



# Legislative Update

*Week of March 18, 2019*

Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

Activity at the General Assembly this week progressed at a much slower pace than that of previous weeks. On Monday, the Senate Select Committee on Prison Safety met to discuss and review the current and former organizational structure of Prisons. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM.

The Joint Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety met Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday to provide overviews of the Department of Justice and the Office of Indigent Defense Services. Next week, Emergency Management, National Guard, State Highway Patrol, SBI and ALE will be the topics of discussion in committee.

On Wednesday, the House unanimously passed H 283 – Conner’s Law. The bill is named after State Highway Patrol Trooper Kevin Conner, who was shot and killed during a traffic stop in Columbus County in October 2018. It would do the following:

- Increase the penalty for assault with a firearm on a law enforcement officer, probation officer, or parole officer from a Class E felony to a Class D felony.
- Increase the penalty for assaulting emergency personnel and causing serious bodily injury or using a deadly weapon other than a firearm from a Class H felony to a Class G felony.
- Increase the penalty for assaulting emergency personnel and using a firearm from a Class F felony to a Class E felony.
- Provide an additional death benefit for public safety employees who are murdered in the line of duty, which would be effective retroactively to April 1, 2017.

The bill must now move through the Senate before it will go to the Governor.

***If you have any questions or comments, please contact Susanna Davis at 919-825-2717 or [susanna.davis@ncdps.gov](mailto:susanna.davis@ncdps.gov).***

## DPS Bills with Action this Week

(Note: Click on the bill title to view the most current version of the bill)

Division(s) Impacted	Sponsor(s)	Bill #	Short Title	Action
ALE	Boles, Lucas, Saine, and Floyd	H 130	<a href="#">Allow Game Nights</a>	3/20/2019 House Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Law Enforcement	Corbin, Torbett, Hardister, and Pierce	H 144	<a href="#">Hands Free NC</a>	3/19/2019 House Re-ref to the Com on Judiciary, if favorable, Insurance, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
EM	Floyd and Lucas	H 186	<a href="#">Hurricane Housing Recovery Grant</a>	3/20/2019 Passed House State and Local Gov't; Re-ref Com On Appropriations, General Government
EM	Clemmons, Quick, Hardister, and Faircloth	H 191	<a href="#">Housing Recovery/Restore Greensboro Funds</a>	3/20/2019 Passed House State and Local Gov't; Re-ref Com On Appropriations, General Government
Admin	Shepard	H 211	<a href="#">Various DMV Changes</a>	3/18/2019 House Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

Law Enforcement	Jones, Bell, Moore, and Hastings	H 283	<a href="#">Conner's Law</a>	3/21/2019 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
JJ	Stevens and Morey	H 301	<a href="#">CIP Revisions/Juvenile Code</a>	3/20/2019 House Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
SBI	McElraft, Setzer, Richardson, and Pierce	H 310	<a href="#">Clarify Insurance Prod'r Crim. Bckgrd Check.</a>	3/21/2019 House Insurance; 3/21/2019 House Re-ref Com On Judiciary
ABC	Lewis, Bell, Jackson, and Reives	H 363	<a href="#">Craft Beer Distribution &amp; Modernization Act</a>	3/18/2019 House Ref to the Com on Alcoholic Beverage Control, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
GCC	D. Hall, Jones, Saine, and C. Smith	H 370	<a href="#">Require Sheriff Cooperation with ICE</a>	3/18/2019 House Ref to the Com on Judiciary, if favorable, State and Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

EM	McGrady and Henson	H 373	<a href="#">Ag Disaster Fund/Excessive Rain &amp; Flooding</a>	3/19/2019 House Ref to the Com on Agriculture, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
ABC	Bell, Boles, Goodman, and Lewis	H 389	<a href="#">ABC/Univ Athletic Facility</a>	3/20/2019 House Ref to the Com on Alcoholic Beverage Control, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
JJ	Beasley, Adams, Adcock, and Boles	H 393	<a href="#">Modernizing Sexual Assault Laws</a>	3/21/2019 House Ref to the Com on Judiciary, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
EM	Ross, Bell, Warren, and Adams	H 399	<a href="#">Disaster Area Bldg Rehab Tax Credit Bonus</a>	3/21/2019 House Ref to the Com on Commerce, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
JJ	Stevens, Barnes, Hanig, and C. Smith	H 415	<a href="#">Photos of Juveniles/Show-Ups</a>	3/21/2019 House Ref to the Com on Judiciary, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Law Enforcement	Faircloth, McNeil, Ross, and Boles	H 425	<a href="#">Increase and Expand Assault on/Resist of LEO</a>	3/21/2019 House Filed

ABC	Wells	S 11	<a href="#">ABC Regulation and Reform</a>	3/20/2019 House Re-ref to the Com on Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the Hous
Law Enforcement;JJ ; EM	Lowe and Krawiec	S 263	<a href="#">Law Enforcement Recordings/Winston -Salem</a>	3/18/2019 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
EM	Edwards	S 268	<a href="#">Ag Disaster Fund/Excessive Rain &amp; Flooding</a>	3/19/2019 Senate Re-ref to Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
ABC	Gunn, Rabon, and Britt	S 296	<a href="#">ABC/Univ Athletic Facility</a>	3/20/2019 Senate Re-ref to Education/Higher Education. If fav, re-ref to Commerce and Insurance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
Licensing Boards	Wells and Daniel	S 305	<a href="#">OLB Reform</a>	3/20/2019 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Law Enforcement	Britt and McInnis	S 306	<a href="#">Conner's Law</a>	3/20/2019 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Law Enforcement	Chaudhuri and Britt	S 314	<a href="#">Respect for Families of Law Enforcement</a>	3/21/2019 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
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## 2019 House Bill Request/Filing Deadlines

Drafts	To Bill Drafting By 4:00 PM	Filed By 4:00 PM
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
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.