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Weekly Legislative Report

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For the second week in a row after the General Assembly's Independence Day break, things were relatively quiet in and around the legislative complex in Raleigh. The House held a few committee meetings to consider a small number of bills. Discussions were still taking place behind closed doors in the House regarding budget negotiations.

The Senate focused its efforts on moving a few bills through committee this week and continues to wait on the House to present its final budget.

The House adjourned on Wednesday and the Senate adjourned on Thursday. Both will reconvene on Monday, July 26. However, there are no bills currently scheduled for consideration on Monday and only one committee meeting currently scheduled for next week.

Many legislators will be out of town much of next week attending a national conference, so it is likely there will not be many committee meetings held or bills publicly debated next week. Nevertheless, individual discussions between legislators on important bills will no doubt continue throughout the week, including at the national conference.

BILL STATUS

[HOUSE BILL 312, Qualifications for Sheriff/Expunction](#), which is summarized in the April 2, 2021 Weekly Legislative Report, would further clarify the qualifications for the Office of Sheriff to ensure that the candidate or appointee may not have a felony conviction, even if that conviction has been expunged.

The bill has passed the House, passed the Senate with amendment and has been sent back to the House for consideration of the Senate amendment. The bill, as amended in the Senate, would become effective October 1, 2021, if enacted into law.

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