



Legislative Update

Week of November 11, 2019

Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

We paused at the beginning of the week on Veterans Day to honor those who have served our country in the Armed Forces. Thank you to those who have made many sacrifices to ensure that we as Americans continue to enjoy freedom every day.

The General Assembly returned after a week and a half hiatus. As expected, much of the attention was on redistricting as legislators redrew Congressional districts for the November 2020 election. Beyond that, the House and Senate both adopted the conference report for House Bill 200, *2019 Storm Recovery Act*, and have sent it to Governor Cooper for his signature. The legislation would provide a variety of funding for both ongoing hurricane relief efforts and resiliency measures against future storms. Significant to DPS, the measure provides over \$103 million to be used for state match needs related to federal disaster assistance programs.

Although meetings will continue to be held, the General Assembly will adjourn the regular session until January 14, 2020. When they reconvene, only the following will be considered:

- (1) Veto Overrides.
- (2) Bills providing for the selection, appointment, or confirmation as required by law, including the filling of vacancies of positions for which the appointees were elected by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, or President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- (3) Bills providing for action on gubernatorial nominations or appointments.
- (4) Bills responding to actions related to litigation concerning the districts for Congressional, State House, State Senate, judicial, municipal, county, and other elected officials' actions and any other litigation challenging the legality of legislative enactments.
- (5) Adoption of conference reports.
- (6) Bills addressing funding for and oversight of the Department of Transportation.
- (7) Bills addressing access to health care.
- (8) Bills providing for or modifying appropriations of State funds.
- (9) A joint resolution further adjourning the 2019 Regular Session or amending a joint resolution adjourning the 2019 Regular Session to a date certain.

After January, the plan is for the General Assembly to adjourn until the "short" session, which traditionally starts in mid-May.

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

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	Hurley, Johnson, Horn, and Elmore	H 200	2019 Storm Recovery/Var. Budget Corrections	Pres. To Gov. 11/14/2019