



# Legislative Update

*Week of September 16, 2019*

Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

Similar to last week, lawmakers this week largely focused their energies on redistricting, in an effort to meet the Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> court-imposed deadline for redrawing new voter districts. The remedial maps for both House and Senate districts passed both chambers and became session law late Tuesday. The newly-drawn maps were then submitted to a three-judge panel for their review and final approval.

After the vote on Tuesday, many Senate members left town to head back to their districts, as no votes were scheduled for the remainder of the week. House members stuck around through mid-day Wednesday to conduct a couple of votes before departing. Both chambers are now taking a break with no recorded votes until at least Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, when legislative activities will resume.

On Wednesday, Governor Cooper signed into law each of the four mini-budget bills mentioned in last week's update. As a reminder, they are as follows:

- Senate Bill 429, *Disaster Recovery - 2019 Budget Provisions*, allocates over \$100 million to address recovery needs from Hurricane Florence and other specified disaster-related requirements;
- Senate Bill 118, *Prison Safety/TANF State Plan/Clarifications*, appropriates nearly \$4.5 million for additional stab-resistant vests and exterior carriers, security netting, handheld metal detectors, key lockboxes, and IT upgrades for prison man-down technology and cameras;
- House Bill 29, *Standing Up for Rape Victims Act of 2019*, appropriates \$6 million over two years to test the backlog of untested sexual assault kits; and
- House Bill 75, *School Safety Funds, Programs, and Reports*, allocates over \$68 million, over the biennium, to fund grants for additional school resource officers, school safety training, safety equipment, and student mental health services.

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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
Admin	Boles, Belk, C. Smith, and Richardson	H 29	<a href="#">Standing Up for Rape Victims Act of 2019</a>	Signed by Gov. 9/18/2019
EM/SBI	Torbett, Lewis, Dobson, and Bell	H 75	<a href="#">School Safety Funds, Programs, and Report</a>	Signed by Gov. 9/18/2019
Law Enforcement	Jones, Bell, Moore, and Hastings	H 283	<a href="#">Conner's Law</a>	9/17/2019 House Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b) (placed on the House calendar for a vote no later than the fourth legislative day after submission unless other action is taken)
AC	B. Jackson, Krawiec, and Ballard	S 118	<a href="#">Prison Safety/TANF State Plan/Clarifications</a>	Signed by Gov. 9/18/2019
EM	Newton	S 429	<a href="#">Disaster Recovery - 2019 Budget Provisions</a>	Signed by Gov. 9/18/2019