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Weekly Legislative Report

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The 2011 session of the North Carolina General Assembly adjourned on Saturday, June 18th. The adjournment culminated a session that began on Wednesday, January 26, 2011, and ended with 2 to 3 weeks of day and night sessions during which hundreds of legislative bills were considered.

This year's adjournment was the earliest in several decades. Usually, the session does not adjourn until late July, or later.

Usually, when the General Assembly adjourns for the summer the Governor has up to 30 days to decide which bills will be vetoed, signed into law, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature. Because the General Assembly is coming back in session on July 13th, Governor Perdue only has 10 days within which to review the hundreds of bills sent to her during the last few days of this year's legislative session.

When the General Assembly comes back on July 13th, the primary focus of that session will be adopting "redistricting maps" that will establish the new districts for the state legislature and for North Carolina's members of Congress for the next 10 years. While all legislators want to be sure that the newly adopted districts are fair and legal, they also want to be sure that their district is configured in a way that will make it likely that they will get re-elected. They are also interested in a redistricting plan that will make it likely that their own political party will be in the majority after the first election using the new district maps.

The General Assembly is also expected to return for another brief session in August or September to consider proposed amendments to the Constitution of North Carolina on various topics.

This Weekly Legislative Report will be our last edition for this year as we do not expect any law enforcement or criminal justice issues to be considered by the General Assembly during their brief sessions in July and August or September. In the next few weeks we will publish a 2011 Final Legislative Report that summarizes all of the bills of interest that were enacted by this year's General Assembly. Also, later this fall we will be conducting legislative update training across the state for sheriffs and sheriffs' office personnel as well as any other law enforcement officers that would like to attend. This legislative update training will use the "train-the-trainer" format so that officers who attend the training can return to their law enforcement agency and train other personnel within their agency. All necessary materials will be provided to those officers who attend the training session so that they will be equipped to teach the legislative update themselves to other officers in their own agency.

BILL STATUS

HOUSE BILL 12, Stop Methamphetamine Labs, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature. **This bill was supported by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association.**

HOUSE BILL 22, 2011 Budget Technical Corrections, makes various changes in numerous laws and has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

HOUSE BILL 36, Employers & Local Gov't Must Use E-Verify, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

HOUSE BILL 49, Laura's Law, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature. **This bill was supported by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association.**

HOUSE BILL 112, Realign Wake Superior Court Districts, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

HOUSE BILL 113, Motorcycle Safety Act, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

HOUSE BILL 227, Disturbing/Dismembering Human Remains, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

HOUSE BILL 271, Probation Officer/No Concealed Carry Required, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

HOUSE BILL 289, Authorize Various Special Plates, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

HOUSE BILL 335, Maintenance of Prisons, was not finally agreed upon by the House and the Senate but a conference committee was appointed and this bill can be considered at the July 13th session of the General Assembly or at the session that begins in May, 2012.

HOUSE BILL 362, Pasquotank Hunting, has been approved by the General Assembly and enacted into law.

HOUSE BILL 381, Checking Station Pattern Selection, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

HOUSE BILL 382, Juvenile Code Revisions, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

HOUSE BILL 408, Amend Criminal Discovery Laws, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

HOUSE BILL 411, Iredell Correctional Facility/DOT Storage, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

HOUSE BILL 427, [Run and You're Done](#), has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature. **This bill was supported by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association.**

HOUSE BILL 538, [LGERS LEO Disability](#), has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature. **This bill was supported by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association** and other law enforcement associations.

HOUSE BILL 641, [Certificate of Relief Act](#), has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature. **This bill was supported by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association.**

HOUSE BILL 642, [Justice Reinvestment Act](#), has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature. **This bill was supported by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association.**

HOUSE BILL 649, [Amend Grounds/License Revocation/Bail Bondsman](#), has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

HOUSE BILL 650, [Amend Various Gun Laws/Castle Doctrine](#), has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

HOUSE BILL 652, [Omnibus Transportation Act](#), was not finally agreed upon by the House and the Senate and remains pending for consideration during the 2012 session of the General Assembly.

HOUSE BILL 656, [Allow Sheriffs' Assn. In LGERS](#), was approved by the Senate and sent to the House for further consideration. **This bill was supported by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association.**

HOUSE BILL 661, [CDL/HAZMAT Endorsement Expiration](#), has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

HOUSE BILL 662, [Electronic Monitoring Fee](#), has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

HOUSE BILL 678, [Pilot Release of Inmates to Adult Care Homes](#), has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

HOUSE BILL 755, [Study Fox Laws](#), has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

HOUSE BILL 761, [Ignition Interlock Systems/Record Checks](#), has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

HOUSE BILL 796, [Sale of Alcoholic Beverages](#), was not finally agreed upon by the House and the Senate and remains pending for consideration during the 2012 session of the General Assembly.

HOUSE BILL 805, Additional Name Change Requirements, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature. **This bill was supported by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association.**

HOUSE BILL 850, The Baucum - Reynolds Safe Roads Act, was considered by the House this session but was not enacted into law.

HOUSE BILL 911, Increase Criminal Court Costs/Victim's Comp, was considered by the House this session but was not enacted into law.

HOUSE BILL 927, State Pension Plan Solvency Reform Act, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

SENATE BILL 9, No Discriminatory Purpose in Death Penalty, was not finally agreed upon by the House and the Senate and remains pending for consideration during the 2012 session of the General Assembly. **This bill was supported by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association.**

SENATE BILL 16, Obtain Blood Sample/Implied-Consent Laws, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

SENATE BILL 98, 911 Call Transcripts, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature. **This bill was supported by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association.**

SENATE BILL 131, AOC Collection Assistance Fee, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

SENATE BILL 135, Allow Juvenile Record/Risk Determination/Bond, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

SENATE BILL 143, Detention Facility Requirements, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

SENATE BILL 144, Cash Converters Must Keep Purchase Records, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

SENATE BILL 148, GSC Tech Corrections/Other Changes, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

SENATE BILL 241, DWI/Custodial Interrogation Amendments, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature. **This bill was supported by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association.**

SENATE BILL 268, Enhance Protection of Victims and Witnesses, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature. **This bill was supported by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association.**

SENATE BILL 272, Victims' Compensation Law Changes, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

SENATE BILL 300, Miscellaneous Service/Process Amendments, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

SENATE BILL 311, Pretrial Release Violation/Arrest, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature. **This bill was supported by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association.**

SENATE BILL 324, ABC Law/Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

SENATE BILL 394, Clarify Process/Reportable Offenses in Schools, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

SENATE BILL 397, Expunge Nonviolent Offense by Minor, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature. **This bill was supported by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association.**

SENATE BILL 411, Stanly County Local Changes, has been approved by the General Assembly and enacted into law.

SENATE BILL 438, Clarify Motor Vehicle Licensing Law, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

SENATE BILL 449, Task Force on Fraud Against Older Adults, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature. **This bill was supported by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association.**

SENATE BILL 474, Photo ID for Certain Controlled Substances, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature. **This bill was supported by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association.**

SENATE BILL 580, AOC Omnibus Courts Act, was not finally agreed upon by the House and the Senate and is eligible for consideration when the General Assembly reconvenes on July 13th, and if an agreement is not reached then, will remain eligible for the 2012 session of the General Assembly.

SENATE BILL 581, Clarify Motor Vehicle Laws, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

SENATE BILL 593, Government Reduction Act, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

SENATE BILL 600, Out-of-State Law Enforcement/Special Events, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

SENATE BILL 636, Modify Graduated Licensing Requirements, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

SENATE BILL 684, Sex Offender Supervision/Forensic Amendments, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

SENATE BILL 686, 2011 Appointments Bill, has been approved by the General Assembly and enacted into law.

SENATE BILL 699, Division of Criminal Information (DCI) Changes, was approved by the Senate and sent to the House for further consideration but was not enacted into law this session.

SENATE BILL 762, Assault on Law Enforcement & EM Worker/Felony, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

SENATE BILL 771, Single Trip Permits/Modular Homes, has been approved by the General Assembly and sent to Governor Bev Perdue for her signature.

SENATE BILL 784, Adjournment Resolution, is the bill that specifies what issues can be considered when the General Assembly reconvenes on July 13th and this bill was enacted into law.

If you would like a copy of any of the legislation introduced or considered by this year's General Assembly, copies are available on the General Assembly's World Wide Web site: www.ncleg.net or by calling the General Assembly's Printed Bills office at 919/733-5748.

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