



YOU DON'T SAY...

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Rabbi Lucy Dinner of Raleigh's Temple Beth Or while attending a gathering of North Carolina Jewish leaders at the General Assembly on Tuesday calling for the repeal of House Bill 2.

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News Summary

Finance Bills

Sen. Bob Rucho, R-Mecklenburg, the Senate Finance Committee chairman, said Tuesday that his proposed legislation to help middle-class taxpayers this session would include only provisions to raise the standard deduction. Rucho told reporters that the bill wouldn't include other tax changes. "A simple, clean bill," Rucho said, adding that it wasn't ready for release. "Vote it up or down." Rucho's comments came Tuesday, after the Finance Committee approved three bills expected to be heard on the Senate floor as early as Wednesday and Thursday. The annual Internal Revenue Code update bill, Senate Bill 726, is almost identical to the update bill passed last year. It allows teachers to deduct classrooms expenses up to \$250 paid out of their pockets during the year. That is expected to cost the state \$1.5 million to \$1.7 million a year in revenue. The measure also would allow taxpayers to exclude from their income amounts received as a result of being wrongfully imprisoned. That provision would reduce state tax collections by \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year, according to a staff estimate.

Sen. Joel Ford, D-Mecklenburg, asked Rucho whether he would consider an amendment so taxpayers facing foreclosure wouldn't have to pay state taxes on the amount of forgiven debt, especially given the state's projected surplus. The IRC update doesn't allow that. "I just think it would be a nice gesture for hardworking families in North Carolina who have found themselves on hard times now having to be required to pay taxes on a home they no longer own," Ford said. Ford's proposal would cost the state about \$8 million a year in revenue. Rucho said Ford could try to amend the bill but said the state has done the same thing the past two years and he's heard no complaints about that issue. Rucho instead suggested that Ford sign on as a sponsor of his bill to increase the standard deduction. "When you sign on to the Middle Class Taxpayers'

Relief Act, you can sign right next to my name and we'll both help out the entire group of middle-class taxpayers," Rucho said.

The committee also signed off on Senate Bill 729, which includes dozens of minor and technical changes to revenue laws, as well as Senate Bill 725, which makes technical changes to unemployment insurance law.(Patrick Gannon, THE INSIDER, 4/27/16).

Smoking Bills

It wouldn't be a legislative session without Rep. Kelly Alexander advocating for a medical marijuana bill. Alexander, D-Mecklenburg, did that Tuesday, filing legislation to legalize and tax medical marijuana for use by people with chronic illnesses. Under House Bill 983, a person could only use medical marijuana if he had been diagnosed by a licensed physician with a terminal or chronic illness and the doctor determined that use of marijuana would alleviate the illness or its symptoms. The marijuana could be used only by that person, who would have to get a special tax stamp from the Department of Revenue. The measure also would require medical marijuana dealers to provide personal information, as well as the personal information and illness of everyone they sold medical marijuana to. In the Senate Tuesday, Sen. Stan Bingham, R-Davidson, filed a bill to provide \$250,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services in the 2016-17 fiscal year to educate adult leaders and youth about the dangers of electronic cigarettes and other emerging tobacco products. Between 2011 and 2015, e-cigarette use by N.C. high school students increased by 888 percent, to 16.8 percent of students, according to the bill text. Electronic cigarette use makes teenagers more likely to try traditional cigarettes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.(Patrick Gannon, THE INSIDER, 4/27/16).

Sales Tax

After complaints about the state's new sales tax on auto repair services, a Republican senator wants to exempt some small businesses from collecting the tax. On Tuesday, Sen. Stan Bingham of Davidson County filed Senate Bill 755, which would eliminate the tax for businesses that have three employees or fewer. "It's definitely a small business bill," Bingham said. "These guys aren't CPAs or accountants, or they wouldn't be running a little garage to begin with. It's a problem for them." The new sales tax affects most repair, maintenance and installation services and took effect in March. The expanded tax is part of a Republican-led shift to lower income taxes by expanding the number of services subject to sales taxes. Bingham said the tax burden hits people in his rural district because many of them can't afford new cars and have frequent repairs. "I'm sympathetic, because I understand that it does make a difference," he said. Sen. Bob Rucho, the Senate Finance chairman and the architect behind many of the state's recent tax changes, said Tuesday that he's unfamiliar with Bingham's proposal. Bingham said he was unsure how much revenue would be lost if his bill passes. "It'll depend on how much this affects the budget," he said.(Colin Campbell, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 4/27/16).

False Liens

A Senate bill filed Tuesday would toughen penalties for people who take up residence in foreclosed homes and file fake legal documents to stay there. Sen. Stan Bingham, a Davidson County Republican, said he's proposing Senate Bill 754 in response to news reports about "sovereign citizens" who move in illegally and refuse to leave. "Nuts, I call them," Bingham said. "They'll use the legal system to benefit themselves and move in properties." Bingham's bill would make it a felony for someone to file false liens on

property or occupy property they'd been evicted from. The penalty would include a fine of at least \$1,000.(Colin Campbell, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 4/26/16).

Rabbis on HB2

Mixing humor with dire seriousness, North Carolina's Jewish leaders gathered at the General Assembly on Tuesday calling for the repeal of House Bill 2 while holding a prayer ceremony for the Passover holiday. "We are better than this," said Rabbi Fred Guttman, of Temple Emanuel in Greensboro, in reference to HB2. The 45 rabbis, along with Rep. Grier Martin, D-Wake, also held a press conference with the statewide faith network, Carolina Jews for Justice, noting that 45 "represented about 80 to 85 percent" of the state's rabbis. Linking religion to HB2, Guttman explained the Passover holiday includes the eating of ritual foods like bitter herbs to remind Jews of the "bitterness of repression" and that the bill had "made our radar go up more than it had in years." Guttman also noted opposition to provisions in the law that altered the process for employees to sue for discrimination and said that as far as he knew, almost every rabbi in North Carolina was against the controversial bill. In recent decades, women have been ordained as rabbis and several were present at the General Assembly gathering, including Rabbi Lucy Dinner of Raleigh's Temple Beth Or. For inspiration regarding HB2, she referenced the Old Testament tale of Moses leading the Jewish people to freedom. "Moses implored Pharaoh -- let my people go. We are here to implore the North Carolina legislature and governor, let all people go -- and not just to the bathroom," Dinner said with comedic timing.(Dan Boylan, THE INSIDER, 4/27/16).

HB2 Referendum

After a busy Monday of rallies at the legislature, Senate Rules Chairman Tom Apodaca told an Asheville TV station Tuesday that he's working on a possible voter referendum on House Bill 2. Apodaca told WLOS News 13 that staff attorneys are looking into a constitutional referendum that would make HB2 permanent or kill it. "If it was up to me, I'd just put it out to a vote of the people -- let them decide what they want to do," Apodaca said. "Let's put it on the ballot and get it over with once and for all. If the majority wants this, fine. If they don't, fine."

In related developments:

- Local authorities say there's little inclination to enforce HB2. The law contains no language about how police and prosecutors should enforce its provisions on restroom use. Wake County District Attorney Lorrin Freeman said she has been studying the law to figure out how she would prosecute a violator. "There is no criminal penalty provided in that bill, so it's an open question," Freeman said. Raleigh leaders have given up trying to enforce the law, spokesman Damien Graham said. "The law doesn't specifically speak to enforcement or penalty, so we are left at the point of not figuring out how to enforce this," Graham said. "We don't have the resources to post police officers outside bathrooms checking birth certificates." Officers will respond to complaints under HB2, he said, but it's unclear what would happen after.
- Sen. Buck Newton of Wilson, the Republican candidate for state attorney general, encouraged attendees at a pro-HB2 rally Monday to "fight to keep our state straight." His comment supporting the law limiting LGBT discrimination protections was widely seen as homophobic. In an interview, Newton said that "keep our state straight" means "keep men out of the ladies' room." The state Democratic Party said Newton's comments were gay-bashing and called for an

apology. Josh Stein of Raleigh, Newton's Democratic opponent in the attorney general's race, called Newton's comments unacceptable in a Facebook post. In an interview, Newton said he didn't say anything about gays. "I don't know how they made that connection," he said. "I never mentioned anything about homosexuality."

- Charlotte Mayor Jennifer Roberts on Tuesday called for the General Assembly to repeal HB2. In a statement from her spokesperson, Roberts said the law is "costing jobs and businesses every day for Charlotte and North Carolina families." Roberts was one of the biggest supporters of Charlotte's expanded nondiscrimination ordinance, which was invalidated when HB2 passed in March. When Gov. Pat McCrory issued an executive order April 12 in an attempt to quell the furor over HB2, critics blasted his action as insufficient. Roberts, however, took a more conciliatory approach. She said that the governor's extension of LGBT protections to state employees was "historic" and that she looked forward to more dialogue. The city had been mostly silent on HB2 until Roberts' call for repeal. McCrory's campaign Monday released an email blaming Roberts for the controversy over HB2.
- Eight United Methodist bishops -- six of them retired -- and the four Episcopal bishops in the state are calling for repeal of HB2. In a statement, the United Methodist bishops said they had observed "the hurried passage of House Bill 2 and its resultant harm to North Carolina." They ask the 516,000 United Methodists in the state "to cultivate community that is welcoming and nurturing to all people" and "not add to the increasing levels of fear, suspicion and divisiveness in our state and our nation." The statement never specifically mentions gays or lesbians, and there is no direct reference to restroom use, the most controversial issue in the debate.
- Portland, Maine, is banning all nonessential travel of city employees to states that enact legislation that discriminates against the gay and transsexual communities. City leaders say they were prompted by legislation in Mississippi and North Carolina.

(Colin Campbell, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 4/26/16; WRAL NEWS, 4/26/16; Lynn Bonner, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 4/26/16; Steve Harrison, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, 4/27/16; WMTW-TV, 4/26/16).

Voter ID

While still poring over a federal judge's 485-page ruling upholding North Carolina's recent election law overhaul, attorneys for the voters and civil rights organizations challenging the changes on Tuesday filed notice of plans to appeal. Judge Thomas Schroeder's opinion, one of the first to come down since the U.S. Supreme Court invalidated a key provision of the Voting Rights Act, is being scrutinized by many as a test of what obligations states have to make sure citizens have access to the ballot box. Schroeder's ruling, released to the public Monday evening, upheld sweeping voting changes -- requiring voters to have one of six forms of photo identification, curbing the number of days for early voting, prohibiting voters from registering and casting a ballot the same day and banning out-of-precinct voting. Challengers of the law described the measures as designed to disenfranchise African-American, Latino and college-age voters. They argue, and plan to continue to argue in their appeal to the judges of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, that legislators showed that to be the case when

quickly adopting a much fuller version of election law changes than had been proposed shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court invalidated a section of the Voting Rights Act. Rick Hasen, a law professor at the University of California-Irvine, described Schroeder's opinion as "thorough." "The judge goes into the evidence in great detail, but the opinion reads like someone who is very, very skeptical of the plaintiffs' arguments, and very forgiving in terms of the state's interests," Hasen said on his Election Law Blog. Hasen, who said the chances on appeal could depend on which three appellate judges are selected to hear the case, was critical of the judge for barely discussing the role of partisanship in the election law changes. "It is pretty clear that the North Carolina voting law was partisan legislation enacted to help Republicans," Hasen said. On Tuesday, Republican leaders and voter ID advocates continued to praise Schroeder's ruling. "Despite the small but shrill opposition who continue to abuse the courts in an attempt to overturn the will of the voters, another reasonable, common sense law supported by a majority of North Carolinians has been upheld," Rep. David Lewis, a Republican from Harnett County, and Sen. Bob Rucho, a Republican from Mecklenburg County, said in a joint statement.

Though attorneys for the challengers have yet to provide many details of how they plan to challenge the judge's ruling, they stated in a conference call with the media Tuesday that they thought Schroeder's analysis was flawed because he focused on 2014 turnout results that showed black voters had higher turnout and registration rates than in 2010. The plaintiffs' attorneys said focusing on the 2014 election to determine the effect of the law doesn't take into account other factors. In 2014, there was a high-profile U.S. Senate campaign, as well as voter mobilization efforts. Though each side hoped to have resolution to the appeal before the November elections, some questioned whether issues might still be before the courts. At the 4th Circuit, legal analysts say, the challengers could face obstacles because the judges often give deference to facts found by the lower court, and Schroeder went into great depth about how he determined the facts in the case. "Republicans and Democrats tend to view these facts through different lenses, and judges are no different -- not because they want to help 'their party,' but because they are predisposed to see facts in different ways," Hasen stated in his blog post. "The judge made a number of factual findings adverse to the plaintiffs." (Anne Blythe, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 4/27/16).

Senate Nominations

The Senate Select Committee on Nominations on Tuesday unanimously approved the following candidates for new or additional terms in office -- Linda Combs, controller; Lyons Gray, Utilities Commission; Chris Loutit, Industrial Commission; and Anne Faircloth, Faylene Whitaker and James Lambeth, Board of Agriculture. All nominations are expected to be heard Wednesday by the Senate. Combs, initially appointed state controller by Gov. Pat McCrory in 2014, served the White House under Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush. She mentioned that North Carolina ranks among only nine states with a AAA bond rating and that she will work to continue moving the state's finances forward. Gray, the former revenue secretary, previously served as a member of the House from 1989 to 2002. "People ask why I want to do this and I say I grew up with a public service gene somewhere in my body," he told the committee. Faircloth hails from Sampson County and if fully approved by the Senate will be a general farming representative on the Board of Agriculture. Whitaker of Randolph County would be a fruit and vegetable representative, and Lambeth from Richmond County would be a poultry representative. (Dan Boylan, THE INSIDER, 4/27/16).

Charter Suit

Resources: [The complaint](#) | [Release from Attorney General's Office](#)

Attorney General Roy Cooper is suing the managers of a failed Kinston charter school, claiming they inflated enrollment estimates to get state money for education services they did not provide. Kinston Charter Academy, which closed 10 days into the school year in September 2013, got more than \$666,000 in state money in August 2013, according to the lawsuit. The money was based on a projected enrollment of 366 students and was supposed to last until October. On Sept. 3, the school had 189 students. It closed three days later. The students transferred to other schools, and the lawsuit says the state had to pay twice to educate those students for three months. The suit, filed in Wake County Superior Court on Tuesday, claims that school CEO Ozie L. Hall Jr. and Demyra McDonald-Hall, his wife and board chairwoman, illegally obtained and misused state money. They knew the academy would not survive the 2013-14 school year, yet made imprudent or self-interested business transactions and misled students by persuading them to enroll, the suit said. Hall, who is now running a different charter school, put out a statement saying the suit is baseless. "The allegations in the complaint filed by the Attorney General and Gubernatorial candidate Cooper are frivolous, motivated by political ambition, and made in retaliation for my civil rights work in making complaints of discrimination against the state," Hall wrote. "The lawsuit will be defended vigorously." The lawsuit seeks civil damages and asks for financial penalties. (Lynn Bonner, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 4/26/16).

Retirement Suit

The Johnston County school board is suing the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System, after the system sent the board a \$508,000 bill for its outgoing superintendent's pension. The retirement system says the county owes that money because additions to Superintendent Ed Croom's salary and benefits in recent years triggered a new state pension cap designed to keep high-earning employees from inflating pensions as they near retirement. The \$508,000 represented the amount above what the state can pay Croom under the new cap, according to the retirement system. The bill has since been lowered to \$436,000, but the school board still isn't interested in paying. Michael Crowell, the attorney representing Johnston in two lawsuits over the matter, said the cap shouldn't apply in Croom's case because the county did not raise his income much in his final years. (Jonathan M. Alexander, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 4/27/16).

Delayed Payments

Technology woes at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina have trickled down to some doctors who say it has been several months since they've been paid by the insurance company. Ninety providers have complained this month to the N.C. Department of Insurance about Blue Cross payment delays. All the complaints involve patients who buy their own insurance, often through the Affordable Care Act's federal exchange. "Most of the complaints are from small practices or solo practitioners who cannot continue to operate without receiving the payments they're owed," Kerry Hall, the insurance department's spokeswoman, said in an email. "Commissioner (Wayne) Goodwin had serious concerns that BCBSNC's problems would lead to small businesses going under." Blue Cross is reviewing claims for accuracy and warning providers they might not receive payment until mid-July for patients they saw early this year. Blue Cross spokeswoman Ryan Vulcan said by email that only 15 percent of claims have been delayed "due to configuration issues that are being fixed." "It is important to note,

85 percent of claims are being paid normally," Vulcan said. Blue Cross also announced to employees last week that a second executive responsible for technology implementation will leave the company. Stevie McNeal, who had worked for Blue Cross since 1995, will depart July 1. McNeal's departure comes on the heels of an announcement this month that Alan Hughes, the chief operating officer, resigned. McNeal, like Hughes, has been involved in transitioning more than 400,000 Blue Cross customers on individual health insurance policies from legacy software to a new technology system.(John Murawski, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 4/27/16).

Teacher Pay

Resources: [Read the full article here](#)

At the start of his fourth term in 1997, Gov. Jim Hunt asked a Republican-controlled House and a Democratic-controlled Senate to raise the state's teacher pay to the national average in four years in an effort to attract and retain more teachers. By the time Hunt left office, North Carolina had risen in the national rankings and moved closer to the country's average teacher salary. During the 2001-02 school year, the state ranked 19th in the U.S. for average teacher pay, less than \$2,000 from the then-national average of \$44,655, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. But in the years since Hunt left the governor's mansion, the state's ranking has plummeted. In 2013-14, North Carolina hit its lowest rank in more than a decade -- 47th in the nation, with teachers paid nearly \$12,000 below the national average of \$56,610. When adjusted for inflation, North Carolina's average teacher salary has dropped more than 13 percent since 1999, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. The U.S. average teacher salary has dropped 1.8 percent in that same timeframe.(Kelly Hinchcliffe and Clay Johnson, WRAL NEWS, 4/26/16).

Durham Plant

Generic drugmaker Aurobindo Pharma USA plans to establish a new research and development facility in Durham and add 275 jobs by the end of 2020. The Dayton, N.J.-based company, a division of the Indian drugmaker Aurobindo Pharma, plans to invest \$31.7 million building a new headquarters that will focus on developing specialty pharmaceuticals. The company chose Durham over Dayton. Aurobindo employs 14 people in Raleigh and 15,500 worldwide. The publicly-traded company makes semi-synthetic penicillins as well as therapeutics for neurosciences, cardiovascular, anti-retrovirals, anti-diabetics and gastroenterology. The annual payroll for the 275 new jobs is expected to be \$17.1 million, or an average of about \$62,000 per worker. Gov. Pat McCrory's office announced the expansion Tuesday. Aurobindo is eligible to receive up to \$3.8 million in state incentives if it meets investment and hiring targets. The city of Durham and Durham County also have approved \$400,000 in incentives.(THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 4/27/16).

NCSU Suit

A Christian student group at N.C. State University is suing the school, saying it selectively enforces a policy requiring a permit for all types of free speech on campus. Attorneys for Alliance Defending Freedom are representing Grace Christian Life in the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court. The lawsuit says two Grace representatives appeared at the student union in September to engage students in religious discussion and invite them to events. A school official who saw the two told them they were in violation of the university's Speech Permit Policy. The lawsuit says the policy is applied in a "discriminatory manner."(THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, 4/26/16).

Living Wage Laws

States and cities whose lawmakers proudly passed "living wage" laws are finding it difficult to make sure employers pay their workers accordingly. Seattle and San Francisco, and the states of Oregon, California and New York are phasing in wage increases that will grow to \$15 an hour or more. Evidence of compliance is plain to see in the hours-worked total on most pay stubs, but state and federal laws don't require employers to routinely provide this detail to the government. Without this data, wage enforcers who are empowered to investigate generally wait until a worker complains. And many workers, especially those in precarious situations, fear they'll be fired if they speak up. "It's pretty shocking how common the violations are," said Donna Levitt, director of the labor enforcement office in San Francisco. The new laws are meaningless without proactive enforcement, labor advocates say, citing research that shows roughly one in four businesses nationwide cheat their workers out of minimum wages. Without a proactive approach, officials aren't even sure how many violators are out there. "We often get the question: What's the compliance rate?" Levitt said. "We have no idea." Some employers ignore or misunderstand minimum wage laws. Others deliberately underestimate the hours their employees work, or require them to work unpaid and off-the-clock. Authorities are moving to a more proactive enforcement posture in some places. Seattle is adding five investigators to its enforcement team and looking at ways to find violators before employees turn them in. Oregon lawmakers have allocated money for three investigators, who will likely focus on any industry showing a pattern of wage violations, Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian said. (Donna Gordon Blankinship, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, 4/26/16).

Appointments

Resources: [Live web stream of open-session segment of meeting](#)

The UNC Board of Governors will meet Wednesday on the election of a chancellor for East Carolina University. The candidate for chancellor is expected to attend and speak to the board. The special session will be at 1:30 p.m. in the board room of the Spangler Center in Chapel Hill. The board also will take up appointment of a UNC-TV director and general manager. (NEWS RELEASE, 4/26/16).

House Bills Filed

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

- [HB 961](#) BOR/INDEPENDENT STAFF/DATA TRACKING.
- [HB 962](#) DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS PLATE/NO FEE.
- [HB 963](#) ADJUST UNPAVED ROADS FUNDING EXPENDITURES.
- [HB 964](#) COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP WINSTON-SALEM RET. FUND.
- [HB 965](#) AQUATIC WEED CONTROL CLARIFICATION.
- [HB 966](#) REVISE EMPLOYEE INSURANCE COMMITTEE REQ'TS.
- [HB 967](#) PREPAID HEALTH PLANS LICENSING BY DOI.
- [HB 968](#) MEDICAID TRANSFORMATION REPORTING.
- [HB 969](#) OPP. SCHOLARSHIP MILITARY CHILD ELIGIBILITY.
- [HB 970](#) STATE CONTROLLER/CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS.
- [HB 971](#) MOTOR FLEET CLARIFICATION.
- [HB 972](#) BODY-WORN & DASHBOARD CAMERAS/NO PUBLIC RECORD.
- [HB 973](#) IRC UPDATE.
- [HB 974](#) VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS.

- [HB 975](#) STATE-OWNED REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/PED.
- [HB 976](#) ENHANCE OVERSIGHT OF SERVICE CONTRACTS/PED.
- [HB 977](#) CONFIRM GREGORY MCGUIRE/SPECIAL SC JUDGE.
- [HB 978](#) BILL DAUGHTRIDGE/INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.
- [HB 979](#) CONFIRM CHARLES VISER/SPECIAL SC JUDGE.
- [HB 980](#) LINDA CHEATHAM/INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.
- [HB 981](#) CONFIRM MIKE ROBINSON/SPECIAL SC JUDGE.
- [HB 982](#) CONFIRM ROBERT SCHURMEIER/SBI DIRECTOR.

Senate Bills Filed

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

- [SB 746](#) BOARD OF AGRICULTURE CONFIRMATION.
- [SB 752](#) SMALL BUSINESS TAX RELIEF.
- [SB 753](#) REENACT SCHOOL SALES TAX HOLIDAY.
- [SB 754](#) PREVENT SQUATTING IN FORECLOSED REAL PROPERTY.
- [SB 755](#) MODIFY SALES TAX ON LABOR.
- [SB 756](#) RESTORATION OF FUNDS TO RICHMOND COUNTY.
- [SB 757](#) REENACT EITC.
- [SB 758](#) BOR/INDEPENDENT STAFF/DATA TRACKING.
- [SB 759](#) FUNDS/YOUTH TOBACCO USE PREVENTION.
- [SB 760](#) DACS ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY/BEDDING.
- [SB 761](#) SHORT-LINE RRS ASSISTANCE.

What Happened in the House

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

- Passed 1st Reading
 - [HB 945](#) UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TECHNICAL CHANGES.
 - [HB 946](#) REPEAL HB2/FUND HUMAN RELATIONS COMM.
 - [HB 947](#) ENHANCE OVERSIGHT OF CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS.
 - [HB 948](#) AUTHORIZE APO STUDIES.
 - [HB 949](#) OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARD CONTACT INFO.
 - [HB 950](#) TERMINATE AGREEMENT FOR TOLLING OF I-77.
 - [HB 951](#) CHANGE REPORT - BUILD. & INFRASTRUCTURE COMM.
 - [HB 952](#) HONOR OUR SERVICE ANIMALS/SHERIFF CONTRACTS.
 - [HB 953](#) ORDERED FUND TRANSFER BACK TO RICHMOND COUNTY.
 - [HB 954](#) TERMINATE AGREEMENT FOR TOLLING OF I-77.
 - [HB 955](#) CHANGES SPECIAL ED./OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS.
 - [HB 956](#) HENDERSON COUNTY/COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROJECTS.
 - [HB 957](#) HENDERSONVILLE CHARTER AMENDMENT.
 - [HB 958](#) FELONY DEATH IMP. BOATING/SHEYENNE'S LAW.
 - [HB 959](#) DOT PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES.
 - [HB 960](#) RETIREMENT CREDITABLE SERVICE CHARTER SCHOOLS.
 - [SB 732](#) REPEAL LUMBERTON FIREMEN'S SUPP. PENSION FUND.

What Happened in the Senate

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

• Passed 1st Reading

- SB 723 DOT PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES.
- SB 724 ENHANCE OVERSIGHT OF CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS.
- SB 725 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TECHNICAL CHANGES.
- SB 726 IRC UPDATE.
- SB 727 MOORE CNTY LOCAL SALES TAX USE RESTRICTION.
- SB 728 LOTTERY - JLOC RECOMMENDATIONS.
- SB 729 VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS.
- SB 730 SPAY AND NEUTER.
- SB 731 RESTORE FUNDING TO DRUG COURT.
- SB 733 TOWN OF PROCTORVILLE/SEWER FEE COLLECTIONS.
- SB 734 STATEWIDE STANDING ORDER/OPIOID ANTAGONIST.
- SB 735 APPROPRIATE FUNDS/DEMENTIA CAREGIVER PROGRAMS.
- SB 736 STUDY SUICIDE PREVENTION.
- SB 737 CONTINUE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT COM.
- SB 738 STUDY APPRENTICESHIP INCENTIVES.
- SB 739 TOWN OF ROLESVILLE/ANNEXATION.
- SB 740 COLLABORATION OF STATE AGENCIES/EARLY EDUC.
- SB 741 STATE CONTROLLER/CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS.
- SB 742 OPP. SCHOLARSHIP MILITARY CHILD ELIGIBILITY.
- SB 743 AUTHORIZE APO STUDIES.
- SB 744 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARD CONTACT INFO.
- SB 745 RESTORE TAX DEDUCTION FOR 529 PLAN.
- SB 747 STATE-OWNED REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/PED.
- SB 748 CHANGE REPORT - BUILD. & INFRASTRUCTURE COMM.
- SB 749 CONFIRM LYONS GRAY/UTILITIES COMMISSION.
- SB 750 CONFIRM CHRIS LOUITIT/INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.
- SB 751 COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP WINSTON-SALEM RET. FUND.

House Calendar

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

House Convenes at 9:00 A.M.

• Introduced Bills

- HB 961 BOR/INDEPENDENT STAFF/DATA TRACKING.
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