

Charlotte, NC – North Carolina Legislators have been busy filing bills for introduction this 2019-2020 session. Some of the legislation to be considered include:

Senate Bill 58, Revise Marijuana Laws, was introduced to increase the amount of marijuana that may be legally possessed for personal use. Including the authorization for a person convicted of such a violation may file a petition in the court of the county where they were convicted for expunction of the offense from the person's criminal record and any other official record containing an entry relating to the person's apprehension, charge, trial, or conviction.

Senate Bill 82, Dismissal or Not Guilty/Automatic Expunction, would provide for the automatic expunction of certain records of a person when the charge or charge against a person are dismissed or found not guilty. This bill would make specified confidential files electronically available to all prosecutors if the criminal record was expunged on or after July 1, 2018.

Senate Bill 60, Restore Educational Sales Tax Holiday, calls to reenact the sales and use tax holiday for school supplies. This would be effective July 1, 2019 and applicable to sales made on or after that date.

Senate Bill 101, PED Oversight/EPP Changes, regards accountability for educator preparation programs (EPP), performance standards and data reporting systems. Requires the State board of Education to develop a new performance-based weighted model for comparing the annual EPP report card data.

Senate Bill 87, ABC Laws Modernization/PED study, this bill would require the merger of ABC systems in a county with two or more ABC systems. Including the option of operating ABC stores on Sundays and liquor tastings in store. Filed on February 19, Senator Joyce Waddell was one of the primary sponsors of this bill.

"There are many issues to address this upcoming long session. My colleagues and I are working to introduce legislation protect the interests of our citizens inclusive to values that promote quality standards in all systems across the state, " said Senator Joyce Waddell

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