

**North Carolina House of Representatives
Appropriations Committee**

RULES FOR SUBJECT AREA COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

May 25, 2017

The following rules govern the eligibility of amendments to proposed committee reports:

1. Amendments must be offered by formal amendments.
2. Amendments cannot increase total spending within the proposed committee report.
3. Amendments can only affect appropriations within the departments, agencies, or programs within the jurisdiction of the committee and may not cause a change in another committee's appropriations.
4. Amendments cannot adjust salary and benefit appropriations for the departments, agencies, or programs within the committee report.
5. Amendments cannot spend reversions or include "shall not revert" or "carry forward" language.
6. Amendments cannot use nonrecurring reductions to fund recurring items.
7. Amendments cannot change the recurring and nonrecurring designation of funds.
8. Amendments cannot reduce or eliminate vacant positions (or the associated savings in the salary and benefits) in agency budgets beyond those included in the committee report.
9. Amendments cannot change substantive policy or law.
10. Amendments may not create or increase "management flexibility reductions."
11. Amendments may not affect agency or program transfers to other committees.
12. Amendments may not include fees or other Finance-related matters.