

North Carolina Sheriffs' Association

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Weekly Legislative Report

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On Thursday, the Senate remembered former Senator Stan Bingham by adopting a resolution in his honor and memory. Former Senator Bingham served as a member of the North Carolina Senate representing Davidson County from 2000-2016. Many of former Senator Bingham's family members were in attendance for the honor and heard current senators who served with him share some of their favorite memories of their former colleague.

Among his many legislative accomplishments, former Senator Bingham was the lead proponent of a constitutional amendment that prevents a convicted felon from serving as sheriff in North Carolina. He was also a recipient of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association's Defender of Public Safety Award. The award is given to legislators who take a leading role in active support of the Association's positions on legislative bills and issues of importance to the sheriffs of North Carolina and to the citizens of our great state.

What stood out among all the statements given by current members was that former Senator Bingham: made forming relationships with people a priority, was a hard worker, was an adventurer, loved cheap hot dogs, inexpensive clothes and ties, met everyone with a smile, told tall (but true) tales, always ate ice cream at the beginning of his meals (and sometimes again at the end), and had a giving heart. One member gave him what seemed to be the highest compliment of the day and said that former Senator Bingham embodied the definition of a "good man."

The House and Senate adjourned on Thursday and will reconvene on Monday, June 19, 2023.

BILL STATUS

[HOUSE BILL 6](#), Uniformed Heroes Voting Act, which is summarized in the January 27, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has passed the House and has been sent to the Senate for consideration.

[HOUSE BILL 34](#), Protect Those Who Serve and Protect Act, which is summarized in the February 3, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has been amended in the Senate to make it a Class D felony to assault an emergency worker with a deadly weapon with intent to kill or inflicting serious injury. The amendment would define "emergency worker" as a law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, or medical responder for purposes of this criminal offense.

[HOUSE BILL 116](#), Modify Laws Affecting District Attorneys, which is summarized in the February 17, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has been signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper

with various effective dates set out in the bill.

[HOUSE BILL 140](#), Civilian Traffic Investigators, which is summarized in the February 17, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has passed the General Assembly and has been sent to Governor Roy Cooper for his signature.

[HOUSE BILL 186](#), Div. of Juvenile Justice Mods.-AB, which is summarized in the February 24, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has passed the Senate with amendment and has been sent back to the House for consideration of the Senate amendment.

[HOUSE BILL 192](#), 2023 Wildlife Resources Changes.-AB, which is summarized in the June 9, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has passed the Senate with amendment and has been sent back to the House for consideration of the Senate amendment.

[HOUSE BILL 193](#), Various Court Changes 2023.-AB, which is summarized in the February 24, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has been amended in the Senate and renamed AOC Ct Changes/Amd Expunction. The amendment adds the offense of felony breaking or entering to the list of nonviolent felonies eligible for expunction.

The amendment would allow a person to file a petition for expunction of one felony breaking and entering conviction after 15 years from the date of conviction or the expiration of any active sentence, period of probation, or post-release supervision imposed for the conviction, whichever is later. Currently, a person can file a petition for expunction of one nonviolent felony from the current list of felony offenses eligible for expunction after 10 years.

[HOUSE BILL 347](#), Sports Wagering/Horse Racing Wagering, which is summarized in the March 17, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has been signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper with various effective dates set out in the bill.

[HOUSE BILL 611](#), Modify Training/Standards Commissions Power, has been amended in the Senate and has been sent back to the House for consideration of the Senate amendment. The amendment would prohibit the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission and the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission (the Commissions) from denying, suspending, or revoking a person's certification based on a felony conviction which has been expunged if that felony was a non-violent or low-level felony committed by a person under the age of 18.

[SENATE BILL 58](#), Protect Critical Infrastructure, which is summarized in the February 3, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has been approved by the General Assembly with amendment and has been sent to Governor Roy Cooper for his signature. The amendment would make it a felony to willfully injure, destroy, or pull down any broadcast telecommunications poles, equipment, or fixtures.

[SENATE BILL 582](#), North Carolina Farm Act of 2023, which is summarized in the April 7, 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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