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Weekly Legislative Report

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It is officially summer and it seems the budget that everyone was so optimistic might be finished by July 1 is nowhere close to completion. It is not for lack of work and effort on the part of leadership as there appears to be ongoing conversations about the budget each day. In fact, House Speaker Tim Moore indicated Thursday in his remarks to the House that although work still needed to be done on the budget, decision makers would be having meetings after session while the rest of the members headed back to their districts for the weekend.

This is also the time of session where every bill is subject to being amended to include provisions that legislators want to ensure get passed. A three-page bill may go into committee and come out an eight-page bill after the amendments of legislators are added. Lobbyists and folks with interest in a bill must have an eagle eye to be sure language that benefits their clients does not “accidentally” get amended right out of a bill.

The House announced on Thursday that they would be taking a break the week of the July 4th Independence Day holiday in just over a week. The Senate has not yet made that announcement, but it is expected.

The House and Senate adjourned on Thursday and will reconvene on Monday, June 26, 2023.

BILL STATUS

[HOUSE BILL 34](#), Protect Those Who Serve and Protect Act, which is summarized in the February 3, 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 87](#), Probation Modifications/Sheriff Authority, which is summarized in the May 26, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has been signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper. The law allows all sheriffs to contract for the purchase of food and food services supplies for any detention facility (jail) without being required to go through the formal or informal bidding process normally required by law. This provision of law became effective June 16, 2023.

[HOUSE BILL 168](#), DNCR Agency Bill.-AB, which is summarized in the February 24, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has been approved by the General Assembly and has been sent to Governor Roy Cooper for his signature.

[HOUSE BILL 192](#), [2023 Wildlife Resources Changes.-AB](#), which is summarized in the June 9, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has been approved by the General Assembly and has been sent to Governor Roy Cooper for his signature.

[HOUSE BILL 605](#), [School Threat Assessment Teams](#), which is summarized in the April 14, 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 611](#), [Modify Training/Standards Commissions Power](#), which is summarized in the June 16, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has been approved by the General Assembly and has been sent to Governor Roy Cooper for his signature.

[HOUSE BILL 790](#), [Innocence Inquiry Commission Provisions](#), has been amended in the Senate and has been sent back to the House for consideration of the Senate amendment. The amended bill includes provisions that are substantially similar to [Senate Bill 640](#), [Various Criminal Procedure Changes](#), which is summarized in the April 14, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report.

[HOUSE BILL 813](#), [The Pretrial Integrity Act](#), which is summarized in the April 21, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has passed the Senate with amendment and has been sent back to the House for consideration of the Senate amendment.

[SENATE BILL 58](#), [Protect Critical Infrastructure](#), which is summarized in the February 3, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has been signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper with an effective date of December 1, 2023. The bill amends existing law to create harsher punishment for the intentional damage of critical infrastructure, such as public utilities, energy facilities, communications equipment, etc.

[SENATE BILL 171](#), [Department of Public Safety Agency Bill.-AB](#), which is summarized in the March 3, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has passed the House with amendment and has been sent back to the Senate for consideration of the House amendment.

[SENATE BILL 246](#), [Property Owners Protection Act](#), 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.

[SENATE BILL 626](#), [Modify Laws Relating to Human Trafficking](#), which is summarized in the April 14, 2023 Weekly Legislative Report, has been amended in the House to rename the bill “Modify Human Trafficking and Rioting Laws.” The bill has passed the General Assembly and has been sent to Governor Roy Cooper for his signature. The amendment would exclude “urging” another to engage in a riot from the scope of the criminal offense of rioting. The amendment would still include “inciting” another to engage in a riot within the criminal offense of rioting.

[SENATE BILL 747](#), [Elections Law Changes](#), has been amended in the Senate and has been sent to the House for consideration. The amendment would make it a misdemeanor for any person other than the North Carolina State Board of Elections or a county board of elections, or their

employees, to affix or print a barcode on any absentee ballot request form.

The amendment would also make it a misdemeanor to impersonate a chief judge, judge of election, or other precinct official who is in the discharge of duties in the registration of voters or conducting any primary or election.

Finally, the amendment would require that the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation be involved in any investigation involving the commission or attempted commission of a crime under Chapter 163 (Elections and Election Laws) of the General Statutes.

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