The conferees appointed to resolve the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on Senate Bill 314, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TOOLS FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION TO ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AVOID AND CORRECT FISCAL DISTRESS THAT REQUIRES THAT THE IMPACT OF CHANGES TO SALES TAX DISTRIBUTION FORMULAS BE DELAYED UNTIL THE FISCAL YEAR FOLLOWING THE INITIAL DECISION, MANDATES THAT A STATEMENT FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION BE INCLUDED IN THE PETITION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHEN A NEW MUNICIPALITY IS PROPOSED, ADDS OPTIONAL SOURCES FOR TRAINING FOR FINANCE OFFICERS, ALLOWS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION TO MANDATE SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOR CITY AND COUNTY MANAGERS WHEN A UNIT IS EXHIBITING FISCAL DISTRESS AND TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR A MUNICIPALITY TO INITIATE A TRANSITION TO RECOVER FROM FINANCIAL DISTRESS AND TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION TO TRANSFER THE ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS AND DISSOLVE MUNICIPALITIES DETERMINED TO BE IN FINANCIAL DISTRESS AND TO REGULATE THE HOURS OF THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/8/21, House Committee Substitute #2 Favorable 6/16/21, submit the following report:

The Senate and the House agree to the following amendment(s) to the House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/8/21, House Committee Substitute #2 Favorable 6/16/21, and the Senate concurs in the Committee Substitute, as amended:

On page 10, lines 15-24, by rewriting those lines to read:

"SECTION 6.5.(a) G.S. 161-8 reads as rewritten:
"§ 161-8. Attendance at office.
The board of county commissioners may fix by order, to be entered on their records, what days of each week, and at what hours of each day, the register of deeds shall attend at his office in person or by deputy, and he shall give his attendance accordingly; be present in the office on a full-time schedule. Except for official State holidays, emergencies, exigent circumstances, or inclement weather, the office of the register of deeds shall be open for business Monday through
Friday, at least 40 hours per week. The office shall not close before 5:00 P.M. and shall accept instruments and documents for filing at all times when open for business."

SECTON 6.5.(b) This section becomes effective August 1, 2021.”.

The conferees recommend that the Senate and the House of Representatives adopt this report.

Date Conferees approved report: June 23, 2021.

Conferees for the Senate

Tom McInnis, Chair

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Tim Moore, Chair

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