



Legislative Update

Week of January 28, 2019

Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

The 2019-2020 Session of the General Assembly has commenced in what is known as the “legislative long session.” Any bill that did not pass during the last session may be re-introduced and there are no limitations on what new bills may be filed. However, all bills must meet the deadlines set out below in order to continue through the legislative process.

Lawmakers have re-elected their leadership for this session. Tim Moore (R-Cleveland) returns as Speaker of the House of Representatives and Phil Berger (R- Rockingham) resumes his position as President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Additionally, there are 26 new members in the House and 13 new members serving in the Senate, two of which are former House members. The new makeup of both chambers has created a bipartisan dynamic, eliminating the Republican supermajority that enabled veto overrides in both chambers.

As with any session, the main focus will be the State Budget. The goal is to have the budget completed by the end of the fiscal year on June 30th. However, if that goal is not met, the budget currently in place will continue until a new one is passed. There is no set deadline to end the long session, but our legislative team will provide updates each week on bills that impact DPS.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Susanna Davis at 919-825-2717 or Susanna.Davis@ncdps.gov.

2019 House Bill Request/Filing Deadlines

Drafts	To Bill Drafting By 4:00 PM	Filed By 4:00 PM
Bills recommended by Study Commissions	Wednesday, February 6	Thursday, February 21
Bills recommended by State Agencies	Wednesday, February 13	Thursday, February 28
Local Bills	Wednesday, March 6	Thursday, March 28
Public Bills & Resolutions (Not Appropriations or Finance)	Wednesday, March 27	Tuesday, April 16
Public Bills (Appropriations or Finance)	Wednesday, April 3	Tuesday, April 23

2019 Senate Bill Request/Filing Deadlines

Drafts	To Bill Drafting By 4:00 PM	Filed By 4:00 PM
Local Bills	Wednesday, February 27	Thursday, March 14
Public Bills & Resolutions	Wednesday, March 13	Tuesday, April 2

Crossover Deadline: Thursday, May 9

Bills eligible to file in 2019 with no deadlines:

- (1) Redistricting bills for House, Senate, Congress, or local entities.
- (2) Ratification of amendments to the Constitution of the United States.
- (3) Adjournment resolutions.
- (4) Bills introduced on the report of the House Committees on Appropriations, Finance, or Rules.