

North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Legislative Update

Week of June 20, 2022

Roy Cooper, Governor

Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr., Secretary

It was a busy week at the General Assembly. Both chambers acted on several newsworthy policy bills and held several committee meetings. The Rules Committees have begun holding regular meetings, which is generally a good sign that session is coming to a close. House and Senate leadership continue to negotiate the budget behind closed doors, with each chamber having a few priority items they would like to see either in the budget or passed by both chambers. The biggest item the two chambers differ on is Medicaid expansion. Significantly, the difference is not whether or not to expand, but how. This is a large step forward on this policy issue. Speaker Moore and President Pro Tempore Berger indicated the legislature will adjourn in early July, with or without a budget.

House Bill 560, *Public Safety Reform*, which contains various changes for DPS, passed through Senate Judiciary and Senate Rules without any hiccups. This bill has a variety of provisions that were requested by divisions across DPS. The next step for House Bill 560 will be a vote Monday night on the Senate floor.

Looking into next week, it appears both chambers will begin their business on Monday evening for floor votes and committee meetings. It is likely that a budget will be released and voted on next week. As a reminder, this budget will be released as a conference report and cannot be amended.

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/ALE	Moffitt, Setzer, Mills, and Zenger	H 211	Social District/Common Area Clarifications	6/23/2022 Senate Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Legal	Moffitt, Riddell, Stevens, and Yarborough	Н 327	Various Administrative Law Changes.	Placed on Senate Cal for 6/27/2022
Department-Wide	Boles	Н 560	Public Safety Reform.	Placed on Senate Cal for 6/27/2022

GCC/Victim Services	Richardson, Szoka, and Wheatley	Н 674	Require DNA for Various Convictions.	6/21/2022 Senate Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
ABC	Moffitt	Н 768	2022 ABC Omnibus.	6/23/2022 Senate Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
NCNG/Law Enforcement	D. Hall	Н 807	Uniformed Heroes Voting Act.	6/23/2022 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
11	Boles Davis, McNeill, and C. Smith	Н 1007	Authorize Concurrent Juvenile Jurisdiction.	6/23/2022 House Passed 3rd Reading 102-1
AC/Victim Services/ Community Corrections	Boles, Davis, McNeill, and C. Smith	H 1008	Sex Offender/Probation/Vic tims Changes.	Placed on Senate Cal for 6/27/2022
ALE/SBI	Perry, Lazzara, and Johnson	S 38	Sports Wagering Amendments.	6/22/2022 House Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
ABC	Johnson and Hise	S 470	ABC Technical and Other Changes.	6/23/2022 Senate Failed Concur In H Com Sub
SBI/ALE	Perry and Lowe	S 688	Sports Wagering.	6/22/2022 House Failed 2nd Reading 49-52
Law Enforcement	B. Jackson, Sanderson, and Woodard	S 762	North Carolina Farm Act of 2022.	6/22/2022 House Re-ref Com On Finance

EM	Chaudhuri and Murdock	S 916	Safeguard Fair Elections Act.	6/21/2022 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
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