



Legislative Update

Week of May 18, 2020

Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

After a two-week hiatus, state lawmakers returned to Raleigh this week to continue the “short” session. On Monday, the legislative building was reopened to visitors at reduced capacity with enhanced screening for COVID-19. Committee hearings were once again conducted in-person, though video broadcasts were also made available. Despite these developments, it will take some time before the legislative complex fully returns to normal.

This week’s calendar looked very different for the House and Senate. Without any notable action, the House began their week Tuesday and ended it on Wednesday. On the other hand, in the Senate, the President Pro Tempore held a press conference on Monday to preview what might be in store for the short session. In addition, several Senate standing committees met throughout the remainder of the week to address bills carried over from the long session.

However, lawmakers did not solely focus on “cross-over” bills. Plenty of new bills were filed this week—58 between the House and Senate—signaling that the legislature has shifted its focus to non-COVID-19 items. Importantly, five bills were introduced in the Senate on Tuesday that address capital funding needs. Although these bills do not fully address the capital needs for the state or the department, Senate Bill 805, *Capital Appropriation – Raise the Age/DPS*, would provide sufficient funding for additional bed space needed to accommodate the anticipated increase in juveniles due to Raise the Age implementation.

Looking ahead, the upcoming legislative week may look similar to this week. At the time of this writing, the House calendar is sparse and the Senate’s is more active.

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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 |
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| ABC | McGrady, Boles, Fisher, and Hardister | H 536 | ABC Omnibus Regulatory Reform | 5/14/2020 Senate Re-ref to Commerce and Insurance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate |

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| NCNG/Licensing Boards | Grange and Bell | H 902 | Military-Trained/Spouse Licensure Practices | 5/14/2020 Senate Re-ref to Commerce and Insurance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| AC | Hawkins | H 1119 | Food Waste Reduction Act | 5/18/2020 House Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Regulatory Reform, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House |
| SHP | Hawkins, White, and Ball | H 1149 | Police Notice of Person w/ IDD in Vehicle | 5/18/2020 House Ref to the Com on Judiciary, if favorable, Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House |
| AC | Morey, Richardson, and Alston | H 1167 | Prisoner Release/Notification Required | 5/20/2020 House Filed |
| NCNG | Bryan, Wells, and D. Davis | S 717 | PED/Military Occupational Licensure | 5/14/2020 Senate Re-ref to Commerce and Insurance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| HR | Peterson and Garrett | S 740 | Front Line State Employee Hazard Pay/Funds | 5/18/2020 Senate Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| ABC | Peterson and Chaudhuri | S 748 | Expand Mixed Beverage Sale During Pandemic | 5/18/2020 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |

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| AC | Steinburg | S 750 | Funds/Water & Sewer Bonds for Prison | 5/18/2020 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| Law Enforcement | Edwards, Sawyer, and Daniel | S 762 | Clarify Motor Vehicle Cause of Death | 5/18/2020 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| HR | Smith and Nickel | S 763 | Pay Equity for Essential Employees | 5/18/2020 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| NCNG | D. Davis | S 767 | Combat-Injured Veterans Tax Fairness Act | 5/18/2020 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| ABC | Garrett, Peterson, and Chaudhuri | S 770 | Mixed Beverages Permit Fees/Reimburse Portion | 5/20/2020 Senate Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| GCC | deViere, Foushee, and Marcus | S 772 | Domestic Violence Victims Separation Waiver | 5/18/2020 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| Licensing Boards | Edwards, Wells, and Sanderson | S 773 | Universal License Recognition Act | 5/18/2020 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| ACJJ | Smith and Foushee | S 774 | Prison Social Distancing and Reopening | 5/18/2020 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |

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| ACJJ | Smith and Murdock | S 775 | Funds/Est. Black Women & Girls Task Force | 5/20/2020 Senate Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| AC | Smith | S 777 | Restraint Prohibition and I WILL Act | 5/18/2020 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| AC | Murdock, Waddell, and Peterson | S 779 | PPE for Working Inmates and Prison PPE Report | 5/18/2020 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| Department-Wide | Brown, Harrington, and B. Jackson | S 800 | Law Enforcement & Teacher Protection Act | 5/20/2020 Senate Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| NCNG | Brown, Harrington, and B. Jackson | S 801 | Military Presence Stabilization Fund/Funding | 5/20/2020 Senate Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| Department-Wide | Brown, Harrington, and B. Jackson | S 803 | Capital Appropriation - Repairs & Renovations | 5/20/2020 Senate Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| JJ | Brown, Harrington, and B. Jackson | S 805 | Capital Appropriation - Raise the Age/DPS | 5/20/2020 Senate Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate |

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| Admin | Low | S 820 | Study Budget Savings/State Contracts | 5/20/2020 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
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