



Legislative Update

Week of July 22, 2019

Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

The General Assembly met for only a few days this week to continue advancement on various important pieces of legislation. Although this week was an abbreviated one, substantial progress was made on a few bills of significance. For instance, the Senate voted Monday evening to concur with the House amendments to Senate Bill 413, *Raise the Age Modifications*. As previously reported, this bill makes legislative revisions recommended by the Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee to facilitate the December 1 implementation of Raise the Age. This bill has been ratified and awaits the approval of Governor Cooper.

Senate Bill 321, *Federal Motor Carrier Safety/PRISM*, passed the House unanimously this week and was returned to the Senate for concurrence. This bill requires the state to comply with the Performance and Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM) program of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, allowing for the state's continued receipt of over \$11M in federal funding. The House also passed a revised version of Senate Bill 5, *School Safety Omnibus*, and the bill has been returned to the Senate for concurrence.

The highlight of the week occurred on Thursday, when Governor Cooper signed Senate Bill 420, *NC Servicemembers Civil Relief Act*, into law at the Joint Forces Headquarters. The law extends the rights and protections of the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) to members of the NC National Guard while on state active duty. The law also protects North Carolina residents who are National Guard members of other states while serving on state active duty or under an order of the governor of another state that is similar to state active duty.

Unfortunately, this week yielded no developments regarding the state budget. Since the Senate does not return for a voting session until Tuesday, August 6, it is unlikely budget differences will be resolved next week. However, the House will continue to meet next week, though the calendar at this point appears sparse.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Susanna Davis at 919-825-2717 or 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
Law Enforcement	Jones, Bell, Moore, and Hastings	H 283	Conner's Law	7/24/2019 Senate Placed On Cal For 07/25/2019
EM	Brown, Harrington, and Krawiec	S 5	School Safety Omnibus	7/24/2019 Senate Placed On Cal For 07/25/2019
Law Enforcement	Britt and McInnis	S 29	Move Over Law/Increase Penalties/Amber Lights	Signed by Gov. 7/22/2019
SHP	T. Alexander	S 321	Federal Motor Carrier Safety/PRISM	7/24/2019 Senate Placed On Cal For 07/28/2019
JJ	D. Davis, Daniel, and Sanderson	S 413	Raise the Age Modifications.	Pres. To Gov. 7/24/2019
EM	B. Jackson, Blue, and Newton	S 498	Facilitate Response to Disasters	Pres. To Gov. 7/24/2019
JJ	Britt, Daniel, and McKissick	S 562	The Second Chance Act	7/24/2019 House Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
SBI/ALE	J. Davis, Krawiec, and Woodard	S 574	Gaming Commission	7/23/2019 Senate Re-ref Com On Judiciary
Victim Services	Daniel, J. Davis, and Britt	S 682	Implement Crime Victim Rights Amendment	7/25/2019 House Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House