



Legislative Update

June 1, 2018

Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

The General Assembly gave their final approval for the adjustments to the current State Budget this week (see highlights below). The vote was 36-14 in the Senate and 66-44 in the House. The budget now heads to Governor Cooper, who will have 10 days to either sign or veto the bill. Otherwise, it will become law without his signature. Once law, it will be effective July 1st. To view the budget bill, click [here](#) and to view the budget money report, click [here](#).

Since the primary purpose of the “short” session is to make adjustments to the current State Budget, the session will likely be over in the next couple of weeks.

Budget Highlights

Department-Wide

- The minimum annual salary of full-time state employees will be raised to \$31,200.
- A 2% increase if a salary is already at that level or higher.
- Five bonus leave days.

Adult Correction & Juvenile Justice

- A 4% salary increase for Correctional Officers, Custody Supervisors, Prison Facility Administrators, and Food Service Officers and Managers.
 - Not additional to the 2% state employee increase.
- Establishes the minimum salaries:
 - Correctional Officer I – \$33,130.
 - Correctional Officer II – \$34,220.
 - Correctional Officer III – \$36,598.
- When a Correctional Officer is required to staff a higher custody level facility for any period of time, the employee shall receive a pay differential applied to their base salary for the period of time the employee worked at the higher custody level facility, as follows:

- For employees assigned to minimum custody facilities that are required to staff medium custody facilities, the pay differential is 10%.
- For employees assigned to medium custody facilities that are required to staff close custody facilities, the pay differential is 10%.
- For employees assigned to minimum custody facilities that are required to staff close custody facilities, the pay differential is 20%.
- Increases the line-of-duty death benefits for prison employees to \$100,000.
 - This will be retroactive so that the families of Meggan Callahan, Wendy Shannon, Justin Smith, Veronica Darden, and Geoffrey Howe will be included.
- \$15,000,000 for infrastructure improvements related to safety equipment.
- \$1.7 million for Chase Laundry air handling and roof replacements.
- \$400,000 to expand and improve security cameras and systems.
- \$5,000 for grant-in-aid to Robeson County to support the local reentry council.
- 65 positions in the Court Services section of the Division of Juvenile Justice to support the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act. The positions will be allocated as follows:
 - 40 Court Counselors
 - 15 Court Counselor Supervisors
 - 10 Office Assistants
- Establishes a North Carolina Criminal Justice Fellows Program. This program was created to increase the number of criminal justice professionals by providing forgivable loans for individuals to obtain various criminal justice degrees.

Emergency Management

- \$60 million for the State Emergency Response/Disaster Relief Reserve.
 - \$250,000 for North Carolina 2-1-1.
 - \$2,835,224 for river gauges and dam inundation mapping.
 - \$100,000 grant-in-aid to the Stanly County Airport for broadband infrastructure.
 - \$2,300,000 to support the State Search and Rescue teams, of which \$100,000 is allocated for engineers.
 - \$25,014,776 for State-funded hazard mitigation, relocation gap funding, and flood insurance subsidies.

NC National Guard

- \$14 million for Burke and Wilkes County Readiness Center projects.
- \$500,000 Tarheel ChalleNGe Academy building.

NC State Highway Patrol

- \$7.2 million to establish a pay schedule for the State Highway Patrol that increases the annual beginning trooper salary to \$44,000 and sets a stepped progression from beginning trooper to top trooper pay of \$64,202 over a period of six years by providing increases of 6.5% per year.
- Establishes the Trooper Training Reimbursement Program.
 - Forgivable loan of \$36,000 for training that a Trooper will work off for 36 months.
 - If a Trooper leaves the Patrol before 36 months, they or their new employer will be required to pay remaining balance and up to 10% interest.

Additional Provisions

- \$16,500,000 for VIPER upgrades.
- Gives the Alcohol Law Enforcement jurisdiction and primary responsibility to enforce laws regarding youth access to tobacco products.
- \$75,000 to Samarcand Training Academy for upgrades to its training simulator to support school safety.
- \$1.25 million for Samarcand Vocational Building renovation.
- \$7.2 million to the SBI for building renovation.
- The North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, in consultation with the Department and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, shall study the most effective setting to house and provide appropriate treatment services for Driving While Impaired Aggravated Level One and Level One offenders. The study shall consider whether State prisons, county jails, or dedicated multicounty jail treatment facilities are the most appropriate setting.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Legislative Affairs Director Susanna Davis at 919-825-2717 or susanna.davis@ncdps.gov.

DPS Bills with Action this Week

(Note: Click on the bill number or title to view the most current version of the bill)

Division(s) Impacted	Sponsor(s)	Bill #	Short Title	Action
Emergency Management	Torbett, Dobson, and Lewis	H934	Threat Assessment Teams.	Reported Favorable to the Committee Substitute from Education - K-12, Re-referred to Appropriations
Emergency Management	J. Bell, Lewis, and Torbett	H938	Various School Safety Changes.	Placed on House Calendar for 06/01/2018
Administration	Boles and Davis	H945	Rape Evidence Collection Kit Tracking Act.	Scheduled to be heard in Judiciary II on Wed, June 6th at 1:00
Emergency Management	Faircloth, Speciale, Boles, and Brenden Jones	H963	Clarify Prevention/Emergency Management Act.	Scheduled to be heard in Judiciary III on Wed, June 6th at 1:00
All	Horn and Farmer-Butterfield	H1033	Monitor State Agency Spans of Control/PED.	Referred to the Committee on State Personnel, if favorable, State and Local Government II
ACJJ	B. Richardson, Cunningham, Harrison, and Fisher	H1038	Healthy Mother & Child/Shackling Prohibition.	Referred to the Committee on Judiciary I, if favorable, Appropriations
Emergency Management	Pittman, Speciale, Blust, and Brody	H1039	School Self-Defense Act.	Referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
SHP	Hurley, R. Turner, and Lucas	H1041	VIPER - Survey/Outreach/In-Kind Contributions.	Referred to Committee on Judiciary I
Admin	Hurley	H1042	DOA Efficiency/PED.	Referred to Committee on State and Local Government II
SHP	Hurley, R. Turner, and Lucas	H1043	Appropriate Funds for VIPER Build-Out.	Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government II, if favorable, Appropriations

ACJJ	Dobson, Lambeth, and R. Turner	<u>H1045</u>	<u>Health-Local Confinement/Prison HealthConnex.</u>	Referred to the Committee on Health, if favorable, Judiciary IV
Emergency Management	G. Martin and Morey	<u>H1070</u>	<u>Safer Schools, Healthier Kids Act.</u>	Referred to the Committee on Health, if favorable, Judiciary IV
SHP	Burr	<u>H1077</u>	<u>State Highway Patrol/Salary Increases/Funds.</u>	Filed
Emergency Management	Daniel, Hise, and Bishop	<u>S756</u>	<u>School Security Act of 2018.</u>	Referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Admin	Wells, Tarte, and Edwards	<u>S759</u>	<u>DOA Efficiency/PED.</u>	Referred to Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
SHP	Edwards and Foushee	<u>S772</u>	<u>VIPER - Survey/Outreach/In-Kind Contributions.</u>	Referred to Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
SHP	Edwards, Foushee, and Waddell	<u>S773</u>	<u>Appropriate Funds for VIPER Build-Out.</u>	Referred to Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
All	Edwards, Wells, and Waddell	<u>S774</u>	<u>Monitor State Agency Spans of Control/PED.</u>	Referred to Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
ACJJ	Smith, Foushee, and Van Duyn	<u>S786</u>	<u>Healthy Mother & Child/Shackling Prohibition.</u>	Referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the Senate
SBI; Law Enforcement	Chaudhuri and Foushee	<u>S794</u>	<u>Hate Crimes Prevention Act.</u>	Filed
All	Lee, Meredith, and Ford	<u>S99</u>	<u>Appropriations Act of 2018.</u>	Passed Senate (36-14); Passed House (66-44)

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Eligible to file in 2018 Short Session but no deadlines:

- (1) Bills amending the North Carolina Constitution.
- (2) Appointments to/confirmation of members of State Boards/commissions.
- (3) Resolutions not prohibited by House or Senate Rules.
- (4) Joint resolutions authorizing other bills and those bills if resolution passes by two-thirds vote in each chamber.
- (5) Election law bills.
- (6) Redistricting bills for House, Senate, Congress, judicial and prosecutorial, municipal, and other political subdivisions.
- (7) Bills responding to litigation related to the legality of legislative enactments.
- (8) Bills providing for impeachment of State officers.
- (9) Bills to disapprove Administrative Rules.
- (10) Adjournment resolution sine die.

Otherwise eligible for consideration

- (1) Bills that made cross-over.
- (2) Veto overrides.