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Weekly Legislative Report

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The General Assembly began their week shrouded in sadness as they learned of the sudden passing of their colleague, Representative Jerry Carter of Rockingham County. Representative Carter was in his second term and was well respected by his fellow legislators.

In addition to the loss of Representative Carter, members also learned of the passing of Senate Sergeant-at-Arms Frances Patterson. Mrs. Patterson passed away unexpectedly over the weekend at her home.

This week also saw the passing of two beloved sheriffs. The House Appropriations Justice and Public Safety Subcommittee acknowledged and expressed their sympathies for the passing of Richmond County Sheriff James E. Clemmons, Jr., who passed away unexpectedly at home on Thursday and Jones County Sheriff Danny R. Heath, who passed away unexpectedly at home on Monday.

While members and staff mourned their colleagues and friends, they also proceeded with the business of the State. On Thursday of this week, each House Appropriations committee met for at least a portion of the morning and some into Thursday afternoon to review and release their projected budgets and to consider amendments to them before those committee budgets are submitted to the full Appropriations Committee for release in the House budget bill early next week. According to one member who spoke during session on Wednesday, expectations are that the Appropriations Committee hearing on the House budget will take at least one day and maybe two.

Based on the progress made this week related to the House's version of the budget, it is likely that next week's Weekly Legislative Report will contain numerous provisions in the House budget bill that are of significant interest to the Office of Sheriff and the criminal justice community.

The House and Senate adjourned on Thursday and will reconvene on Monday, August 9, 2021.

BILL STATUS

[HOUSE BILL 312, Qualifications for Sheriff/Expunction](#), which is summarized in the July 23, 2021 Weekly Legislative Report, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Roy Cooper for his signature.

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