



Legislative Update

Week of June 1, 2020

Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

As this week approached, there was uncertainty as to whether legislative activities would be impacted by the protests and civil unrest arising out of the death of Mr. George Floyd in Minneapolis. Notwithstanding citywide curfews and early legislative building closures, the General Assembly convened in-person and proceeded with short session business – albeit in the shadows of the current pandemic.

On Tuesday, the Senate unanimously approved Senate Bill 836, *State Operations/Increase Federal Funds Use*. The proposed measure would provide \$370 million towards state government continuity of operations. In addition, the Senate Select Committee on Prison Safety met to hear presentations on various prison safety technologies. Vendor presentations were provided by TextBehind, the Centinal Group, Tyler Technologies, and Guardian RFID. The meeting concluded with Prisons Commissioner Todd Ishee addressing questions from members regarding several issues, including staff vacancies and actions taken to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in facilities.

As reported last week, House Bill 1187, *Raise the Age Funding*, and House Bill 1063, *Fund VIPER Tower Hardware Upgrades*, were approved by the House and sent to the Senate. This week both bills floated through Appropriations and Rules committees, and were unanimously approved by the Senate Thursday. These measures will now be sent to Governor Cooper for his signature.

The Speaker of the House wrapped up the week by announcing a new bipartisan task force on Justice, Law Enforcement, and Community Relations in response to recent protests. It is expected to be a joint legislative task force with members from both chambers. The Speaker also indicated that members of the general public will be included and hold seats at the table. The task force will likely not begin its work until the short session concludes.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Susanna Davis at 919-825-2717 or 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
NCNG	Horn and Lucas	H 1053	PED/Military OL & Audiology Interstate Compct	6/4/2020 House Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

Law Enforcement	McNeill, Boles, and Davis	H 1063	Fund VIPER Tower Hardware Upgrades	6/4/2020 Senate Passed 3rd Reading 48-0
ALE/SBI	Davis	H 1064	GSC Clarifying Bingo License Statute	6/4/2020 House Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
ABC	Hurley and Lucas	H 1082	ABC Administrative Penalties/PED Study	6/4/2020 House Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
ACJJ	Saine, Lambeth, and McGrady	H 1187	Raise the Age Funding	6/4/2020 Senate Passed 3rd Reading 48-0
NCNG	Bryan, Wells, and D. Davis	S 717	PED/Military Occupational Licensure	6/4/2020 House Ref to the Com on Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
NCNG	Brown, Harrington, and B. Jackson	S 801	Military Presence Stabilization Fund/Funding	6/4/2020 House Ref to the Com on Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
ACJJ	Brown, Harrington, and B. Jackson	S 836	State Operations/Increase Federal Funds Use	6/4/2020 House Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House