

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
**WHERE LEGISLATION STANDS**  
 Sen. Joel D.M. Ford – District 38

**\*\*\*BILLS THAT REMAIN ALIVE\*\*\***

<b>ABORTION</b>		
<b>BILL NO.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
HB 132	Health Curriculum/Preterm Birth	Would require schools to teach that abortion is a "preventable cause" of premature birth in subsequent pregnancies.
HB 716	Clarify Law/Prohibit Sex-Selective Abortion	Would make it illegal to perform abortions based on the gender of the fetus.
HB 730	Insurance & Health Care Conscience Protection	Would expand to all health care workers legal protections for refusing to participate in abortions, and prohibit the state's health insurance exchange and cities and counties from providing coverage for abortions.

<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE</b>		
<b>BILL NO.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
HB 908	White Collar Crime Investigation	Allows district attorneys to convene grand juries to investigate white-collar crimes.
SB 306	Capital Punishment/Amendments	Repeals the Racial Justice Act; stuck in House Committee since April.

<b>CONSUMERS</b>		
<b>BILL NO.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
HB 829	Sale of Growlers by Certain ABC Permittees	Allows restaurants and grocery stores to fill growlers of beer.
SB 327	Clarify Motor Vehicle Licensing Law	Prohibits the sale of cars in NC by unlicensed out-of-state dealers online or by phone.
SB 489	Consumer Finance Act Amendments	Raises the rate for many consumer finance loans.

<b>EDUCATION</b>		
<b>BILL NO.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
HB 146 (SB243)	Back to Basics	Requires students to learn cursive writing and memorize multiplication tables.
HB 452	2013 School Safety Act	Requires schools to be issued crisis kits, develop crisis training, have volunteer safety resource officers and hold regular "lockdown" exercises.
HB 935	NC Pre-K Law Changes	Tightens income eligibility requirements to 100% of federal poverty level.
HB 969	Broaden Successful AP Participation	Has the state pay for fees for students' Advanced Placement exams and gives teachers bonuses for teaching students who score 3 or higher on AP exams or 4 or higher on International Baccalaureate exams.
SB 189 (HB 230)	Amend Law Defining Home Schools	Broadens the definition of home schools -parents or guardians would no longer have to provide instruction; parents determining the course of instruction and additional sources of education would meet the definition.
SB 236	Counties Responsible for School Construction	Allows Boards of Commissioners in nine counties to take over school construction from county Boards of Education.
SB 337	NC Public Charter School Board	Creates an independent board of manage charter schools and removes requirements that instructors hold teaching certificates.

<b>ELECTIONS</b>		
<b>BILL NO.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
HB 9	Speaker/Pro Tem Term Limits	Places a constitutional limit of two terms on the House speaker and Senate president pro tem on the ballot in Nov. 2014.
HB 311	Repeal Literacy Test	Asks voters to repeal the literacy test still in the state constitution; in Senate committee.
HB 589	VIVA (Voter Information Verification Act)	Requires voters to show photo identification at polls; in Senate committee.

<b>ENERGY</b>		
<b>BILL NO.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
HB 201	Reinstate 2009 Energy Conservation Codes	Rolls back state-mandated energy efficiency standards for new commercial construction by 30%.
SB 76	Domestic Energy Jobs Act	Lifts the state's fracking moratorium in 2015; allows deep-well injection of fracking waste. Bill has been tied up in the House for two months and is likely to change substantially.

<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>		
<b>BILL NO.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
HB 628	Protect/Promote NC Lumber	Prohibits state government buildings from seeking LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) green building certification to promote the use of NC-grown timber in state buildings.
SB 151	Coastal Policy Reform Act of 2013	Allows the building of terminal groins, or jetties, in all 14 of the state's inlets.
SB 515	Jordan Lake Water Quality Act	Repeals rules that have been in place for several years to improve water quality at Jordan Lake; requires new rules be written that focus on cleaning up the Lake rather than the sources of upstream polluting.

<b>GUNS</b>		
<b>BILL NO.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
HB 17	Gun Permits/Confidentiality	Makes confidential the records of permits issues to purchase handguns and to carry concealed weapons.
HB 937	Amend Various Firearms Laws	Allows people with permits to carry concealed weapons to bring their firearms into bars and restaurants that serve alcohol, college campuses and greenways.

<b>HEALTH</b>		
<b>BILL NO.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
HB 18	Youth Skin Cancer Prevention Act	Prohibits people younger than 18 from using tanning beds.
HB 181 (SB 256)	Physician Supervsn. Required/Nurse Anesthetist	Requires physicians to supervise nurse anesthetists.
HB 498	Autism Health Insurance Coverage	Requires health insurance companies and the state health plan to cover autism spectrum disorders.
HB 609	NC Cancer Treatment Fairness Act	Requires health insurance companies to pay for oral cancer drugs as they do IV chemotherapy – patients may be charged up to \$300 for each oral chemotherapy prescription.

<b>LOCAL ISSUES</b>		
<b>BILL NO.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
HB 120	Building Codes: Local Consistency/Exempt Cable	Restricts local authorities from imposing additional inspections on home builders and delays state building code upgrades to every six years instead of three years.
HB 150	Zoning/Design & Aesthetic Controls	Limits local governments' ability to set design standards for houses.
HB 683	Commonsense Consumption Act	Says cities cannot ban the selling of large, sugary drinks; prohibits

SB 325	Wake County School Board Districts	lawsuits against food makers for obesity or health issues. Redraws the Wake Co. school board districts in a way that critics say will politicize the seats and benefit Republicans. Senate passed on Apr. 22; House has yet to consider.
SB 334 (HB 319)	Dorothea Dix Lease	Sends the city of Raleigh back to negotiations with state leaders as it tries to turn the Dorothea Dix property into a city park. The bill has been stuck in a House committee since Mar.

### TRANSPORTATION

BILL NO.	TITLE	DESCRIPTION
HB 267	Limit Tolling on Existing Interstates	Allows the state to collect tolls on existing interstate highways- but only in new lanes added to the highways.
HB 428	North Carolina School Bus Safety Act	Increases penalties for drivers who pass school buses that are stopped to discharge or pick up children.
HB 817	Strategic Transportation Investments	Implements the governor's proposed Strategic Mobility Formula - a new system for distribution transportation funds and setting transportation spending priorities across the state; also cancels a legislative mandate for construction of three turnpike projects in Currituck, New Hanover and Gaston counties.
SB 709	Allow DOT to set Max. Speed of 75 MPH	Allows DOT to set speed limits as high as 75 mph on some freeways, instead of the current limit of 70 mph.

### WORKERS

BILL NO.	TITLE	DESCRIPTION
HB 834	Modern State Human Resources Management/RTR	Enables a massive government restructuring; creates more political appointee positions and weakens civil service protections for state employees.
HB 872	Protect NC Right-To-Work	Prohibits state contracts that require contractors or subcontractors to hire union labor.

### MISCELLANEOUS

BILL NO.	TITLE	DESCRIPTION
HB 8	Eminent Domain	Puts constitutional amendment on the ballot to prevent the taking of property by eminent domain except for public use.
HB 930	Dog Breeding Stds./Law Enforcement Tools	Sets minimum health and housing standards for large commercial dog breeders.
HB 1011	Government Reorg. and Efficiency Act	Replaces more than 100 incumbents on regulatory boards with GOP-appointed members. This is the second attempt at a

	compromise between the House and Senate, which wanted to replace 12 special Superior Court judges whom the House wanted to spare.
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**\*\*\*BILLS THAT HAVE BECOME LAW\*\*\***

BILL NO.	TITLE	DESCRIPTION
HB 4	UI Fund Solvency & Program Changes	The House and Senate acted without hesitation earlier this session to approve a bill reducing unemployment benefits to pay down the state's debt more quickly. The governor signed the bill on 3-06-13.
HB 488	Regionalization of Public Utilities	This bill transferred the city of Asheville's water system to a regional water system over the city's objections. The governor allowed it to become law without his signature on 5-14-13. A judge has issued a temporary restraining order.
SB 4	No N.C. Exchange/No Medicaid Expansion	One of the first bills to pass the House and Senate and get the governor's signature prevented the state from adding more low-income people to Medicaid and blocked the implementation of a state-based health insurance exchange under the federal law. It was signed on 3-06-13.
SB 14	Increase Access To Career/Technical Ed	All high school will state whether the graduate is prepared for college, a career, or both under this bill signed into law on 2-18-13.
SB 20	Good Samaritan Law/Naloxone Access	This bill, signed by the governor, gives limited immunity to drug users who seek medical assistance for someone who is overdosing. It was signed on 4-09-13.
SB 117	Lily's Law	Lily's Law makes it murder if a child born alive dies as the result of injuries inflicted before his/her birth. It was signed on 5-08-13. A bill known as Kilah's Law (SB 70) increases the penalties for convicted child abusers.

**\*\*\*BILLS THAT DID NOT SURVIVE\*\*\***

BILL NO.	TITLE	DESCRIPTION
HB 34	Clarify Indecent Exposure Law	Would have clarified that it is a crime for women to bare their breasts in public. The bill was aimed at an event in Asheville that has included topless women.

HB 109	Motorcycle Helmet Law/Study	Would have repealed a requirement that motorcycle riders wear a helmet.
HB 117	Revise Laws for Unoccupied School Buses	Would have allowed school buses to drive 55 mph instead of the current 45 mph limit.
HB 298 (SB 365)	Affordable and Reliable Energy Act	Would roll back the state's renewable energy portfolio standard that requires electric utilities to offset retail power sales by purchasing (or generating) renewable electricity from solar, wind or biomass.
HJR 494	Rowan County Defense of Religion Act of 2013	Dubbed the "Defense of Religion Act", would have allowed the state to create an official religion.
HB 603	Equal Pay Act	The bill, which said business owners can't use gender to determine workers' salaries, never received a hearing.
HB 640	Reporting of Gifts	An effort to repeal the ban on lawmakers receiving gifts from lobbyists.
HB 956	Regulate Ownership of Aggressive Dog Breeds	Would have required anyone taking ownership of pit bulls, Rottweilers, mastiffs or other dogs deemed an aggressive breed to submit to a criminal background check, take a four-hour course, and get a special permit from the Dept. of Insurance to possess such a dog.
SB 27, SB 59, & SB 146	Public School Protection/Firearm Amendments Armed Security Guards in K-12 Private Schools/Firearms Amendments	Would have permitted armed marshals, guards or volunteers in schools.
SB 125	Public Meeting/Records Law Violations	Would have made it a low-level misdemeanor for a government employee to deny access to public records.
SB 308	Amend Woman's Right to Know Act	Would have required doctors performing abortions remain physically present until after a woman is discharged and to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the place where the procedure is done.
SB 674	Prohibit Costly Local Government Litigation	Would have removed from state law the ability of school boards to sue county commissioners for more money to build and operate schools.
SB 703	Limit Local Regulation Of Outdoor Smoking	Would have repealed local smoking bans in public places such as parks and the beach.