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"In the House budget, we do not quite get there, but we will get there in the second year."

Rep. Nelson Dollar, R-Wake, on the goal of achieving an average teacher salary of \$50,000 in North Carolina. The House budget proposal released late Monday reflected average teacher raises of about 4 percent.

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News Summary

House Budget

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Most North Carolina teachers and state workers would get permanent pay raises in the House budget adjustments released Monday night, contained in a measure that also would expand over time the amount of individual income that wouldn't be subject to taxes. Public school teachers on average would get raises of 4.1

percent in the \$22.2 billion spending plan drawn up by the chamber's Republican leaders to amend the second year of the two-year state budget approved last September. Permanent pay increases wouldn't be provided next year to early career instructors, who have already seen their entry salary increase from \$30,800 to \$35,000 the past two years. They would receive \$1,000 bonuses next year instead. But teachers with at least five years of experience would see their salaries grow from \$1,000 to \$2,000, depending on their experience. Those with at least 25 years of experience also would get \$1,000 bonuses as well as seeing their base salary increase from \$50,000 to \$51,000. Teachers would also have higher salaries for moving up each tier of the experience-based compensation schedule. "We worked initially the last two years on getting the bottom of the scale moved up," said Rep. Nelson Dollar, R-Wake, senior co-chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, but "we know we have to address those teachers in the mid-ranges of experience."

As for state employees, most rank-and-file state workers would get 2 percent raises and \$500 bonuses in the House plan, which will be heard by two key committees Tuesday. Floor debates and two required votes were expected Thursday and Friday. The Senate will then create its own plan. The two chambers hope to fashion a compromise that can go to McCrory's desk by July 1. Gov. Pat McCrory's spending proposal last month didn't offer across-the-board permanent raises to state workers, only bonuses, while seeking funds to improve salaries in certain law enforcement fields and hard-to-staff areas of state government as a retention tool. While the House plan contains some targeted pay increases, too, several House members last month questioned McCrory's lack of across-the-board raises. McCrory's budget would have offered teacher raises that are higher on average than what the House provides but only to teachers with up to 24 years of experience. The most veteran teachers would have received \$5,000 bonuses instead, with smaller bonuses to everyone else. Government retirees also would get a 1.6 percent increase in their pensions. The governor had no such cost-of-living raise. The House plan also would raise the standard deduction that individual income tax filers could receive, ratcheting it up annually starting in the 2017 tax year through 2020. Republicans consider such changes an effective income tax reduction because less of a person's income is subject to taxes. For example, the standard deduction would increase for a married couple filing taxes jointly from \$15,500 to \$16,000 in 2017 and up to \$17,500 bill by 2020. McCrory provided no such tax change. McCrory and House Republicans are benefiting from an improved fiscal outlook and lower-than-anticipated Medicaid enrollment to provide additional funds to cover pay raises and bonuses. Like McCrory's plan, the House would set aside \$300 million in the state's rainy day reserve fund, increasing it to \$1.4 billion.

The budget plan is already facing criticism. The liberal N.C. Justice Center issued a news release Monday night criticizing the proposed increase in the standard deduction. "The increase in the standard deduction is not an effective way for policymakers to address the upside down tax code," Budget and Tax Center director Alexandra Sirota said. "More than half of taxpayers who make more than \$95,000 a year get a tax cut under such a proposal." Sirota also said the overall spending level is too low. "The House budget will not meet the needs of North Carolina, such as improving classroom experiences for every child, revitalizing the main streets of every community and promoting the health and well-being of

families and seniors," she said.(Gary D. Robertson, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, 5/16/16; Colin Campbell, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 5/16/16).

Cowell Critics

The State Employees Association of North Carolina, a long-time critic of state Treasurer Janet Cowell, has called for her resignation -- one way or another. SEANC reported on Monday that its board of governors has unanimously approved a resolution urging her either to resign from the two corporate boards she recently joined or, alternatively, to step down from her position as state Treasurer. Cowell issued a statement defending her decision to join the pair of corporate boards and indicating that she has no intention of ending her board service or resigning as treasurer. Although the State Ethics Commission has ruled that serving on the boards doesn't violate the state Government Ethics Act, SEANC contends that Cowell's role as the sole fiduciary of the state's \$86.6 billion pension fund -- and as chair of the state banking commission -- conflicts with her new role on the boards of two publicly held companies. Ethics experts also have criticized Cowell for joining the corporate boards. "Janet Cowell has a choice to make," Ross Hailey, SEANC's president, said in a statement. "Either she can finish out the last eight months of the job the state's voters elected her to do free from outside influence, or she can resign and focus on making millions in the private sector. She can't do both."

Cowell is being paid a \$50,000 annual retainer and restricted stock valued at \$150,000 for serving on the board of Morrisville e-commerce technology company ChannelAdvisor. She also is being paid \$75,000 per year plus \$25,000 in restricted stock by James River Group Holdings, a specialty insurance company that is based in Bermuda but has a U.S. headquarters in Raleigh. Cowell isn't seeking re-election to a third term in November. "I have worked hard during the last seven and a half years as Treasurer to enhance accountability in the office," Cowell said in a statement. "In that spirit, I vetted any opportunities with the state Ethics Commission and voluntarily recused myself from any potential decision-making that involved these companies, neither of which are in the state pension funds." The candidates seeking to succeed Cowell, Democrat Dan Blue III and Dale Folwell, a Republican, have promised not to serve on corporate boards if they are elected. Blue initially said he would consider such opportunities "on a case by case basis," but altered his stance when a controversy erupted over Cowell's board seats.(David Ranii, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 5/16/16).

Voter ID

The U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals set June 21 to hear arguments in the North Carolina voting rights case. The appeal was filed by the NAACP and other organizations representing voters who challenged the extensive elections law overhaul in 2013. The new law established a voter ID requirement, curbed the number of days voters could cast ballots early, eliminated out-of-precinct voting and stopped letting people register to vote and cast a ballot on the same day. Challengers argued that such measures disenfranchised black, Latino and young voters — people who often support Democrats. Advocates of the changes argue that they were meant to prevent voter and election fraud, though few cases have been reported. U.S. District Judge Thomas Schroeder upheld the law in an April ruling that was quickly appealed to the Fourth Circuit. By hearing the case in

June, the legal questions could be settled before the November elections, some legal analysts have said. (Anne Blythe, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 5/16/16).

HB2 Battle

Critics of House Bill 2 fired a new shot Monday in the escalating battle over North Carolina's controversial bathroom law -- asking a federal judge to block state enforcement of the measure until its constitutionality can be decided in court. The ACLU of North Carolina has asked U.S. District Judge Thomas Schroeder of Winston-Salem to issue a preliminary injunction against the law, which requires transgender individuals to use public restrooms that match their biological sex, not the gender with which they identify. Gov. Pat McCrory and the other defendants have until June 9 to respond. Chris Brook, state legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union, says HB2 already is harming the transgender community and should be suspended until the group's lawsuit against it can be heard. The ACLU, along with other groups, sued the state over HB2 within days of McCrory signing it into law.

While HB2 doesn't spell out a crime, a penalty or a way it is to be enforced, the law orders cities, counties, colleges and school boards to comply. It also has set off an international debate that has cost the state jobs, concerts and other forms of big-name entertainment events and branded the state as discriminatory. The federal government has sued. So have McCrory and legislative leaders, who want a court to rule that HB2 does not discriminate. The court fight could go on for months if not years. On Monday, the ACLU said the law should be blocked before it does more damage. Schroeder, a George W. Bush appointee, is considered one of the more conservative judges in the federal courts of the Middle District of North Carolina.

In related news:

- Rep. Darren Jackson, D-Wake, on Monday night gave notice that he will try to gather enough signatures to force a vote on his bill that would repeal House Bill 2, the controversial law restricting protections for gay and transgender people. Jackson said he would file what is known as a discharge petition, which if it attracts at least 61 members of the House would force HB2 out of the judiciary committee and to a vote of the full House. There are 43 Democrats, and so the repeal effort would have to attract Republican support. There has not been any public indication that large numbers of Republicans are reconsidering HB2. On the House floor, Jackson noted an analysis of his bill by legislative staff made a key determination: "This bill would likely circumvent the risk of a potential loss of federal funds due to currently pending legal action by the federal government alleging violations of compliance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1946, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013." Those statutes allow the federal government to withhold funds from states that don't comply.
- The board that oversees the Greensboro Coliseum Complex has asked Gov. Pat McCrory to oppose House Bill 2 after canceled performances resulted in a "disastrous impact" to the facility. The War Memorial Commission wrote a letter to the governor calling on him to "carefully consider the damage HB2 is bringing to Greensboro and the state of

North Carolina." The commission oversees the Triad's biggest arena, where Bruce Springsteen, the band Boston and Cirque du Soleil had been scheduled to perform. All three acts canceled in an effort to boycott North Carolina over the LGBT law. "The Greensboro Coliseum Complex and the City of Greensboro are experiencing economic difficulties of unprecedented proportions due to the passage of the bill known as HB2," the letter says, adding that the facility is "suffering economically from the loss of employment opportunities that a fully utilized complex creates – heads on beds, part-time labor and more."

- A North Carolina school board will review its decision to allow high school students to carry pepper spray, a policy one board member had said may be useful for students who encounter transgender classmates in the bathroom. Rowan-Salisbury school board chairman Josh Wagner said in an email to The Salisbury Post the board will review the policy when it meets May 23rd. During the May 9th meeting where the board approved the policy, member Chuck Hughes referenced the North Carolina law limiting LGBT rights, saying such sprays could help female students if they go to the bathroom and don't know who's coming in after them. Wagner said Hughes' comment had no effect on the board's decision. The policy would go into effect in August when new student handbooks are issued.
- Nearly a dozen protesters of HB2 were arrested inside North Carolina's Legislative Building when police say they refused to leave the office of the House clerk. The demonstrators entered late Monday afternoon inside the office of Principal Clerk Denise Weeks and demanded a meeting with a legislative leader. They were among hundreds of people who entered the building in protest of the new law, which also directs transgender people to use public bathrooms aligned with the sex on their birth certificate. General Assembly Police Chief Martin Brock says those inside the clerk's office wouldn't leave the office despite multiple warnings. Brock says 11 would be charged with second-degree trespassing and violating building rules, which prohibit visitors from disturbing workers performing duties. Fifty-four opponents of what's known as House Bill 2 were arrested on the first day of the legislative session three weeks ago.
- A report in The Charlotte Observer provides insight into the thinking of N.C. Department of Commerce official discussing possible pushback on HB2, even before it became law. Hours before McCrory signed HB2, internal emails show a discussion over Disney's threat to boycott Georgia for film production over a controversial religious liberty bill approved by that state's legislature. "This is a rather big stance by Disney, especially considering they now own Marvel and 2/3 of Marvel's upcoming production slate is tentatively scheduled to film in Georgia," wrote Guy Gaster, director of the N.C. Film Office, on March 23. Commerce Secretary John Skvarla responded that the North Carolina bill was "materially different." "Ga goes to religious beliefs," he wrote. "NC simply says birth certificate gender controls what locker room/bath room you frequent. Pretty much everything else follows federal law." Commerce communications director Kim Genardo also chimed in on March 24, a day after McCrory had signed the bill: "Guy, Let's not

engage in the debate." Gaster responded that he was "not engaging," and would stick to talking points drawn up in the office if contacted by the press. On March 28, Dave Efird, the deputy general counsel at the department, also joined the conversation. He emailed Skvarla suggesting they talk about the issue, but the emails do not disclose any more details. Read the full report at CharlotteObserver.com.

- Equality NC, along with Human Rights Campaign, held the press conference Monday to highlight women's issues – and not just transgender women affected by the bathroom provision. With the U.S. Department of Justice seeking to revoke the law's requirement that transgender people use the bathroom that matches their birth certificate, much of the discussion surrounding HB2 has been diverted from its lesser-known provisions. Beyond bathrooms, the law bans local governments from passing nondiscrimination ordinances or requiring their contractors to follow employment practices such as higher wages. And it stops lawsuits alleging workplace discrimination from being filed in state courts -- those cases now must go to federal courts, where suing can be more difficult. "A majority of minimum wage earners in North Carolina are women, and HB2 targets them by preventing cities from setting their own minimum wage," said Crystal Richardson, director of advocacy for Equality North Carolina. "Adding insult to injury, women who face wage discrimination -- or other types of discrimination in the workplace -- can no longer sue in state court. HB2 must be repealed because it's not only bad for our state's reputation and our economy, but it's bad for women." Gov. Pat McCrory has called on legislators to repeal the provision involving employment discrimination lawsuits, although he defends the rest of the law. So far though, no Republican-sponsored legislation has been filed to change the lawsuit provision.

(Michael Gordon & Rick Rothacker, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, 5/16/16; THE SALISBURY POST, 5/16/16; Colin Campbell & Craig Jarvis, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 5/16/16).

Endorsement

The American Conservative Union is endorsing U.S. Rep. George Holding in the 2nd Congressional District Republican primary. This marks another conservative interest group endorsement of Holding over U.S. Rep. Renee Ellmers, the three-term congresswoman from Dunn who now represents the 2nd District. "From his years as a U.S. Attorney to his important role now on the Ways and Means Committee, George's gifted intellect and his commitment to conservative values makes him the best choice in NC-02," ACU Chairman Matt Schlapp said in a statement. Holding, who lives in Raleigh, decided to run in the 2nd District when redrawn boundaries moved the 13th District west. Greg Brannon, two-time candidate for U.S. Senate from Cary, is also running in the district's GOP primary. (Lynn Bonner, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 5/16/16).

Unaffiliated Candidates

A House Democrat on Monday unveiled a plan that would make it easier for unaffiliated candidates to run for office. "If voters say they want more choices,

then we should take down the barriers that prohibit independent voters from being able to run and serve in public office," Rep. Ken Goodman, D-Richmond, said in a statement. Over the past decade, the growth in unaffiliated voter registrations has been growing steadily. A lack of General Assembly Democratic and Republican candidates has also been an issue. This year, candidates for roughly 40 percent of the seats in the General Assembly have no opposition. Under Goodman's plan, which he plans to introduce in the 2017 legislative session, unaffiliated voters could file for office without needing to collect signatures from registered voters. Additionally, if more than one independent voter filed for the same office there would be a primary for the unaffiliated candidates, similar to Democratic and Republican primaries. The House currently has only one independent member, Rep. Paul Tine, U-Dare, who changed parties following the 2014 election after winning e-election as a Democrat. After announcing his switch, Tine was invited to caucus with the Republican majority. Tine isn't running for re-election this year. "We are witnessing a total transformation in our political systems, our political parties and our elections," Goodman said.(Dan Boylan, THE INSIDER, 5/17/16).

Sworn In

The North Carolina House is back to full force at 120 members with the swearing-in of Mecklenburg County Republican Scott Stone to replace former Rep. Jacqueline Schaffer. Stone took the oath of office Monday evening in the House chamber. Mecklenburg County GOP activists chose Stone earlier this month to fill out the two-year term of Schaffer, who resigned last month just before the annual work session began. Gov. Pat McCrory appointed him late last week. Stone is a former Charlotte mayoral candidate who won the March Republican primary to try and succeed Schaffer, who had already announced her decision not to seek re-election. Stone will face a Democratic opponent in November to determine who represents the 105th District seat for the next two years.(THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, 5/16/16).

Named

Gov. Pat McCrory and Secretary of Military and Veterans Affairs General Cornell Wilson on Monday welcomed James Prosser, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), as the Assistant Secretary for Veterans Affairs. Prosser has extensive experience serving North Carolina veterans as Director of Veterans Services for Mecklenburg County and President of the North Carolina Association of County Veteran Service Officers. Prosser served for 27 years in the United States Air Force and held various mental health service positions, including Superintendent of Mental Health Services. He also worked in medical administration at the Salisbury VA Medical Center. Prosser succeeds Ilario Pantano.(NEWS RELEASE, 5/16/16).

Sea Turtles

Conservationists anticipate another strong year for nesting by rare sea turtles on the coasts of Georgia and the Carolinas after nest totals last year neared or surpassed record numbers. As of Monday, preliminary numbers showed at least 62 nests filled with loggerhead sea turtle eggs had been recorded on beaches in Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina since the nesting season began May 1. The giant turtles, a federally protected species that can grow to weigh up to 300 pounds, typically lay eggs through the end of August. Sea turtle experts in

all three states said the nest counts for the past two weeks don't give many clues about whether the final 2016 numbers will be high or low. But based on past trends, there may be reason for optimism. Turtle nests began popping up a week to 10 days earlier than normal in the Carolinas this year, likely because of warmer ocean temperatures. "That might signal that we could get more nests this year," said Matthew Godfrey, sea turtle program coordinator for the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. "But it's still pretty early."(Russ Bynum, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, 5/16/16).

Toll Lanes

The N.C. Department of Transportation said last year it would try to expedite by six months the construction of express toll lanes on Interstate 485 in Charlotte, but it now appears the project will begin on the original time frame, in the summer of 2017. When finished, the \$203 million project will add an express toll lane in each direction of I-485, from Interstate 77 to U.S. 74. DOT also plans to extend an exit-only lane from Rea Road to Providence Road. The existing lanes on the highway will remain free. It could open in 2020, a little after the state's first toll lane project opens on I-77 in northern Mecklenburg. Instead of paying with money, motorists will use transponders mounted in their dashboard. Jordan Ashley-Baker, a DOT spokeswoman, said the environmental impact statement for the toll lanes is finished. "We are currently working toward advertising the project for bid but don't have a fixed date at this time," she said. The toll lanes under construction for I-77 will be managed by a private company, I-77 Mobility Partners, which is a subsidiary of Cintra, a Spanish firm. The toll lanes on I-485, as well as another project on U.S. 74, will be built and managed by DOT.(Steve Harrison, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, 5/16/16).

Salary Bump

Fayetteville Technical Community College will give its president a \$20,000 pay raise as of July 1, the school's board of trustees decided Monday. Larry Keen's annual salary will increase to \$269,546, up 8 percent. Board Chairman Charles E. Koonce said the "overriding" aim was to raise Keen's salary to a level commensurate with FTCC's size. It's the third largest community college in the state, but Keen's salary ranked fifth among the system's presidents. "He certainly deserves it," Koonce said.(Catherine Pritchard, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 5/16/16).

Bridge Opening

Gov. Pat McCrory was in Wilmington Monday morning for the opening of the long-awaited North Third Street bridge. The \$4.64 million bridge, built under a contract from the N.C. Department of Transportation, replaced a span that was originally built in 1920 and reconstructed in 1955. The bridge was originally planned to be open by April 1 to accommodate the N.C. Azalea Festival, but DOT officials said bad weather earlier this year slowed construction crews. During Monday's ceremony, McCrory announced that he is asking the General Assembly to set aside \$50 million as a down payment of sorts on a more-than-\$1 billion bond to be focused on transportation. "We need to put bonds on the ballot for next year, perhaps accelerating projects," McCrory said. While voters approved the \$2 billion Connect NC bond in March, that borrowing package included money primarily for state universities and community colleges. The governor's

initial request for a \$3 billion bond included half for transportation and half for other projects -- but the General Assembly cut all transportation funding from the bond.(Tim Buckland, WILMINGTON STAR-NEWS, 5/16/16).

12th District

Former Sen. Malcolm Graham, one of six Democrats challenging U.S. Rep. Alma Adams in the June 7 primary, is taking a swipe at the incumbent's recent move to Charlotte. The 12th Congressional District used to stretch up Interstate 85 from Charlotte to Durham. The redrawn district is now entirely in Mecklenburg County. That left Adams, who has lived most of her life in Greensboro, scrambling to find a home in Charlotte. Adams moved to Charlotte's Fourth Ward last month and changed her voter registration. The Graham ad points to his service as a Charlotte City Council member and state senator and his advocacy for Charlotte Douglas International Airport, the city's light-rail line and other issues. Adams has touted her move and said she had already been successful in lobbying for the city in Washington on issues such as transit and education.(Ronnie Glassberg, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, 5/16/16).

House Bills Filed

Monday, May 16, 2016

- [HB 1126](#) (Martin) RED LIGHT CAMERAS/CITY OF GREENVILLE

Senate Bills Filed

Monday, May 16, 2016

No bills filed.

What Happened in the House

Monday, May 16, 2016

- Amendment Adopted A1
 - [HB 1009](#) (Adcock) WAKE CTY TOWNS DONATE RETIRED SERVICE ANIMALS
 - [HB 1021](#) (Daughtry) AMEND INNOCENCE COMMISSION STATUTES
- Conference committee appointed
 - [SB 726](#) (Rucho) IRC UPDATE
- Conference committee report #2 adopted
 - [SB 50](#) (Bryant) WILSON COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX MODIFICATION
- Ordered Engrossed
 - [HB 1021](#) (Daughtry) AMEND INNOCENCE COMMISSION STATUTES
- Passed 1st Reading
 - [HB 1125](#) (Turner, B.) PROHIBIT HUNTING FROM ROW/BUNCOMBE COUNTY
- Passed 2nd Reading

- [HB 956](#) (McGrady) HENDERSON COUNTY/COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROJECTS
- [HB 957](#) (McGrady) HENDERSONVILLE CHARTER AMENDMENTS
- [HB 1009](#) (Adcock) WAKE CTY TOWNS DONATE RETIRED SERVICE ANIMALS
- [HB 1021](#) (Daughtry) AMEND INNOCENCE COMMISSION STATUTES
- [HB 1037](#) (Saine) LINCOLNTON AIRPORT AUTHORITY/CONTRACT LENGTH
- Passed 3rd Reading
 - [HB 956](#) (McGrady) HENDERSON COUNTY/COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROJECTS
 - [HB 957](#) (McGrady) HENDERSONVILLE CHARTER AMENDMENTS
 - [HB 1020](#) (Daughtry) INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES AMENDMENTS
 - [HB 1021](#) (Daughtry) AMEND INNOCENCE COMMISSION STATUTES
 - [HB 1037](#) (Saine) LINCOLNTON AIRPORT AUTHORITY/CONTRACT LENGTH
- Referred To House Committee On Wildlife Resources , if favorable, Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
 - [HB 1125](#) (Turner, B.) PROHIBIT HUNTING FROM ROW/BUNCOMBE COUNTY

What Happened in the Senate

Monday, May 16, 2016

- Passed 1st Reading
 - [HB 971](#) (Cleveland) MOTOR FLEET CLARIFICATION
 - [HB 995](#) (Stevens, S.) MOTIONS FOR APPROPRIATE RELIEF
 - [HB 1012](#) (Dobson) STUDY ALLOCATION OF CC SUBSIDIES/WAITLIST
 - [HB 1013](#) (Dobson) STUDY ALIGNMENT OF CC SERVICES APPLICATIONS
 - [HB 1014](#) (Dobson) NC PRE-K CONFORMING CHANGE/TAYLOR'S LAW
 - [HB 1040](#) (Dobson) STUDY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH NC PRE-K SLOTS
- Re-referred To Senate Committee On Information Technology
 - [SB 792](#) (Tarte) STATE IT CONTRACTS/CONTRACTOR LIABILITY
 - [SB 814](#) (Tarte) DESIGNATE STATE CIO AS SECRETARY OF DEPT
- Referred To Senate Committee On Health Care
 - [HB 1012](#) (Dobson) STUDY ALLOCATION OF CC SUBSIDIES/WAITLIST
 - [HB 1013](#) (Dobson) STUDY ALIGNMENT OF CC SERVICES APPLICATIONS
 - [HB 1014](#) (Dobson) NC PRE-K CONFORMING CHANGE/TAYLOR'S LAW

- [HB 1040](#) (Dobson) STUDY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH NC PRE-K SLOTS
- Referred To Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
 - [HB 995](#) (Stevens, S.) MOTIONS FOR APPROPRIATE RELIEF
- Referred To Senate Committee On Transportation
 - [HB 971](#) (Cleveland) MOTOR FLEET CLARIFICATION
- Special Message Received From House
 - [HB 971](#) (Cleveland) MOTOR FLEET CLARIFICATION
 - [HB 995](#) (Stevens, S.) MOTIONS FOR APPROPRIATE RELIEF
 - [HB 1012](#) (Dobson) STUDY ALLOCATION OF CC SUBSIDIES/WAITLIST
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 - [HB 1014](#) (Dobson) NC PRE-K CONFORMING CHANGE/TAYLOR'S LAW
 - [HB 1040](#) (Dobson) STUDY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH NC PRE-K SLOTS
- Withdrawn From Com
 - [SB 792](#) (Tarte) STATE IT CONTRACTS/CONTRACTOR LIABILITY
 - [SB 814](#) (Tarte) DESIGNATE STATE CIO AS SECRETARY OF DEPT

What Happened in House Committees

Monday, May 16, 2016

- All House Committees

What Happened in Senate Committees

Monday, May 16, 2016

- All Senate Committees

House Calendar

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

House Convenes at 10:00 a.m.

- Introduced Bills
 - [HB 1126](#) (Martin) RED LIGHT CAMERAS/CITY OF GREENVILLE
- Local Bills -- THIRD READING -- NON -- ROLL CALL
 - [HB 1009](#) (Adcock) WAKE CTY TOWNS DONATE RETIRED SERVICE ANIMALS

Senate Calendar

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Senate Convenes at 4:00 P.M.

- Public Bills -- SECOND READING
 - [SB 734](#) (Pate) STATEWIDE STANDING ORDER/OPIOID ANTAGONIST
 - [SB 754](#) (Bingham) PREVENT SQUATTING IN FORECLOSED REAL PROPERTY
 - [SB 807](#) (Hartsell) CONFORM FULL-PAYMENT CHECK LAW TO UCC
 - [HB 474](#) (Dobson) EXCLUDE YR-ROUND TRACK-OUT PROGRAM/CHILD CARE

House Committee Meetings

• Tuesday, May 17

- 8:30 A.M.
 - House Committee On Finance, 544 LOB
 - [HB 1030](#) (Dollar) 2016 APPROPRIATIONS ACT
- 9:30 a.m.
 - House Committee On Appropriations, 643 LOB

• Wednesday, May 18

- 12:30 P.M.
 - House Committee on Judiciary I, 415 LOB
 - [HB 970](#) (Cleveland) STATE CONTROLLER/CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS
 - [HB 1104](#) (Martin, G.) VET'S POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS/MITIGATING FACTOR

Senate Committee Meetings

• Tuesday, May 17

- 11:00 A.M.
 - Senate Committee On Health Care, 544 LOB
 - [SB 825](#) (Wells) EXPAND HOSPITAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS
 - [SB 830](#) (McInnis) ADD KRATOM TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE LIST
 - [SB 838](#) (Hise) MEDICAID TRANSFORMATION REPORTING
 - [SB 841](#) (Hise) MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY TIMELINESS/FUNDS
- 12:00 P.M.
 - Senate Committee On State and Local Government, 423 LOB
 - [SB 727](#) (Tillman) MOORE CNTY LOCAL SALES TAX USE RESTRICTION
 - [SB 733](#) (Smith) TOWN OF PROCTORVILLE/SEWER FEE COLLECTIONS
 - [SB 739](#) (Barefoot) TOWN OF ROLESVILLE/ANNEXATION

- [SB 741](#) (Davis, J.) STATE CONTROLLER/CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS
- [SB 774](#) (Tucker) VILLAGE OF MARVIN/DEANNEXATION
- [SB 803](#) (Wade) MUNICIPAL SERVICE DISTRICTS/STATUTORY CHANGES

• **Wednesday, May 18**

- 1:00 P.M.
 - Senate Committee On Finance, 544 LOB
 - [SB 728](#) (Tillman) LOTTERY - JLOC RECOMMENDATIONS
 - [SB 832](#) (Rabon) EXPAND 1%/\$80 EXCISE TAX FOR PORTS EQUIP

N.C. Government Meetings and Hearings

Items in **BOLD** are new listings.

Wednesday, May 18

- 10:45 a.m. | The Personnel and Tenure committee of the UNC Board of Governor meets via conference call originating in Conference Room C, Spangler Center, General Administration, Chapel Hill.

Thursday, May 19

- 10 a.m. | The Rules Review Commission meets, Rules Review Commission room, Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.

Friday, May 20

- 9 a.m. | The NC Board of Nursing meets, 4516 Lake Boone Trail, Raleigh.
- 3:30 p.m. | The Finance and Audit Committee of the North Carolina State Ports Authority via teleconference. The meeting originates at the Board Room of the North Carolina Maritime Building, 2202 Burnett Blvd., Wilmington.

Monday, May 23

- 11 a.m. | The Local Partnership Advisory Committee of The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. via conference call. Contact: Yvonne Huntley, [919-821-9573](tel:919-821-9573).

Wednesday, May 25

- 10 a.m. | The state License to Give Trust Fund Commission meets, Miracles in Sight, 3900 Westpoint Blvd., Suite F, Winston-Salem. Contact: Vanda Wilson-Wormack, [919-715-3837](tel:919-715-3837).

- 3 p.m. | The DEQ Environmental Management Commission holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, Training Room (#1210), DENR Green Square Office Building, 217 West Jones St., Raleigh.

Thursday, May 26

- 9 a.m. | The Board of Directors of the North Carolina State Ports Authority meets, Board Room of the North Carolina Maritime Building, 2202 Burnett Blvd., Wilmington.

Wednesday, June 1

- 9 a.m. | The State Banking Commission meets, Hearing Room, Office of the Commissioner of Banks, 316 W. Edenton St., Raleigh.

Monday, June 6

- **10 a.m. | The state Landscape Contractors' Licensing Board holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, 3901 Barrett Drive, Suite 202, Raleigh.**
- **12:45 p.m. | The NC State Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, Paragon Bank, Training Room, 3535 Glenwood Ave, Raleigh.**

Tuesday, June 14

- **9 a.m. | The N.C. Building Code Council holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, NCSU McKimmon Center, 1101 Gorman St., Raleigh.**

Thursday, June 16

- 10 a.m. | The Rules Review Commission meets, Rules Review Commission room, Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.

Thursday, June 23

- 11 a.m. | The Rural Infrastructure Authority of the Dept. of Commerce meets, N.C. Commerce Board Room, 4th floor at 301 N. Wilmington St., Raleigh.

Friday, July 1

- 3 p.m. | The state Dept. of Revenue's Property Tax Commission holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, North Carolina Department of Revenue Building, Room 135, 501 N. Wilmington St., Raleigh.

Thursday, July 14

- **10 a.m. | The North Carolina Medical Board holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, C Medical Board, 1203 Front St., Raleigh.**

Thursday, July 21

- 10 a.m. | The Rules Review Commission meets, Rules Review Commission room, Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.

Wednesday, Aug. 10

- 10:30 a.m. | The Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission of the DOJ holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, Wake Technical Community College, 321 Chapanoke Road, Raleigh.

Wednesday, Aug. 17

- 9 a.m. | The State Banking Commission meets, Hearing Room, Office of the Commissioner of Banks, 316 W. Edenton St., Raleigh.

Thursday, Aug. 18

- 10 a.m. | The Rules Review Commission meets, Rules Review Commission room, Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.
- 11 a.m. | The Rural Infrastructure Authority of the Dept. of Commerce meets, N.C. Commerce Board Room, 4th floor at 301 N. Wilmington St., Raleigh.

Thursday, Sept. 15

- 10 a.m. | The Rules Review Commission meets, Rules Review Commission room, Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.

Thursday, Oct. 20

- 10 a.m. | The Rules Review Commission meets, Rules Review Commission room, Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.
- 11 a.m. | The Rural Infrastructure Authority of the Dept. of Commerce meets, N.C. Commerce Board Room, 4th floor at 301 N. Wilmington St., Raleigh.

Wednesday, Nov. 2

- 9 a.m. | The State Banking Commission meets, Hearing Room, Office of the Commissioner of Banks, 316 W. Edenton St., Raleigh.

Thursday, Nov. 17

- 10 a.m. | The Rules Review Commission meets, Rules Review Commission room, Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.

Thursday, Dec. 15

- 10 a.m. | The Rules Review Commission meets, Rules Review Commission room, Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.
- 11 a.m. | The Rural Infrastructure Authority of the Dept. of Commerce meets, N.C. Commerce Board Room, 4th floor at 301 N. Wilmington St., Raleigh.

Wednesday, Jan. 25

- 9 a.m. | The State Banking Commission meets, Hearing Room, Office of the Commissioner of Banks, 316 W. Edenton St., Raleigh.

N.C. Utilities Commission Hearing Schedule

Dobbs Building
430 North Salisbury Street
Raleigh, North Carolina
More Information: <http://www.ncuc.commerce.state.nc.us/activities/activit.htm>

Tuesday, May 17

- 10 a.m. | G-40 Sub 130 ...2015 Annual Prudency Review/Annual Gas Cost, Dobbs - Commission Hearing Room, 2nd floor, Room 2115.

Monday, May 23

- Staff Conference.

Tuesday, May 31

- Staff Conference.

UNC Board of Governors

Board Room of the Spangler Center
910 Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill (**remote meeting locations in BOLD**)
More Information: <https://www.northcarolina.edu/bog/schedule.php>

Friday, May 27

- TBA | The UNC Board of Governors, Board Room, Center for School Leadership Development, Chapel Hill.

Friday, July 29

- TBA | The UNC Board of Governors, C.S.L.D. Building, Chapel Hill.

Friday, Sept. 9

- **TBA | The UNC Board of Governors, UNC Greensboro.**

Friday, Oct. 14

- TBA | The UNC Board of Governors, C.S.L.D. Building, Chapel Hill.

Friday, Dec. 2

- TBA | The UNC Board of Governors, C.S.L.D. Building, Chapel Hill.

Other Meetings and Events of Interest

Items in **BOLD** are new listings.

Tuesday, May 17

- **1 p.m. | Gov. Pat McCrory attends School Tour and Digital Learning Demonstration, Greene County Middle School 485 Middle School Road, Snow Hill.**

Wednesday, May 25

- 9 a.m. | The NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the North Carolina Veteran's Business Association host Women Veterans Summit and Expo, McKimmon Center at North Carolina State University, Raleigh.

Saturday, Oct. 15

- TBD | The Equality NC Foundation host 10th annual Equality Gala, Marriott City Center, 500 Fayetteville St., Raleigh.

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