



# Legislative Update

*Week of March 15, 2021*

Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

Notwithstanding the additional bill filings and regular committee meetings, this week was fairly quiet at the state legislature. The Senate held floor votes three days this week; however, each voting session consisted of non-DPS related bills that were mostly local in nature. The House, on the other hand, held only one voting session and addressed mostly non-controversial bills, with the exception of House Joint Resolution 172, *Term Limits for Congress*. The resolution would serve as an application by the state asking Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to impose term limits on members of Congress. The resolution passed the House largely along party lines by a vote of 61 to 52.

The Joint Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety met this week and received overviews on the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Office of Indigent Defense Services. Next week, the Committee is expected to take up DPS’s Division of Emergency Management and NC Office of Recovery and Resiliency.

## 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	Cleveland, Bell, and Martin	H 53	<a href="#">Educ. Changes for Military-Connected Students.</a>	3/17/2021 Senate Re-ref to Education/Higher Education. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
Alarms Board/PPSB	Davis	H 68	<a href="#">GSC Licensing Boards and Comm'ns/Rule Crimes.</a>	3/16/2021 House Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Law Enforcement (Specifically SBI)	McNeill, Hurley, C. Smith, and Greene	H 148	<a href="#">SBI Emergency Pen Register/Trap and Trace.</a>	3/17/2021 House Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

SBI	Arp, B. Jones, Szoka, and Winslow	H 217	<a href="#">Utilities Comm'n Tech. and Add'l Changes.</a>	3/16/2021 House Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
EM	Kidwell, D. Hall, Bell, and Moffitt	H 264	<a href="#">Emergency Powers Accountability Act.</a>	3/16/2021 House Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
ABC	McNeill	H 278	<a href="#">Sunset ABC Board Participation in LGERS.</a>	3/15/2021 House Ref to the Com on Alcoholic Beverage Control, if favorable, Pensions and Retirement, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
SHP	Logan	H 283	<a href="#">Increase Troopers in Mecklenburg County.</a>	3/15/2021 House Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
SBI	McNeill	H 312	<a href="#">Qualifications for Sheriff/Expunction.</a>	3/17/2021 House Ref to the Com on Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
ABC	Adcock, Dahle, von Haefen, and Ball	H 322	<a href="#">Limit ABC License Requirements.</a>	3/18/2021 House Ref to the Com on Alcoholic Beverage Control, if favorable, Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

NCNG/EM	Szoka, Bell, Dixon, and Adams	H 323	<a href="#">Military Readiness and Rural Resilience Act.</a>	3/18/2021 House Ref to the Com on Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
ALE	Hurley	H 326	<a href="#">ENOUGH/Gaming Machines.</a>	3/18/2021 House Ref to the Com on Commerce, if favorable, Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
ABC	Moffitt, Bradford, Dahle, and Hardister	H 378	<a href="#">Allow Trade or Exchange of Spirituous Liquor.</a>	3/18/2021 House Ref to the Com on Judiciary 1, if favorable, Alcoholic Beverage Control, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Law Enforcement	Steinburg, Burgin, and Ford	S 302	<a href="#">CJIN Changes.</a>	3/16/2021 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
SBI	Britt	S 306	<a href="#">Qualifications for Sheriff/Expunction.</a>	3/17/2021 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
AC	Hise, Krawiec, and Burgin	S 309	<a href="#">Repeal Certificate of Need Laws.</a>	3/17/2021 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
EM	Burgin, Galey, and Edwards	S312	<a href="#">Clarify Emergency Powers.</a>	3/17/2021 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

## 2021 Bill Filing Deadlines

### *House of Representatives:*

<b>Drafts</b>	<b>To Bill Drafting By 4 PM</b>	<b>Filed in House By 3 PM</b>
Local Bills	Wednesday, March 3	Thursday, March 25
Public Bills and Resolutions (Not Approps or Finance)	Wednesday, March 24	Tuesday, April 20
Public Bills (Approps or Finance)	Wednesday, March 31	Tuesday, April 27

### **Bills eligible to be filed in 2021 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) Resolutions pertaining to the internal affairs of the House or adjournment resolutions.
- (4) Bills introduced on the report of the House Committees on Appropriations, Finance, or Rules.

### *Senate:*

<b>Drafts</b>	<b>Requested By 4 PM</b>	<b>Filed in Senate By 4 PM</b>
Public Bills and Resolutions	Thursday, March 11	Tuesday, April 6

**\* CROSSOVER DEADLINE\***  
**Thursday, May 13, 2021**

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