



Legislative Update

Week of January 25, 2021

Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

This week on Jones Street, lawmakers quietly caucused with their respective parties, convened the House Health Oversight Committee to discuss vaccine distribution updates, and participated in non-voting sessions. As of today, a total of 63 bills have been filed, but that number will increase exponentially over the next few weeks. Additionally, Speaker Moore made clear that next week will be livelier as legislators plan to approve more COVID-19 packages while also thoroughly examining the emergency powers of Governor Cooper, looking for alternate pathways to reopen schools and businesses.

As things slowly heat up at the General Assembly, it is important to note that DPS will be filing an agency bill in the next few weeks. More details will be provided once the bill is filed. The following are just a few of the bills we will be monitoring:

- House Bill 11- Regulate Alcohol Consumables: Creates standardized regulations for edible alcoholic goods such as ice cream and ice pops.
- House Bill 13 – State Search and Rescue Funding: Appropriates \$2.3 million for the State Search and Rescue Program.
- Senate Bill 4 – Equal Tax Treatment of Gov’t Retirees: Creates new tax deductions for retired members of the military that receive federal government pension.
- Senate Bill 12 – Military Retiree State Income Tax Relief: Creates new state tax deduction for members of military that meet certain requirements.

Bill filing deadlines are as follows:

House

- Local bills must be submitted to the Legislative Drafting Division by 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, and must be introduced not later than 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 25, 2021.
- Public bills or resolutions recommended by commissions or standing committees authorized or directed by act or resolution of the General Assembly (i) to report to the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly, or to report prior to the convening of that session, or (ii) which are recommended to the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly by a commission or committee established directly by Chapter 120 of the General Statutes, must be submitted to the Legislative Drafting Division or the Legislative Analysis Division of the Legislative Services Office by 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, and must be introduced not later than 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 18, 2021.
- All bills prepared to be introduced for departments, agencies, or institutions of the State must be submitted to the Legislative Drafting Division or the Legislative Analysis Division of the Legislative Services Office by 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, and must be

introduced not later than 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 25, 2021. A bill introduced under this subsection shall be identified as an Agency Bill after its short title or in the drafting code.

- All public bills that would not be required to be re-referred to the Appropriations or Finance Committees under Rule 38 and all joint resolutions and House resolutions must be submitted to the Legislative Drafting Division or the Legislative Analysis Division of the Legislative Services Office by 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, and must be introduced not later than 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

Senate

- Local bills must be submitted to either the Legislative Drafting Division or the Legislative Analysis Division of the Legislative Services Office by 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 25, 2021, and must be filed for introduction in the Senate before 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 11, 2021.
- Public bills and resolutions must be submitted to either the Legislative Drafting Division or the Legislative Analysis Division of the Legislative Services Office by 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 11, 2021, and must be filed for introduction in the Senate before 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

Crossover (i.e. when bills must pass one chamber to be eligible for the short session) is May 13th.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Susanna Davis at Susanna.Davis@ncdps.gov.

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
ABC	Moffitt, Boles, Bell, and Paré	H 4	Extend ABC Permit Renewal Fee Deferral.	1/28/2021 House Ref to the Com on Alcoholic Beverage Control, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
ABC	Boles, Moffitt, Hurley, and Willingham	H 11	Regulate Alcohol Consumables.	1/28/2021 House Ref to the Com on Alcoholic Beverage Control, if favorable, Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

EM	Davis	H 13	State Search and Rescue Funding.	1/28/2021 House Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Admin	Davis	H 17	Pilot Project to Treat Opioid Overdose.	1/28/2021 House Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Law Enforcement	Clampitt	H 25	Impaired Driving Law Revisions.	1/28/2021 House Filed
Law Enforcement	Clampitt	H 26	Revise Use of Alcohol Concentration Result.	1/28/2021 House Filed
Admin	Cleveland	H 29	Verification of Immigration Status - SAVE.	1/28/2021 House Filed
NCNG	Burgin, Davis, and Lazzara	S 4	Equal Tax Treatment of Gov't Retirees.	1/28/2021 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
NCNG	Clark	S 12	Military Retiree State Income Tax Relief.	1/28/2021 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Law Enforcement	Burgin, Corbin, and Woodard	S 20	Hands Free NC.	1/28/2021 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate