

North Carolina Sheriffs' Association

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Weekly Legislative Report

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While sheriffs often see their legislators on the campaign trail and at community events “back home,” they do not frequently have the opportunity to visit with them on the legislative turf of the General Assembly in Raleigh. On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, sheriffs from across North Carolina met in Raleigh for the Association’s annual Legislative Day event which allows them to meet and mingle with each other, and more importantly, with their local legislative delegation. Sheriffs met with each other Tuesday afternoon to discuss pending legislation important to the Office of Sheriff and the law enforcement profession and also prepared to meet with legislators on Wednesday.

On Wednesday morning Sheriffs descended on downtown Raleigh and the legislative complex just as the legislative day got underway. They made their way through both legislative buildings to meet with senators and representatives who represent their counties. Sheriffs discussed important legislative issues with their legislators and some even took a brief moment to take a photograph with each other. In addition to these valuable and informative meetings, some sheriffs were fortunate enough to be able to attend a committee meeting where a bill of interest was being heard and were able to witness a portion of the legislative process.

The House and Senate adjourned on Thursday and will reconvene on Monday, June 7.

BILL STATUS

[SENATE BILL 43](#), [Protect Religious Meeting Places](#), which is summarized in the February 5, 2021 Weekly Legislative Report, has been amended in the House to allow a civilian employee of a law enforcement agency with a concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun in a law enforcement facility or correctional facility so long as the person has been designated in writing by the agency head to carry the handgun. The agency head would be allowed to rescind this authorization at any time.

Currently, civilian employees may not carry a concealed handgun inside a law enforcement facility or a correctional facility, even with a valid concealed handgun permit.

[SENATE BILL 255](#), [2021 AOC Legislative Changes.-AB](#), has been amended in the House to require sheriffs to pay money collected on an execution immediately to the clerk’s office of the issuing court. Currently, a sheriff may pay the money collected on an execution either to the plaintiff directly or to the clerk of court.

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