Legislative Update for Week of June 5, 2017

Legislative Summary

The Senate this week voted to not concur with the House version of the budget. Therefore, a conference committee was appointed to work out budget differences between the chambers and produce a final conference report. The full Appropriations chairs along with the House and Senate leadership led the budget negotiations. Although the majority of legislative business this week focused on the closed door budget discussions, both the House and Senate held regular committee meetings to consider substantive legislation, including the Department of Public Safety's bill regarding workers compensation for prison inmates.

Bills of Interest

Workers' Compensation/Prison Inmates (H205)

Description:

This bill would provide that inmates employed under the Prison Industry Enhancement Program (PIE) must receive workers' compensation.

Introduced by:

Representatives McNeill (R-Randolph) and Rep. Zachary (R-Yadkin)

Amendments Proposed:

No additional amendments were proposed this week.

Actions Taken:

H205 was in heard on the Senate floor on Monday, June 5 for third reading and passed by a vote of 29-14, with bipartisan opposition. It was sent to the House and was calendared for a concurrence vote on June 8. However, upon motion of House Rules Chairman David Lewis, H205 was withdrawn from the calendar and re-referred to the House Rules Committee.