



Legislative Update

Week of March 1, 2021

Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

This week at the legislature was business as usual. Beyond appropriations subcommittee presentations and action upon a handful of local bills, members were largely focused on another COVID relief measure. House Bill 196, *2021 COVID-19 Response & Relief*, was introduced Monday and moved swiftly through both chambers and their respective committees in only four days. The \$1.7B relief package directing the allocation of federal funds now awaits Governor Cooper's signature. Next, the General Assembly will shift its focus towards developing the state's FY 2021-23 biennium budget.

The Joint Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety Committee, commonly referred to as JPS Appropriations, met again Tuesday and Thursday of this week. On Tuesday, Chief Deputy Secretary Tim Moose and Commissioner of Prisons Todd Ishee briefed committee members on the *NAACP v. Cooper* settlement, and Fiscal Research Division staff provided presentations on Prisons and Community Corrections. Members received an overview of Juvenile Justice, which included an update on Raise the Age implementation, on Thursday. The JPS Appropriations committee is expected to hear overview presentations next week on DPS law enforcement divisions, including Alcohol Law Enforcement, State Bureau of Investigation, State Capitol Police, and State Highway Patrol.

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, Lambeth, Goodwin, and Winslow	H 73	Temporarily Waive ABC Permit Renewal Fees.	3/4/2021 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
EM	Hanig, McElraft, Iler, and Shepard	H 161	Address Abandoned and Derelict Vessels.-AB	3/1/2021 House Ref to the Com on Marine Resources and Aqua Culture, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
EM	Rogers	H 166	Emer. Mgt./Powers/Rutherford/Polk County.	3/1/2021 House Ref to the Com on Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

ACJJ	McNeill, Boles, and C. Smith	H 173	Separate Divs-Juv Justice and Adult Corr.-AB	3/1/2021 House Ref to the Com on State Government, if favorable, Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Admin	Stevens	H 174	Funds to Help Those Struggling with Addiction.	3/1/2021 House Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
ACJJ	Lambeth	H 179	Amend HIE Participation Enforcement Mechanism.-AB	3/1/2021 House Ref to the Com on Health, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
JJ	McNeill, Carter, Greene, and Richardson	H 183	Juv. Court Counselors/Sensitivity Training.-AB	3/1/2021 House Ref to the Com on Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Department-Wide	Reives, Adcock, Harris, and Lofton	H 192	COVID Response/Supplemental Spending 2020-21.	3/2/2021 House Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
EM/NCORR	Faircloth, Bumgardner, K. Hall, and Strickland	H 196	2021 COVID-19 Response & Relief.	Pres. To Gov. 3/4/2021
SBI	Adams	H 200	Lifetime Concealed Handgun Permit.	3/3/2021 House Ref to the Com on Judiciary 3, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Law Enforcement	Hurley	H 213	Kelsey Smith Act	3/4/2021 House Ref to the Com on Judiciary 3, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
EM	Kidwell, Cleveland, and Tyson	H 221	Emer. Mgt./Powers/Beaufort/Craven /Onslow.	3/3/2021 House Filed
JJ	Morey	H 225	Prosec. Discretion/A-G Felonies/Juveniles.	3/4/2021 House Filed

2021 Bill Filing Deadlines

House of Representatives:

Drafts	To Bill Drafting By 4 PM	Filed in House By 3 PM
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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