-A, I-B or IV children of wartime veterans scholarship to use those funds to cover the cost of short-term workforce training courses leading to industry credentials.

Section 1 became effective September 4, 2019, and applies to scholarships awarded beginning with the 2019 2020 academic year.

S.L. 2019-214, Sec. 2 modifies the definition of a regional public safety answering point (PSAP) to include PSAPs operated through an intergovernmental support agreement by local governments with a major military installation.

Section 2 became effective September 4, 2019, and applies to distributions for PSAPs the 2019-2020 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years.

S605 - Highway Storm Recovery Act. (SL 2019-15)

S.L. 2019-15 transfers funds to the Department of Transportation to be used as a loan for cash flow needs as a result of disaster recovery.

This act became effective May 16, 2019.

S610 - Authorize Northern Peaks Trail. (SL 2019-74)

S.L. 2019-74 authorizes the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to add the proposed Northern Peaks State Trail to the State Parks System.

This act became effective July 1, 2019.