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Weekly Legislative Report

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All reports from the General Assembly this week are that the legislative map drawing process is closer to producing a finished product. This re-draw will create a 14th United States Congressional District allotted to North Carolina due to population growth over the past decade.

In addition, information continues to support that budget negotiations between House and Senate leaders and Governor Roy Cooper are continuing. The question on everyone's mind is how long are legislative leaders willing to negotiate with Governor Cooper?

With candidate filing deadlines opening in early December and the redistricting process drawing closer to a conclusion as each day passes, will legislative leaders continue to negotiate with Governor Cooper, will they pass a budget and hope to override a potential veto by the Governor, or will they consider passing a series of "mini-budgets" as they did in 2019? Only time will tell.

The House and Senate adjourned on Thursday and will reconvene on Monday, October 25th.

BILL STATUS

[HOUSE BILL 761](#), Police Vehicle and Equipment Protection Act, which is summarized in the October 8, 2021 Weekly Legislative Report, has been signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper with an effective date of December 1, 2021 and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

[SENATE BILL 311](#), No Waiting Period Under LGERS/VFDF Grants, which is summarized in the March 19, 2021 Weekly Legislative Report, has passed the House with amendment and has been sent back to the Senate for consideration of the House amendment.

The bill would prohibit employers participating in the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) from imposing a waiting period on law enforcement officers before they become members of the Retirement System if they are otherwise eligible for membership. The bill was amended in the House to provide this same protection to all local government employees.

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