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Weekly Legislative Report

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The North Carolina General Assembly adjourned the Regular Session on June 30, 2017 and will reconvene next Wednesday, May 16, 2018. The 2018 Session is a continuation of the 2017 Session and is commonly referred to as the "short session."

The main responsibility of this year's General Assembly will be to focus on any adjustments that might be needed to the State Budget. Last year's General Assembly adopted a two-year budget and this year's General Assembly will be making various adjustments and changes to the budget as they determine to be appropriate. Budget committees will be meeting soon. It has been reported that revenue is coming in well, so the legislature will have to decide whether to spend the extra money, save the extra money, or a little of both.

As always, the first week of the Session includes much talk about the General Assembly adopting a budget before the new fiscal year begins on July 1st and then trying to adjourn this "short session" as soon thereafter as possible. Only time will tell whether or not they can meet these two goals. Many legislators have commented that they intend to avoid any controversial issues this Session, but whether or not they will be able to do so is unclear.

The North Carolina Sheriffs' Association prepares Weekly Legislative Reports at the end of each week that the North Carolina General Assembly is in session. The Reports detail legislation that is of special interest to sheriffs, sheriffs' office personnel and other law enforcement officers and criminal justice professionals in our State.

If you would like a copy of any of the legislation introduced or considered by this year's General Assembly, copies are available on the General Assembly's website: www.ncleg.net.

You may also receive one copy of as many bills as you are interested in, free of charge, by calling the General Assembly's Printed Bills office at (919) 733-5648. They will need to know if it is a House bill or a Senate bill and the bill number. (For example, Senate Bill 8).

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