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While there have been some committee meetings and public activity at the General Assembly this week, there has not been a tremendous amount of public activity. Most of the activity has been behind closed doors with Senate leadership continuing to draft their version of the State budget bill.

It has been reported that the Senate will hold a press conference next Tuesday, May 28th, regarding the Senate version of the State budget bill. It is anticipated that the Senate version of the budget bill will be released at that time and will be followed by a public review in the various Senate Appropriations Committees. The committee of most interest to criminal justice professionals is the Senate Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety Committee.

It is likely that the Senate version of the State budget bill will be approved next week and this will set the stage for the House and Senate leadership to begin their negotiations to resolve the differences between the House and Senate versions.

On Thursday the House had no bills scheduled for consideration and the Senate considered five bills. The House and Senate will be off for the Memorial Day holiday on Monday and will resume their activities next Tuesday.

BILL STATUS

[HOUSE BILL 363](#), [Craft Beer Distribution & Modernization Act](#), which is summarized in the March 15, 2019 Weekly Legislative Report, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Roy Cooper for his signature.

[HOUSE BILL 929](#), [Gaming Commission](#), which is summarized in the April 18, 2019 Weekly Legislative Report, would establish the North Carolina Gaming Commission (currently the North Carolina Lottery Commission) whose responsibilities would include overseeing the operation of gaming in North Carolina. The bill has been amended to clarify that if the bill is enacted into law, any pending investigations or prosecutions brought before the Lottery Commission would remain valid and would not be affected by the transfer of the Lottery Commission to the newly created Gaming Commission.

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