



Legislative Update

May 25, 2018

Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol suffered the tragic loss of one of its troopers this week. On Monday, May 21, 24-year-old Trooper Samuel N. Bullard lost his life in the line-of-duty. He was a three-year veteran of the Highway Patrol, assigned to Surry County. Both the House and Senate chambers honored the Highway Patrol and acknowledged the loss of Trooper Bullard. Representatives Mitchell S. Setzer (R-Catawba), Julia C. Howard (R-Davie), Cody Henson (R-Transylvania), and Grier Martin (D-Wake) sponsored a House Resolution paying tribute to the Highway Patrol. Senators Norman W. Sanderson (R- Pamlico) and Shirley B. Randleman (R- Wilkes) read a Senatorial Statement doing likewise. To view the House Resolution, which was adopted unanimously, click [here](#).

The General Assembly plans to vote on adjustments to the current State Budget next week. Senators Harry Brown (R- Onslow), Brent Jackson (R- Sampson), and Representative Nelson Dollar (R-Wake) held a press conference on Thursday, May 24, to highlight portions of the budget that impact state employees. Although details are not yet available, the following items were mentioned:

- The minimum annual salary of full-time state employees will be raised to \$31,200.
- A 2% salary increase for state employees whose salaries are already at that level or higher.
- Five bonus leave days that do not expire.
- A 4% salary increase for Correctional Officers.
- Double the line-of-duty death benefits for prison workers.
 - This will be retroactive so that the families of Meggan Callahan, Wendy Shannon, Justin Smith, Veronica Darden, and Geoffrey Howe will be included.
- A 10-20% salary increase for Correctional Officers who are assigned to higher custody level facilities.
- An average salary increase of 8% for State Highway Patrol.
 - Pay range will increase to \$44,000- \$64,200.
 - Troopers will reach top pay in six years.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Legislative Affairs Director Susanna Davis at 919-825-2717 or susanna.davis@ncdps.gov.

DPS Bills with Action this Week

(Note: Click on the bill number or title to view the most current version of the bill)

Division(s) Impacted	Sponsor(s)	Bill #	Short Title	Action
ABC Commission; ALE	Boles and Davis	<u>H944</u>	<u>ABC Regulation and Reform.</u>	Referral to the Finance Committee Added
Emergency Management	Faircloth, Speciale, Boles, and Brenden Jones	<u>H962</u>	<u>Expand Use/School Risk Management Plans.</u>	Referred to the Committee on Education - K-12, if favorable, Judiciary IV
Emergency Management	Faircloth, Speciale, Boles, and Brenden Jones	<u>H963</u>	<u>Clarify Prevention/Emergency Management Act.</u>	Referred to the Committee on Judiciary III
NC National Guard	Bert Jones, Shepard, Arp, and Torbett	<u>H964</u>	<u>National/State Mottos License Plate.</u>	Referred to the Committee on Transportation, if favorable, Appropriations
ACJJ; Highway Patrol	Steinburg and K. Hall	<u>H966</u>	<u>Increase & Expand Public Safety Death Benefit.</u>	Referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement, if favorable, Appropriations
ACJJ	Davis and Boles	<u>H969</u>	<u>Enhance Prison Security.</u>	Referred to the Committee on Judiciary I
Highway Patrol	Setzer, Howard, Henson, and G. Martin	<u>H987</u>	<u>Honor Highway Patrol.</u>	Unanimously Adopted
Emergency Management	Rabin, Alexander, and Sanderson	<u>S720</u>	<u>Expand Use/School Risk Management Plans.</u>	Referred to the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
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Admin	Randleman and Sanderson	<u>S727</u>	<u>Rape Evidence Collection Kit Tracking Act</u>	Referred to the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
ACJJ	Randleman and Sanderson	<u>S728</u>	<u>Enhance Prison Security.</u>	Referred to the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
All Law Enforcement Officers	Randleman	<u>S729</u>	<u>Advanced Certificate Service Purchase Option/LEOs.</u>	Referred to the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate

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Eligible to file in 2018 Short Session but no deadlines:

- (1) Bills amending the North Carolina Constitution.
- (2) Appointments to/confirmation of members of State Boards/commissions.
- (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) Election law bills.
- (6) Redistricting bills for House, Senate, Congress, judicial and prosecutorial, municipal, and other political subdivisions.
- (7) Bills responding to litigation related to the legality of legislative enactments.
- (8) Bills providing for impeachment of State officers.
- (9) Bills to disapprove Administrative Rules.
- (10) Adjournment resolution sine die.

Otherwise eligible for consideration

- (1) Bills that made cross-over.
- (2) Veto overrides.