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Weekly Legislative Report

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This week saw members of the House of Representatives and Senate return to Raleigh for the beginning of the 2024 Short Session. Session officially began for the House and Senate at Noon on Wednesday when they each met to make announcements about how the Session was expected to proceed and to take up a few quick matters of business.

Committee meetings for the House and the Senate are expected to begin in earnest next week. Speaker of the House Tim Moore announced that he plans to hold voting sessions of the full House as early as next week. Aside from the routine 8 am to 5 pm (or 6 pm or 7 pm) legislative business, the first week of Session also brings additional legislative events that garner the attention of legislators. One of those annual events is the Association Executives of North Carolina (AENC) Legislative Reception, which is typically held the first night of the legislative session.

The North Carolina Sheriffs' Association is a long-standing sponsor of the event. The Association was fortunate to once again have a large number of sheriffs and sheriffs' personnel from across the State in attendance. Sheriffs discussed legislative issues related to public safety and the Office of Sheriff with their representatives and senators, as well as State elected officials and members of the Governor's Cabinet who were in attendance.

The House and Senate adjourned on Thursday and will reconvene on Monday, April 29, 2024.

BILLS OF INTEREST

[HOUSE BILL 899](#), No Firearms Code for Credit Card Transactions, would prohibit a financial institution (like a bank or credit card issuer) from using a code or any other indicator that reflects a transaction involved a firearms retailer or the purchase of a firearm, firearm ammunition, or other goods related to firearms. **Introduced by Representatives Cleveland and Warren, and assigned to the House Committee on Appropriations.**

[HOUSE BILL 903](#), Add Tianeptine to Controlled Substance List, would add the drug Tianeptine to Schedule II of the North Carolina Controlled Substances Act. Tianeptine is an antidepressant drug used to treat major depressive disorder in some European, Asian, and Latin American countries. Tianeptine has not been approved for use in the United States by the United States Food and Drug Administration. However, the drug is being sold in North Carolina and other states in gas stations and herbal remedy shops under brand names like "Zaza." **Introduced by**

Representatives Ross, Sossamon, Paré and White, and assigned to the House Committee on Judiciary 2.

[HOUSE BILL 913](#), DOJ to Study LEO Certification/Onboarding, would require the North Carolina Department of Justice, in consultation with the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission and the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission, to study the current state of certification and onboarding of law enforcement officers in North Carolina and three other states of similar population and to develop recommendations to improve law enforcement officer certification and onboarding. **Introduced by Representative Prather.**

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