



Legislative Update

Week of August 5, 2019

Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

Another week has passed and the budget impasse continues. Although the House and Senate each conducted a handful of committee meetings and voted on about a dozen bills, uncertainty around the state budget persists. Typical signs of adjournment have emerged, such as committees taking up fewer bills, but the end date of this session remains anyone’s guess.

The Senate appears more eager to adjourn than its counterpart. As reported weeks ago, the Senate filed a Joint Adjournment Resolution to adjourn for a period of five weeks beginning late July. The bill currently sits in Senate Rules awaiting a hearing. The House, however, seems less inclined to call it quits. In fact, there are indications the House is prepared to continue working into the fall. Going forward, both chambers will likely hold session roughly two days per week until adjournment occurs.

On a more encouraging note, the Senate this week concurred with changes made by the House to Senate Bill 321, *Federal Motor Carrier Safety/PRISM*. This bill has been ratified and sent to the governor for approval. As previously reported, S 321 ensures state compliance with the federal Performance and Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM) program and allows for the state’s continued receipt of over \$11M in federal funding.

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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
EM	Brown, Harrington, and Krawiec	S 5	School Safety Omnibus	8/7/2019 Senate Re-ref Com On Education/Higher Education
SHP	T. Alexander	S 321	Federal Motor Carrier Safety/PRISM	Pres. To Gov. 8/8/2019

JJ	Britt, Daniel, and McKissick	S 562	The Second Chance Act	8/5/2019 House Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b) (will be placed on the House calendar within four legislative days)
SBI/ALE	J. Davis, Krawiec, and Woodard	S 574	Gaming Commission	8/7/2019 Senate Failed Concur In H Com Sub