



Legislative Update

Week of March 4, 2019

Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

The General Assembly continued its steady pace this week, holding various committee meetings to review both substantive and budgetary matters.

On Tuesday, the Joint Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety met to discuss the fiscal requirements for *Raise the Age* implementation. Later in the week, the committee heard an overview of prisons.

Senate Transportation met Wednesday to take up Senate Bill 105, *Federal Motor Carrier Safety/PRISM*, which would make various changes to the motor vehicle laws and incorporate requirements of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Performance and Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM) Program. The bill passed unanimously out of committee with a referral to Senate Rules, where it subsequently received a favorable report. The bill is now calendared to be heard on the Senate floor during the Tuesday, March 12th session.

The highlight of this week came from Governor Roy Cooper, who released his recommended budget for the 2019-21 biennium on Wednesday. The Office of State Budget and Management presented the Governor's recommendations to the Joint Appropriations Committee the following day.

Of the proposed \$25.2 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20, roughly \$2.2 billion would support DPS initiatives. A snapshot of DPS funding included in the Governor's recommended budget is provided below. The Governor's entire recommended budget can be accessed at: https://files.nc.gov/ncosbm/documents/files/BudgetBook_web_2019.pdf

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Governor's Recommended 2019-21 Budget Highlights

Department-Wide

- A recurring cost of living adjustment (COLA) that is the greater of \$500 or 1.5% in each year of the biennium.
- An additional \$500 recurring salary increase in FY 2019-20 for nearly 37,000 law enforcement officers and employees that spend a majority of their time working in state-operated facilities.
- Five extra days of special annual leave.

- \$75 million to provide retirees with a one-time 2% compensation adjustment.
- Additional recurring funds (\$20 million) for the Salary Adjustment Fund to address hard-to-staff, high-turnover positions, salaries below market rates, gender inequality, and other statewide salary needs.

Adult Correction & Juvenile Justice

- \$10 million nonrecurring to improve safety and security at prisons by fortifying facilities and providing corrections staff with additional training, enhanced surveillance and detection tools, and updated technologies.
- \$27 million in FY 2019-20 and \$38 million in FY 2020-21 for *Raise the Age* legislation, which raises the age of juvenile jurisdiction for nonviolent crimes from 16 years of age to 18 beginning December 1, 2019. Funds will support juvenile court counselors, custody and security staff, transportation, and community-based services.
- \$1.7 million non-recurring to renovate the Perquimans Youth Development Center.
- \$2 million recurring, and \$500,000 non-recurring to Adult Corrections to enhance training, intelligence gathering and support for new staff.
- \$835,000 recurring to provide for 11 positions to expand capacity for re-entry programming.
- \$3.5 million recurring to provide 35 positions for the first phase of a new long-term care facility, located at Central Prison, for chronically ill inmates.
- \$1 million in non-recurring funds to construct modular classroom space at Black Mountain Correctional Center.

Emergency Management

- \$575,000 recurring and \$45,000 non-recurring to provide funding for 8 additional positions to support school safety, cyber security, disaster recovery and resiliency operations.
- \$1.5 million recurring for Statewide Search and Rescue Teams.
- \$250,000 nonrecurring for the North Carolina 2-1-1 network which provides information

NC National Guard

- \$1.8 million in non-recurring and \$100,000 in non-recurring funds towards purchasing personal protective gear and hiring additional program and support staff to improve the staff-to-student ratio at Tarheel Challenge Academies.
- \$4 million in non-recurring funds for the Armory Facility and Development Plan to draw down federal matching funds.

Additional Provisions

- \$2 million in recurring funding to the State Highway Patrol to address the increased enrollment in the Basic Schools cadet training program.
- \$2 million non-recurring for the renovation of the State Highway Patrol’s Troop B Headquarters in Elizabethtown.
- \$15 million for updates to the statewide VIPER system.
- \$800,000 additional recurring funding for up to 9 SBI positions.

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
EM	White, Torbett, Horn, and Elmore	H 76	School Safety Omnibus	3/7/2019 Passed 3rd Reading in House; Order Engrossed 3/8/2019 Referred to Senate
EM/Law Enforcement	Warren, Corbin, D. Hall, and Potts	H 118	First Responders Act of 2019	3/5/2019 Re-ref Com On Judiciary
ACJJ	Shepard, McNeill, C. Smith, and Cleveland	H 138	Damage Jail & Prison Fire Sprinkler/Penalty	3/6/2019 Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

ACJJ	Horn, Farmer- Butterfield, Lucas, and R. Turner	H 141	<u>PED Study - DPS/Health Services/Funds for FTE</u>	3/6/2019 Re-ref Com On Appropriations, Justice and Public Safety
Law Enforcement	Moore, Hastings, C. Smith, and Barnes	H 224	<u>Assault w/ Firearm on LEO/Increase Punishment</u>	3/6/2019 Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
NCNG	Grange, Potts, and White	H 274	<u>Child Abuse & Neglect/Military Affiliation</u>	3/6/2019 House Ref to the Com on Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Judiciary, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
EM	Boles and McNeill	H 281 (Identical to S 190)	<u>Expand Special Assessments for Dam Repair</u>	3/7/2019 Ref to the Com on State and Local Government, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

Law Enforcement	Jones, Bell, Moore, and Hastings	H 283	Conner's Law	3/7/2019 Ref to the Com on Judiciary, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Law Enforcement	Ball, McNeill, Reives, and C. Smith	H 296	Respect for Families of Law Enforcement	3/7/2019 Ref to the Com on Judiciary, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
JJ	Stevens and Morey	H 301	CIP Revisions/Juvenile Code	3/7/2019 House Filed
SBI	McElraft, Setzer, Richardson, and Pierce	H 310	Clarify Insurance Prod'r Crim. Bckgrd Check	3/7/2019 House Filed
SBI; Law Enforcement	Majeed, Harrison, Meyer, and Martin	H 312	Hate Crimes Prevention Act	3/7/2019 House Filed
Law Enforcement/EM/AC/NCNG	Britt, Ballard, and McInnis	S 20	Emergency Worker Protection Act	3/6/2019 Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate 3/7/2019 Reptd Fav

Law Enforcement	Daniel, Britt and McKissick	S 46	Standing Up for Rape Victims Act of 2019	3/7/2019 Re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
SBI (ALE)	Gunn, McInnis and J. Alexander	S 66	Allow Game Nights	3/7/2019 Re-ref Com On Finance
EM	Sawyer, Ballard, and B. Jackson	S 77	Ag Disaster Fund/Certain Counties	3/8/2019 Presented to the Governor
SHP	J. Jackson, J. Davis, and Britt	S 105	Federal Motor Carrier Safety/PRISM	3/7/2019 Placed On Cal For 03/12/2019
EM	Robinson and Tillman	S 110	Housing Recovery/Restore Greensboro Funds	3/4/2019 Senate Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
Law Enforcement	J. Davis	S 113	DMV/Emergency Contact Information	3/7/2019 Placed On Cal For 03/12/2019
NCNG	Burgin	S 188	Military State Income Tax Relief	3/6/2019 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

EM	McInnis	S 190 (Identical to H 281)	Expand Special Assessments for Dam Repair	3/6/2019 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
EM	Waddell and Bishop	S 191	Out-of-State Law Enforcement/2020 Rep Convtn	3/6/2019 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
SBI; Law Enforcement	Chaudhuri, Foushee, and Mohammed	S 209	Hate Crimes Prevention Act	3/7/2019 Senate Filed

2019 House Bill Request/Filing Deadlines

Drafts	To Bill Drafting By 4:00 PM	Filed By 4:00 PM
Local Bills	Wednesday, March 6	Thursday, March 28
Public Bills & Resolutions (Not Appropriations or Finance)	Wednesday, March 27	Tuesday, April 16
Public Bills (Appropriations or Finance)	Wednesday, April 3	Tuesday, April 23

2019 Senate Bill Request/Filing Deadlines

Drafts	To Bill Drafting By 4:00 PM	Filed By 4:00 PM
Local Bills	Wednesday, February 27	Thursday, March 14
Public Bills & Resolutions	Wednesday, March 13	Tuesday, April 2

Crossover Deadline: Thursday, May 9

Bills eligible to file in 2019 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) Adjournment resolutions.
- (4) Bills introduced on the report of the House Committees on Appropriations, Finance, or Rules.