



Legislative Update

Week of February 1, 2021

Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

As predicted, the pace of activity at the General Assembly ramped up this week, although the main focus was directed towards COVID-related matters. Senate Bill 36, *2020 COVID Relief Bill Modifications*, was filed on Monday and moved rapidly through the legislature this week, passing both chambers unanimously. The bill modifies state COVID relief legislation in response to additional federal guidance received concerning previously enacted federal COVID relief measures. Senate Bill 36 was presented to Governor Cooper on Thursday and now awaits his signature.

On Thursday, Governor Cooper released his [COVID-19 Supplemental Budget Recommendations](#) that would fund pandemic recovery efforts. The spending proposal would appropriate North Carolina’s \$4 billion share of the most recent federal COVID relief package, in addition to \$695 million from the \$5 billion unreserved cash balance currently sitting in the General Fund. Specifically, the Governor’s recommendations include hazard duty pay for DPS employees who work in conditions that put them at an increased risk of COVID exposure. It is anticipated lawmakers will review the spending plan and take action on the Governor’s proposal next week.

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.	Passed the House 116-1; 2/4/2021 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Law Enforcement	Clampitt	H 25	Impaired Driving Law Revisions.	2/1/2021 House Ref to the Com on Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

Law Enforcement	Clampitt	H 26	Revise Use of Alcohol Concentration Result.	2/1/2021 House Ref to the Com on Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Admin	Cleveland	H 29	Verification of Immigration Status - SAVE.	2/1/2021 House Ref to the Com on Judiciary 3, if favorable, State Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
EM/Law Enforcement/ NCNG	Hastings, Saine, C. Smith, and K. Baker	H 36	Protect Those Who Serve and Protect Act.	2/2/2021 House Ref to the Com on Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
SBI	Stevens and McNeill	H 54	Criminal Information Network/Revise Fee.	2/4/2021 House Filed
Department-Wide	B. Jackson, Harrington, and Hise	S 36	2020 COVID Relief Bill Modifications.	Pres. To Gov. 2/4/2021

2021 Bill Filing Deadlines

House of Representatives:

Drafts	To Bill Drafting By 4 PM	Filed in House By 3 PM
Bills recommended by Study Commissions	Wednesday, February 3	Thursday, February 18
Bills recommended by State Agencies	Wednesday, February 10	Thursday, February 25
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:

Drafts	Requested By 4 PM	Filed in Senate By 4 PM
Local Bills	Thursday, February 25	Thursday, March 11
Public Bills and Resolutions	Thursday, March 11	Tuesday, April 6

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

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