



Legislative Update

Week of June 7, 2021

Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

Despite reports of the House breaking with tradition and moving forward on its own budget due to intractable differences with the Senate, the chambers announced earlier this week that they had come to an agreement on an overall spending amount for the FY 2021-23 biennium. In general, the House and Senate have agreed to spend \$25.7 billion in FY 2021-22, and \$26.7 billion in FY 2022-23. By comparison, Governor Cooper proposed investing \$27.4 billion and \$28.5 billion respectively. This news marks an important step forward in efforts to craft a comprehensive budget.

Few details about the Senate’s budget proposal are known at this time, but it may be released as early as next week. Once released, the Department will have a better understanding of which budget priorities the Senate supports. Until then, DPS Legislative Affairs will continue working with legislative members and other entities on bills of interest that have met the crossover deadline. During this time, it is fairly typical for proposed legislation to move at short notice.

The House Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety met this past Tuesday to discuss the budgetary needs of Prisons. The committee will meet again on Tuesday, June 15th to hear about RAVE Mobile Safety and budget priorities of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). Otherwise, next week’s legislative calendar is largely unknown as only a handful of committee meetings have been scheduled. The Senate will hold its next voting session Monday evening; the House will hold floor votes on either Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday.

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
ABC	McNeill	H 278	Sunset ABC Board Participation in LGERS.	6/10/2021 Senate Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Law Enforcement	McNeill, Boles, Saine, and Carter	H 315	Arson Law Revisions.	6/10/2021 Senate Re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

Admin	Hardister	H 654	Statewide Contracts/Nonprofits for the Blind.	6/10/2021 Senate Re-ref to State and Local Government. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
Law Enforcement	B. Jones	H 692	Restrict Certain Vehicle Modifications.	6/10/2021 Senate Re-ref to Transportation. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
JJ	Britt, Daniel, and Mohammed	S 207	Various Raise the Age Changes/JJAC Recs.	6/8/2021 House Re-ref to the Com on Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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