



# Legislative Update

*Week of June 15, 2020*

Roy Cooper, Governor

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A good way to tell session is winding down at the General Assembly is when business is conducted on Friday. This was the case last week, when the Senate hung around Friday to hold a handful of committee meetings before taking up floor votes on several bills. Many observers believe it is likely the legislature will wrap up its work this week. Some suggest lawmakers will pause for a couple of weeks and resume work on state budget matters in mid-July. Such a pause would allow the General Assembly to have a better understanding of actual revenue collections given this year’s delayed state income tax deadline.

Towards the end of session, it is common for one chamber to “strip out” or “gut” language of a previously passed bill from the other chamber and insert language that is “new” or contained in other bills that are not moving. This occurred with House Bill 425, *Implement Conner’s Law*. Passing the House in April 2019 as an act to increase penalties for assaulting a law enforcement officer, this bill was modified by the Senate to provide funding for implementation of Session Law 2019-228, commonly referred to as Conner’s Law. House Bill 425, *Implement Conner’s Law*, passed the Senate unanimously Friday and will now head back to the House for concurrence. The bill transfers \$1.2M from Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Fund reserves to provide a non-recurring appropriation for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Looking ahead, Monday afternoon’s calendar is not typical with several House and Senate committee meetings scheduled in advance of the evening sessions. This is an indication that the pace for this week will likely be intense – and may even extend into the weekend. Beyond more committee meetings, committee agendas have expanded. Add the increased frequency of bill “gutting” to the equation and it is difficult to predict what this week has in store. One thing we do know is that the 2.5% raises for state employees, which became law last year, goes into effect July 1, 2020.

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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)**

<b>Division(s) Impacted</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Short Title</b>	<b>Action</b>
NCNG	Martin, Cleveland, and Bell	H 340	<a href="#">Amend Appt For Compact on Education/Military</a>	6/17/2020 Senate Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Law Enforcement/AC	Faircloth, McNeill, Ross, and Boles	H 425	<a href="#">Implement Conner's Law</a>	6/19/2020 Senate Passed 3rd Reading 43-0
AC	Rogers, Brody, Hardister, and John	H 463	<a href="#">Education in Prisons</a>	House Placed On Cal For 06/23/2020
JJ/EM	Richardson, Morey, John, and Rogers	H 593	<a href="#">JCPC/Detention/CAA and Other Fees</a>	6/19/2020 Senate Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
ABC	K. Hall, Howard, D. Hall, and Richardson	H 594	<a href="#">Temp Open Gyms/Health Clubs/Fitness Ctrs.</a>	Vetoed 06/19/2020; House Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Admin	Ross and Holley	H 635	<a href="#">Purchase &amp; Contracts Benchmarks/Property</a>	House Placed On Cal For 06/23/2020
ABC	Grange and Bell	H 902	<a href="#">Delay Certain ABC Permit Renewal Payments</a>	Placed on Senate Cal for 6/22/2020
NCNG	Horn and Lucas	H 1053	<a href="#">PED/Military OL &amp; Audiology Interstate Compct</a>	Placed on Senate Cal for 6/22/2020
ABC	Hurley and Lucas	H 1082	<a href="#">ABC Admin. Penalties/Alcohol Consumables</a>	6/17/2020 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
ACJJ	Faircloth and Hardister	H 1163	<a href="#">Guilford Funds/Cabarrus Land/Brunsw Shellfish</a>	6/19/2020 Senate Passed 3rd Reading 43-0
EM/ABC	Wells and Brown	S 374	<a href="#">Regulatory Reform Act of 2020</a>	House Placed On Cal For 06/22/2020
Law Enforcement	Wells, Hise, and Daniel	S 380	<a href="#">Clarify Felony Possess Sweepstakes Machine</a>	6/17/2020 House Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

SBI, ACJJ, ABC	Britt, Johnson, and McInnis	S 419	<a href="#"><u>Technical and Other Changes</u></a>	6/15/2020 House Conf Com Appointed; 6/11/2020 Senate Conf Com Appointed
JJ	Britt, Daniel, and McKissick	S 562	<a href="#"><u>The Second Chance Act</u></a>	Pres. To Gov. 6/18/2020
NCNG	Brown	S 706	<a href="#"><u>Educ. Changes for Military-Connected Students.</u></a>	6/19/2020 Senate Passed 3rd Reading 44- 0
NCNG	Brown, Harrington, and B. Jackson	S 801	<a href="#"><u>Military Presence Stabilization Fund/Funding</u></a>	Signed by Gov. 6/19/2020
Department- Wide	Brown, Harrington, and B. Jackson	S 803	<a href="#"><u>Capital Appropriation - Repairs &amp; Renovations</u></a>	6/15/2020 House Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
ACJJ	Brown, Harrington, and B. Jackson	S 805	<a href="#"><u>Coronavirus Relief Funds/Create Offsets</u></a>	6/18/2020 House Re-ref Com On Appropriations
ACJJ	Brown, Harrington, and B. Jackson	S 818	<a href="#"><u>Compensation of Certain School Employees</u></a>	Pres. To Gov. 6/17/2020
ACJJ	Brown, Harrington, and B. Jackson	S 836	<a href="#"><u>State Operations/Increase Federal Funds Use</u></a>	Signed by Gov. 6/19/2020