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Weekly Legislative Report

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Legislators wasted no time this week calling for a vote on Tuesday to override the Governor's veto of a controversial abortion bill. The veto override was successful and, not surprisingly, fell along party lines. This is the second veto override vote that the General Assembly has taken this Session. As astute readers of the Weekly Legislative Report will recall, the Governor's veto of Senate Bill 41, Guarantee 2nd Amend Freedom and Protections, was overridden by the General Assembly on March 29, 2023.

The veto override was not the only big-ticket item being discussed this week. The Senate also published their version of the budget this week. It is not identical to the House version, and it will undoubtedly require a few more weeks of negotiation between House and Senate leadership to come up with a compromise budget bill with which both chambers can be happy. There were very few committee meetings this week and only a few have been scheduled for next week. It seems that the budget will be the focus of legislators, at least in the short term.

The House and Senate adjourned Thursday and will reconvene on Monday, May 22, 2023.

BILL STATUS

[HOUSE BILL 259](#), 2023 Appropriations Act, which is summarized in the April 7, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has been amended in the Senate and has been sent back to the House for consideration of the Senate amendments. The bill would make various appropriations and changes to the laws affecting the State. The Association will provide a thorough analysis and summary of the bill's relevant provisions if the bill is enacted into law.

[SENATE BILL 20](#), Care for Women, Children, and Families Act, which is summarized in the May 5, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has been enacted into law by the General Assembly. The bill was vetoed by Governor Roy Cooper on May 14, 2023. On May 16, 2023, the veto was overridden by the General Assembly. Among other provisions of law, the bill creates the new criminal offense of "Misdemeanor crime of domestic violence," effective December 1, 2023 and applicable to offenses committed on or after that date.

[SENATE BILL 206](#), Control Sub./Opioid/Vaccine/At Home Omnibus, which is summarized in the March 10, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has been approved by the General Assembly and has been sent to Governor Roy Cooper for his signature.

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