



Legislative Update

Week of May 27, 2019

Roy Cooper, Governor

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On Memorial Day, we remembered and honored our military heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country.

Subsequently this week, the Senate released its \$24 billion dollar budget. Of that sum, just over \$2 billion were allocated to the Department of Public Safety. Highlights from the Senate budget are listed below.

On Tuesday, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted on [House Bill 99 - Transfer ALE](#), which moves Alcohol Law Enforcement from the State Bureau of Investigation and establishes it as a separate division within the Department of Public Safety. Following a full discussion by members and stakeholders, the bill passed the committee unanimously.

The Senate Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources Committee met on Thursday to take up [Senate Bill 315, North Carolina Farm Act of 2019](#). Despite a robust debate, no vote was taken on the bill. The committee is expected to hear SB 315 again in the coming weeks, and a vote on the bill is likely.

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Highlights of the Proposed Senate Budget (FY 2019-21)

Department-wide

- *Compensation Increase for Employees:* Provides funding for an across-the-board salary increase of 2.5% effective July 1, 2019, and an additional across-the-board salary increase of 2.5% effective July 1, 2020.
- *Compensation Increase – High Need Facility:* \$15M recurring in each year of the biennium for differentiated salary supplements for employees at prison facilities with staffing difficulties.
- *Compensation Increase – SBI/ALE Law Enforcement Salary Schedule:* \$2M recurring to increase base SBI/ALE law enforcement officer pay to the salary schedule enacted for the State Highway Patrol. The pay plan increases starting officer pay to \$45,100 and provides 6.5% annual salary increases for the first 6 years of employment.

Administration

- *Addiction Treatment in County Jails:* Directs \$1M non-recurring in FY 2019-20 for grant funds to expand, maintain, or establish the use of non-opioid, long-acting, injectable medication

regimens as treatment for alcohol dependence, opioid dependence, or both, as a part of reentry treatment programs in county jails.

- *Emerge Skills4Life & C.A.R.E.:* Provides a one-time grant of \$482,000 to Emerge Ministries to work with inmates, ex-offenders, addicts, and their families in an effort to reduce recidivism.

Adult Correction

- *Prison Security Equipment – Stab-Resistant Vests:* \$400,000 non-recurring in FY 2019-20 for additional stab resistant vests and exterior carriers.
- *Prison Security Equipment – Contraband Deterrence:* \$730,937 non-recurring in FY 2019-20 for security netting over prison fence lines to deter and intercept contraband.
- *Prison Security Equipment – Metal Detectors:* \$216,750 non-recurring in FY 2019-20 for additional hand-held metal detectors.
- *Prison Security Equipment – Key Lock Boxes:* \$675,360 non-recurring for key lock boxes that will be distributed throughout facilities.
- *Prison IT Security Equipment -* \$2.4M non-recurring in FY 2019-20 for IT security equipment upgrades for man down technology and cameras.
- *In-Prison Substance Abuse Services:* \$643,310 in total funding across the biennium to support five positions and create 32 intermediate inmate substance abuse treatment slots, effective January 1, 2020.
- *Reentry Programs:* Provides \$162,165 and \$835,000 in recurring funds in FY 2019-20 and 2020-21 respectively, to support positions and case management software to support reentry services to help reintegrate offenders back into the community. In FY 2019-20, funding will support two Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs) and two Reentry Probation Parole Officers (PPOs). FY 2020-21 funding will support two additional LCSWs, two additional PPOS, and three Community Development Specialists.
- *Long-Term Care Facility at Central Prison:* \$3.5M annually in recurring funds over the biennium to support 35 medical and custody positions to operate a long-term care facility operation at Central Prison. This 16-bed facility will free up medical beds within Central Prison Medical Health Center and provide appropriate long-term medical care for inmates. Also transfers 22 custody positions that have been vacant one year or longer to the Central Prison Long-Term Care Facility.
- *Prison General Health:* \$2M recurring in each fiscal year during the biennium to address structural shortages due to the increasing cost of inmate health care.
- *Prison Pharmacy Services:* \$10M annually in additional funding to address rising costs of prescription drugs.
- *Pamlico Education Services:* \$452,000 non-recurring in FY 2019-20 for Pamlico Correctional Institution to reimburse Pamlico Community College for educational services that were interrupted due to a fire.
- *Alcoholism & Chemical Dependency Program - Black Mountain:* \$1M in FY 2019-20 for modular classroom space at Black Mountain Correctional Center.
- *Correction Enterprises:* Authorizes \$388,877 and \$248,451 for non-General Fund capital improvements to Lanesboro Sewing Plant and Scotland Food Packaging Plant respectively.

Juvenile Justice

- *Raise the Age – Administrative Support:* \$1.6M in FY 2019-20, and \$1.9M recurring in FY 2020-21, to support increased staffing and workload requirements associated with the implementation of Raise the Age. The 12 newly established positions have a starting date of October 1, 2019.
- *Raise the Age – Facility Administration:* \$540,000 in FY 2019-20 and \$500,000 in FY 2020-21 to fund a facility management position and 6 field support specialist positions to support operations at Division of Juvenile Justice facilities throughout the State.
- *Raise the Age – Juvenile Detention Center Capacity:* \$11.2M in recurring funding across the biennium to increase bed capacity at Juvenile Detention Centers. These facilities provide temporary secure custody for juveniles deemed to require it as they move through the juvenile justice system.
- *Raise the Age – Transportation:* \$2.5M in funding across the biennium to support the new transportation requirements by adding 15 new transportation positions and the purchase of 29 vans. The Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act requires DJJ to provide transportation to and from secure custody for all juveniles in the system (transportation had often been provided by law enforcement). Newly established positions have a starting date of October 1, 2019.
- *Raise the Age – CA Dillon Operations:* \$1.9M in FY 2019-20 and \$2.3M in FY 2020-21 to support 38 positions and operating expenses for the CA Dillon Youth Development Center campus in Butner. This facility is currently under renovation and, when reopened, will serve as both a Youth Development Center and a Juvenile Detention Center, as needed. This funding will allow the facility to open as early as November 1, 2019.
- *Raise the Age – Educational/Vocational Positions:* \$375,000 in FY 2019-20 and \$500,000 in FY 2020-21 to support four new school counselor positions to provide re-entry and placement services, career planning, vocational training, and other services for juveniles who are preparing to exit secure custody. These positions have a starting date of October 1, 2019.
- *Raise the Age – Level II Contracts:* \$6.5M recurring and \$350,000 non-recurring in FY 2019-20, and \$11.1M recurring in FY 2020-21, to provide increased funding for contracts for Level II community-based and residential programs for juveniles who have been adjudicated delinquent. Funding also supports the creation of one contract management position with a starting date of December 1, 2019.
- *Raise the Age – Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils (JCPCs):* \$2.2M recurring in each fiscal year of the FY 2019-21 biennium to provide additional funding to be allocated to the county-level JCPCs. These statutorily defined councils identify and recommend programs that serve Level I delinquent juveniles, diverted juveniles, and at-risk juveniles.
- *Raise the Age – JCPC Administrative Support:* \$250,000 recurring and \$80,000 non-recurring in FY 2019-20, and \$400,000 recurring in FY 2020-21, support the creation of five positions in the Community Programs section to provide administrative support, technical assistance, and to monitor programmatic quality and fiscal accountability for JCPC programs. Positions have a starting date of November 1, 2019.
- *Raise the Age – Juvenile Court Counselors:* \$5.1M in FY 2019-20, and \$8.7M in FY 2020-21, to fund 97 new Juvenile Court Counselor positions. Phased in over the course of the first fiscal year, positions will be effective beginning November 1, 2019.

- *Raise the Age Renovations* –\$1.7M to renovate and convert the Perquimans Youth Development Center into a juvenile detention center in order to meet the number of projected beds needed as a result of Raise the Age implementation. Furthermore, an additional \$2M is provided to add bed capacity to existing facilities.
- *Stonewall Jackson YDC*– Authorizes \$677,000 for non-General Fund capital improvements to classrooms and the kennels.

Emergency Management

- *Emergency Management Positions*: \$147,188 in FY 2019-20, and \$503,125 in FY 2020-21, to fund additional positions which will support management of federal grants and other Division operations (three FTEs in FY 2019-20 and seven FTEs in FY 2020-21). Positions added in the first fiscal year will have a starting date of January 1, 2020.
- *State Search and Rescue*: \$2.25M total allocation throughout the biennium to support the State Search and Rescue program.
- *Disaster Recovery – State Search and Rescue*: \$1M non-recurring in FY 2019-20 to support the State Search and Rescue program.
- *Disaster Recovery – Local Government Assistance*: \$5M non-recurring allocation to the NC Office of Recovery and Resiliency to assist financially-distressed local governments with staff support. Additionally, these funds provide one-time emergency fund grants for local governments in disaster areas that need immediate cash flow assistance.
- *NC 2-1-1*: Provides \$250,000 non-recurring in FY 2019-20 to fund the United Way of North Carolina to support operations of the NC 2-1-1 program. This program operates a hotline that connects emergency/disaster survivors with needed resources, including Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant programs, State-operated support programs, and other forms of aid.

Law Enforcement

- *State Capitol Police*: Allows the State Capitol Police to contract with State agencies for the creation of receipt-supported positions to provide security services to the buildings occupied by those agencies.
- *SBI Behavioral Threat Assessment Positions*: \$1.5M over the FY 2019-21 biennium for eight sworn SBI agents, effective January 1, 2020, to support the Behavioral Threat Assessment (BETA) program. These specialized agents work to identify potential threats to schools and houses of worship.
- *SBI Human Trafficking Positions*: A \$1.4M net appropriation over the biennium to fund eight additional sworn law enforcement positions, effective January 1, 2020, to support the SBI's human trafficking investigations and activities.
- *ALE Administrative Positions*: \$640,914 recurring over the biennium to establish eight additional administrative support positions.
- *ALE Office Space*: \$300,000 recurring to assist ALE with leasing additional office space which is contingent upon the transfer from SBI to DPS.
- *State Highway Patrol Troop B Renovation*: \$2.1M to renovate facilities used by Troop B Headquarters in Elizabethtown.

NC National Guard

- *Tarheel ChalleNGe Positions:* Provides a net appropriation of \$945,010 over the biennium for the National Guard Tarheel ChalleNGe Academies to support 31 new positions. This program provides educational and skill-building programming for at-risk 16-18-year-olds who have dropped out of high school. Positions are needed to bring the State into compliance with federal staffing regulations.
- *Personal Protective Equipment:* \$550,000 non-recurring to provide for the purchase of personal protective equipment for the NC National Guard's Reaction Force (NGRF) unit.
- *National Guard Capital Projects:* \$2M non-recurring to match federal funds to be used for the renovation, expansion, construction, and demolition of facilities.

Other Provisions

- *VIPER Long-Term Service and Software Contract:* \$1.5M non-recurring in each fiscal year over the biennium to support VIPER's Network's Service Upgrade Assurance (SUA) contract, which provides software upgrades and maintenance support.
- *VIPER Tower Hardware Upgrades:* \$9.9M non-recurring in each fiscal year throughout the biennium for the continuation of base station upgrades begun in the 2018 budget.

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	Transfer ALE	5/28/2019 Senate Re-ref Com On State and Local Government
Department-Wide	Johnson, Lambeth, Saine, and McGrady	H 966	2019 Appropriations Act	5/31/2019 Senate Passed 3rd Reading
Law Enforcement	D. Davis	S 148	Public Records/Release of LEO Recordings	5/29/2019 House Re-ref to the Com on Judiciary, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
EM	Waddell and Bishop	S 191	Out-of-State Law Enforcement/2020 Rep Convtn.	5/30/2019 House Re-ref to the Com on State and Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House