



# Legislative Update

*Week of May 23, 2022*

Roy Cooper, Governor

Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr., Secretary

The North Carolina General Assembly is back in full swing for the 2022 short session. It is unclear when they will officially wrap up business, but they are fast at work on both policy and budget items. Several committees on both the House and Senate side met to take up pressing matters in healthcare, education, agriculture and much more. It is anticipated that public safety related bills will be heard in the coming weeks.

On Tuesday, the Senate Judiciary Committee held the confirmation hearing for DPS Secretary Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr. During this hearing Secretary Buffaloe was praised by senators for his impressive resume and his experience in a variety of public safety roles. Secretary Buffaloe was also commended for his leadership of DPS since last fall when he was appointed by Governor Cooper. The committee met again the following day and unanimously voted to advance the nomination to the Senate Nominations Committee.

Looking ahead, the General Assembly Members will be back in town next week for a new week of legislative business. Votes are not expected until at least Wednesday as budget negotiations appear to be ongoing.

## **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
AC (Health - CON)	Lambeth, White, Potts, and K. Baker	H 149	<a href="#">Expanding Access to Healthcare.</a>	5/26/2022 Senate Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
NCNG	Bell, Moore, Cleveland, and Miller	H 370	<a href="#">Veterans Employment Act.</a>	5/24/2022 Senate Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

AC	Boles Davis, McNeill, and C. Smith	H 1006	<a href="#">Amend Prison Pilot Deadlines.</a>	5/23/2022 House Ref to the Com on Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
JJ	Boles Davis, McNeill, and C. Smith	H 1007	<a href="#">Authorize Concurrent Juvenile Jurisdiction.</a>	5/23/2022 House Ref to the Com on Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
AC	Boles, Davis, McNeill, and C. Smith	H 1008	<a href="#">Clarify Sex Offender Registration.</a>	5/23/2022 House Ref to the Com on Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Victim Services	Roberson	H 1037	<a href="#">Support Male Survivors of Domestic Violence.</a>	5/25/2022 House Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
SHP	Logan, Brown, Carney, and Hunt	H 1038	<a href="#">Highway Safety Omnibus/Addit'l Magistrates.</a>	5/26/2022 House Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

Law Enforcement	Ager and Harrison	H 1051	<a href="#">Preserve Hemp Legalization.</a>	5/26/2022 House Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Budget	McNeill, Boles, and C. Smith	H 1055	<a href="#">Local LEO Retention Bonus Funds.</a>	5/26/2022 House Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
HR	Torbett	H 1084	<a href="#">Employer Payments for Omitted Membership Svc.</a>	5/27/2022 House Ref to the Com on Pensions and Retirement, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Law Enforcement/EM/NCNG	Reives	H 1091	<a href="#">Homes for Heroes.</a>	5/27/2022 House Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
ABC/ALE	Moffitt, Hardister, Bradford, and Turner	H 1108	<a href="#">Allow ABC Permits for Bars.</a>	5/27/2022 House Ref to the Com on Alcoholic Beverage Control, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

EM	Brown, Bradford, Adcock, and von Haefen	H 1109	<a href="#">Nuclear Evacuation Route Determination Act.</a>	5/27/2022 House Ref to the Com on Local Government, if favorable, Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Law Enforcement	Reives, Hunter, Cooper-Suggs and Everitt	H 1128	<a href="#">Law Enforcement Investment Act.</a>	5/26/2022 House Filed
ABC/ALE	Saine, Hardister, and Dahle	H 1135	<a href="#">ABC Laws/Local Sales Option.</a>	5/26/2022 House Filed
GCC/AC/JJ/Law Enforcement/HR	Reives, Adcock, and Lofton	H 1136	<a href="#">NC Working Families Act.</a>	5/26/2022 House Filed
Law Enforcement	Reives, Gailliard, Hurtado, and Lofton	H 1146	<a href="#">Community Safety Act.</a>	5/26/2022 House Filed
Budget	Reives, Gailliard, Cooper-Suggs, and Hunter	H 1147	<a href="#">Fund Our Police Act</a>	5/26/2022 House Filed
Law Enforcement	Britt, Mohammed, and Lee	S 455	<a href="#">Conform Hemp with Federal Law.</a>	House Placed On Cal For 06/01/2022
Department-Wide	Rabon	S 760	<a href="#">Confirm Eddie Buffaloe/Secretary of DPS.</a>	5/25/2022 Senate Re-ref Com On Select Committee on Nominations
Law Enforcement	B. Jackson, Sanderson, and Woodard	S 762	<a href="#">North Carolina Farm Act of 2022.</a>	5/25/2022 Senate Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Law Enforcement; Admin	Fitch	S 765	<a href="#">Marijuana Legalization &amp; Regulation.</a>	5/24/2022 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
AC	Hise	S 794	<a href="#">Remove Volunteer Chaplain Ed. Requirements.</a>	5/26/2022 Senate Ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re- ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
AC/IT/Purchasing/CJIN	Steinburg	S 795	<a href="#">Inmate and Youth Offender Tracking Technology.</a>	5/26/2022 Senate Ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re- ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
Law Enforcement/GCC	Batch, Fitch, and Garrett	S 800	<a href="#">Law Enforcement Investment Act.</a>	5/26/2022 Senate Ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re- ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
Law Enforcement	Batch, Fitch, and Garrett	S 801	<a href="#">Community Safety Act.</a>	5/26/2022 Senate Ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re- ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
Budget	Batch, Fitch, and Garrett	S 802	<a href="#">Fund Our Police Act.</a>	5/26/2022 Senate Ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re- ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
Law Enforcement/EM/NCNG	Batch, Fitch, and Garrett	S 812	<a href="#">Homes for Heroes.</a>	5/26/2022 Senate Filed

SHP	Alexander	S 818	<a href="#">Reduced Size Plates/Modified Utility Vehicles.</a>	5/26/2022 Senate Filed
SHP	J. Jackson	S 822	<a href="#">Clarify Silver Alert/Person with Disability.</a>	5/26/2022 Senate Filed
Victim Services	Britt, Daniel, and Mohammed	S 823	<a href="#">Crime Victims Compensation Fund Expansion.</a>	5/26/2022 Senate Filed
NCNG	deViere	S 824	<a href="#">Purple Heart Specialty Plates.</a>	5/26/2022 Senate Filed
Budget	Edwards	S 828	<a href="#">Child Abuse - Positive Drug Test.</a>	5/26/2022 Senate Filed
AC (Reentry)	Mohammed, Fitch, and deViere	S 881	<a href="#">Returning Citizens Ready to Work</a>	5/26/2022 Senate Filed
AC	Murdock and Waddell	S 889	<a href="#">Support Sick and Aging State Prisoners</a>	5/26/2022 Senate Filed
Community Corrections	Britt, Daniel, and Mohammed	S 890	<a href="#">Earned Credit for Jobs, Ed, and Treatment Act.</a>	5/26/2022 Senate Filed
Victim Services	Marcus, Murdock, and Mayfield	S 900	<a href="#">Increase Funding for Rape Victim Assistance.</a>	5/26/2022 Senate Filed

### **Bills Eligible to file in 2022 Short Session:**

- (1) Bills amending the North Carolina Constitution, to implement proposed amendments, or both.
- (2) Appointments to/confirmation of members of State Boards/commissions either by the Governor, the General Assembly, or one or more chambers.
- (3) Resolutions not prohibited by House or Senate Rules.
- (4) Joint resolutions authorizing other bills and those bills if resolution passes by two-thirds vote in each chamber.
- (5) Bills relating to election laws.
- (6) Bills responding to litigation related to redistricting bills for elected State, federal, or local office or the legality of legislative enactments.
- (7) Bills providing for impeachment of State officers.
- (8) Bills to disapprove Administrative Rules.
- (9) Adjournment resolutions and amendments to adjournment resolutions.

## **Other Bills Eligible for Consideration:**

- (1) Bills that made cross-over (passed one chamber and was sent to the other).
- (2) Veto overrides.

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