



# Legislative Update

*Week of August 19, 2019*

Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

The General Assembly picked up the pace this week in comparison to recent weeks. Although no meaningful progress was made in resolving the budget stalemate, there were rumblings at the beginning of the week about the potential for “mini” state agency budgets. It remains to be seen if those rumors will come to fruition, but there are signs of piecemeal budget decisions taking shape as both Senate and House Appropriations committees met this week for the first time in quite a while.

Of significance, the Senate Appropriations committee met Wednesday and approved a measure to provide varying salary increases for adult correction employees. The proposed salary increases mirror those contained within the budget conference report. In general, the proposal would provide a 2.5% salary increase for each year of the biennium, custody-based differential pay, high-need salary supplements, and special annual leave to certain correctional employees. For specific details on House Bill 609 - *Salary Increases/Adult Correctional Employees*, please access the bill’s link in the table below. The bill was approved Thursday by the Senate Rules committee and has been placed on the Senate calendar for Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mid-week, the General Assembly gave final approval to legislation transferring Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) out of the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI). Under H99 - *Transfer ALE/Move Boxing Advisory Commission*, ALE will be re-established as a division within DPS, and the Boxing Advisory Commission, currently part of the ALE, will move to the Department of Commerce. H99 has been sent to the Governor for signature.

The legislature addressed a few other substantial bills this week as well—Senate Bill 315 - *North Carolina Farm Act of 2019*, Senate Bill 682 - *Implement Crime Victim Rights Amendment*, and House Bill 370 - *Require Cooperation with ICE Detainers*. These particular bills have received widespread attention and are thought by many to be of importance to legislative leadership. It is anticipated that other bills of significance to the leadership will begin to move as this session nears adjournment—whenever that may be.

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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
Admin	McNeill and Boles	H 99	<a href="#">Transfer ALE/Move Boxing Advisory Commission.</a>	8/22/2019 Pres. To Gov. 8/22/2019
EM/NCNG	Saine, Jones, and K. Hall	H 217	<a href="#">DIT Changes.-AB</a>	Signed by Gov. 8/21/2019
Law Enforcement	Jones, Bell, Moore, and Hastings	H 283	<a href="#">Conner's Law</a>	8/21/2019 Senate Placed On Cal For 08/26/2019
AC	McNeill, Faircloth, R. Turner, and Richardson	H 609	<a href="#">Salary Increases/Adult Correctional Employees</a>	Senate Placed On Cal For 08/26/2019
JJ	Britt, Daniel, and McKissick	S 562	<a href="#">The Second Chance Act</a>	8/20/2019 House Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b) (will be placed on the House calendar within four legislative days)
SBI/ALE	J. Davis, Krawiec, and Woodard	S 574	<a href="#">Gaming Commission</a>	8/19/2019 House/Senate Conf Com Appointed
ACJJ	Steinburg, McKissick, and Sanderson	S 579	<a href="#">Prison Reform Act of 2019</a>	8/20/2019 House Re-ref to the Com on State and Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Victim Services	Daniel, J. Davis, and Britt	S 682	<a href="#">Implement Crime Victim Rights Amendment</a>	8/21/2019 House Placed On Cal For 08/26/2019