



# Legislative Update

*Week of May 22, 2023*

Roy Cooper, Governor

Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr., Secretary

The House officially voted not to concur with the Senate version of the budget, leading way to the much-anticipated conference process. Meetings amongst leadership from both chambers is likely to begin next week behind closed doors. Once an agreement on the budget is reached, no changes can be made.

The rest of the week was relatively uneventful, except for lengthy discussions on gambling in the state. House Bill 347, *Sports Wagering/Horse Racing Wagering*, would legalize sports betting. The bill passed the House with a vote of 64-45, with 16 Democrats and 29 Republicans voting against it. The Senate Commerce Committee gave it a favorable vote on Wednesday, and it is scheduled to be heard in Senate Finance next week.

House Bill 512, *Forgivable Loans/HBCU Supplemental Funding*, which would authorize and regulate video gaming terminals also received considerable debate in the House Commerce Committee. However, it was not given a vote and remains in that committee.

Next week is shaping up to be a lot like this week as discussions on Senate Bill 3, *NC Compassionate Care Act*, begin in the House. Senate Bill 3 would allow for marijuana to be used for medical purposes, a subject that tends to inspire a lot of discussion.

## 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
Department-Wide	Lambeth	H 259	<a href="#">2023 Appropriations Act.</a>	5/24/2023 House Failed Concur In S Com Sub
ALE/Boxing	Saine	H 347	<a href="#">Sports Wagering/Horse Racing Wagering.</a>	5/24/2023 Senate Re-ref Com On Finance
SBI	K. Baker	H 681	<a href="#">Interstate Med. Lic. Compact/Mil. Licensure.</a>	5/23/2023 House Re-ref Com On Finance
ASLB	Daniel	S 345	<a href="#">Alarm Systems Licensing Act Modernization.</a>	5/23/2023 Senate Re-ref Com On Finance

**House Bills eligible to be filed in 2023 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 Bills eligible to be filed in 2023 with no deadlines:**

- (1) Those providing for action on gubernatorial nominations or appointments.
- (2) Those providing for action on appointments by the General Assembly pursuant to G.S. 120-121.
- (3) Those proposing amendments to the North Carolina Constitution.
- (4) Those containing statutory amendments necessary to implement proposed amendments to the North Carolina Constitution.
- (5) Those establishing districts for Congress or State or local entities.
- (6) Those addressing election laws.
- (7) Those ratifying amendments to the United States Constitution.
- (8) Those adjourning the General Assembly.

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