



Legislative Update

May 18, 2018

Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

The North Carolina General Assembly reconvened for the 2018 Legislative “Short” Session this past Wednesday, May 16th. Both the House and Senate have indicated that they plan to end session by July 4th. The primary focus of this session is to adjust the current budget that was passed last year. Governor Roy Cooper released his adjustment recommendations on May 10th.

Only certain legislation can be considered this session. Bills that impact the budget and those that have met the “crossover” deadline, i.e., passed the chamber of origin by June 28th, 2017, are eligible for consideration.

In addition, bills that were vetoed by the Governor, are recommendations from study committees, or are noncontroversial local bills may continue the process.

Below you will find highlights of the Governor’s budget recommendations, a list of bills related to DPS that had action this week, and a list of the bill filing deadlines.

Note: The Legislative Building has installed new metal detectors. As a result, all non-General Assembly personnel will have to go through security prior to entering the building. Additionally, you may no longer walk through the Legislative Building’s garage to enter the food establishments. However, you will still be able to exit on the basement level.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Susanna Davis at 919-825-2717 or susanna.davis@ncdps.gov.

Governor’s Recommended Budget Adjustment Highlights

Department-Wide

- \$1,250 or 2% (whichever is greater) salary increase for all state employees.
- \$1,000 *additional* salary increase for certified law enforcement officers, probation and parole officers, and employees in positions based in state adult and juvenile correctional institutions.
- 5 days of non-expiring annual leave.
- \$10 million for supplemental retirement contributions for correctional officers.
- \$1 million for 17 Human Resources positions and establishment of a South Central Region office.

Adult Correction & Juvenile Justice

- \$28 million for workplace safety through facility fortification and security for corrections staff by providing additional training, enhanced surveillance and detection tools, and updated technologies.
- \$500,000 for sign-on and referral bonuses for correctional officers and medical staff.
- \$1.2 million for the behavioral health needs of those under probation, parole or post-release supervision; increases capacity for post-release supervision mandates and expands networks that coordinate community-based services for successful re-entry.
- \$5.6 million for staff and operating costs for the long-term care facility at Central.
- \$11 million to restore 149 of 196 nursing positions that were moved to temporary contract services.
- \$4.4 million in Connect NC Bond supplement funds for Samarcand Training Facility renovations.
- \$1.6 million for Chase Laundry air handling and roof replacements.
- \$400,000 to expand and improve security cameras and systems for the Corrections Enterprises industry operations locations.

Raise the Age

- \$7.5 million to increase staff, strengthen training, and establish focused programming.
- \$2.5 million to the Administrative Office of the Courts to provide additional resources to handle the increased juvenile caseload.
- \$7.2 million to supplement capital funds appropriated in FY 2017-18 for the design and construction of a new youth development center in Rockingham County.

Emergency Management

- \$400,000 for staff to support the School Risk Management System.
- \$1.5 million for Statewide Search and Rescue Teams.
- \$250,000 for North Carolina 2-1-1.

NC National Guard

- \$280,000 for 9 mission support positions.
- \$50,000 to continue a substance abuse prevention program.
- \$230,000 for eight educator positions to support the Tarheel ChalleNGe Academy efforts to ensure that cadets receive a high school diploma.
- \$800,000 for the Western Readiness Center Annex.
- \$14 million in Connect NC Bond supplement funds for the readiness centers in Burke and Wilkes County.
- \$39 million for a new State Veterans Home in the Piedmont Triad region.
- \$39 million for a new State Veterans Home in the Triangle region.

- \$2.2 million for routine repair and renovation of the four existing State Veterans Homes.
- \$9.6 million for the expansion of the State Veterans Cemeteries in Sandhills and Black Mountain.

Additional Provisions

- \$4.1 million to restore funding for new VIPER tower construction.
- \$800,000 for nine SBI positions.
- \$150,000 for an additional DPS attorney within the Department of Justice.
- \$25 million that can be used for safety improvements to facilities, purchase of safety and security equipment, improvements in communication and data systems, training, and the development of security master plans.
- \$20 million for the Salary Adjustment Fund. These funds will be used to further the implementation of the new market-based classification and compensation system through adjustments targeting hard-to-staff, high-turnover positions, salaries below market rates, and other salary adjustment identified through analysis using HR best practices.
- \$50,000 to the Department of Justice for a new and expanded memorial for fallen law enforcement officers in Salemburg.

DPS Bills with Action this Week

(Note: Click on the bill number or title to view the most current version of the bill)

Division(s) Impacted	Sponsor(s)	Bill #	Short Title	Action
Emergency Management	White, Dobson, Lewis, and Torbett	<u>H932</u>	<u>Anonymous Safety Tip Line Application.</u>	Referred to the Committee on Education - K-12, if favorable, Appropriations
Emergency Management	Torbett, Dobson, and Lewis	<u>H934</u>	<u>Threat Assessment Teams/Peer to Peer Counsels.</u>	Referred to the Committee on Education - K-12, if favorable, Appropriations
Emergency Management	J. Bell, Lewis, and Torbett	<u>H937</u>	<u>SROs Defined/Training Standards.</u>	Referred to the Committee on Education - K-12
Emergency Management	J. Bell, Lewis, and Torbett	<u>H938</u>	<u>Expand Use/School Risk Management Plans.</u>	Referred to the Committee on Education - K-12

Emergency Management	J. Bell, Lewis, and Torbett	<u>H939</u>	<u>School Building Vulnerability Assessments.</u>	Referred to the Committee on Education - K-12
ABC Commission; ALE	Boles and Davis	<u>H944</u>	<u>ABC Regulation and Reform.</u>	Referred to the Committee on Alcoholic Beverage Control, if favorable, Judiciary I
Administration	Boles and Davis	<u>H945</u>	<u>Rape Evidence Collection Kit Tracking Act.</u>	Referred to the Committee on Judiciary II
Emergency Management	Faircloth, Speciale, Boles, and Brenden Jones	<u>H962</u>	<u>Expand Use/School Risk Management Plans.</u>	Filed
Emergency Management	Faircloth, Speciale, Boles, and Brenden Jones	<u>H963</u>	<u>Clarify Prevention/Emergency Management Act.</u>	Filed
NC National Guard	Bert Jones, Shepard, Arp, and Torbett	<u>H964</u>	<u>National/State Mottos License Plate.</u>	Filed
ACJJ; Highway Patrol	Steinburg and K. Hall	<u>H966</u>	<u>Increase & Expand Public Safety Death Benefit.</u>	Filed
ACJJ	Davis and Boles	<u>H969</u>	<u>Enhance Prison Security.</u>	Filed
ABC Commission; ALE	Wells, Randleman, and Sanderson	<u>S714</u>	<u>ABC Regulation and Reform.</u>	Referred to the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Emergency Management	Rabin, Alexander, and Sanderson	<u>S720</u>	<u>Expand Use/School Risk Management Plans.</u>	Filed
Emergency Management	Rabin, Alexander, and Sanderson	<u>S723</u>	<u>Clarify Prevention/Emergency Management Act.</u>	Filed

2018 House Bill Request/Filing Deadlines

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Eligible to file in 2018 Short Session but no deadlines:

- (1) Bills amending the North Carolina Constitution.
- (2) Appointments to/confirmation of members of State Boards/commissions.
- (3) Resolutions not prohibited by House or Senate Rules.
- (4) Joint resolutions authorizing other bills and those bills if resolution passes by two-thirds vote in each chamber.
- (5) Election law bills.
- (6) Redistricting bills for House, Senate, Congress, judicial and prosecutorial, municipal, and other political subdivisions.
- (7) Bills responding to litigation related to the legality of legislative enactments.
- (8) Bills providing for impeachment of State officers.
- (9) Bills to disapprove Administrative Rules.
- (10) Adjournment resolution sine die.

Otherwise eligible for consideration

- (1) Bills that made cross-over.
- (2) Veto overrides.