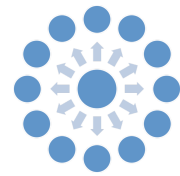


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### 2015 NCGA Overview

After a slow start with many snow days, things are moving quickly now at the North Carolina General Assembly. 356 bills have been filed in the Senate and 323 bills have been filed in the House. 21 Senate bills have passed the Senate and 23 House bills have passed the House. 2 bills are in Conference Committee, including S14 (Acad. Standards/Rules Review/Coal Ash/Funds) and S20 (IRC Update/Motor Fuel Tax Changes). The Governor has signed one bill into law: H157 (Amend Environmental Laws).

### Relevant Senate Bills

#### **S15: Unemployment Insurance Law Changes**

Changes unemployment insurance laws. Changes whether someone is “actively seeking work” from making two contacts with employers each week to five each week. Makes people bring a photo ID to the weekly certifications, when they didn't have to before. Creates a Board of Review to determine appeals policies and procedures and to hear appeals arising from the Division.

- Passed the Senate; Passed 1st Reading in the House; Referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

#### **H22: Enhance UI Program Integrity/Reporting**

- Passed 1st Reading in the House; Referred to the Committee on Finance

#### **S288: Amend Laws Regarding Mental Commitment Bars**

Makes changes to the following judicial determination, about when court clerks have to transmit determinations and findings to the National Instant Criminal Background System: *“A finding that an individual lacks the capacity to manage the individual's own affairs due to marked subnormal intelligence or intelligence, mental illness, incompetency, condition, or disease, or incompetency.”* Also amends the process for individuals to remove firearms disabilities after restoration to competency.

- Passed 1st Reading in Senate; Referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate

#### **S291: Overnight Respite Pilot Program**

Extends the duration of the DHHS overnight respite pilot program to June 30, 2016, instead of June 1, 2015.

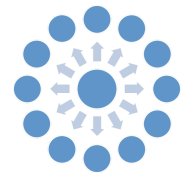
- Passed 1st Reading in Senate; Referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate

#### **S317: Strengthen Controlled Substance Monitoring**

Adds “to inform medical records or clinical care” to the list of reasons when prescription information may be subject to subpoena or other use in civil proceedings. Adds the federal Drug Enforcement Office of Diversion Control and



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the NC Health Information Exchange to the list of places that the Department shall release controlled substances reporting system data to.

- Passed 1st Reading in Senate; Referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate

### **Relevant House Bills:**

#### **H46: Senior Tax Deduction for Medical Expenses**

Allows seniors (65+) to deduct medical expenses on their taxes.

- Passed 1st Reading in House; Referred to Committee on Aging

#### **H Resolution 83: Suicide Prevention Resolution**

Requires health care providers to complete training in best practices to complete training in best practices for suicide assessment, treatment, and management as a part of their continuing education requirements and implementing training in best practices for other adults who are regularly in contact with people at risk for suicide to recognize factors that may indicate thoughts of suicide. Authorizes the Legislative Research Commission to study the role of health care providers and other key gatekeepers in the suicide prevention.

- Passed 1st Reading in House; Referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

#### **H119: PED Recs/Publicly Funded Substance Abuse Svcs.**

Integrates state Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Centers (ADATCS) into the array of publicly funded substance abuse services managed by LME-MCO system. Strengthens the performance management system for publicly funded substance abuse services.

- Passed 1st Reading in House; Favorable in Committee on Health; Referred to Committee on Appropriations

#### **S318: PED Recs/Publicly Funded Substance Abuse Svcs.**

- Passed First Reading Senate; Referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate

#### **H133: Modify Special Education Scholarships**

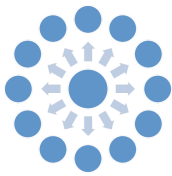
Increases the amount of scholarship funds available to students with disabilities per semester and to modify the method of payment of tuition for those students.

- Passed 1st Reading in House; Referred to Committee on Education - K-12

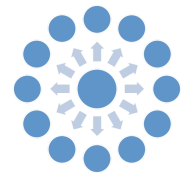
#### **H146: Amend Advance Health Care Directives Laws**

Eliminates the need to have advance health care directives and health care powers of attorney signed by *both* two witnesses and a notary public, requiring instead two witnesses or a notary public.

- Passed 1st Reading in House; Favorable in Committee on Judiciary I; Placed on Calendar for 3/23/15



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### **H193: Prohibit Discriminatory Profiling**

Prohibits discriminatory profiling by law enforcement officers, based on a person's real or perceived race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity, rather than on the person's behavior or on information identifying the person as having engaged in criminal activity.

- Passed 1st Reading in House; Referred to Committee on Judiciary I

### **H269: Caregiver Relief Act**

Amends the labor laws to provide relief for caregivers in NC. Provides supports in the workplace for caregivers who provide direct care to certain family members in need of care in those instances where such leave would not be afforded to the caregivers under federal law.

- Passed 1st Reading in House; Referred to Committee on Children, Youth, & Families

### **S337: Caregiver Relief Act**

- Passed 1st Reading in Senate; Referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate

### **H270: Healthy Families & Workplaces/Paid Sick Days**

Ensures that all workers have earned paid sick days to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

- Passed 1st Reading in House; Referred to Committee on Children, Youth, & Families

### **S339 Healthy Families & Workplaces/Paid Sick Days**

- Filed in the Senate 3/19/15

### **H314 Pilot/Sports for Students with Disabilities**

Authorizes the Department of Public Instruction to use funds to conduct a pilot program on integrated community-based adapted sports programs for students with disabilities.

- Filed in the House 3/19/15