



Legislative Update

Week of September 20, 2021

Roy Cooper, Governor

Cassandra Skinner Hoekstra, Interim Secretary

As summer loosens its grip on the Old North State, state budget negotiations remain stationary. Predictions that the two chambers would reach a compromise by the end of this week came to naught. The Cooper administration hopes to see a preview of the conference budget early next week. Beyond that, it is uncertain when full details of the FY 2021-23 biennium budget will emerge publicly.

In addition to ongoing budget negotiations, each house held one voting session this week. A few bills saw action, but the highlight of the week undoubtedly took place in the Senate. On Tuesday, the Senate took up a resolution (SR 736) honoring the life and memory of former state Senator Marc Basnight. The former Dare County senator was the state’s longest-serving Senate President Pro Tempore in history, serving as Senate leader for 18 years. To honor his legacy, a portrait of Basnight was unveiled and will permanently hang in the Senate chamber.

At this point, next week’s legislative calendar is sparse. Few votes, and fewer committee meetings, are likely to occur. Away from Raleigh, three remaining redistricting public hearings will be held in Robeson, New Hanover, and Cumberland counties. Another week of budget suspense appears likely.

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	Kidwell, D. Hall, Bell, and Moffitt	H 264	Emergency Powers Accountability Act.	9/23/2021 House Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)
Law Enforcement/NCNG/JJ	Blackwell	H 761	Police Vehicle and Equipment Protection Act.	9/21/2021 Senate Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
PPSB	Daniel	S 424	Private Protective Svcs. Licensing Mods.	9/22/2021 Senate Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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