

North Carolina Sheriffs' Association

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Weekly Legislative Report

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Official celebrations to honor veterans have taken place in the United States in some form since the first part of the twentieth century. What we celebrate as Veterans' Day was first observed by President Woodrow Wilson on November 11, 1919 and was called "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was meant to honor those who served in World War I.

In 1938, President Calvin Coolidge made November 11 a national holiday. In June 1954, the name of the holiday we celebrate on November 11 was changed by congressional act from Armistice Day to Veterans' Day. Today, Veterans' Day is a day when Americans pause to honor all men and women who have ever served in a branch of the United States Armed Forces during war or during peace time.

It is important to note that many veterans in our State not only served their country as members of the Armed Forces but continued their service to the people as leaders at the State and local level. Many sheriffs and law enforcement officers who served in the United States Armed Forces are currently serving their local communities as public servants in the law enforcement profession. In addition, many members of the North Carolina House of Representatives and North Carolina Senate are veterans. Take time to thank those in your communities who continue to serve.

The House and Senate adjourned on Friday and will reconvene on Monday, November 15th.

BILL STATUS

[SENATE BILL 311](#), No Waiting Period Under LGERS/VFDF Grants, which is summarized in the October 22, 2021 Weekly Legislative Report, has been signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper with an effective date of December 1, 2021 for most provisions.

The bill prohibits employers participating in the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) from imposing a waiting period on law enforcement officers or any other local government employee before they become members of the Retirement System if they are otherwise eligible for membership in LGERS. The bill clarifies that law enforcement officers and local government employees who are full-time, permanent employees as defined in North Carolina's retirement statutes must be entered into the Retirement System as of their date of hire.

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