



# Legislative Update

*Week of June 8, 2020*

Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

This week at the General Assembly both the House and Senate calendars were lengthy and committee meetings were in abundance. This activity seems to suggest that things are beginning to wind down. However, a number of bills affecting our department traveled successfully through the process. They are described below:

House Bill 1064, *GSC Clarifying Bingo License Statute*, which makes technical changes moving Bingo from SBI to ALE, received a favorable report in the House Committee on Rules during Tuesday's meeting. On Wednesday, the bill passed third reading on the House floor with a vote of 116 to 3. The bill is now in the Senate and will be heard in the Judiciary committee.

In addition, three other bills of significance to the department were ratified and presented to the Governor for his signature. They are as follows:

- **Senate Bill 836, *State Operations/Increase Federal Funds Use*** -- provides \$370 million for the continuity of operations needs across state government. Specifically, these funds may be used for overtime costs at prisons, community corrections, juvenile facilities, and veterans homes, among other uses.
- **House Bill 1063, *Fund VIPER Tower Hardware Upgrades*** -- directs \$19,800,530 non-recurring to make critical hardware upgrades to base station equipment. This bill has been signed by Governor Cooper and goes into effect July 1, 2020.
- **House Bill 1187, *Raise the Age Funding*** -- appropriates funding for additional bed space needed to accommodate the anticipated increase in juveniles resulting from Raise the Age Implementation. The bill provides an appropriation of \$10,440,000 for renovations at Perquimans Youth Detention Center and C.A. Dillion Youth Development Center and for construction of the new Rockingham County Youth Development Center. Unfortunately, the bill as written directs the funds for these items to be transferred from the Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Fund. This bill has been signed by Governor Cooper and goes into effect July 1, 2020.

Finally, as a friendly reminder, the 2.5% raises to employees from the various mini budgets passed last year will go into effect on July 1, 2020.

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## 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/Law Enforcement	Warren, Corbin, D. Hall, and Potts	H 118	<a href="#">First Responders Act of 2019</a>	6/9/2020 Senate Re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
NCNG	Martin, Cleveland, and Bell	H 340	<a href="#">Amend Appt For Compact on Education/Military</a>	6/9/2020 Senate Re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
AC	Rogers, Brody, Hardister, and John	H 463	<a href="#">Education in Prisons</a>	6/10/2020 Senate Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
ABC	McGrady, Boles, Fisher, and Hardister	H 536	<a href="#">Temp Outdoor Restaurants for Outdoor Seating</a>	Vetoed 06/05/2020; 6/10/2020 House Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
ABC	K. Hall, Howard, D. Hall, and Richardson	H 594	<a href="#">Temp Open Gyms/Health Clubs/Fitness Ctrs.</a>	Pres. To Gov. 6/10/2020
NCNG	Horn and Lucas	H 1053	<a href="#">PED/Military OL &amp; Audiology Interstate Compct</a>	6/11/2020 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Law Enforcement	McNeill, Boles, and Davis	H 1063	<a href="#">Fund VIPER Tower Hardware Upgrades</a>	Signed by Gov. 6/12/20200

ALE/SBI	Davis	H 1064	<a href="#">GSC Clarifying Bingo License Statute</a>	6/11/2020 Senate Re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
ACJJ	Saine, Lambeth, and McGrady	H 1187	<a href="#">Raise the Age Funding</a>	Signed by Gov. 6/12/2020
JJ	Britt, Daniel, and McKissick	S 562	<a href="#">The Second Chance Act</a>	6/10/2020 House Passed 3rd Reading 119-0
NCNG	Brown, Harrington, and B. Jackson	S 801	<a href="#">Military Presence Stabilization Fund/Funding</a>	Pres. To Gov. 6/12/2020
Department-Wide	Brown, Harrington, and B. Jackson	S 803	<a href="#">Capital Appropriation - Repairs &amp; Renovations</a>	Placed on Senate Calendar for 6/15/2020
ACJJ	Brown, Harrington, and B. Jackson	S 805	<a href="#">Coronavirus Relief Funds/Create Offsets</a>	Placed on Senate Calendar for 6/15/2020
ACJJ	Brown, Harrington, and B. Jackson	S 818	<a href="#">Compensation of Certain School Employees</a>	Placed on Senate Calendar for 6/15/2020
ACJJ	Brown, Harrington, and B. Jackson	S 836	<a href="#">State Operations/Increase Federal Funds Use</a>	Pres. To Gov. 6/12/2020