

# North Carolina Sheriffs' Association

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Weekly Legislative Report

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The week before the much-anticipated Memorial Day holiday was fairly ordinary. This past week the daily business at the General Assembly moved at a leisurely summer pace as everyone eagerly awaited movement from both chambers on a final version of the budget. While committee meetings have been limited, and sessions have been short, legislators have been in town attending to their duties, attending committee meetings, and meeting with individuals interested in their legislation.

Whether you head to the beach or to the mountains or just stay at home to enjoy this holiday weekend, remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to keep our country safe, as well as those law enforcement officers who will be working 24/7 this weekend to keep our roads and communities safe.

The House and Senate adjourned on Friday and will reconvene on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> after observing the Memorial Day holiday.

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## BILL STATUS

[HOUSE BILL 87](#), [DA May Petition for Probation Modifications](#), has been amended in the Senate to rename the bill “Probation Modifications/Sheriff Authority.” The bill, as amended, would allow all sheriffs to contract for the purchase of food and food services supplies for the detention facility without being required to go through the formal or informal bidding process normally required by law.

Currently, only the sheriffs of 35 specified counties are not required to go through the formal or informal bidding process for food and food services contracts for the detention facility.

[HOUSE BILL 347](#), [Sports Wagering](#), which is summarized in the March 17, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has been amended in the Senate to rename the bill “Sports Wagering/Horse Racing Wagering.” The bill, as amended, would authorize and regulate wagering on the outcome of horse races. Of interest to the criminal justice community, the bill, as amended, would:

1. Define “pari-mutuel wager or pari-mutuel wagering” as a form of wagering on the outcome of horse races, whether live, simulcast at a simulcast facility, or previously run, in which wagers are made on one or more horses and all wagers are pooled and held by the host of the race or the advance deposit account wager (ADW) licensee for distribution.

2. Make it a misdemeanor for any person to engage in pari-mutuel wagering except as specified in the bill.
3. Make it a misdemeanor for any person under the age of 21 to engage in pari-mutuel wagering.
4. Make it a felony to knowingly attempt to suborn, collude, or conspire to influence the outcome of any competition or aspect of any competition that is the subject of pari-mutuel wagering.
5. Make it a felony for an applicant for an ADW license to willfully furnish, supply, or otherwise give false information on the application.

[SENATE BILL 203](#), Authorize Skateboard Restrictions/Polk County, which is summarized in the March 10, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has been approved by the General Assembly and became effective on May 25, 2023. This bill applies only to Polk County. Since the bill applies to fewer than 15 counties, it is considered a local bill and therefore does not require the signature of the Governor to become law. Rather, this local bill became law when it was approved by the General Assembly.

[SENATE BILL 206](#), Control Sub./Opioid/Vaccine/At Home Omnibus, which is summarized in the March 10, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has been signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper with various effective dates set out in the bill.

[SENATE BILL 276](#), Union County/Use Wheel Locks, which is summarized in the March 10, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has been approved by the General Assembly and became effective on May 25, 2023. This bill applies only to Union County. Since the bill applies to fewer than 15 counties, it is considered a local bill and therefore does not require the signature of the Governor to become law. Rather, this local bill became law when it was approved by the General Assembly.

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