



# Legislative Update

*Week of April 26, 2021*

Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

This week on Jones Street kicked off with Governor Cooper’s State of the State address Monday evening. The Governor highlighted our state’s resilience over the past year by recognizing North Carolinians who have made significant contributions to their communities during Covid-19. Among those recognized was Lieutenant Colonel David Walliser of the NC National Guard. During the speech, Governor Cooper urged lawmakers to work in a bipartisan manner to help the state rebuild from the impacts of the pandemic. The Governor’s remarks in their entirety can be read [here](#).

The week as a whole was quite busy for both chambers of the General Assembly. Forty-five bills received favorable votes in the House and Senate and were sent either to their respective opposite chambers or to the governor for approval. In addition, the House and Senate held a combined 35 committee meetings throughout the week. With just shy of 1,500 bills filed this session, there is no doubt the same vigorous pace will continue in the coming weeks as the May 13<sup>th</sup> crossover deadline looms. As a reminder, the crossover deadline is the date by which non-budget bills must pass from one chamber to the other to be eligible for consideration for the remainder of the 2021-22 session. Thus far, a total of 232 bills has met the crossover deadline.

Looking ahead to next week, House Bill 560, *Public Safety Reform*, is scheduled to be heard in House Judiciary 2 on Tuesday afternoon. This is an agency bill and is one of the more significant bills this session, as it includes provisions that impact several DPS divisions and sections. If approved in committee, the bill could move rapidly and be voted on in the House by this time next week. It is anticipated other notable bills of DPS interest will also be heard in committee next week, but the full legislative calendar for the week has not been released at this time. Stay engaged over the next few weeks, as it will become more clear what lies in store for the department for the remainder of the 2021-22 legislative session.

## **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
AC	Bell	H 100	<a href="#">Highway Cleanup Act of 2021.</a>	4/27/2021 House Re-ref Com On Appropriations

Law Enforcement	McNeill, Hardister, Faircloth, and Miller	H 304	<a href="#">Protect Personal Info/LEOs, Judges, DAs.</a>	Passed House Judiciary 1; 4/28/2021 House Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Law Enforcement	McNeill, Boles, Saine, and Carter	H 315	<a href="#">Arson Law Revisions.</a>	4/26/2021 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
ABC	Adcock, Dahle, von Haefen, and Ball	H 322	<a href="#">Limit ABC License Requirements.</a>	4/27/2021 House Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Legal	Moffitt, Riddell, Stevens, and Yarborough	H 327	<a href="#">Update Legislative Review of Rules Process.</a>	4/28/2021 House Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Law Enforcement/ACJJ	Zenger	H 417	<a href="#">The Sergeant Mickey Hutchens Act.</a>	4/27/2021 House Re-ref Com On Appropriations
Law Enforcement (Specifically SBI)	McNeill	H 607	<a href="#">LEO Background Checks/FBI Rap Back Services.</a>	4/28/2021 House Re-ref Com On State Government
JJ	Davis	H 615	<a href="#">Juvenile Court Mental Health Assessments.</a>	4/28/2021 House Re-ref Com On Health
Admin	Hardister	H 654	<a href="#">Statewide Contracts/Nonprofits for the Blind.</a>	4/26/2021 House Ref to the Com on State Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
EM	Torbett	H 657	<a href="#">School Safety/Threat Assessment Teams.</a>	4/27/2021 House Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar

ABC	Moffitt	H 669	<a href="#"><u>Distribute Alcohol Without Discrimination.</u></a>	4/27/2021 House Ref to the Com on Alcoholic Beverage Control, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
SHP	Richardson	H 673	<a href="#"><u>Expand Traffic Stop Data Reporting.</u></a>	4/27/2021 House Ref to the Com on Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Law Enforcement	Boles	H 679	<a href="#"><u>Emergency Care for K9 Units.</u></a>	4/27/2021 House Ref to the Com on Health, if favorable, Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
ABC	Moffitt	H 693	<a href="#"><u>Common Carrier ABC Permit.</u></a>	4/28/2021 House Ref to the Com on Alcoholic Beverage Control, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
EM/Law Enforcement	McNeely	H 694	<a href="#"><u>First Responders/Medical POAs Required.</u></a>	4/28/2021 House Ref to the Com on Health, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
AC	Alexander	H 697	<a href="#"><u>The Prison Resources Repurposing Act.</u></a>	4/28/2021 House Ref to the Com on State Government, if favorable, Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

Law Enforcement	Quick	H 698	<a href="#">Release Body-Worn/Dashboard Camera Video.</a>	4/28/2021 House Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
AC	Graham	H 700	<a href="#">Bring Back Inmate Litter Crews.</a>	4/28/2021 House Ref to the Com on Transportation, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
EM/Law Enforcement	Everitt	H 705	<a href="#">Set \$15 Minimum Wage for First Responders.</a>	4/28/2021 House Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
EM	Kidwell	H 706	<a href="#">Realigning Emergency Checks and Balances.</a>	4/29/2021 House Ref to the Com on Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Admin/EM	Cooper-Suggs.	H 714	<a href="#">Volunteer EMS Providers/Grant Program.</a>	4/29/2021 House Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Law Enforcement	Dahle	H 716	<a href="#">Public Transportation/Risk Reduction Programs.</a>	4/29/2021 House Ref to the Com on Transportation, if favorable, Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
AC	K. Smith	H 719	<a href="#">Repeal Death Penalty.</a>	4/29/2021 House Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

ABC	Moffitt	H 722	<a href="#">Expand Allowable Growler Size.</a>	4/29/2021 House Ref to the Com on Alcoholic Beverage Control, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
AC	Alston	H 724	<a href="#">Repeal Death Penalty.</a>	4/29/2021 House Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
SBI	Ball	H 732	<a href="#">Peer Support Specialist Certification Act.</a>	4/29/2021 House Ref to the Com on Health, if favorable, Regulatory Reform, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
ACJJ	Ball	H 749	<a href="#">Healthy Students - School Psychs/COVID-19.</a>	4/29/2021 House Filed
Law Enforcement	Szoka	H 757	<a href="#">The Police Use-of-Force Transparency Act.</a>	4/29/2021 House Filed
Law Enforcement/NCNG	Blackwell	H 761	<a href="#">Police Vehicle and Equipment Protection Act.</a>	4/29/2021 House Filed
EM/NCORR	B. Jackson, Harrington, and Hise	S 172	<a href="#">2021 COVID-19 Response &amp; Relief.</a>	4/29/2021 Senate Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
EM	Rabon, Burgin, and Ford	S 346	<a href="#">Emergency Management Act Revisions.</a>	4/29/2021 House Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Admin	Sanderson, Rabon, and Krawiec	S 335	<a href="#">Government Transparency Act of 2021.</a>	4/28/2021 Senate Re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

Legal	Hise, Daniel, and Newton	S 360	<a href="#">Prohibit Collusive Settlements by the AG.</a>	4/29/2021 House Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
EM	Edwards	S 435	<a href="#">Terminations of States of Emergency.</a>	4/28/2021 House Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

### **2021 Bill Filing Deadlines**

#### *House of Representatives:*

Drafts	Filed in House By 3 PM
Public Bills and Resolutions ( <b>Not</b> Approps or Finance)	Tuesday, May 4
Public Bills (Approps or Finance)	Tuesday, May 11

#### **Bills eligible to be filed in 2021 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.

**\* CROSSOVER DEADLINE\***  
**Thursday, May 13, 2021**

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