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REPRESENTATIVE RODNEY W. MOORE'S RALEIGH REPORT

Police Accountability Lobby Day. April 28, 2015

North Carolina's history of profiling, police misconduct and the deaths of unarmed residents by law enforcement show the need for civilian oversight of law enforcement agencies, the need for better training of our officers and the need for enhanced data collection to identify trending problems within police departments.

Please Join NC Representative Rodney Moore, victims of profiling / police misconduct and concerned citizens at the NC General Assembly as we visit the offices of NC Legislators. We will be appealing to Legislators to support Rep. Rodney Moore's Prohibition of Discriminatory Profiling Bill (H193/ S613).

The schedule for Lobby Day is as follows:

10 am - Press Conference in Legislative Building Press Room.

10:45am - Media interviews with victims of Police Misconduct or discriminatory profiling.

11am - Lobby Training in Legislative Building Room 1228 (closed to media)

Noon - Lobbying legislators on the House Judiciary Committee and Senate Oversight Committee.

Sponsored by SAFE Coalition NC is a grassroots community coalition working to build public trust and accountability in NC law enforcement. We believe that critical dialogue, citizen oversight and legislative action are required to design a safe, accountable, fair and equitable system of criminal justice in our state.

ON THE FLOOR

The General Assembly's crossover deadline is Thursday, April 30. A flurry of legislative activity took place this past week and we can expect the same this week as lawmakers hurry to get legislative priorities passed through the chambers.

For legislative action lookup by day, click below:

- Bills with House Action by Day
- Bills with Senate Action by Day

COMMITTEES

Joint Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee

The Committee met on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. The Committee received presentations on child welfare needs, NC FAST, IBM solution for child welfare, and the counties point of view on child welfare. The Committee also heard remarks from Sen. Barringer regarding foster care, received testimony in favor of foster care reform from country music artist Jimmy Wayne, heard an overview of the State foster care system from DHHS staff, and reviewed legislation regarding foster care that has been introduced this year.

House Health Committee

The Committee met on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday of last week. On Monday, the Committee heard presentations on the State's Certificate of Need laws from representatives of the North Carolina Hospital Association and the North Carolina Orthopedic Association. <u>H 200</u>, Amend Certificate of Need Laws, served as the basis of that discussion, but was not voted on by the Committee.

On Wednesday, the Committee approved two bills. <u>H 465</u>, 72 Hours Informed Consent by Person or Phone, would 1) require physicians who perform abortions to report certain information to DHHS; 2) increase to 72 hours the waiting period for women who voluntarily consent to an abortion; and 3) make technical and conforming changes. <u>H 746</u>, LME/MCO Board Amendments, would amend the appointment process for LME/MCO governing boards to provide that the optional process by which county commissioners can appoint members to an area board requires the adoption of a resolution by two-thirds of the constituent counties and authorizes the Secretary of DHHS to approve an alternate appointment process that includes constituent counties delegating appointment authority to intermediary bodies, created by the counties, to represent regions of a multicounty area authority.

On Thursday the Committee approved two bills. <u>H 728</u>, Amend Laws Pertaining to Chiropractic Board, seeks to enlarge the time for certification of chiropractic clinical assistants by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. It also authorizes the SBCE to impose fines as sanctions and to

increase licensee renewal fees. <u>H 842</u>, Medicaid Wavier Protections/Military Families, would protect access to Medicaid waivers by dependents of members of the Armed Services.

House Regulatory Reform Committee

The House Regulatory Reform Committee met on Tuesday, April 21, to address three bills. <u>H 44</u>, Cities/Overgrown Vegetation Notice, changes requirements for annual notice to a chronic violator of a municipal overgrown vegetation ordinance, to authorize notice by regular mail and posting. <u>H 44</u> received a favorable report in committee and was given approval on the House floor. <u>H 446</u>, Amend Statutes Governing Bail Bondsmen, amends the law governing the licensure of bail bondsmen to increase the minimum age to be eligible for a license, extends the time limit for the return of collateral security to include the time period in which an appeal from district court may be filed, and requires the Commissioner of Insurance to return the amount of a bondsman's security deposit above the outstanding bond liability in the event the bondsman ceases writing bonds.

HB 446 received a favorable report in Committee and was placed on the House calendar for April 28. <u>H 158</u>, Jim Fulgum Teen Skin Cancer Prevention Act, prohibits tanning bed operators from allowing anyone under the age of 18 to use the equipment. H 158 received a favorable report in Committee and was passed on the House floor.

House Environment Committee

The Committee met on Tuesday and Thursday of last week. On Tuesday the Committee took up five bills. <u>H 141</u> authorizes certain cities to undertake activities through their stormwater management programs to implement flood reduction techniques that result in improvements to private property. H 141 received a favorable report and was sent to the House Committee on Local Government. H 576, Amend Environmental Laws – 2, directs DENR to study ways to optimize recycling requirements for discarded computer equipment and televisions and extends the duration of permits for sanitary landfills and transfer stations to a facility's life of site. H 141 received a favorable report in Committee and was sent to House Finance. <u>H 593</u>, Amend Environmental Laws -3, clarifies reimbursement eligibility for third-party claims from the Commercial or Non-commercial Leaking Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Cleanup funds, exempts certain wetland mitigation activities from Sedimentation Pollution Control Act requirements, modifies implementation of the odor control of feed ingredient manufacturing plant rule, prohibits the requirement of mitigation for impacts to intermittent streams, directs the Forest Service to study dangers and risks to the State's forest from the importation of firewood from other states and directs HHS to create a streamlined process for approving new technologies for on-site wastewater treatment and disposal. H 593 received a favorable report in committee and was approved on the House floor. H 538, Clarify Water and Sewer Authority Powers, authorizes water and sewer authorities to adopt ordinances concerning the regulation and control of water systems owned by the authority, enter into reimbursement agreements with property owners for design and construction of infrastructure, and offer and pay rewards up to \$5,000 for information leading to conviction of persons who willfully deface, damage, destroy or commits acts of vandalism or larceny of authority property. H 538 received a favorable report in committee and was given approval on the House floor. H 630, Alternative WQ Protection for Falls Lake, directs DENR and the EMC to examine the results of the Jordan Lake Nutrient Mitigation Project to determine if similar technology could be deployed in Falls Lake and to consult with the EPA to determine if all components of the Falls Lake Strategy comply with federal law. H 630 received a favorable report and was approved on the House floor.

On Thursday the Committee addressed four bills. <u>H 634</u>, Stormwater/Built-Upon Area Clarification provides that for the purposes of implementing stormwater programs, "built-upon area" does not include a surface of number 57 stone laid at least four inches thick over a geotextile fabric. H 634 received a favorable report and was approved on the House floor. <u>H 765</u>, Environmental Technical Corrections, makes clarifying, conforming and technical amendments to various laws related to environment and natural resources. H 765 received a favorable report in Committee and was approved on the House floor. <u>H 795</u>, SEPA Reform, increases the threshold for application of the State Environmental Policy Act, increases the number of exemptions from the act and otherwise amends the Act. H 795 received a favorable report and was placed on the House calendar for April 27. <u>H 339</u>, Add Fonta Flora Trail to State Parks System, authorizes the addition of the Fonta Flora Loop Trail in Burke County to the State Parks System. H 339 received a favorable report and was approved on the House floor.

House Education Committee – K-12

The Committee met on Tuesday, April 21, and approved eight bills. <u>H 162</u>, Sudden Cardiac Arrest Education/Students, would require the State Board of Education and local boards of education to educate those involved in school athletic activities on sudden cardiac arrest and to recodify the statutory provision on concussion safety and emergency action plans. <u>H 334</u>, Charter School Extracurricular Activity Fees, would seek to enhance the charter school application process and to allow a charter school to establish fees for extracurricular activities. <u>H 380</u>, Statewide School Safety Management, would authorize the Department of Public Safety to implement a statewide school risk and response management system, to make confirming changes to other school safety requirements, and to provide for grants for additional school counselors. <u>H 439</u>, Competency –Based Assessments, seeks to establish the intent of the General Assembly to transition to utilizing competency-based learning assessments for all elementary and secondary students in North Carolina. <u>H 474</u>, Healthy Out-of-School Recognition Program, seeks to include in the types of programs that do not constitute the provision of child care track out programs for children who attend year-round schools and to establish the healthy out-of-school time (host) recognition program. <u>H 539</u>, School Playgrounds Available to Public, seeks to authorize local boards of education to make outdoor school property available to the public for recreation purposes. <u>H 878</u>, Expand Board of Trustees/School of Science & Math, would expand the membership of the board of trustees of the NC School of Science and Mathematics. <u>H 559</u>, Testing Feedback for Students/Teachers, would direct the State Board of Education to provide student performance data to parents, students, and teachers on the results of statewide tests and assessments. It would also increases the number of days prior to the end of the instructional semester or year during which assessments and final exams can be administ

The Committee also met on Thursday and passed four bills. <u>H 660</u>, Transition to Personalized Digital Learning, seeks to further the transition to personalized digital learning in all K-12 public schools. It would also help transition from textbooks to digital material for all learners and require SBOE to develop and implement digital teaching and learning standards to teachers and school administrators. <u>H 661</u>, Teacher Recruitment and Scholarships, seeks to transform educator preparation in NC. <u>H 662</u>, NC Elevating Educators Act of 2015, seeks to establish a multi-year program to provide for excellent teachers and high-quality digital instruction and to provide for financially stable advanced teaching roles for K-12 classroom teachers. <u>H 902</u>, Transforming Principal Preparation, seeks to establish a competitive grant program to elevate educators by transforming the preparation of school principals.

House Finance Committee

The Committee met on Tuesday and Thursday of last week. On Tuesday, the Committee approved three bills. <u>H 347</u>, Modify Graham County Occupancy Tax, would recodify the previously authorized Graham County occupancy tax to make it more uniform with current occupancy tax

guidelines. By doing so, Graham County would be able to use up to one-third of the occupancy tax proceeds for tourism-related expenditures, which it cannot do under current law. <u>H 543</u>, Amend Laws Pertaining to NC Medical Board, makes a number of changes to the laws pertaining to the NC Medical Board, including increases in the fees for an application for a license to practice medicine and surgery and the annual registration fee and the repeal of the fee for a retired limited volunteer license. <u>S 372</u>, Renewable Energy Safe Harbor, would provide a delayed sunset for the renewable energy credit for taxpayers that have met certain investment and construction milestones by the end of 2015.

On Thursday, the Committee approved <u>H 256</u> and seven local bills. H 256, Handicapped Parking/Veterans Plate, would allow a vehicle displaying a partially disabled veteran plate to park in designated handicapped parking spaces and would allow a person to meet the certification and recertification requirements for a handicapped license plate or placard with a disability determination from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs indicating that the person is handicapped. The local bills that were approved were: <u>H 99</u>, Town of Polkton/Deannexation; <u>H 217</u>, Clayton Deannexation/Annexation; <u>H 218</u>, Clayton Annexation; <u>H 343</u>, Clayton/Extend ETJ Area; <u>H 353</u>, Wilson's Mills/Satellite Annexations; <u>H 469</u> Sunset Beach/Parking Meter Proceeds; and <u>H 492</u>, Rutherford Cty/Rutherford Airport Authority.

House Commerce and Jobs Development Committee

The House Commerce Committee met on Wednesday, April 22 to take up four bills. <u>H 567</u>, NC Aircraft Repair Act, regulates the repair of aircraft. H 567 received a favorable report and was referred to House Transportation. <u>H 564</u>, Exempt Motorcoach Manufacturer and Distributor, exempts manufacturers and distributors of motorcoaches from the prohibition on owning, operating or controlling a motor vehicle dealership in this State. H 564 received a favorable report and was referred to House Transportation. <u>H 594</u>, Clarify Sale of Antique and Specialty Vehicles, clarifies the requirements that must be met to obtain a temporary supplemental license for the sale of antique motor vehicles and specialty motor vehicles. H 594 received a favorable report and was approved on the House floor. <u>H 779</u>, IT Procurement/Promote Competition, promotes information technology cost savings through competition. H 779 received a favorable report and was placed on the House calendar for today.

House Public Utilities Committee

The Committee met on Wednesday, April 22, to take up two bills. <u>H 349</u>, Develop Broadband Connectivity Plan, requires the office of the State CIO to develop a broadband connectivity plan to increase access to broadband throughout the State and expand the service area that broadband service providers are permitted to provide telephone service to their broadband customers. H 349 received a favorable report in Committee and was approved on the House floor. <u>H 681</u>, NC Energy Ratepayers Protection Act, amends various provisions of the general statutes related to distributed generation and directs the Energy Policy Council to perform an assessment of the costs and benefits of distributed generation. A PCS to H 681 was introduced but failed. H 681, as filed, remains in Committee.

Senate Health Care Committee

The Committee met on Tuesday, April 21, and approved a number of bills. <u>S 235</u>, Establish Advisory Council on Rare Diseases, would establish the Advisory Council on Rare Diseases within the Department of Health and Human Services. <u>S 286</u>, Regulate the Sale of E-Liquid Containers, would prohibit the sale of e-liquid containers without child-resistant packaging and create a new Class A1 misdemeanor for a violation of the provisions prohibiting the sale of e-liquid containers without child-resistant packaging. Any person, firm, or corporation would also be liable for damages as a result of selling e-liquid containers without child-resistant packaging. <u>S 367</u>, Achieving A Better Life Experience Act, would authorize the establishment of the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Trust Fund, administered by State Treasurer, to assist and encourage the contribution of private funds to accounts from which specified expenses may be paid for individuals with disabilities. <u>S 368</u>, DOD-Certified Child Care & State Subsidy, would authorize U.S. Department of Defense-certified child care facilities to participate in the State-subsidized child care program. <u>S 578</u>, Transition Certain Abuse Investigations/DCDEE, would transition abuse and neglect investigations in child care facilities to the Division of Child Development and Early Education within the Department of Health and Human Services. <u>S 371</u>, LME/MCO Claims Reporting, would outline requirements for data submission from local management entities/managed care organizations (LME/MCOs) to the Department of Health and Human Services and the use of that information by the Department.

Senate Commerce Committee

The Committee met on Tuesday, April 21, and approved four bills. <u>S 22</u>, Historic Artifact Mgt. and Patriotism Act, seeks to ensure respectful treatment of the American flag and the NC flag by state agencies and other political subdivisions of the state. It would also establish the Division of Veterans Affairs as the clearinghouse for the disposal of worn and damaged flags. <u>S 195</u>, Motor Vehicle Service Agreement Amendments, seeks to provide a legal framework for the sale and regulation of motor vehicle ancillary product contracts. <u>S 327</u>, Allow Prize-Linked Savings Accounts, seeks to allow banks to conduct savings promotion raffles. <u>S 374</u>, Modify For-Hire License Logbook Requirement, would make voluntary the requirement that a holder of a for-hire coastal recreational fishing license maintain a logbook summarizing catch and effort statistical data, delay implementation to allow the Division of Marine Fisheries to conduct a stakeholder input and education process, and forbid DENR from entering into a joint enforcement agreement with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The Senate Commerce Committee also met on Thursday and approved four bills. <u>S 673</u>, Clarify Motor Vehicle Dealer Laws, seeks to clarify motor vehicle dealers and manufacturers licensing law. <u>S 674</u>, Truck Dealer Cost Reimbursement, seeks to increase the amount of compensation payable by a manufacturer, manufacturer branch, distributor or distributor branch of certain new motor vehicles to motor vehicle dealers to cover certain costs. <u>S 504</u>, Mobile Beauty Salons, would provide for licensure of mobile beauty salons and to ensure the safe and hygienic operation. <u>S 25</u>, Zoning/Design and Aesthetic Controls, seeks to clarify when a county or municipality may enact zoning ordinances related to design and aesthetic controls.

Senate Finance Committee

The Committee met on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. On Tuesday, the Committee approved three bills. <u>S 159</u>, Transferred Properties in Corrected Revals, would clarify the process by which undervalued property is to be taxed under <u>S.L. 2013-362</u> (a law enacted in light of problems with a 2011 property tax revaluation in Mecklenburg County). <u>S 284</u>, Infrastructure Assessments/Repeal Sunset, would extend the sunset provision on the authority granted to counties and cities to use special assessments to address critical infrastructure needs for five years, from July 1, 2015, until July 1, 2020. <u>S 556</u>, Disposition of Minimal Property Tax Refunds, would authorize local governments to not mail refunds of overpayment of taxes for less than \$15.

On Wednesday, the Committee continued its discussion of tax reform and economic development. The Committee heard presentations from legislative staff comparing the provisions of <u>H 117</u>, NC Competes Act; <u>S 526</u>, Job Creation and Tax Relief Act of 2015; and <u>S 338</u>, Economic Development/Tax Modifications. No action was taken on any of the bills.

Senate Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources Committee

The Committee met on Wednesday, April 22, and approved four bills. <u>\$ 303</u>, Protect Safety/Well-Being of NC Citizens, seeks to protect the safety and well-being of citizens from regulatory overreach by prohibiting the Environmental Management Commission and DENR from issuing rules implementing federal standards for wood heaters or enforcing such rules, and by forbidding the commission and the department from enforcing air emissions standards limiting fuel sources providing heat or hot water to a residence or business. It would also require the EMC to affirmatively adopt air quality management rules promulgated by the U.S. EPA. <u>\$ 572</u>, Agricultural Regulatory Relief, seeks to provide regulatory relief to farmers by requiring the Department of Transportation to study bridge weight restrictions in agricultural areas, and the regulations governing transport of fuel for agricultural use by farm vehicles, and it requires DENR to study regulatory barriers to increasing drainage of agricultural lands. <u>\$ 647</u>, Amend Trapping Law, seeks to amend the trapping law relating to Conibear type traps. <u>\$ 374</u>, Modify For-Hire License Logbook Requirement, seeks to make voluntary the requirement that a holder of a for-hire coastal recreational fishing license maintain a logbook summarizing catch and effort statistical data. It also would delay implementation to allow the Division of Marine Fisheries to conduct a stakeholder input and education process, and forbid DENR from entering into a joint enforcement agreement with the National Marine Fisheries Service

In The News

SCOTUS Orders Review of GOP Redistricting

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday threw out a North Carolina court ruling that upheld Republican-drawn electoral districts for state and congressional lawmakers.

State judges were told to look at whether lawmakers depended too much on race in drawing boundaries that increased minority representation in Raleigh but also boosted GOP fortunes. In a two-sentence order, the justices told the North Carolina Supreme Court to revisit its decision last December upholding the maps, and to review it in light of the U.S. high court's decision last month involving Alabama legislative districts.

NC House Approves Partisan Judicial Elections

The state House passed a bill Monday that would put party labels on appellate court candidates...It passed the House 69-48, mostly along party lines, and now goes to the Senate for consideration. The bill's supporters, mostly Republicans, maintain that party labels will make it easier for voters to pick candidates in the down-ballot races. Though statewide judicial elections have been officially nonpartisan for more than a decade, candidates often during their campaigns make known their party affiliations. Rep. Grier Martin, a Raleigh Democrat, said the bill would accentuate partisan divisions. "The public already has the ability now to figure out the partisan affiliation of a candidate," he said.

NC Senate Passes Bill Addressing Executive Branch Concerns

The North Carolina Senate passed legislation Thursday to address and clarify some concerns raised by the Executive Branch in its lawsuit challenging the long-established practice of the Legislative Branch making appointments to independent boards and commissions. House Bill 364 clarifies certain laws addressing executive orders and appointments in light of a recent trial court order. While the General Assembly has required additional ethical disclosures from appointed members of key, independent boards since the early 1970s, the bill clarifies the discretion to impose those constraints belongs to the governor.

IBM Tells Governor McCrory it Opposes RFRA

In a letter to Gov. Pat McCrory from Robert Greenberg, IBM's senior executive in North Carolina, the tech giant spells out "strong opposition" to North Carolina's proposed N.C. Religious Freedom Restoration Act. The bill "would enable discrimination based on a person's sexual orientation or identity," Greenberg wrote. The bill has been introduced in both the House and Senate where it was referred to committees after passing "first reading" on March 26 in the House and March 30 in the Senate. The bills prohibit state laws that "burden" a person's ability to follow his or her religious beliefs. The definition of "person" includes religious institutions, businesses and associations. "IBM is opposed to discrimination against anyone on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation or religion. We urge you to work with the Legislature to ensure that any legislation in this area is not discriminatory," Greenberg wrote.

Religious freedom bill dead for the session, NC House Speaker says

Facing opposition from business leaders and fellow Republicans, N.C. House Speaker Tim Moore announced Thursday that the House will not take up controversial "religious freedom" legislation, effectively killing it for this session.

"For this session, the bill is not going to move," Moore said during a hastily called news conference. "This bill in its current format, at the current time, is not the proper path to go."

Deep Pockets Push to Expand School Vouchers

At the moment, the efforts of Rep. Stam and other legislators to expand the state's "Opportunity Scholarships" voucher program are on hold as the state Supreme Court considers its constitutionality. But if it's cleared by the courts and lawmakers succeed in expanding vouchers as Stam has promised, it will be the latest in a series of victories in recent years scored by interests promoting alternatives to public education in North Carolina—vouchers to attend private schools and charter school expansion. At the forefront of the push for "school choice" in N.C. is a constellation of tight-knit groups that together have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on state elections and lobbying in recent years. Many of the legislators who have benefited from the organizations' political spending have sponsored bills that align closely with the groups' agenda.

Gov. Pat McCrory wants voters to decide this fall on two \$1.5 billion plans to borrow money to fund highway projects and fix up state facilities. Proposals to sell bonds appeared in the details of budget legislation filed Thursday by Republican Rep. Nelson Dollar of Cary, the top House budget writer. McCrory plans to highlight the proposal Friday afternoon with a formal announcement in Winston-Salem. The amount of the two bonds is larger than McCrory called for in his State of the State speech in February. He said then that each bond would range from \$1.2 billion to \$1.4 billion. Both the House and Senate must approve any plan.

Sources: North Carolina ruled out for Volvo plant

It appears North Carolina is once again an auto assembly plant bridesmaid. A site near Charleston, S.C., and another in the Savannah, Ga., area are finalists for Volvo's first U.S. automobile plant, sources close to the search say.

If that's the case, it means automakers continue to overlook North Carolina for an auto manufacturing site. Again the state has missed out on the auto plant boom in the South of the past 30 years.

Changing Alcohol Laws Not as Simple as ABC

Bills under consideration in the state General Assembly would make it easier for North Carolina makers of beer, cider and liquor to sell their products directly to the people who drink them. But the state's traditionally conservative attitudes about alcohol and powerful groups that have stakes in keeping restrictions in place look to be high hurdles. "The state alcoholic beverage statutes are a very broad and confusing bunch of laws ... and in some cases they're out of date," said Margo Metzger, executive director of the N.C. Craft Brewers Guild. Proposed changes would make it easier for craft brewers to operate and expand, she said. But, Metzger said, "There are a lot of people involved with distributing alcoholic beverages who are quite satisfied with the way things are."

Duke Energy Faces Resistance from Lee, Chatham Residents

What to do with millions of tons of coal ash? That is the big question facing the nation's largest utility company. Duke Energy is looking to use open-pit clay mines in Lee and Chatham counties to store nearly three million tons of coal ash. Coal ash will work well to fill these open-pit clay mines as it has a low unit weight, relatively high shear strength and can be handled easily, Duke Energy said. The mines Duke Energy plans to use are the Brickhaven Mine in Moncure and the Sanford Mine in Sanford. That is why the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources has been hosting public hearings on the matter. Thursday, more than a hundred people gathered at the courthouse in Pittsboro to voice their concerns.

House Moves to Adjust Presidential Primary in NC

The North Carolina House agreed this past Wednesday night to try to push back the date of next year's North Carolina presidential primary by a few weeks to avoid cuts in national convention delegates, particularly for Republicans who had moved up the contest date from May. After no floor debate, the chamber voted 111-1 for a bill setting the 2016 presidential primary for March 8. The change now goes to the Senate for consideration.

The Republican National Committee has threatened North Carolina's GOP with a loss of more than 80 percent of their expected delegates next year if the state's presidential primary is held in February, as is currently scheduled. It also would mean a potential loss of clout for the state in picking a presidential nominee. North Carolina voters haven't been a real player in picking a GOP nominee since 1988.

#NCGA Starts Posting Bill Summaries Online for Public

Good news for all you North Carolina legislature geeks out there: Bill summaries are now available to the public online. The General Assembly's Research Division last week began posting the summaries on the legislature's website, available whenever users look up a bill. The documents, which provide brief analysis of each piece of legislation, are a valuable resource for understanding how proposals could change current law. Before they went online, members of the public essentially had to show up in person to committee meetings to get the summaries or ask the bill's sponsor directly.

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CALENDAR

<u>Mon, April 27, 2015</u>	
15 MINUTES AFTER SESSION	Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the (House) Outdoor Heritage Act. (<u>H640</u>) Unemployment Insurance Law Changes. (<u>S15</u>)
<u>Tue, April 28, 2015</u>	
8:30 AM	Ethics (House) State Ethics Comm. Revisions. (<u>H677</u>)
8:30 AM	<u>Finance</u> (House) Enhance UI Program Integrity/Reporting. (H22) DES Board of Review. (H23) Zebulon Charter/Use of Certain Fees. (H307) Simplify OT Collection by Intermediaries. (H379) Fayetteville Charter/PWC Changes. (H392) Drivers License Fee/Donate Life NC. (H476) Repeal Business License Fees. (H739)

	Clarify Motor Vehicle Dealer Laws. (<u>H800</u>)
10:00 AM	Judiciary I (Senate) Uniform Political Activity/Employees. (<u>S480</u>) Proof Required for Debt/Fees. (<u>S511</u>) Prohibit Re-Homing of an Adopted Minor Child. (<u>S652</u>)
10:00 AM	Judiciary II CORRECTED (Senate) Reconvene at 3 pm or immed. following session
10:00 AM	Pensions and Retirement (House) Increase Retirement Age/Judges & Magistrates. (<u>H205</u>)
10:00 AM	Regulatory Reform (House) Task Force on Regulatory Reform. (<u>H763</u>) Building Code/Rustic Cabins. (<u>H706</u>) Grant Recipients Posted on Grantor Web Site. (<u>H812</u>)
10:00 AM	Rep. R. Moore - Press Conference
10:30 AM	Rep. Ralph Johnson - Press Conference
11:00 AM	Education - Community Colleges (House) Community College Remediation Pilot Project. (<u>H754</u>) CC Innovative Pilot Program. (<u>H396</u>) Central Carolina CC/Bd. of Trustees. (<u>H488</u>) Financial/Life Skills CC Course. (<u>H756</u>) Limit Soldiers' CC Tuition. (<u>H860</u>) Comm. Coll. Summer Courses/Funded FTE. (<u>H579</u>)
11:00 AM	Rep. Pierce - Press Conference
12:00 PM	State and Local Government (Senate)
12:00 PM	Transportation (House)Study MPO/RPO Oversight. (H74)Exempt Motorcoach Manufacturer & Distributor. (H564)NC Aircraft Repair Act. (H567)Rural County Dev. Funds for Road Const. (H569)STI and Ferry Tolling Revisions. (H672)Reinstatement of Driving Privileges. (H735)Automatic License Plate Readers. (H829)Veterans Plates/Vehicle Weight Restriction. (H915)
1:00 PM	Insurance CORRECTED (House) DOI License Processing Fees. (H196) Property Insurance Fairness. (H182) Impounding Vehicles with Lapsed/No Insurance. (H599) Establish Chiropractor Co-Pay Parity. (H528) Principle-Based Reserving. (H361) Surcharge Transparency. (H496) Payments for Ambulance Services. (H715) Insurance Required for Mopeds. (H148) Proper Administration of Step Therapy. (H821)
1:00 PM	Finance CORRECTED (Senate) NC Competes Act. (for discussion only) (<u>H117</u>) Motor Vehicle Tax: Waive Penalties/Interest. (<u>\$273</u>) Register of Deeds-POA Indexing Fees. (<u>\$332</u>) Limit Storage Fees on Damaged Vehicle. (<u>\$345</u>) Registers of Deeds/UCC Recording Fees. (<u>\$386</u>) Local Incentives for Historic Rehabilitation. (<u>\$472</u>) Job Creation and Tax Relief Act of 2015. (for discussion only) (<u>\$526</u>) Economic Development/Tax Modifications. (will be on agenda for discussion only) (<u>\$338</u>)
<u>Wed, April 29, 2015</u>	
10:00 AM	Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources (Senate) Labor/Up Amusement Device Penalties. (<u>S75</u>) Create Inspection Program/Venison Donations. (<u>S546</u>)
12:30 PM	Judiciary III (House) Controlled Substances/NBOMe & Other Drugs. (<u>H341</u>) Standard of Proof/Public Safety Dispatchers. (<u>H352</u>) Notice Before Automatic Contract Renewal. (<u>H631</u>) Juvenile Law Changes/Abuse/Neglect/Dependency. (<u>H669</u>) Assault on National Guard Member. (<u>H691</u>) Same Firearm Protections for 50C as 50B Order. (<u>H801</u>)

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