

as of 5/27/2015



Legislative Agenda Priority	Bill Number	Bill Name	Bill Summary	Status	Chamber Position
Regulatory Reform	<a href="#">H3</a>	Eminent Domain	Amends the Constitution to include prohibition of condemnation of private property except for a public use, to provide for the payment of just compensation with right of trial by jury in all condemnation cases, and to make similar statutory changes.	Passed House 2/10; 2/11 Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate	Monitoring
Education	<a href="#">S6</a>	State Health Plan/Retiree Rehire Eligibility	Allows retired state employees to be rehired without losing their retirement benefits	Passed Senate 3/25; 3/30 House Ref to Com on State Personnel	Support
Tax Modernization/Fiscal Issues	<a href="#">S15</a>	Unemployment Insurance Law Changes	Places additional requirements on individuals receiving unemployment insurance	2/24 Referred to Com on Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House	Monitoring
Tax Modernization/Fiscal Issues	<a href="#">S20</a>	IRC Update/Motor Fuel Changes (Gas Tax)	Addresses decreasing transportation funding by placing a floor on the state gas tax. Senate version places floor of 35 cents/gallon and House version places gas tax at 36 cents/gallon	3/31 Signed by Gov	Support
Regulatory Reform	<a href="#">S24</a>	Liquor Sales - Permitted Distilleries	Allows distilleries to sell their product for at home consumption at the location of the distillery.	2/24 Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate	Support
Job Creation	<a href="#">S35</a>	Jumpstart Business Startups/New Market Credit	Provides economic incentive to investments made in rural areas of North Carolina	2/5 Ref to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate	Support
Transportation & Infrastructure	<a href="#">H80</a>	Riverlink Plate Background	Would provide a vanity license plate to raise funds and awareness for Asheville nonprofit Riverlink	2/16 Ref to Com on Transportation	Monitoring
Tax Modernization/Fiscal Issues	<a href="#">H97</a>	2015 Appropriations Act	House version of the NC Budget (\$22.1 Billion)	5/22 Passed House 5/26 Ref to Appropriations (Senate)	Monitoring
Job Creation	<a href="#">H108</a>	Site and Building Development Fund	Creates a fund to help local governments acquire and develop qualified business facilities.	4/15 Passed House; 4/16 ref to Com on Rules and Operations (Senate)	Monitoring
Job Creation	<a href="#">H117</a>	NC Competes Act	Renames JDIG and provides \$45 million/year for the economic development tool	2/5 Passed House; 2/28 re-ref to Finance (Senate)	Support

Local Issue	<a href="#">H128</a>	Referendum for Certain Local Debt	Would allow voters to force a referendum on debt secured by local issuances of certificates of participation (COPs) and other non-general obligation bond indebtedness. H128 Would require a referendum on all borrowing for local government capital projects when 5 percent of that local government's voters sign a petition requesting a vote. In 1991, the North Carolina Supreme Court upheld local governments' use of certificates of participation and other "special indebtedness" that does not require a voter referendum. Since then, both local governments and the state have extensively used this form of borrowing, with the state having last put a bond referendum before voters in 2000. The General Assembly in 2013 placed limits on the state's use of state special indebtedness going forward.	4/23 House reported unfav	Monitoring
Job Creation	<a href="#">H152</a>	New Historic Preservation Tax Credit	Providing for tax credits for a taxpayer allowed a federal income tax credit for making qualified rehabilitation expenditures for a certified income-producing historic structure	3/26 passed House; 3/30 Ref to Com on Ways and Means (Senate)	
Job Creation	<a href="#">H171</a>	Modify Film Grant Fund	Changes the amount of qualifying expenses required by a production company to qualify for a grant from the Film and Entertainment Grant Fund as follows: (1) for a feature-length film, \$1 million in expenses (was, \$5 million); (2) for a video or television series, \$1 million in expenses per episode (was, \$250,000).	3/9 Ref to Com on Finance (House)	Monitoring
Regulatory Reform	<a href="#">H200</a>	Amend Certificate of Need Laws	An act exempting diagnostic centers, ambulatory surgical facilities, gastrointestinal endoscopy rooms, and psychiatric hospitals from CON review	3/11 ref to Committee on Health (House)	Monitoring
Regulatory Reform	<a href="#">H201</a>	Zoning Changes/Citizen Input	Amends the protest petition process in relation to zoning ordinance	3/25 passed House; 3/26 Ref to Com on Rules and Operations (Senate)	Monitoring
Job Creation	<a href="#">H278</a>	Increase Small Brewery Limits	Increases barrel capacity for self distribution to 100,000 barrels per year	3/19 Ref to Com on Alcoholic Beverage Control (House)	Monitoring
Job Creation	<a href="#">H305</a>	Jumpstart Business Startups/New Market Credit	Provides that an entity that makes a qualified equity investment earns a below-the-line tax reduction that may be applied to the entity's state premium tax liability on future premium tax reports	3/19 Ref to Com on Commerce and Job Development (House)	Monitoring
Job Creation	<a href="#">H320</a>	Small Business New Job Creation Incentive	Re-enacts Article 3J tax credits	3/23 Ref to Com on Commerce and Job Development (House)	Monitoring
Job Creation	<a href="#">S326</a>	Increase JDIG Funding	Provides an additional \$5 million for JDIG fund	3/24 Passed by Senate. Sent to House. 3/25 House ref to Com on Finance.	Support
Job Creation	<a href="#">S329</a>	Econ Dev./Renewable Energy Credit	Amends tax credits for investments in renewable energy	3/19 Ref to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate	Support

Regulatory Reform	<a href="#">H332</a>	Energy Policy Amendments	Senate Committee substitute caps the REPS	5/19 re-ref to Com on Finance (Senate)	Monitor
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Job Creation	<a href="#">S338</a>	Economic Development/Tax Modifications	Changes NC corporate tax rate to 3% in 2017. Changes corporate tax to single sales factor status. Recreates JDIG economic development	3/25 Re-ref to Commerce, if fav. Re-ref to Finance (Senate)	Monitoring
Job Creation	<a href="#">S340</a>	Econ. Dev./Job Catalyst Fund	Addresses Governor's request for Job Catalyst Fund	3/23 Ref to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate	Monitoring
Tax Modernization/Fiscal Issues	<a href="#">S369</a>	Sales Tax Fairness Act	Changes NC sales tax structure to have a per capita factor for local distribution	3/24 Ref to Com on Finance (Senate)	Monitoring
Tax Modernization	<a href="#">S481</a>	Providing Access to Entrepreneurs/Sm Business	Provides exemption for the sale of securities to those meeting established criteria and investing in NC	4/14 Re-ref to Com on Finance (Senate)	Monitoring
Healthcare	<a href="#">S490</a>	Increase Access to MH Services	Study bill to look at public/private partnership to allow state facilities to shift patients to private beds without CON review	3/26 Ref to Com on Rules and Operations (Senate)	Monitoring
Tax Modernization/Fiscal Issues	<a href="#">S526</a>	Job Creation and Tax Relief Act of 2015	Would cut \$1 billion from the NC's \$21 billion budget	3/30 Re-ref to Finance (Senate)	Monitoring
	<a href="#">S550</a>	NC Religious Freedom Restoration Act	Prohibits state action from burdening a person's right to exercise right of religion	3/30 Ref to Com on Rules and Operations (Senate)	Monitoring
Transportation and Infrastructure	<a href="#">H552</a>	Graffiti Vandalism	Increases the penalty for graffiti vandalism	3/15 Passed House; 5/26 Passes 2nd Reading (Senate)	Support
Tax Modernization/Fiscal Issues	<a href="#">S608</a>	Simple and Fair Formula for Sales Tax Distribution	Seeks to fix urban/rural funding gap by taxing additional services	4/9 Re-ref to Com on Finance (Senate)	Monitoring
Job Creation	<a href="#">H625</a>	Brewery Law Revisions	Authorizes the retail sale of unfortified wine at breweries, to clarify that self-distribution barrel limit does not include malt beverages sold to consumers at the brewery	4/15 Serial referral to Finance stricken (House)	Monitoring
Healthcare	<a href="#">S702</a>	Repeal CON and COPA Laws	Repeals NC's Certificate of Need and Certificate of Public Advantage laws	3/30 Ref to Com on Rules and Operations (Senate)	Monitoring
Transportation and Infrastructure	<a href="#">S716</a>	Mountain Energy Act of 2015	Works to convert the Duke Energy Asheville coal fired plant to run on natural gas. Gives Duke energy additional time to clean up coal ash	5/21 Passed House 5/21 Ref to Rules, Calendar and Operations of House	Monitoring
Regulatory Reform	<a href="#">H760</a>	Regulatory Reform Act of 2015	Provides administrative reforms, eliminates outdated statutes and regulations, and modernizes and simplifies outdated regulations	5/7 Ref to Agriculture/Environment /Nat. Resources (Senate)	Monitoring
Regulatory Reform	<a href="#">H795</a>	SEPA Reform	Establishes new qualifications for State Environmental Protection Act review for new projects	5/26 passed Senate and House.	Monitoring
Tax Modernization/Fiscal Issues	<a href="#">H868</a>	Up Min Wage/Set Rates/Add COLA	Increases the state minimum wage to set wage rates based upon the size of the employer. Provides for automatic adjustments to reflect increases in cost of living	4/15 Ref to Com on Rules, Calendar, Operations (House)	Opposed

Tax Modernization/Fiscal Issues	<a href="#">H903</a>	County Tax Flexibility/Municipal Rev Opts.	Allows counties/municipalities to levy 0.25% local sales tax if it passes a resolution	4/16 Ref to Com on Government (House)	Monitoring
Regulatory Reform	<a href="#">H909</a>	ABC Omnibus Legislation	Omnibus bill that includes ability for distillery to sell its product after a tour	4/30 passed House; 5/21 re-ref Com on Finance (Senate)	Support
Transportation & Infrastructure	<a href="#">H927</a>	Reestablish NC as the "Good Roads State"	Changes the transportation revenue formula and provides additional funding for roads	4/20 Ref to Com on Transportation (House)	Support