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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the General Assembly

FROM: Karen Cochrane-Brown, Director – Legislative Analysis Division

RE: 2015-2016 Legislative Commissions, Non-Standing Committees,
Interim Studies Report

This report lists all permanent legislative commissions and non-standing committees and all studies authorized or directed to be undertaken by the 2015 General Assembly or authorized by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives. It includes studies undertaken by legislative bodies as well as those directed to be undertaken by other agencies of State government.

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We hope this publication will aid you and your constituents in getting accurate information on matters of government policy. Your comments on and suggestions for improvement as to this publication, as well as other Legislative Analysis Division efforts, are solicited and always appreciated.

PREFACE

For ease of use this publication is divided into two parts, ‘Studies and Reports’, and ‘Study Commissions, Committees, and Task Forces’. Each part is color coded to assist the user.

Part I, printed on yellow paper, is ‘Studies and Reports’. This is a subject listing of each of the studies and reports authorized or undertaken by the 2015 General Assembly, or that are due during the 2015-2016 biennium. Entries are arranged by subject, or study title, and include: references to the legal authority of the study or report; the commission, committee, task force or agency from which the report is due; when the report is due; and to whom it is to be made. A contact name is provided for agencies and statutory commissions when available. Legislative committee or commission contact information can be found in Part II under the listing for that committee.

Part II, printed on green paper, is ‘Study Commissions, Committees, and Task Forces’. This is an alphabetical listing by title of each commission, committee, or task force directed or authorized to conduct the study listed in the first (yellow) part of this publication. Each entry includes: the establishing legal authority; reporting requirements when applicable; scope of duties; additional studies assigned or referred; and, for legislative commissions and committees, the membership appointed to date along with their names, addresses and telephone numbers, and committee staff and their telephone numbers.

A comprehensive index is provided for additional access points.

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NOTE: Please be aware that, when possible, the 'Scope' of a study given is the complete text from the bill or document creating the study, however, for studies having a long or detailed description the 'scope' may only represent a summary of the study's purpose. Please consult the authority given for the official language.

The Editor.

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ACADEMIC STANDARDS REVIEW

Authority: SL2014-78 §2(a), SB 812.
Report by: Academic Standards Review Commission
Report to: State Board of Education, and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Report due: Shall make a final report to the 2016 Session of the 2015 General Assembly.
Scope: Commission shall: (1) Conduct a comprehensive review of all English Language Arts and Mathematics standards that were adopted by the State Board of Education under G.S. 115C-12(9c) and propose modifications to ensure that those standards meet all of the following criteria: a. Increase students' level of academic achievement. b. Meet and reflect North Carolina's priorities. c. Are age-level and developmentally appropriate. d. Are understandable to parents and teachers. e. Are among the highest standards in the nation. (2) As soon as practicable upon convening, and at any time prior to termination, recommend changes and modifications to these academic standards to the State Board of Education. (3) Recommend to the State Board of Education assessments aligned to proposed changes and modifications that would also reduce the number of high-stakes assessments administered to public schools. (4) Consider the impact on educators, including the need for professional development, when making any of the recommendations required in this section. The Commission shall assemble content experts to assist it in evaluating the rigor of academic standards. The Commission shall also involve interested stakeholders in this process and otherwise ensure that the process is transparent.
Contact: See Commission listing in Part II of this volume.

ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS (LRC)

Authority: To be studied by the Legislative Research Commission, Committee on Access to Public Lands pursuant to the Legislative Research Commission letter of January 28, 2016; G.S. 120-30.17; and SL2015-144 §3(a)-(b), HB 640.
Report by: Legislative Research Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Reports to the 2016 General Assembly are due on or before April 15, 2016, final reports are due on or before December 16, 2016.
Scope: Shall examine the ways in which the public land management plans affect opportunities to engage in outdoor recreational activities and make recommendations for increasing the public's opportunities to access public land for those purposes.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

ACHIEVEMENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Authority: Letter of January 14, 2016, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a).
Report by: House Select Committee on Achievement School Districts
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May submit an interim report at any time and final report prior to the convening of the 2017 General Assembly.
Scope: May study research on existing achievement school districts, integration within traditional K-12 school districts, the current North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's district and school transformation program, and any other issue it deems relevant to this study.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

ADULT PREVENTIVE SERVICES COVERAGE WITHOUT COST-SHARING

Authority: SL2016-94 §12H.8(a), (c), HB 1030.
Report by: Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Health and Human Services
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice and the Fiscal Research Division
Report due: Shall submit a report detailing the changes made as a result of this study no later than 30 days after implementation of the changes.
Scope: Shall study the impact of covering, without cost-sharing, all of the adult preventive services recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) in order to qualify for a one percentage point increase in the federal Medicaid assistance percentage for preventative services.
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ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL METHODS

Authority: SL2015-145 §2, HB 255.
Report by: North Carolina Building Code Council
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Upon the convening 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall study procedures and policies for the approval of alternative materials, designs, or methods. The study shall include review of the following elements: (1) The alternate methods application process, including requirements for initial application submittal, supporting information, and site-specific or project-specific application submittals. (2) Time lines for the application process, including application submittal, Council review, and final approval or denial of applications, including the feasibility of a requirement that final determinations be rendered on a completed application within 30 days of the date an application is determined to be complete. (3) Procedures for appeal of applications denied by the Council.
In conducting the study, the Council may utilize support services provided by staff from the Engineering Division of the Department of Insurance.
Contact: Building Code Council
(919) 661-5880

BACKGROUND CHECKS IN PRIVATE FIREARMS TRANSACTIONS

Authority: SL2015-195 §10.5, HB 562.
Report by: Department of Public Safety
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Report due: On or before January 1, 2019.
Scope: In consultation with the Office of Information Technology Services and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, shall study the development of a system to allow a background check to be conducted in private transfers of firearms. The study shall consider methods that would allow the seller or transferor to access the Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Automated Data Services (CJLEADS), the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), or another similar system that would provide information to the seller or transferor regarding the purchaser or transferee's eligibility to purchase a pistol.
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BARRIERS TO SMALL BUSINESS ACCESS TO CREDIT AND CAPITAL (LRC)

Authority: To be studied by the Legislative Research Commission, Committee on Barriers to Small Business Access to Credit and Capital pursuant to the Legislative Research Commission letter of January 28, 2016; and G.S. 120-30.17.

Report by: Legislative Research Commission

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: Shall report to LRC by April 15, 2016, which shall report to the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.

Scope: Shall examine the obstacles facing small businesses in their efforts to obtain necessary capital and credit, and the impact of those barriers upon the businesses and the larger economy.

Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

BASE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT PLAN

Authority: SL2016-94 §27.1, HB 1030.

Report by: Office of State Budget and Management

Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government

Report due: Shall present its proposed plan and recommendations to the December 2016 meeting of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government.

Scope: Shall study the feasibility of converting the following Funds within Budget Code 13410, Department of the State Treasurer, from receipt-supported to General Fund-supported: 1110 General Administration, 1130 Escheat Fund, 1150 Information Services, 1210 Investment Management Division, 1310 Local Government, 1410 Retirement Operations Division Fund, and 1510 Financial Operations Division. And, shall develop a proposed plan and schedule to adjust the Base Budget as follows:(1) Show that receipts from the Funds listed in this subsection are used to offset General Fund appropriations. (2) Reflect that receipts generated from the Investment Management Division, the Escheat Fund, and the Local Government Operations Division Fund and any interest earnings be deposited as nontax revenue. (3) Eliminate all transfers used to pay for administration in Funds 1110, 1150, and 1510 from Funds 1130, 1210, 1310, and 1410. (4) Identify any amendments to current law needed to implement the proposed plan. (5) Require the Department of the State Treasurer's expenditures be recorded in the North Carolina Accounting System in the appropriate budget code, fund code, and account code and not be charged directly to the Investment Asset Classes.

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BEACH EROSION

Authority: SL2015-241 §14.10I(a)-(b), HB 97.

Report by: Division of Coastal Management, Department of Environmental Quality

Report to: Environmental Review Commission, the chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Natural and Economic Resources and the House Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Natural, and Economic Resources, and the Fiscal Research Division.

Report due: By February 15, 2016.

Scope: Shall study and develop a proposed strategy for preventing, mitigating, and remediating the effects of beach erosion. The study shall consider efforts by other states and countries to prevent beach erosion and ocean overwash and to renourish and sustain beaches and coastlines and incorporate best practices into the strategy.

Contact: Caroline Barrett Daly
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BICYCLE SAFETY LAWS

Authority: SL2015-45, HB 232.
Report by: Department of Transportation
Report to: Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
Report due: On or before December 31, 2015.
Scope: Shall study the bicycle safety laws in this State. The study shall focus on what statutory revisions, if any, are needed to better ensure the safety of bicyclists and motorists. In doing so, the Department shall consider at least all of the following: (1) How faster-moving vehicles may safely overtake bicycles on roadways where sight distance may be inhibited. (2) Whether bicyclists on a roadway should be required to ride single file or allowed to ride two or more abreast. (3) Whether bicyclists should be required to carry a form of identification. (4) Any other issues determined relevant by the Department.
In conducting the study required by this act, the Department shall convene a working group of interested parties knowledgeable and interested in the bicycle safety laws of this State.

Contact: Mary Lynn Jernigan
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BOARD OF REVIEW

Authority: SL2015-238 §3.4, SB 15.
Report by: Program Evaluation Division
Report to: Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Unemployment Insurance
Report due: By March 1, 2016.
Scope: The Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee shall include in the 2015-2017 Work Plan for the Program Evaluation Division of the General Assembly a study of the value provided to the State by the Board of Review (BOR).
The study should include the following: (1) A cost-benefit analysis of the State provision of a higher level of appeal of decisions for the Division of Employment Security through the BOR; (2) A comparison to other states with BOR functions on the same factors enumerated in subdivision (1) of this section. (3) A determination of how the cost of BOR compares to the monetary value derived from the BOR appeals function. (4) A determination if BOR resources could be applied more efficiently and effectively to provide equivalent value to the State. (5) An identification of noneconomic or nonquantifiable justifications, if any, of a BOR function. (6) Any Program Evaluation Division recommendations for administrative or legislative consideration.

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BROADBAND/FIBER-OPTIC IN DOT RIGHT-OF-WAY FEES

Authority: SL2016-90 §2(b), HB959.
Report by: Department of Transportation
Report to: Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
Report due: On or before December 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall study the issue of administrative fees for encroachments pursuant to G.S. 136-18(2)c.

Contact: Mary Lynn Jernigan
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BROUGHTON HOSPITAL FACILITIES FUTURE USE

Authority: SL2014-100 §15.20(a)-(c), SB 744; and SL2016-94 §15.5(a).
Report by: Department of Commerce
Report to: Chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, the Chairs of the Joint Legislative Committee on Economic Development and Global Engagement, and the Chairs of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.
Report due: An interim report no later than December 31, 2014, and a final report no later than June 30, 2016.
Scope: Shall, in conjunction with Department of Health and Human Services, the City of Morganton, and the County of Burke, study potential uses for vacated Broughton Hospital facilities and potential development or redevelopment of adjoining State-owned properties to ascertain the economic benefits of use, development, and redevelopment.
Contact: Ashley Jones. Legislative Affairs Director
Department of Commerce
(919) 733-4151

BUILDING AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF THE STATE

Authority: SL2014-42 §8, HB 1043; and, SL2016-24, SB748.
Report By: Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Building and Infrastructure Needs of the State
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May make an interim report to the 2015 General Assembly and shall make a final report to the 2017 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall study the following matters related to building and infrastructure needs, including new repairs, renovations, expansion, and new construction, in North Carolina: (1)The anticipated building construction needs of State agencies, The University of North Carolina, and North Carolina System of Community Colleges until 2025. (2)The anticipated water and sewer infrastructure construction needs of counties and cities until 2025. (3)The anticipated building needs of the local school boards until 2025.(4)The anticipated costs of such building and infrastructure needs. (5)A process that would prioritize needs within each infrastructure category and among all categories, with an emphasis on developing criteria that focus on public safety and economic development. (6)The feasibility of establishing a building and infrastructure fund, which would be a dedicated source of revenue for capital funding for counties, cities, local school boards, The University of North Carolina, the North Carolina System of Community Colleges, and State agencies. (7)Funding options for meeting the anticipated capital needs until 2025. (8) Other matters the Commission deems relevant and related.
Contact: See Commission listing in Part II of this volume.

BURDEN OF PROOF IN CONTESTED CASES

Authority: SL2015-286 §1.2(b), HB 765.
Report by: Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Not specified
Scope: Shall study whether there are other categories of contested cases in which the burden of proof should be placed with the agency.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

CAPE FEAR RIVER BASIN WATER RESOURCES AVAILABILITY

Authority: SL2015-196 §1, HB 186; SL2015-264 §86.2, SB 119.
Report by: Environmental Review Commission
Report to: General Assembly

Report due: May submit an interim report to the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly, and shall submit a final report to the 2017 General Assembly.

Scope: With the assistance of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, shall study the aggregate uses of groundwater and surface water in or affecting the Cape Fear River Basin by all users, including, but not limited to, public water systems, industrial facilities, and agricultural operations. The study shall include all of the following elements: (i) a summary of the current and 50-year projected water-use demands along with the available water supplies for those portions within the Cape Fear River Basin; (ii) an evaluation of the adequacy of currently available supplies to meet the expected long-term needs for all water demands, including the identification of those areas of the basin that do not have a sustainable long-term water supply for the anticipated growth of that area; (iii) the identification of potential conflicts among the various users and recommendations for developing and enhancing coordination among users and groups of users in order to avoid or minimize those conflicts; and (iv) an enhanced review of the portions of the Cape Fear River Basin within Brunswick, New Hanover, and Pender counties addressing the increased demands on groundwater and limited surface water options in that area. All the information and any analytical tools, such as models, employed in the conduct of the study shall be made available electronically for public review and use on the Web site of the Department's Division of Water Resources.

Contact: See Commission listing in Part II of this volume.

CAPITAL CASE PROSECUTION

Authority: SL2016-94 §19A.3(a), HB 1030

Report by: Office of Indigent Defense Services

Report to: Chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety

Report due: On or before January 1, 2019.

Scope: In consultation with the Conference of District Attorneys, shall study what changes can be made to the current system of identifying, from the pool of cases in which a defendant is charged with first degree or undesignated murder, those that merit the cost of a capital prosecution and defense. The study shall also examine what steps can be taken to facilitate the appointment of local counsel in most cases and determine if any costs or savings may be realized by changing the current procedures for prosecuting or defending capital cases.

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CHARTER SCHOOL CLOSURE FUNDS

Authority: SL2015-241 §8.28(a)-(b), HB 97.

Report by: State Board of Education

Report to: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee

Report due: By February 15, 2016.

Scope: Shall study and develop a proposed policy regarding circumstances in which a charter school, approved by the State Board pursuant to G.S. 115C-218.5, shall not be subject to the minimum value requirement of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) as required by G.S. 115C-218.100 for the purposes of ensuring payment of expenses related to closure proceedings. The State Board shall consider providing certain charter schools with a total or partial waiver of the requirement. In doing so, the State Board shall examine criteria for potentially eligible charter schools, such as the years of operation of the charter school, proven compliance with finance, governance, academic requirements of its charter, State law, and State Board policy requirements, as well as appropriate documentation to show the charter school's financial health and sustainability.

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CHILD CARE SUBSIDY RATE SETTING

Authority: SL2016-94 §12B.2, HB 1030.
Report by: Division of Child Development and Early Education, Department of Health and Human Services
Report to: House Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division
Report due: By March 1, 2017
Scope: Shall study how rates are set for child care subsidy. In conducting the study, the Division shall, at a minimum, review market rate studies and other methodologies for establishing rates, including any cost estimation models, along with the pros and cons of each method reviewed.
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COAL ASH USE

Authority: SL2015-241 §14.27, HB 97.
Report by: North Carolina Agricultural and Technical University Energy Center
Report to: Not specified
Report due: Not specified
Scope: Shall study the beneficial reuse of coal combustion residuals and the preparation and prosecution of a patent application covering any reuse technology developed at the center.
Contact: Erin Schuettpelz
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COASTAL COUNTIES ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION TO STATE

Authority: SL2016-94 §14.22(c), HB 1030.
Report by: Department of Commerce
Report to: Department of Environmental Quality, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources
Report due: No later than November 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall study and provide an executive summary of readily available economic data related to the 20 coastal counties of the State for the purpose of quantifying the contribution of the coastal economy to the economy of the State as a whole, considering, at a minimum, the benefits of travel and tourism, small businesses, job creation and opportunity, and tax revenues, including property, sales, and income taxes.
Contact: Ashley Elizabeth Jones
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COASTAL WATER QUALITY AND COASTAL STORMWATER REQUIREMENTS

Authority: SL2015-286 §4.19, HB 765.
Report by: Department of Environmental Quality
Report to: Environmental Review Commission
Report due: No later than April 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall evaluate the water quality of surface waters in the Coastal Counties and the impact of stormwater on this water quality. The Department shall study and determine the maximum allowable built-upon area for the low density state stormwater option as directly related to the length of grassed swale treatment length; therefore providing data for a property to

achieve increased built-upon area above current limits by providing a longer length of grassed swale through which the stormwater must pass. If it is determined that increases in the percentage of built-upon area can be allowed in this way without detriment to the water quality, the Department shall submit recommendations to the General Assembly for the levels of increases in built-upon area that can be supported with corresponding increases in the length of grassed swale through which the stormwater shall pass.

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COMMERCIAL FREIGHT RAIL SERVICE IN JACKSONVILLE

Authority: SL2015-241 §29.21(a)-(b), HB 97.
Report by: Rail Division, Department of Transportation
Report to: Chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on the Department of Transportation and the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation Appropriations
Report due: By July 1, 2016.
Scope: In collaboration with the Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Air Base, the Jacksonville Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, the City of Jacksonville, Onslow County, and the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, shall study the feasibility and advisability of establishing a commercial freight rail service along the Camp Lejeune rail line located in Onslow County, North Carolina. The study shall include all of the following: (1) An evaluation of the maintenance needs of the existing rail line and any enhancements needed to support commercial freight access. (2) An evaluation of the use of partnership opportunities to complete long-term maintenance and enhancements in order to minimize the cost burden for all parties involved. (3) Any other matters that the Rail Division deems relevant to the study.

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COMPETENCY-BASED LEARNING AND ASSESSMENTS FEASIBILITY

Authority: SL2015-241 §8.12(b), HB 97.
Report by: State Board of Education
Report to: Not specified
Report due: Not specified
Scope: In order to develop the use of competency-based assessments for all elementary and secondary public school students in North Carolina in accordance with subsection SL2015-241 §8.12(a), the State Board of Education is encouraged to evaluate the feasibility of integrating competency-based assessments for use in local school administrative units and as part of the statewide testing system for measuring student performance and student growth. The State Board may examine competency-based student assessment systems utilized in other states, including potential benefits and obstacles to implementing similar systems in North Carolina, and the relationship between competency-based assessments and innovative teaching methods utilized in North Carolina schools, such as blended learning models and digital teaching tools.

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COMPULSORY POOLING RULES AND DORMANT MINERAL STATUTES

Authority: SL2014-4 §25(a)-(b), SB 786.
Report by: Department of Environmental Quality

Report to: Joint Legislative Commission on Energy Policy, and the Environmental Review Commission.
Report due: On or before October 1, 2015.
Scope: Shall examine the Mining and Energy Commission's rules, once adopted, related to oil and gas exploration, including, but not limited to, rules concerning drilling units, spacing requirements, and setbacks, and all rules the Department determines will affect the regulation of compulsory pooling in the State. Study, in conjunction with the Mining and Energy Commission and the Consumer Protection Division of the North Carolina Department of Justice, the issue of amending current dormant mineral statutes regarding extinguishment and other consumer protection issues related to split estates.
Contact: Caroline Barrett Daly
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COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, TELEVISION, AND ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PROGRAM

Authority: SL2015-286 §4.2, HB 765.
Report by: Department of Environmental Quality
Report to: Environmental Review Commission
Report due: On or before April 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall, in consultation with the North Carolina League of Municipalities, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, the Consumer Electronics Association, the Retail Merchants Association, and representatives of the recycling and waste management industries, study North Carolina's recycling requirements for discarded computer equipment and televisions. In conducting this study, the Department shall consider (i) the changing waste stream, including the transition from televisions containing cathode ray tubes to flat screen televisions; (ii) the current status of North Carolina's recycling system, including cost and financing issues, and options that may be available to reduce costs and establish sufficient funding to cover necessary costs; (iii) opportunities for more efficient and effective recycling systems; and (iv) any other issue the Department deems relevant.
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CONCEAL CARRY IN STATE FAIR PARKING LOTS

Authority: SL2015-195 §4(b), HB 562.
Report by: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Report due: Shall report by April 1, 2016.
Scope: In consultation with the Department of Public Safety and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, shall study the best method to allow persons with concealed handgun permits to carry a concealed handgun on their person from a parking lot to the entrance of the State Fairgrounds, and a secure method of storage for and retrieval of those handguns at or near the entrance.
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CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

Authority: Letter of February 12, 2016, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a), and Senate Rule 31.

Report by: Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: Shall submit a recommended congressional redistricting plan that complies with the decision in *Harris v. McCrory*, to the extent that order is not stayed by higher authority, no later than Thursday, February 18, 2016.

Scope: Shall study and obtain public comment regarding the recent decision of the United States District Court for the Middle District of NC in the matter of *Harris v. McCrory* (File No. 1:13-cv-949). Based on its study and the public comment received, shall recommend to the 2015 General Assembly a congressional redistricting plan so that the 2015 General Assembly may fully comply with the *Harris* order to the extent that order is not stayed by higher authority. Shall consider no matters beyond the topic described.

Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Authority: SL2015-241 §13.8(a)-(b), HB 97.

Report by: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Report to: Chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Natural and Economic Resources and the House Appropriations Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, and the Fiscal Research Division

Report due: No later than April 1, 2016.

Scope: Shall study and report on the activities of the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. The report shall include, at a minimum, the following components: (1) A listing of contracts currently in effect and contracts entered into in each of the last five fiscal years, including the acreage and location of the land under contract and the distribution of contracts by duration. (2) A five-year projection of future funding requirements. (3) A detailed listing of the conservation practices used at project sites over the last five fiscal years and an assessment of the effectiveness of those practices for preventing or reducing nonpoint source pollution. (4) An assessment of the effectiveness and impact of the program in both protection of waterways from nonpoint source pollution and the leveraging of additional programs and efforts to reduce nonpoint source pollution.

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CONTESTED CASES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS

Authority: SL2015-286 §4.17(b), HB 765.

Report by: Department of Environmental Quality

Report to: Environmental Review Commission

Report due: No later than March 1, 2016.

Scope: Shall study whether the amendments to G.S. 143-215.108, as enacted by Section 4.17(a) of this act (SL2015-286), should be expanded into other programs administered by the Department. The Department shall specifically consider whether these changes should be made to the water and solid waste permitting programs.

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CONTRACTING SPECIALIST AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

Authority: SL2015-241 §12A.13, HB 97.
Report by: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services
Report to: Not specified
Report due: Not specified
Scope: Shall study and make recommendations regarding the design of a contracting specialist training and certification program for management level personnel within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) similar to the Certified Local Government Purchasing Officer program and local purchasing and contracts program of the University of North Carolina School of Government.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES SCHEDULING WITHOUT LEGISLATION

Authority: SL2015-32 §2, HB 659; SL2015-264 §85, SB 119.
Report by: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Report to: Not specified
Report due: Not specified
Scope: May study the current State and federal law regarding the authority for State agencies to schedule controlled substances without legislative action and the procedure for that scheduling or rescheduling.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

COUNCIL OF STATE COMPENSATION

Authority: SL2015-241 §30.1(c)-(d), HB 97.
Report by: Office of State Human Resources
Report to: Chairs of the Senate Appropriations/Base Budget Committee and the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee.
Report due: By May 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall study the compensation of the Council of State, as follows: (1) Examine the salary, retirement and deferred compensation plans, health and other insurance coverages, per diem rates, travel reimbursement rates, use of State vehicles, and any other expense reimbursements or benefits other than salary. (2) Review any comparative information from other states and current salary levels for similar statewide elected constitutional officers. (3) Review market data for any comparable private sector executive positions. (4) Consider whether Council of State salaries should be restructured and set in a different manner. (5) Consider any other matters pertaining to the compensation of the Council of State.
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COYOTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Authority: SL2015-286 §4.34, HB 765.
Report by: Wildlife Resources Commission
Report to: Environmental Review Commission
Report due: By March 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall establish a coyote management plan to address the impacts of coyotes in this State and the threats that coyotes pose to citizens, industries, and populations of native wildlife species within the State.

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COYOTE MANAGEMENT PLAN ASSISTANCE PILOT

Authority: SL2015-286 §4.35, HB 765.
Report by: Wildlife Resources Commission
Report to: Environmental Review Commission
Report due: Shall submit an interim report by March 1, 2016, and shall submit a final report by January 1, 2017
Scope: Shall establish a pilot coyote management assistance program in Mitchell County. In implementing the program, the Commission shall document and assess private property damage associated with coyotes; evaluate effectiveness of different coyote control methodologies, including lethal removal; and evaluate potential for a scalable statewide coyote assistance program.
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DATA SECURITY

Authority: SL2015-241 §7.20, HB 97.
Report by: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: On or before April 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall study liability issues associated with data security in both the public and private sectors. The study shall include all of the following: (1) State liability issues. (2) State and vendor financial liability for data security breaches. (3) Methods of allocating risk for the State's vendors and IT contractors, including, but not limited to, the feasibility of maximum liability limits. (4) In consultation with the Department of Insurance, an analysis of the feasibility of developing a surplus line insurance policy and rate schedule for data breach liability coverage. (5) Federal government requirements. (6) State response to data security threats and breaches. (7) Third party liability issues. (8) Recommendations for managing data liability for the State. (9) Data breach liability allocation best practices in the public and private sectors.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

DEBT AFFORDABILITY FOR UNC

Authority: SL2015-241 §31.13, HB 97.
Report by: UNC Board of Governors
Report to: Office of State Budget and Management, the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the State Treasurer, and The University of North Carolina General Administration
Report due: By February 1 of each year.
Scope: Shall oversee the undertaking of an annual debt affordability study and the establishment of guidelines for evaluating the University's debt burden. The guidelines should include target and ceiling ratios of debt to obligated resources and target and floor percentages for the five-year payout ratio. The Board shall also recommend any other debt management policies it considers desirable and consistent with sound management of the University's debt.
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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES AND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ORGANIZATIONAL EFFICIENCIES

Authority: SL2015-241 §14.31(a)-(b), HB 97.
Report by: Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
Report to: Chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Natural and Economic Resources and House Appropriations Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, and the Fiscal Research Division.
Report due: No later than April 1, 2016.
Scope: In consultation with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Wildlife Resources Commission, shall study and report on the potential for efficiency, cost savings, and alignment of core mission and values that would be created from the transfer of the following agencies, divisions, or programs to the reorganized Department of Natural and Cultural Resources created by Section 14.30 of this act: (1) Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership. (2) Coastal Reserves Program. (3) Office of Land and Water Stewardship. (4) All or a portion of the Office of Environmental Education and Public Affairs. (5) Division of Marine Fisheries. (6) Wildlife Resources Commission.
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DEWATER LEACHATE/WASTEWATER BURDEN/COST

Authority: SL2015-241 §14.21(b), HB 97.
Report by: Environmental Review Commission
Report to: Not specified
Report due: Not specified
Scope: Shall study the use of new technologies and strategies, including the use of integrated and mobile aerosolization systems, to dewater leachate and other forms of wastewater for the purpose of reducing the burden and cost of disposal at the site where it is generated. The Commission shall determine the efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and environmental impact of each studied technology and strategy. The Division of Waste Management and the Division of Water Resources of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall provide any information and personnel requested by the Commission in the conduct of a study required by this section.
Contact: See Commission listing in Part II of this volume.

DNA COLLECTION FOR ANY FELONY

Authority: SL2015-241 §17.3(b), HB 97.
Report by: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall study extending the collection of DNA samples to persons arrested for any felony. The study shall include all of the following: (1) A recommended time line for implementing a requirement that DNA samples be collected for persons arrested for committing any felony. (2) An estimate of initial nonrecurring costs and recurring operating costs required of implementing such a requirement. (3) Other costs and benefits of implementing such a requirement. (4) An estimate of capital costs to the State of implementing such a requirement. (5) Any other information that the Committee deems relevant.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

DORMANT MINERAL STATUTES

Authority: SL2014-4 §25, SB 786.
Report by: Department of Environmental Quality
Report to: Joint Legislative Commission on Energy Policy, and the Environmental Review Commission.
Report due: On or before October 1, 2015.
Scope: Study, in conjunction with the Mining and Energy Commission and the Consumer Protection Division of the North Carolina Department of Justice, the issue of amending current dormant mineral statutes regarding extinguishment and other consumer protection issues related to split estates.
Contact: Caroline Barrett Daly
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DOT CASH MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Authority: SL2014-100 §24.23(b), SB 744.
Report by: Board of Transportation
Report to: House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Department of Transportation, and the Fiscal Research Division
Report due: By April 1, 2015.
Scope: Shall study the Department's cash management policies and identify ways to strengthen these policies in order to prevent excessive cash balances.
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DOWNSTREAM INUNDATION MAP PREPARATION

Authority: SL2015-7 §9(c), SB 14.
Report by: Department of Environmental Quality
Report to: Environmental Review Commission
Report due: No later than March 31, 2016.
Scope: Shall study whether, under certain circumstances, downstream inundation maps prepared pursuant to G.S. 143-215.31 should be prepared by a licensed professional engineer or a person under the responsible charge of a licensed professional engineer. The Department shall consult with the State Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors in the conduct of this study.
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DRIVERS EDUCATION

Authority: SL2015-241 §9.39(f)-(g), HB 97.
Report by: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly upon its convening .
Scope: Shall study the provision of driver education by examining information, findings, and recommendations in the following reports and any additional information that it deems necessary and relevant: (1) The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration report issued in May 2015, entitled "State of North Carolina: Technical Assessment of the Driver Education Program." (2) The North Carolina Driver Education Strategic Plan prepared in

June 2012 by the Driver Education Advisory Committee of the State Board of Education. (3) The North Carolina's Driver Education Program Management Review prepared in November 2010 by the Office of State Budget and Management. (4) The Program Evaluation Division's report issued in March 2014, entitled "Performance Measurement and Monitoring Would Strengthen Accountability of North Carolina's Driver Education Program." (5) Information provided by local boards of education on driver education programs, as reported by the State Board of Education pursuant to subsection (e) of this section.

Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

DRUG FORMULARY IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS

Authority: SL2015-241 §15.13A(a)-(b), HB 97.

Report by: Industrial Commission

Report to: Chairs of the House of Representatives Health Committee and Senate Health Care Committee, and the Fiscal Research Division.

Report due: By April 1, 2016.

Scope: Shall study the implementation of a drug formulary in workers' compensation claims filed by State employees. The study shall consider (i) the pharmacy-related expenses incurred by the State on an annual basis in workers' compensation claims; (ii) the savings, if any, that would result from the use of a drug formulary in workers' compensation claims; (iii) whether the use of a drug formulary would result in the more efficient delivery of medications, provide workers with reasonable and necessary care, and provide a disincentive for health care providers to utilize costly name brand drugs and habit-forming opioids and narcotics; and (iv) the adoption of an appeals process that would allow health care providers and injured workers to seek approval for the use of drugs that are not on the formulary's approved list. The Industrial Commission may consider any other issues relevant to the implementation of a drug formulary in workers' compensation claims.

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EARLY EDUCATION AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Authority: SL2015-241 §12B.8(a)-(b), HB 97.

Report by: Subcommittee of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services

Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services

Report due: On or before April 1, 2016.

Scope: The Committee shall appoint a subcommittee to study early childhood and family support programs, including the Child Care Subsidy program, NC Prekindergarten program (NC Pre-K), and the Smart Start program. In conducting the study, the subcommittee shall consider the following: (1) The purpose, outcomes, and effectiveness of each program. (2) The flexibility needed to ensure the needs of young children in counties across the State are met. (3) The potential for streamlined administration across the programs. (4) Any other relevant issues the subcommittee deems appropriate. SECTION 12B.8.(b) The subcommittee may seek input from other states, stakeholders, and national experts on early child and family support programs as it deems necessary.

Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

EDUCATION STRATEGY AND PRACTICES

Authority: Letter of January 11, 2016, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a).

Report by: House Select Committee on Education Strategy and Practices

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: May submit interim report at any time and final report prior to the convening of the 2017 General Assembly.
Scope: May study pre-kindergarten through higher education policy; existing and potential educational programs; recruiting, retaining, and paying quality teachers and administrators; student academic remediation in higher education; LEA funding flexibility; school calendar flexibility; and any other issue the committee deems relevant to this study.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

Authority: SL2015-241 §30.17(a), HB 97.
Report by: Office of State Human Resources
Report to: Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, and the Fiscal Research Division.
Report due: By February 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall study the salary classifications of State emergency management personnel within the Department of Public Safety and make recommendations for market-based salary adjustments based on market-rate compensation and turnover, recruitment, and retention issues experienced by the Department for these personnel.
Contact: Margaret Alison Craven
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E-PROCUREMENT SERVICE MANAGEMENT

Authority: SL2016-94 §32.1, HB 1030.
Report by: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: To the 2017 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall study the management of North Carolina's E-Procurement Service, including the amount of the vendor transaction fee charged to suppliers and the delay in implementation of an e-bidding module within the system.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

ERIN'S LAW [SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN]

Authority: SL2014-119 §4(a)-(b), HB 369.
Report by: Human Trafficking Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: 2015 General Assembly
Scope: In consultation with Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina; the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault; the National Association of Social Workers, North Carolina Chapter; the North Carolina School Boards Association; the Department of Public Instruction; the North Carolina Pediatric Society; and two representatives of local child advocacy agencies, shall study the prevention of sexual abuse of children. As part of this study, the Commission shall do the following: (1) Gather information concerning the occurrence of child sexual abuse throughout the State. (1a) Receive reports and testimony on child sexual abuse from individuals, State and local agencies, community-based organizations, and other public and private organizations. (2) Identify statewide goals to prevent child sexual abuse. (3) Examine age-appropriate curricula on the subject of sexual abuse for students in kindergarten through grade six that could be included as part of the Basic Education Program for the public schools. (4) Identify methods for increasing teacher, student, and parent awareness of issues regarding sexual abuse of children, including the warning signs indicating that a child may be a victim of sexual abuse, actions that a child who is a victim of sexual abuse may take to obtain assistance and intervention,

and available counseling options for children affected by sexual abuse. (5) Study any other issue the Commission considers relevant to this topic.

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EVEN NUMBERED YEAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Authority: SL2016-109 §5, SB667.
Report by: Joint Legislative Elections Oversight Committee
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Before the convening of the 2017 General Assembly
Scope: Shall study the options to implement even-numbered year municipal elections effective with the 2020 election cycle.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

FEDERAL FUNDS SUPPORTED PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Authority: SL2015-241 §15.3(a)-(b), HB 97.
Report by: Department of Commerce
Report to: Chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Natural and Economic Resources, and the Fiscal Research Division.
Report due: No later than March 1, 2016
Scope: Shall study the amount of time all persons in General Fund-supported positions spend performing duties related to the operation and administration of programs that receive federal funds, including the Division of Employment Security and the Division of Workforce Solutions, to determine whether some or all of the costs related to the performance of these duties should be supported by federal indirect cost receipts and, therefore, should be paid for with federal funds instead of General Fund appropriations.
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Authority: SL2015-241 §11.19(b), HB 97.
Report by: Education Assistance Authority
Report to: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services
Report due: By March 15, 2016.
Scope: Shall study strategies for ensuring that the State system of financial assistance for postsecondary education is fully available to assist qualified students with disabilities who are enrolled in certificate-based, approved university programs developed for them.
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FLOOD ELEVATIONS AND BUILDING HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

Authority: SL2015-286 §4.38, HB 765.
Report by: Department of Insurance, the Department of Public Safety, and the Building Code Council
Report to: General Assembly

Report due: No later than March 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall jointly study how flood elevations and building heights for structures are established and measured in the coastal region of the State. The Departments and the Council shall specifically consider how flood elevations and coastal building height requirements affect flood insurance rates and how height calculation methods might be made more consistent and uniform in order to provide flood insurance rate relief. In conducting this study, the Departments and the Council shall engage a broad group of stakeholders, including property owners, local governments, representatives of the surveying industry, and representatives of the development industry.
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FOR-HIRE RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSEE LOGBOOK

Authority: SL2015-201 §2, SB 374.
Report by: Division of Marine Fisheries, Department of Environmental Quality
Report to: Environmental Review Commission
Report due: No later than January 15, 2016.
Scope: Shall study the advisability of implementing a requirement that for-hire coastal recreational fishing license holders submit to the Division logbooks summarizing catch and effort statistical data. The study shall also include the establishment of and consultation with a stakeholder advisory group that shall only include persons who are for-hire license holders representing all major recreational fishing areas on the North Carolina coast, commercial fishing license holders on the North Carolina coast, and relevant staff to the Division.
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FUTURE OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES COMMISSION AND INNOCENCE INQUIRY COMMISSION

Authority: SL2015-241 §18A.18, HB 97.
Report by: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly upon convening.
Scope: Shall study: (1) The Office of Indigent Defense Services and determine whether changes should be made to the ways in which appropriated funds are used to provide legal assistance and representation to indigent persons. (2) The North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission and determine whether changes should be made to the way in which the Commission investigates and determines credible claims of factual innocence made by criminal defendants.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

GROUNDWATER STANDARDS

Authority: SL2015-286 §4.8A, HB 765.
Report by: Department of Environmental Quality
Report to: Environmental Review Commission, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services
Report due: Shall submit an interim report no later than November 1, 2015, and a final report no later than April 1, 2016.
Scope: In conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services, shall study the State's groundwater standards under 15A NCAC 2L, or State Interim Allowable Maximum

Contaminant Levels (IMAC), as applicable, as well as State health screening levels, for hexavalent chromium and vanadium relative to other southeastern states' standards for these contaminants and the federal maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for these contaminants under the Safe Drinking Water Act, in order to identify appropriate standards to protect public health, safety, and welfare; the environment; and natural resources. The Department shall also evaluate background standards for these contaminants where they naturally occur in groundwater in the State.

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HANDICAPPED PLACARD MISUSE

Authority: SL2015-16, HB 91.
Report by: Division of Motor Vehicles
Report to: Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
Report due: On or before January 15, 2016.
Scope: Shall study ways to decrease the misuse of windshield placards issued to handicapped persons. Included within this study shall be the cost, feasibility, and advisability of (i) requiring the inclusion of more personally identifying information on the windshield placard, including a picture of the handicapped person who was issued the placard, (ii) linking the windshield placard to the handicapped person's drivers license or special identification card, and (iii) linking the windshield placard to the license plate issued to the handicapped person or the owner of the vehicle in which the handicapped person is or will be transported.

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HOMELESS YOUTH, FOSTER CARE AND DEPENDENCY (LRC)

Authority: To be studied by the Legislative Research Commission, Committee on Homeless Youth, Foster Care and Dependency pursuant to the Legislative Research Commission letter of January 28, 2016; and G.S. 120-30.17.
Report by: Legislative Research Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Reports to the 2016 General Assembly are due on or before April 15, 2016, final reports are due on or before December 16, 2016.
Scope: Shall study the presence of, and issues facing, homeless juveniles in NC, along with related issues of juvenile and family law pertaining to abuse, neglect, dependency, and foster care in the State.

Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

IMPAIRED WATER BODIES IN-SITU STRATEGIES

Authority: SL2015-241 §15.5(d), HB 97.
Report by: Department of Environmental Quality, and Environmental Management Commission.
Report to: Environmental Review Commission, the Fiscal Research Division, and the chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Natural and Economic Resources and the House Appropriations Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources.
Report due: No later than April 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall study in situ strategies beyond traditional watershed controls that have the potential to mitigate water quality impairments resulting from aquatic flora, sediment, nutrients, or other water quality variables that impair or have the potential to impair water bodies of the

State. In addition to a survey and evaluation of currently available in situ strategies, the Department and Commission shall assess the potential efficacy of in situ strategies in other water bodies of the State, and consider the utilization of in situ strategies in their development, review, and modifications of basinwide water quality management plans or related water quality mitigation modeling.

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IMPROPER POSTING OF IMAGES OF PEOPLE SUPERIMPOSED ON IMAGES SHOWING SEXUAL CONDUCT

Authority: SL2015-250 §1.5, HB 792.
Report by: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: By April 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall study the issue of improper disclosure of images of people superimposed onto other images exposing intimate parts or depicting sexual conduct. The study shall include whether any existing crimes or civil actions currently apply and whether G.S. 14-190.5A, as enacted by this act, should be amended to include superimposed images.

Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES OFFICE FEE SCHEDULES

Authority: SL2015-241 §18B.5, HB 97.
Report by: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly upon its convening.
Scope: Shall study the creation and implementation of fee schedules to be used by the Office of Indigent Defense Services to compensate private assigned counsel representing indigent defendants.

Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

INMATE HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT EXPANSION

Authority: SL2016-94 §17C.2A, HB 1030.
Report by: Department of Public Safety
Report to: Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees on Justice and Public Safety
Report due: No later than February 1, 2017.
Scope: Shall study whether contracts to provide inmate health services can be expanded to additional hospitals.

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INNOVATIONS WAIVER TO ADDRESS THE WAITLIST AND FEDERAL CHANGES

Authority: SL2016-94 §12H.11, HB 1030.
Report by: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: 2017 General Assembly
Scope: Shall study policy issues pertaining to the delivery of services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The study shall, at a minimum, include all of the following:

(1) The causes and potential solutions for the growing waitlist for NC Innovations Waiver slots. Potential solutions to be studied include the following: a. Increasing the funding for the 1915(c) Innovations Waiver to result in more individuals served. b. Creating new support waiver slots as recommended in the March 2015 "Study Additional 1915(c) Waiver" report from the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee for Health and Human Services. c. Utilizing a 1915(i) waiver option and exploring how the 1115 waiver required for Medicaid transformation may assist in addressing current waitlist for services. (2) Issues surrounding single-stream funding and how single-stream funding is used to support services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. (3) Multiple federal mandates that will directly impact current services and supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including Home and Community-Based Services changes, the Work Force Innovations and Opportunities Act, and changes under section 14(c) of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act. (4) The coverage of services for the treatment of autism, including any State Plan amendment needed to address guidance issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

JOB DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Authority: SL2015-259 §1(i), HB 117.

Report by: Department of Commerce

Report to: House of Representatives Finance Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Natural and Economic Resources, and the Fiscal Research Division.

Report due: No later than March 1, 2016.

Scope: Shall study the factors that have contributed to the termination of grants awarded pursuant to Part 2G of Article 10 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes. In conducting the study required by this subsection, the Department shall examine the efforts of other states that have permitted similar economic development programs to incent businesses to create jobs for the purpose of determining best practices for remediating underperformance of participating businesses in order to lower the incidence of community economic development agreements under G.S. 143B-437.57 ending in termination.

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JOINT/MULTIPLE AGENCY MOTOR FUELS TAX EXEMPTION

Authority: SL2015-235 §2, SB 399.

Report by: Revenue Laws Study Committee

Report to: Not specified

Report due: Not specified

Scope: Is directed to study the application of the motor fuels tax exemption to entities that are comprised of multiple local government units. The study may include an examination of how the exemption applies to joint agencies created by interlocal agreements and regional authorities created by agreement of multiple counties.

Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

JURY SERVICE EXCUSALS

Authority: SL2015-210 §4, HB 284.

Report by: Administrative Office of the Courts

Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety, and the General Assembly
Report due: Upon the convening of the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.
Scope: In consultation with the North Carolina Conference of Clerks of Superior Court, shall study excusals from jury service. It shall consider all of the current exemptions from jury service and examine whether or not excusals should be granted for prospective jurors who are on work assignment outside the State of North Carolina.
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JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Authority: SL2015-241 §12F.10, HB 97.
Report by: Subcommittees of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety.
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety.
Report due: Not specified
Scope: Shall each appoint a subcommittee to study the intersection of Justice and Public Safety and behavioral health and report their findings and recommendations to their respective Committees. The subcommittees shall meet jointly to study and report on the following issues: (1) The impact of the Justice Reinvestment Act on the State's behavioral health system, including the following: a. The impact of the Justice Reinvestment Act on the demand for community-based behavioral health services available through local management entities/managed care organizations (LME/MCOs). b. The change in the number of criminal offenders referred to the Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities (TASC) program since 2010 and other demands on the TASC program that have arisen since that time. c. The sources and amounts of funding available to serve this population, as well as any other support or resources that are provided by the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Health and Human Services or the LME/MCOs. d. An analysis of the supply and demand for behavioral health providers who serve this population. (2) The impact of mental illness and substance abuse on county law enforcement agencies, including the following: a. The number of people with mental illness and substance abuse issues held in county jails. b. The impact on local law enforcement agencies, particularly with respect to their budgets and personnel. (3) The impact of judicial decisions on the State's behavioral health and social services system, including the following: a. The role and impact of family court decisions on the demand for and delivery of county social services. b. The role and impact of decisions by drug treatment courts, veterans' mental health courts, and driving while impaired courts. c. The impact of judicial decisions on the availability of beds in State-operated psychiatric facilities as a result of involuntary commitment orders and incapacity to proceed decisions. (4) Any other relevant issues the subcommittees jointly deem appropriate.
Contact: See Committees listing in Part II of this volume.

JUVENILE LITERACY PROGRAM

Authority: SL2015-241 §8.34(a)-(b), HB 97.
Report by: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly upon its convening.
Scope: Shall study the results of the Juvenile Literacy Center program established in Wake County. In conducting the study, the Committee shall do at least the following: (1) Examine the impact of the program on (i) improving basic literacy skills, (ii) reintegrating juveniles into schools, (iii) preventing criminal behavior and recidivism, (iv) developing

overall academic skills, and (v) addressing problem behaviors in school. (2) Evaluate the existing program for potential expansion into other counties, including projected costs, feasibility of implementation, and recommendations for locations for additional programs.

Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

K-12 CYBERSECURITY

Authority: SL2016-94 §8.17, HB 1030.

Report by: Department of Public Instruction

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: By December 15, 2016.

Scope: Shall conduct a study on cybersecurity in North Carolina public schools, including charter schools. As part of the study, the Department may request local school administrative units and charter schools to submit a summary of their current policies and procedures on cybersecurity practices and procedures to protect student and employee personally identifiable data.

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LANDSMEN REGISTRATION AND LICENSING

Authority: SL2013-365 §2(c), SB 76.

Report by: Mining and Energy Commission

Report to: Environmental Review Commission and the Joint Legislative Commission on Energy Policy

Report due: On or before April 1, 2015.

Scope: With the assistance of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, shall study issues related to establishment and implementation of the registration requirements for landmen under G.S. 113-425. At a minimum, the study shall include a review of the number of individuals currently registered in North Carolina; other states' requirements with respect to registration of landmen; and regulations governing landmen operating in other industries in North Carolina and other states. The Commission and the Department shall receive input from the oil and gas industry and other stakeholders on the current registry, its effectiveness, and whether modifications or discontinuance is advisable.

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LINEAR UTILITY PROJECT EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN REGULATION

Authority: SL2015-286 §4.21, HB 765.

Report by: Department of Environmental Quality

Report to: Environmental Review Commission.

Report due: No later than March 1, 2016.

Scope: Shall study whether and to what extent activities related to the construction, maintenance, and removal of linear utility projects should be exempt from certain environmental regulations. For purposes of this section, "linear utility project" means an electric power line, water line, sewage line, stormwater drainage line, telephone line, cable television line, data transmission line, communications-related line, or natural gas pipeline.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY OF WASTE MANAGEMENT

Authority: SL2015-241 §14.21(a), HB 97.
Report by: Environmental Review Commission
Report to: Not specified
Report due: Not specified
Scope: Shall convene a stakeholder working group to study local government authority over solid waste management matters, including (i) the authority to enact ordinances concerning collection and processing of solid waste generated within their jurisdictions, as well as their authority to charge fees for such services; (ii) an examination of costs to local governments for providing solid waste collection and processing services to citizens; (iii) whether efficiencies and cost reductions could be realized through privatization of such services, and what impacts might result from privatization, including any bearing on local government financing of currently sited solid waste management facilities; and (iv) any other issue the Commission deems relevant. In the conduct of this study, the Commission shall consult with representatives of the League of Municipalities, the Association of County Commissioners, the Local Government Commission, faculty from the School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, as well as private waste management interests, at a minimum. The Division of Waste Management and the Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall provide any information and personnel requested by the Commission in the conduct of a study required by this section.
Contact: See Commission listing in Part II of this volume.

LOW-PERFORMING CHARTER SCHOOLS STANDARDS

Authority: SL2016-79 §3, HB242
Report by: Not specified
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Not specified
Scope: It is the intent of the General Assembly to study and revise the standards for identifying low-performing charter schools.

LOW-RISK COAL ASH IMPOUNDMENT

Authority: SL2014-122 §13(a), SB 729.
Report by: Coal Ash Management Commission
Report to: Environmental Review Commission
Report due: No later than October 1, 2015.
Scope: Shall study whether and under what circumstances no further action or natural attenuation is appropriate for a coal combustion residuals surface impoundment that is classified as low-risk pursuant to G.S. 130A-309.211, as enacted by Section 3(a) of this act. In conducting this study, the Commission shall specifically consider whether there is any contact or interaction between coal combustion residuals and groundwater and surface water, whether the area has reverted to a natural state as evidenced by the presence of wildlife and vegetation, and whether no further action or natural attenuation would be protective of public health, safety, and welfare; the environment; and natural resources.
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MARKET-BASED SOURCING

Authority: SL2015-241 §32.14A(a)-(f), HB 97; SL2015-268 §10.2, HB 259.
Report by: Revenue Laws Study Committee
Report to: Not specified

Report due: Not specified
Scope: Is directed to study the calculation of the sales factor under G.S. 105-130.4(l) using market-based sourcing. To help the Committee determine the effect of market-based sourcing on corporate taxpayers, each corporate taxpayer with apportionable income greater than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) and a North Carolina apportionment percentage less than one hundred percent (100%) is required to file an informational report with the Department of Revenue as provided in this section.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

MEDICAID AND NC HEALTH CHOICE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDER CLASSIFICATION EVALUATION

Authority: SL2016-94 §12H.15, HB 1030
Report by: Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Health and Human Services
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice
Report due: By December 1, 2016.
Scope: In collaboration with statewide behavioral health stakeholders, shall evaluate the classification of agencies providing behavioral health services, other than Critical Access Behavioral Health Agencies (CABHAs), as high categorical risk provider types in accordance with G.S. 108C-3(g)(2) and propose an evaluation tool to be used to classify the categorical risk of different categories of behavioral health agencies. The Department shall consider current federal and State law and include any recommended legislative
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MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES

Authority: SL2016 §12H.9, HB 1030.
Report by: Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Health and Human Services
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice, and the Fiscal Research Division
Report due: No later than November 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall conduct a study to identify all school-based health services that are eligible for Medicaid federal matching funds pursuant to federal Medicaid law and regulations but which currently are not reimbursable under North Carolina's Medicaid State Plan.
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MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR VISUAL AIDS

Authority: SL2015-241 §12H.6A, HB 97.
Report by: Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Health and Human Services
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.
Report due: By March 1, 2016.
Scope: In consultation with the Department of Public Safety, shall conduct an analysis of the fiscal impact to the State of reinstating Medicaid coverage for visual aids for adults utilizing a contract with the Department of Public Safety for fabrication of the eyeglasses at Nash Optical Plant Optical Laboratory. Shall also analyze the cost of reinstating Medicaid coverage for routine eye examinations for adults in addition to the coverage for visual aids.
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MEDICAID WAIVER FOR CHILDREN WITH SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE

Authority: SL2015-135 §5.1(a)-(b), SB 423.
Report by: Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Health and Human Services
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services
Report due: By December 1, 2015.
Scope: Shall design and draft, but not submit, a 1915(c) Medicaid waiver to serve children with Serious Emotional Disturbance in home and community-based settings. The Department may submit drafts of the waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to solicit feedback but shall not submit the waiver for CMS approval until authorized by the General Assembly.
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MINIMUM VALUE REQUIREMENT FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

Authority: SL2015-248 §8(b)-(c), HB 334.
Report by: State Board of Education
Report to: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Report due: By February 15, 2016.
Scope: Shall study and develop a proposed policy regarding circumstances in which a charter school, approved by the State Board pursuant to G.S. 115C-218.5, should be subject to a minimum value requirement of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purposes of ensuring payment of expenses related to closure proceedings. The State Board shall also consider whether certain charter schools should be provided with a total or partial waiver of such a requirement and shall examine criteria for potentially eligible charter schools, such as the years of operation of the charter school, proven compliance with finance, governance, academic requirements of its charter, State law, and State Board policy requirements, as well as appropriate documentation to show the charter school's financial health and sustainability.
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MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION STOPS PROCESS

Authority: SL2016-120 §3, HB791
Report by: Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Transportation
Report to: Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
Report due: By December 1, 2017.
Scope: Shall study the following (1) The number of State vehicle inspection stops that were overridden in the two most recent fiscal years due to the failure of data to be transmitted timely from an inspection station to the State Titling and Registration System (STARS) or due to other reasons. (2) Any changes, in the process or in the law, required to reduce or eliminate the need for commission contractors to override, through a cumbersome data entry process, an incorrect State inspection stop. (3) The number of vehicles registered in the State in the two most recent fiscal years that were subject to inspection under federal law. (4) The process by which data is entered in STARS to reflect that a vehicle has met the federal inspection requirement and whether this process can be made simpler.
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MUNICIPAL SERVICE DISTRICTS (LRC)

Authority: To be studied by the Legislative Research Commission Committee on Municipal Service Districts pursuant to the Legislative Research Commission letter of January 28, 2016; G.S. 120-30.17; and SL2015-241 §15.16B(c), HB 97.

Report by: Legislative Research Commission

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: Shall report to LRC by April 15, 2016, which shall report to the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.

Scope: Shall study the feasibility of authorizing property owners within a municipal service district to petition for removal from that municipal service district.

Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES ADMISSION FEES

Authority: SL2015-241 §14.11(h), HB 97.

Report by: Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

Report to: Chairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives appropriations committees with jurisdiction over the Museums, and the Fiscal Research Division.

Report due: No later than April 1, 2016.

Scope: Shall study issues related to charging admission fees at the North Carolina Museum of History and the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences (collectively, the Museums). The study shall address the following issues: (1) The impact on receipts and attendance if the Museums charged an admission fee. (2) Admission fee policies for state-supported museums in other states and the impacts and receipts from those fees. (3) The costs of new or modified infrastructure and other implementation costs necessary for the Museums to charge fees. (4) Any synergies or cost savings in the charging and collection of fees due to the geographic proximity of the primary facilities for each of the Museums.

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NC PRE-K SLOTS COSTS AND EFFECTIVENESS

Authority: SL2016-94 §12B.4, HB 1030; and SL2016-123 §5.4, HB 805.

Report by: Division of Child Development and Early Education, Department of Health and Human Services

Report to: Chairs of the House Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division

Report due: On or before February 1, 2017.

Scope: In consultation with the Department of Public Instruction, shall study the costs and effectiveness associated with funding slots for the NC Pre-K program. In conducting the study, the Division shall review and determine the following: (1) The total cost to fund a NC Pre-K slot, including administration and any local costs. (2) The program's anticipated effectiveness in preparing eligible four-year-olds in the five developmental domains outlined in the North Carolina Foundations for Early Learning and Development. (3) Whether the program's effectiveness as reviewed pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection justifies the costs associated with funding NC Pre-K slots or whether there are other alternatives to achieve the same objectives. (4) The State share needed to fund a NC Pre-K slot by each setting, including public schools, child care facilities, and Head Start. (5) The amount of funds needed to maintain the current number of NC Pre-K slots if the per slot cost was increased to the amount recommended by the study. (6) Recommendations on how often the NC Pre-K slot costs should be evaluated and reported to the General Assembly. (7) Any other relevant issues the Division deems appropriate.

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NEGLIGENT/RECKLESS HUNTING PROVISIONS REVIEW

Authority: SL2015-144 §4(b), HB 640.
Report by: Wildlife Resources Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Upon convening of the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall review the provisions of Article 21B of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes that provide for the suspension of hunting privileges upon conviction of criminally negligent hunting and determine whether those provisions should be amended or expanded to provide increased protection to the public from negligent or reckless hunting. In developing its findings, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall consult with organized hunting clubs and propose recommendations to address individuals who repeatedly violate club rules and regulations. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall also consult with public interest groups in developing its findings.
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911 SYSTEM UNIFORM PROCUREMENT AND PRICING

Authority: SL2015-219 §2, HB 512.
Report by: 911 Board
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology
Report due: No later than May 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall investigate alternatives for facilitation of uniform procurement and pricing of 911 eligible expenses through bulk purchasing and other means.
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NUTRIENT IMPACT FEES

Authority: SL2016-94 §14.13(g), HB 1030.
Report by: Department of Environmental Quality
Report to: Environmental Review Commission, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, and the Fiscal Research Division.
Report due: No later than December 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall study the following issues related to nutrient impact fees and other water quality impact mitigation programs in Jordan Lake and Falls Lake: (1) The impact, costs, and benefits of setting nutrient offset fees on a subbasin- or area-specific basis, together with an estimate of the subbasin-specific nutrient offset fees for each subbasin in the Jordan Lake and Falls Lake watersheds or area draining to a particular arm of Jordan Lake or Falls Lake. (2) Watersheds and river basins or subbasins where private providers of mitigation services are adequately serving existing and projected demand over the next five years, and whether (i) the continuing provision of mitigation services by the State in those areas is necessary and (ii) statutory authority to provide mitigation services in those areas should be totally or partially repealed.
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NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGIES

Authority: SL2016-94 §14.13(e), HB 1030.
Report by: Department of Environmental Quality

Report to: Environmental Review Commission, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, and the Fiscal Research Division.

Report due: Shall submit an interim report no later than March 1, 2017, and a final report no later than March 1, 2018.

Scope: Shall study alternative technologies for in situ approaches to nutrient management in Falls Lake and Jordan Lake. In its study, the Department shall consider in situ treatments, including algaecide and phosphorus-locking technologies, that have been certified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for use in drinking water sources. The study shall determine whether these treatments would provide improvements in water quality and whether the improvements would be more cost-effective than more conventional nutrient mitigation strategies.

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OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARD OVERSIGHT REVIEW

Authority: SL2015-286 §1.7, HB 765.

Report by: Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.

Scope: Pursuant to G.S. 120-70.101(3a), shall review the recommendations contained in the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee's report, entitled "Occupational Licensing Agencies Should Not be Centralized, but Stronger Oversight is Needed," to determine the best way to accomplish the recommendations contained in the report and to improve oversight of occupational licensing boards. In conducting the review, APO shall consult with occupational licensing boards, licensees, associations representing licensees, the Department of Commerce, and other interested parties. The APO cochairs may establish subcommittees to assist with various parts of the review, including determining whether licensing authority should be continued for the 12 boards identified in the report.

Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

OFF-HIGHWAY PARKING FOR TRACTOR-TRAILERS AND SEMI-TRAILERS

Authority: SL2016-94 §35.9, HB 1030.

Report by: Department of Transportation, the Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Commerce.

Report to: Chairs of the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation Appropriations, and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Department of Transportation.

Report due: By February 1, 2017, the Departments shall jointly report.

Scope: Shall study ways to provide additional off-highway parking and rest areas for tractor-trailers and semi-trailers. Included within the study shall be the feasibility and cost of converting abandoned highway rest stops into parking and rest areas for tractor-trailers and semi-trailers. In conducting the study, the Departments shall consult with the North Carolina Trucking Association.

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OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY EFFECT ON PROPERTY TAX

Authority: SL2014-4 §21, SB 786.

Report by: Joint Legislative Commission on Energy Policy

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: 2015 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall study how the development of the oil and gas industry in the State would affect the property tax revenues of local governments. The study shall examine how the presence of energy minerals will affect property enrolled in the present use value program. The study shall also study ways to limit the growth of property tax revenues that result from increased property valuations due to the development of the oil and gas industry in the State.
Contact: See Commission listing in part II of this volume.

ON-SITE WASTEWATER INSPECTION

Authority: SL2015-286 §4.14(f), HB 765.
Report by: Department of Health and Human Services, local health departments, and stakeholders representing the wastewater system industry
Report to: Environmental Review Commission, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services
Report due: On or before March 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall study the minimum on-site wastewater system inspection frequency established pursuant to Table V(a) in 15A NCAC 18A .1961 to evaluate the feasibility and desirability of eliminating duplicative inspections of on-site wastewater systems. In the conduct of its study, the Commission shall consider (i) the compliance history of wastewater systems, including whether operators' reports and laboratory reports are in compliance with Article 11 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes and the rules adopted pursuant to that Article; (ii) alternative inspection frequencies, including the use of remote Web-based monitoring for alarm and compliance notification; (iii) whether the required verification visit conducted by local health departments shows a statistically significant justification for duplicative costs to the owner of the wastewater system; (iv) methods for notifications of changes to and expirations of operations contracts; and (v) methods for local health departments to provide certified operator management for sites that are not under contract with a water pollution control system operator certified pursuant to Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 90A of the General Statutes.
Contact: Brian Perkins
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OPTOMETRY SCHOOL AT WINGATE UNIVERSITY

Authority: SL2016-94 §12I.1, HB 1030.
Report by: Wingate University
Report to: House Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division
Report due: On or before May 1, 2017.
Scope: The University is encouraged to examine and report on the feasibility of establishing an affiliated school of optometry in North Carolina. The report should include at least all of the following: (1) A breakdown of any projected capital, operational, or other expenditures necessary for establishing and operating an affiliated school of optometry. (2) A breakdown of all funds available to assist the university with these expenses. (3) A projected number of applicants for the affiliated school of optometry. (4) A projection of how a State appropriation in the amount of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) would impact tuition reimbursement for students.

**OUT-OF-STATE COASTAL STORM DAMAGE REDUCTION AND BEACH NOURISHMENT
PROJECTS BENEFITS**

Authority: SL2016-94 §14.22(a), HB 1030.
Report by: Division of Coastal Management, Department of Environmental Quality
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources
Report due: No later than November 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall study and provide an executive summary of readily available data and existing studies on the physical and economic, storm mitigation, and public safety benefits of out-of-state coastal storm damage reduction and beach nourishment projects. Specific items benefitted by coastal storm damage reduction shall include, at a minimum, public infrastructure, public property, private property, small businesses, and tourism.
Contact: Caroline Barrett Daly
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PERSONAL CARE SERVICES MANAGEMENT

Authority: SL2014-100 §12H.10(c), SB 744.
Report by: Contractor for the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services
Report due: No later than December 1, 2015.
Scope: Shall engage a contractor to study issues related to reforming and redesigning personal care services (PCS) while meeting the State's obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Olmstead v. L.C. ex rel. Zimring*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999). The study shall specifically examine the effect of the moratorium on home care agency licenses for in-home aide services required by Section 12G.4 of this act and the moratorium on special care unit licenses required by Section 12G.5 of this act and make recommendations on whether each of these moratoria should be continued. The study shall also address the quality of resident care within adult care homes and the adequacy of State oversight of adult care homes, including inspections, procedures, and processes.
Contact: See Committee listing in part II of this volume.

**PRETREATMENT, EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND COLLECTION SYSTEM (PERCS)
PERMITTING PROGRAM**

Authority: SL2014-120 §29(f)-(g), SB 734.
Report by: Department of Environmental Quality
Report to: Environmental Review Commission
Report due: No later than April 15, 2015.
Scope: No later than March 1, 2015, shall complete a pilot study on the Pretreatment, Emergency Response and Collection System (PERCS) wastewater collection system permitting program and the stormwater permitting program and perform the following activities with the assistance and cooperation of the North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors and the Professional Engineers of North Carolina: (1) Produce an inventory of work activities associated with the operation of each regulatory program. (2) Determine the work activities identified under subdivision (1) of this subsection that constitute the Practice of Engineering. (3) Develop recommendations for ensuring that work activities constituting the Practice of Engineering are conducted with the appropriate level of oversight.+
Contact: Caroline Barrett Daly
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PRIVATE/PUBLIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

Authority: SL2016-94 §14.22(b), HB 1030.
Report by: Covered County Tax Offices
Report to: Department of Environmental Quality, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources.
Report due: Each County Tax Office shall send an electronic list of the property addresses and matched mailing/ownership addresses suitable for electronic sorting no later than November 1, 2016.
Scope: The County Tax Office of each covered county shall work together to identify all privately and publicly owned property island-wide in the county. A covered county includes the Counties of Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender, Onslow, Carteret, Hyde, Dare, and Currituck. Each County Tax Office shall determine whether the mailing/ownership address on the tax record of such property is (i) in the county where such property is located, (ii) in a noncovered county in North Carolina, or (iii) outside the State of North Carolina.

PROBATION AND PAROLE VEHICLES MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION

Authority: SL2015-241 §16C-15, HB 97.
Report by: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: By May 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall study the management and utilization of probation and parole vehicles.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

PROBATION/PAROLE OFFICER STATE VEHICLE USE

Authority: SL2016-94 §17C.3 , HB 1030.
Report by: Department of Public Safety
Report to: Chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Report due: By March 1, 2017.
Scope: In consultation with the Department of Administration and the Department of Revenue, shall study whether probation and parole officers should be allowed to take their State vehicles home with them, and the possible tax implications of doing so.
Contact: Thomas Andrew Brandon
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PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS PROTECTION PROCESS

Authority: SL2016-90 §19, HB959.
Report by: Department of Transportation
Report to: General Assembly and Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
Report due: Beginning October 1, 2016, shall report quarterly, and final report by July 1, 2017.
Scope: Shall study the development of a process that equitably balances the interest of the State in protecting proposed transportation corridors from development, the property rights of affected landowners, and the taxpayers of the State.
Contact: Mary Lynn Jernigan
Legislative Liaison
(919) 707-2800

PROTECTED ANIMALS STATUS

Authority: SL2015-286 §4.33, HB 765.
Report by: Wildlife Resources Commission
Report to: Environmental Review Commission
Report due: By March 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall review the methods and criteria by which it adds, removes, or changes the status of animals on the State protected animal list as defined in G.S. 113-331 and compare these to federal regulations and the methods and criteria of other states in the region. The Commission shall also review the policies by which the State addresses introduced species and make recommendations for improving these policies, including impacts associated with hybridization that occurs among federally listed, State-listed, and nonlisted animals.
Contact: Ashton C. Godwin
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PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION NEEDS

Authority: SL2015-241 §23.4, HB 97.
Report by: Office of State Budget and Management
Report to: Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
Report due: Prior to May 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall contract with an outside entity (i) to perform an independent assessment of school construction needs in local school administrative units in the 50 counties determined under the low-wealth school funding formula to have the lowest ability to pay for school facilities and (ii) to determine which of those units have the highest facility needs in relation to their capacity to raise revenue to meet those needs.
Contact: Melanie Jennings
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REGULATORY AND RATE ISSUES IN INSURANCE (LRC)

Authority: To be studied by the Legislative Research Commission, Committee on Regulatory and Rate Issues in Insurance pursuant to the Legislative Research Commission letter of January 28, 2016; and G.S. 120-30.17.
Report by: Legislative Research Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Reports to the 2016 General Assembly are due on or before April 15, 2016, final reports are due on or before December 16, 2016.
Scope: Shall study the equity of property insurance rate making in NC. May review the feasibility of making property insurance data available to the public, reviewing roles and responsibilities of the NC Insurance Underwriting Association, reviewing consent to rate practices, catastrophe modeling and other issues deemed appropriate.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

REMOTE ACCESS TO INDIGENT CLIENTS BY ATTORNEYS

Authority: SL2015-241 §18B.4(a)-(b), HB 97.
Report by: Administrative Office of the Courts
Report to: Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees on Justice and Public Safety, and the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety.
Report due: By February 1, 2016.

Scope: In conjunction with the Office of Indigent Defense Services and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, shall study and determine whether savings can be realized through the establishment of a system of fully automated kiosks in local confinement facilities to allow attorneys representing indigent defendants to consult with their clients remotely. The system would incorporate technology through which meetings between attorneys and their clients cannot be monitored or recorded, would provide for end-to-end message encryption, and would have scheduling software integrated into the system.

Contact: Gregg C. Stahl
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RENT-BASED MODEL FOR STATE-OWNED FACILITIES

Authority: SL2015-241 §23.3, HB 97.
Report by: Office of State Budget and Management
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government
Report due: No later than March 1, 2016.

Scope: Shall study charging State agencies rent to cover the cost of facility management, maintenance, and related costs that are attributable to those agencies. The study shall examine all of the following: (1) Making receipt-supported all Department of Administration functions that support the management and maintenance of State-owned facilities. (2) An appropriate rate to charge agencies for facility management, maintenance, and related costs, and the basis for determining that rate. (3) Logistical, legal, and budgetary matters that would need to be resolved before the rent-based model could be implemented. (4) The desirability of using proceeds from lease payments for financing future building repairs and needs of the State. Any analysis involving the securitizing funds shall be undertaken in consultation with the State Treasurer. (5) Any other matter the Office of State Budget and Management deems relevant.

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RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES ADEQUACY OF RATES

Authority: SL2016-94 §12H.8(b), HB 1030.
Report by: Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Health and Human Services
Report to: Not specified.
Report due: Not specified.

Scope: Shall study the adequacy of existing Medicaid rates paid for residential treatment services considering data collected in concert with residential treatment providers within the past two years and any other information available.

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RESOLUTION OF FUNDING DISPUTES BETWEEN LOCAL EDUCATION BOARDS AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Authority: SL2016-3, HB561.
Report by: Program Evaluation Division
Report to: Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee
Report due: No later than May 1, 2017.

Scope: Shall conduct a comprehensive study of the procedure set forth in Article 31 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes for resolving education funding disputes between local boards of education and boards of county commissioners.

Contact: John Turcott
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RIPARIAN BUFFER RULES REGULATORY RELIEF

Authority: SL2015-246 §13.2(a)-(b), HB 44.

Report by: Environmental Management Commission

Report to: Environmental Review Commission

Report due: No later than April 1, 2016.

Scope: With the assistance of the Department of Environment Quality, shall examine ways to provide regulatory relief from the impacts of riparian buffer rules adopted to implement the State's Riparian Buffer Protection Program for parcels of land that were platted on or before the effective date of the applicable riparian buffer rule. The Commission shall specifically examine ways to fairly provide properties with relief where a change in use has occurred that would otherwise trigger the requirements of the riparian buffer rules. Such relief would be determined on a case-by-case basis and provide relief to successor owners. For purposes of this study, a change in use that would otherwise trigger the requirements of the riparian buffer rules shall not include either of the following circumstances: (1) Developing from a vacant condition to a use allowed by the current local regulations, unless the local regulations have been changed at the request of the property owner since the date the buffer rule was applied; the parcel was recorded prior to the effective date of the applicable buffer rule; and the allowable use is for any nonfarming or nonagricultural purpose. (2) The property configuration has not been altered except as a result of either an eminent domain action or a recombination involving not more than three parcels, all of which were recorded before the effective date of the applicable buffer rule. The Commission may also consider and recommend other circumstances that should not constitute a change in use that would otherwise trigger the requirements of the riparian buffer rules.

Contact: See Commission listing in part II of this volume.

SATELLITE OFFICE NEED FOR CAPITAL CASES

Authority: SL2016-94 §19A.3(b), HB 1030

Report by: Office of Indigent Defense Services

Report to: Chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety

Report due: On or before January 1, 2019.

Scope: Shall study the need for new satellite offices to handle potentially capital cases at the trial level which shall be staffed by full-time assistant capital defenders and appropriate support staff in areas in which the use of salaried attorneys will ensure that effective representation is provided in a cost-effective manner. The Office of Indigent Defense Services shall consider the addition of capital defenders to existing public defender offices before making a recommendation as to the creation of separate satellite offices. If it is determined that such offices should be established, the Office of Indigent Defense Services shall provide data regarding (i) the determination to create new satellite offices, (ii) the counties to be serviced by the offices, (iii) the number of attorney appointments made in the counties served, (iv) the number of attorney appointments made in the counties served in the past three fiscal years, and (v) the current number of eligible private counsel and local public defenders who are available in those counties.

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SAVINGS RESERVE ACCOUNT (LRC)

Authority: To be studied by the Legislative Research Commission, Committee on Savings Reserve Account pursuant to the Legislative Research Commission letter of January 28, 2016; G.S. 120-30.17; and SL2015-241 §6.21(a)-(b), HB 97.

Report by: Legislative Research Commission

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: Shall report to LRC by April 15, 2016, which shall report to the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.

Scope: Shall study methods for increasing the amount of funds transferred to the Savings Reserve Account.

Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

SCHOOL-BASED ADMINISTRATOR PAY

Authority: SL2016-94 §9.4, HB 1030.

Report by: Joint Legislative Study Committee on School-Based Administrator Pay

Report to: General Assembly, and Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee

Report due: Shall submit a final report on or before December 31, 2016.

Scope: Shall study and make recommendations on the following: (1) The feasibility of revising the school-based administrator salary schedule, including principal and assistant principal pay, and whether revisions are needed. (2) The process of recruiting and retaining principals in North Carolina as compared with the process of recruiting and retaining executives in other professions. (3) Strategies for recruiting and retaining the most qualified principals in low-performing and hard-to-staff schools. (4) Any other issue the Committee considers relevant to this study.

Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION NEEDS

Authority: SL2016-94 §25.1, HB 1030.

Report by: Program Evaluation Division, and private contractor

Report to: Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee, and the Joint Legislative Economic Development and Global Engagement Oversight Committee

Report due: On or before March 15, 2017.

Scope: Program Evaluation Division shall contract with an outside entity to (i) perform an independent assessment of school construction needs and (ii) determine which of the local school administrative units have the highest facility needs in relation to their capacity to raise revenue to meet those needs.

Contact: John Turcott
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SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE SUSTAINABILITY

Authority: SL2016-94 §14.11(d)-(f) , HB 1030.

Report by: Chief Sustainability Officer of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Report to: Fiscal Research Division, the Environmental Review Commission, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources

Report due: No later than December 31, 2018.

Scope: Shall convene a stakeholder working group to study and advance efforts to ecologically restore and achieve economic stability of the shellfish aquaculture industry, including (i) how best to spend financial resources to counter declining oyster populations and habitats; (ii) the use of nonnative oyster species to accomplish oyster restoration; (iii) means of combating oyster disease and managing harvesting practices to balance the needs of the

industry and promote long-term viability and health of oyster habitat and substrate; (iv) economic aquaculture methods to improve oyster stock and populations; (v) long-term, dedicated options for funding sources and water quality improvements; (vi) means to increase oyster production for both population growth and harvest; (vii) options that expand the use of private hatchery capacity in the State; (viii) options for promoting the use of cultch planting to enhance and increase oyster habitat and population; (ix) other resources that might be leveraged to enhance reform efforts; and (x) any other issue the Institute deems relevant. In the conduct of the study required by subsection (d) of this section, the Officer shall convene and consult with a stakeholders group that includes representatives of the commercial and recreational oyster harvesting industries, the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, the Marine Fisheries Commission, nature conservation entities, and experts in the fields of marine biology and marine ecology.

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STATE CRIME LAB AND OFFICE OF THE STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER MERGER

Authority: SL2014-100 §17.3, SB 744.
Report by: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services.
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: 2015 General Assembly
Scope: Shall jointly study merging the North Carolina State Crime Laboratory and the Office of the State Medical Examiner into a single independent State agency.
Contact: See Committee listing in part II of this volume.

STATE PARKS AND TRAILS SIGNAGE

Authority: SL2014-100 §34.15(a)-(b), SB 744.
Report by: Department of Transportation
Report to: Chairs of the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee, and to the Fiscal Research Division.
Report due: No later than April 1, 2015.
Scope: In conjunction with the State Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Department of Commerce, and Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, shall study the use of highway signage as a means of improving the North Carolina residents' and tourists' awareness of State parks, including historic and cultural sites as well as the Mountains-to-Sea Trail.
Contact: Mary Lynn Jernigan
Legislative Liaison
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STATUARY HALL SELECTION

Authority: SL2015-269 §3(a), HB 540.
Report by: Statuary Hall Selection Committee
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Shall make an interim report to the 2016 Regular Session of 2015 GA and an annual report thereafter until duties are completed.
Scope: Select sculptor to create statue of Reverend Franklin "Billy" Graham, Jr. to be placed in the National Statuary Hall Collection and review and approve plans for statue as well as identify method of obtaining necessary funds.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

STEP THERAPY

Authority: Letter of December 8, 2015, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a).
Report by: House Select Committee on Step Therapy
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May submit interim report at any time and final report prior to the convening of the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall study the prescription benefit management tool known as "step therapy" to assess the impact on patients' access to care. Analyze the costs and benefits of the utilization of "step therapy," including potential negative consequences for patients and providers. Assess the impact "step therapy" has on access to abuse-deterrent opioid analgesics.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

STORMWATER AND WATER PROJECT MATERIALS FAIR COMPETITION

Authority: SL2015-286 §3.9, HB 765.
Report by: Environmental Review Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.
Scope: May study whether to require public entities to consider all acceptable piping materials before determining which piping material should be used in the constructing, developing, financing, maintaining, rebuilding, improving, repairing, procuring, or operating of a water, wastewater, or stormwater drainage project.
Contact: See Commission listing in Part II of this volume.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT LAWS/RULES REVIEW

Authority: SL2015-286 §4.20(d), HB 765.
Report by: Environmental Review Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.
Scope: With the assistance of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, shall review the current status of State statutes, session laws, rules, and guidance documents related to the management of stormwater in the State. The Commission shall specifically examine whether State statutes, session laws, rules, and guidance documents related to the management of stormwater in the State should be recodified or reorganized in order to clarify State law for the management of stormwater.
Contact: See Commission listing in Part II of this volume.

STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND LONG TERM FUNDING SOLUTIONS

Authority: Letter of December 8, 2015, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a).
Report by: House Select Committee on Strategic Transportation Planning and Long Term Funding Solutions
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May submit interim report at any time and final report prior to the convening of the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall study the 1-77 Managed Lanes project; improvements to the 1-95 corridor; port modernization, to include the development of Radio Island, new freight rail access to the ports of Morehead and Wilmington, dredging, and economic development opportunities; technological advancements in infrastructure development and construction; and autonomous vehicles.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IMPROVED OUTCOMES

Authority: SL2015-241 §8.30(a)-(b), HB 97.
Report by: Department of Public Instruction
Report to: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Report due: By November 15, 2015, and annually thereafter.
Scope: Shall study and develop potential policy changes for improving the outcomes for elementary and secondary students with disabilities, including raising the graduation rates, providing more outcome-based goals, creating greater access to career-ready diplomas, increasing integration of accessible digital learning options, and providing earlier and improved transition services planning.
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SUBDIVISION STREET ACCEPTANCE AS PUBLIC STREET PROCESS

Authority: SL2015-217 §1, SB 581.
Report by: Department of Transportation
Report to: Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
Report due: No later than February 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall study the process that must be followed, and the requirements that must be met, for the Department of Transportation to accept subdivision streets dedicated as public on the State highway system for maintenance, including (i) whether the process that must be followed is efficient and timely, (ii) whether the minimum right-of-way and construction standards established by the Board of Transportation for acceptance on the State highway system are reasonable, (iii) what the financial impact is on the State and homeowners when subdivision streets are or are not accepted on the State highway system for maintenance, and (iv) any other matters the Department of Transportation deems relevant to the study.
Contact: Mary Lynn Jernigan
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TURNPIKE AUTHORITY PROCESSING FEE

Authority: SL2015-241 §29.15(a)-(b), HB 97.
Report by: Department of Transportation
Report to: Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
Report due: By March 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall study whether the amount of the processing fee set forth in G.S. 136-89.215 is in excess of the actual cost to collect and process unpaid open road tolls. The following information, set forth separately for each calendar year since the fee's enactment, shall be included within the study: (1) The amount of the processing fee. (2) The total amount of proceeds generated by the imposition of the processing fee. (3) The total amount of costs incurred by the Turnpike Authority to collect and process unpaid open road tolls and a description of how the Department determined the total amount of costs incurred. (4) An identification of whether the processing fees collected exceeded, equaled, or fell short of the costs incurred by the Turnpike Authority for collecting and processing unpaid open road tolls.
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UNPAVED/SECONDARY ROAD SAFETY

Authority: SL2015-241 §29.17E(a)-(b), HB 97; SL2015-264 §90.5, SB 119.
Report by: Department of Transportation
Report to: Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
Report due: By February 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall study ways to improve safety and decrease the number of traffic accidents and fatalities occurring on secondary roads. The study shall include all of the following: (1) An identification of the secondary roads with the highest number of traffic accidents and fatalities. (2) An identification of the most common causes listed for traffic accidents and fatalities occurring on secondary roads. (3) Any other matters or information the Department deems relevant to the completion of the study.
Contact: Mary Lynn Jernigan
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UTILITIES COMMISSION FEES AND CHARGES

Authority: SL2015-241 §15.16A(a)-(b), HB 97.
Report by: Utilities Commission, and Public Staff
Report to: Joint Legislative Commission on Energy Policy, the chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Natural and Economic Resources, and the Fiscal Research Division.
Report due: By April 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall jointly review all fees and charges provided for in G.S. 62-300 to determine (i) whether the fees and charges are sufficient to cover the costs of processing the applications and filings required by G.S. 62-300 and (ii) whether new categories should be established to impose fees or charges on persons or entities who make applications or filings to the Utilities Commission but are not expressly included in any of the current categories listed in G.S. 62-300. The review may also include any other relevant matters related to fees and charges for applications and filings made to the Utilities Commission.
Contact: Legal Division
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UTILITY-BASED COMPUTING BY AGENCIES

Authority: SL2015-241 §7.26(a)-(b), HB 97.
Report by: Department of Information Technology
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology
Report due: On or before April 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall study the use of and cost savings associated with the adoption of utility-based cloud computing services by State agencies. For the purposes of this section, "utility-based computing" means the process of providing computing service through an on-demand, pay-per-use billing method, metering the offered services.
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VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTIONS

Authority: SL2013-413 §26, HB 74.
Report by: Department of Environmental Quality
Report to: Environmental Review Commission

Report due: Shall report its interim findings on or before April 1, 2015, and shall submit its final report on or before April 1, 2016.

Scope: Shall conduct a study to examine whether all of the counties covered under the emissions testing and maintenance program pursuant to G.S. 143-215.107A are needed to meet and maintain the current and proposed federal ozone standards in North Carolina.

Contact: Caroline Barrett Daly
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VIRTUAL PUBLIC SCHOOL (NCVPS) ALTERNATIVE FUNDING FORMULA

Authority: SL2015-241 §8.11(a)-(b), HB 97.

Report by: State Board of Education

Report to: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee

Report due: By January 15, 2016.

Scope: Shall study implementation of an alternative funding formula for the North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS) in lieu of the funding formula adopted by the State Board pursuant to Section 7.22(d) of S.L. 2011-145, as amended by Section 8.9 of S.L. 2013-360. The study shall include consideration of the potential costs and benefits of (i) offering an alternative funding formula option for local boards of education to select and (ii) replacing the current NCVPS formula with a new formula applicable to all local boards of education participating in NCVPS.

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VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

Authority: SL2016-78 §2.3, HB287.

Report by: Office of State Fire Marshal, Department of Insurance

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: On or before the convening of the 2018 Regular Session of the 2017 General Assembly.

Scope: Shall study, in consultation with the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, the North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs, the North Carolina Association of Rescue and Emergency Medical Services, the North Carolina League of Municipalities, and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, the issue of declining recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters in North Carolina

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WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PERMIT VALIDITY PERIOD

Authority: SL2015-286 §4.14(h), HB 765.

Report by: Commission for Public Health

Report to: Environmental Review Commission, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services

Report due: On or before April 1, 2016.

Scope: In consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services, local health departments, stakeholders who represent the wastewater system industry, and other interested parties shall study the period of validity for improvement permits and authorizations for wastewater system construction and evaluate the costs and benefits of a range of periods of validity. In the conduct of this study, the Commission shall also

evaluate the feasibility and desirability of conducting an abbreviated review and possible extension of a permit or authorization that is due to expire at a lower cost to the applicant.

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WASTEWATER TREATMENT STANDARDS

Authority: SL2015-286 §4.15(d), HB 765.
Report by: Commission for Public Health
Report to: Environmental Review Commission, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services
Report due: On or before March 1, 2016.
Scope: In consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services, local health departments, and stakeholders representing the wastewater system industry, shall study the costs and benefits of requiring treatment standards greater than those listed by nationally recognized standards, including the recorded advantage of such higher treatment standards for the protection of the public health and the environment.
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WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Authority: Letter of January 13, 2016, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a).
Report by: House Select Committee on Wildlife Resources
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May submit interim report to at any time and final report prior to the convening of the 2017 General Assembly.
Scope: May study updating or establishing registration or user fees; current definitions and classification for all fish and wildlife species; potential use of State owned game lands for economic development; verification process for lifetime hunting licenses; potential funding sources for wildlife conservation education; and any other issues pertaining to the regulation or conservation of wildlife resources or the management of game lands in the State.
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ZIP-LINE REGULATION

Authority: SL2015-152 §4, HB 39.
Report by: Department of Labor
Report to: Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the chairs of the House Committee on Agriculture, and the chairs of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources
Report due: On or before February 1, 2016.
Scope: Shall study the need for regulation of zip-line operations. The study shall include the following issues: (1) The number of zip-line operations in the State, excluding zip-lines operated on private residence property. (2) Whether any counties or cities in the State regulate zip-lines by ordinance and the content of any such ordinances. (3) The reasons for the specific statutory exclusion of zip-lines from the definition of "amusement device" that was enacted in S.L. 2011-36 and whether this exclusion should be repealed. (4) The consequences and risks to the public of failure to regulate zip-line operations. (5) The types of liability insurance coverage recommended for zip-line operations and the costs and availability of such coverage. (6) The number and nature of reported accidents and injuries involving zip-lines in the State over the last five years. (7) Protections available under existing law to zip-line amusement operators and participants. (8) Costs associated with safety inspections of zip-line equipment, gear, and operations. (9) A summary and analysis

of other states' laws, ordinances, and regulations for zip-lines and for amusement rides that include zip-lines. (10) Any federal standards that may apply to zip-lines. (11) Any training requirements, certifications, and standards recommended for zip-line operators and employees. (12) Strategies for addressing the safe operations of zip-lines. (13) Possible regulatory bodies for zip-line operations. (14) Any other issues the Department deems relevant. The Department shall consult with the Department of Insurance, the Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT), the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), and any other relevant federal or State agencies in conducting this study and formulating recommendations.

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PART II : STUDY COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, and TASK FORCES

ACADEMIC STANDARDS REVIEW COMMISSION

Authority: SL2014-78 §2(a), SB 812.
Report to: State Board of Education, and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Report due: Shall make a final report to the 2016 Session of the 2015 General Assembly.
Scope: Commission shall: (1) Conduct a comprehensive review of all English Language Arts and Mathematics standards that were adopted by the State Board of Education under G.S. 115C-12(9c) and propose modifications to ensure that those standards meet all of the following criteria: a. Increase students' level of academic achievement. b. Meet and reflect North Carolina's priorities. c. Are age-level and developmentally appropriate. d. Are understandable to parents and teachers. e. Are among the highest standards in the nation. (2) As soon as practicable upon convening, and at any time prior to termination, recommend changes and modifications to these academic standards to the State Board of Education. (3) Recommend to the State Board of Education assessments aligned to proposed changes and modifications that would also reduce the number of high-stakes assessments administered to public schools. (4) Consider the impact on educators, including the need for professional development, when making any of the recommendations required in this section. The Commission shall assemble content experts to assist it in evaluating the rigor of academic standards. The Commission shall also involve interested stakeholders in this process and otherwise ensure that the process is transparent.

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ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE, LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION

Authority: Authorized by the Legislative Research Commission pursuant to the LRC letter of January 28, 2016; G.S. 120-30.17; and SL2015-144§3(a)-(b), HB 640.

Report by: Legislative Research Commission

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: Reports to the 2016 General Assembly are due on or before April 15, 2016, final reports are due on or before December 16, 2016.

Scope: Shall examine the ways in which the public land management plans affect opportunities to engage in outdoor recreational activities and make recommendations for increasing the public's opportunities to access public land for those purposes.

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ACHIEVEMENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS, HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON

Authority: Letter of January 14, 2016, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a).
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May submit an interim report at any time and final report prior to the convening of the 2017 General Assembly.
Scope: May study research on existing achievement school districts, integration within traditional K-12 school districts, the current North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's district and school transformation program, and any other issue it deems relevant to this study.

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Authority: G.S. 120-70.100.
Scope: Review rules to which Rules Review Commission has objected; receive reports from Rules Review Commission; prepare notebook of rules approved by Rules Review Commission; review state regulatory programs, existing rules, the rule-making process and other concerns about administrative law.

Additional Studies Referred/Assigned:

Burden of proof in contested cases
Occupational licensing board oversight review

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AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY AWARENESS STUDY COMMISSION

Authority: G.S. 120-150
Report to: General Assembly
Scope: Increases public awareness of influence of agriculture and forestry, studies and identifies problems

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AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON

Authority: G.S. 120-310; SL2015-241 §15.24, HB 97.
Report to: General Assembly
Scope: Examines the services provided by and makes ongoing recommendations to GA on ways to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and quality of State agencies under the jurisdiction of Senate and House of Representatives appropriations committees on agricultural, natural, or economic resources.

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**BARRIERS TO SMALL BUSINESS ACCESS TO CREDIT AND CAPITAL COMMITTEE,
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION**

Authority: Authorized by the Legislative Research Commission pursuant to the LRC letter of January 28, 2016; and G.S. 120-30.17.
Report by: Legislative Research Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Shall report to LRC by April 15, 2016, which shall report to the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall examine the obstacles facing small businesses in their efforts to obtain necessary capital and credit, and the impact of those barriers upon the businesses and the larger economy.

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**BUILDING AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF THE STATE, BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION
TO STUDY THE**

Authority: SL2014-42 §8, HB 1043; and, SL2016-24, SB748.
 Report to: General Assembly
 Report due: May make an interim report to the 2015 General Assembly and shall make a final report to the 2017 General Assembly.
 Scope: Shall study the following matters related to building and infrastructure needs, including new repairs, renovations, expansion, and new construction, in North Carolina: (1)The anticipated building construction needs of State agencies, The University of North Carolina, and North Carolina System of Community Colleges until 2025. (2)The anticipated water and sewer infrastructure construction needs of counties and cities until 2025. (3)The anticipated building needs of the local school boards until 2025.(4)The anticipated costs of such building and infrastructure needs. (5)A process that would prioritize needs within each infrastructure category and among all categories, with an emphasis on developing criteria that focus on public safety and economic development. (6)The feasibility of establishing a building and infrastructure fund, which would be a dedicated source of revenue for capital funding for counties, cities, local school boards, The University of North Carolina, the North Carolina System of Community Colleges, and State agencies. (7)Funding options for meeting the anticipated capital needs until 2025. (8) Other matters the Commission deems relevant and related.

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON

Authority: G.S. 120-261; SL2015-241 §31.16, HB 97

Report to: General Assembly

Scope: Examine and make recommendations to GA on ways to improve capital improvements requested by, authorized for, and undertaken by or on behalf of State agencies.

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CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING, JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON

Authority: Letter of February 12, 2016, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a), and Senate Rule 31.
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Shall submit a recommended congressional redistricting plan that complies with the decision in Harris v. McCrory, to the extent that order is not stayed by higher authority, no later than Thursday, February 18, 2016.
Scope: Shall study and obtain public comment regarding the recent decision of the United States District Court for the Middle District of NC in the matter of Harris v. McCrory (File No. 1:13-cv-949). Based on its study and the public comment received, shall recommend to the 2015 General Assembly a congressional redistricting plan so that the 2015 General Assembly may fully comply with the Harris order to the extent that order is not stayed by higher authority. Shall consider no matters beyond the topic described.

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Authority: G.S. 7A-506
Scope: Studies structure, organization, jurisdiction, procedures and personnel of Judicial
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DISADVANTAGED MINORITY-OWNED AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES PROGRAM, JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Authority: G.S.120 275; SL2006-261 §5, HB 1827.

Scope: The Commission shall: (1) Monitor the implementation, and assess and evaluate the effectiveness, of the Department of Transportation program under G.S. 136-28.4. (2) Review the strategies the Department of Transportation plans to use to implement the requirements of G.S. 136-28.4. (3) Develop recommendations for submittal to the Department of Transportation or the General Assembly to improve the program under G.S. 136-28.4.

[NOTE: COMMISSION REPEALED JUNE 30, 2015]

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE,
JOINT LEGISLATIVE**

Authority: G.S. 120-70.130
Reports to: General Assembly
Scope: Study budgets, programs, and policies of Department of Commerce, NC Partnership for Economic Development, and other State, regional, and local entities. Analyze legislation from other states and proposals from Economic Development Board. Make ongoing recommendations to the General Assembly on ways to promote cost-effective economic development initiatives. Analyze current international activity in all sectors, analyze data on global business trends, and study ways to make North Carolina an American portal for international trade by attracting foreign business and exporting

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Authority: G.S. 120-70.80
Reports to: General Assembly
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Additional Studies Referred/Assigned:

Drivers education

Juvenile literacy program

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EDUCATION STRATEGY AND PRACTICES, HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON

- Authority: Letter of January 11, 2016, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a).
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May submit interim report at any time and final report prior to the convening of the 2017
 General Assembly.
Scope: May study pre-kindergarten through higher education policy; existing and potential
 educational programs; recruiting, retaining, and paying quality teachers and administrators;
 student academic remediation in higher education; LEA funding flexibility; school calendar
 flexibility; and any other issue the committee deems relevant to this study.

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ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE

Authority: SL2008-150 §1.(a); G.S. 120-70.140
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Not specified.
Scope: Shall examine election administration and campaign finance regulation in State, and in other states, in order to make ongoing recommendations to General Assembly on improvements.

Additional Studies Referred/Assigned:

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE

Authority: G.S. 120 70-150, and SL2012-90 §6, SB 798.

Scope: Shall examine on a continuing basis, issues related to emergency management in order to make ongoing recommendation to the GA on ways to promote effective emergency preparedness, management, response, and recovery.

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ENERGY POLICY, JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON

Authority: G.S. 120-285; and SL2012-143 §6(a), SB 820.

Scope: Shall exercise legislative oversight over energy policy in the State.

Additional Studies Referred/Assigned:

Oil and gas industry effect on property tax

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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Authority: G.S. 143B-282
Report to: Environmental Review Commission
Report due: The Environmental Management Commission shall submit quarterly written reports as to its operation, activities, programs, and progress to the Environmental Review Commission. The Environmental Management Commission shall supplement the written reports required by this subsection with additional written and oral reports as may be requested by the Environmental Review Commission.
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Additional Studies Referred/Assigned:

Riparian buffer rules regulatory relief

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION

Authority: G.S. 120-70.41
Reports to: General Assembly
Scope: Evaluate actions of all boards, commissions, departments, and other state and local agencies as they relate to environment or protection of environment; study and make recommendations on organization of State environmental agencies; review and evaluate State and federal laws and regulations; perform other studies as deemed necessary or requested. Shall perform additional duties and powers with regard to hazardous waste.

Additional Studies Referred/Assigned:

Cape Fear River Basin water resources availability
Dewater leachate/wastewater burden/cost
Local government authority of waste management
Stormwater and water project materials fair competition
Stormwater management laws/rules review

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ETHICS COMMISSION, STATE

Authority: G.S. 138A-6; SL2006-201 §1

Scope: In addition to other powers and duties specified, the Commission shall: Provide reasonable assistance to covered persons in complying with this Chapter. Develop readily understandable forms, policies, and procedures to accomplish the purposes of the Chapter. Identify and publish the following: a list of nonadvisory boards, and the names of persons subject to this Chapter as covered persons and legislative employees under G.S. 138A-11. Receive and review all statements of economic interests filed with the Commission by prospective and actual covered persons and evaluate whether (i) the statements conform to the law and the rules of the Commission, and (ii) the financial interests and other information reported reveals actual or potential conflicts of interest. Conduct inquiries of alleged violations against judicial officers, legislators, and legislative employees in accordance with G.S. 138A-12. Conduct inquiries into alleged violations against public servants in accordance with G.S. 138A-12. Render advisory opinions in accordance with G.S. 138A-13 and G.S. 120C-102. Initiate and maintain oversight of ethics educational programs for public servants and their staffs, and legislators and legislative employees,

consistent with G.S. 138A-14. Conduct a continuing study of governmental ethics in the State and propose changes to the General Assembly in the government process and the law as are conducive to promoting and continuing high ethical behavior by governmental officers and employees. Adopt procedures and guidelines to implement this Chapter. Report annually to the General Assembly and the Governor on the Commission's activities and generally on the subject of public disclosure, ethics, and conflicts of interest, including recommendations for administrative and legislative action, as the Commission deems appropriate. Publish annually statistics on complaints filed with or considered by the Commission, including the number of complaints filed, the number of complaints referred under G.S. 138A-12(b), the number of complaints dismissed under G.S. 138A-12(c)(4), the number of complaints dismissed under G.S. 138A-12(f), the number of complaints referred for criminal prosecution under G.S. 138A-12, the number of complaints dismissed under G.S. 138A-12(h), the number of complaints referred for appropriate action under G.S. 138A-12(h) or G.S. 138A-12(k)(3), and the number of complaints pending action by the Commission.

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ETHICS COMMITTEE, LEGISLATIVE

- Authority: G.S. 120-99
- Scope: To prescribe forms for informational statements, accept and file information, maintain records, prepare principles and guidelines, advise and render opinions, propose rules of ethics and conduct, investigate and dispose of cases of misconduct. The President Pro Tempore appoints the chair in odd years. The Speaker appoints the chair in even years.
- Note: *There is a separate House Standing Committee on Ethics, see Rules of the House of Representatives.*

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON

Authority: G.S. 120-305; SL2014-100 §22.1, SB 744..
Report to: General Assembly

Scope: Shall examine on a continuing basis the services provided by the departments and agencies set out in this subsection in order to make ongoing recommendations to the General Assembly on ways to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and quality of State government services.

Additional Studies Referred/Assigned:

E-procurement service management

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Authority: G.S. 164-12

Reports to: General Assembly

Scope: To advise and cooperate with the Legislative Services Office in the work of continuous statute research and correction for which the Legislative Services Office is made responsible by G.S. 120-36.21(2). To advise and cooperate with the Legislative Services Office in the preparation and issuance of supplements to the General Statutes pursuant to G.S. 120-36.21(1). To make a continuing study of all matters involved in the preparation and publication of modern codes of law. To recommend to the General Assembly the enactment of such substantive changes in the law as the Commission may deem advisable. To receive and consider proposed changes in the law recommended by the American Law Institute, by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws or by other learned bodies.

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GLOBAL TRANSPARK AUTHORITY

Authority: G.S. 63A-3
Report to: Annual report - Governor; General Assembly; Local Government Commission
 Quarterly reports - Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
Report due: Annual report due at close of each fiscal year
Scope: Shall establish, finance, purchase, construct, operate and regulate cargo airport complexes
Note: The Board may consist of more than 14 members if the board of county commissioners in
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Authority: G.S. 120-73
Reports to: General Assembly
Scope: Conduct evaluative studies of the programs, policies, practices and procedures of the various departments, agencies, and institutions of State government, and be consulted by the Governor before carrying out certain budgetary/fiscal acts.

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Authority: G.S. 120-208
Reports to: General Assembly
Scope: Examine, on a continuing basis, the systemwide issues affecting the development, budgeting, financing, administration, and delivery of health and human services, including issues relating to the governance, accountability, and quality of health and human services delivered to individuals and families in this State. The Committee shall make ongoing recommendations to the General Assembly on ways to improve the quality and delivery of services and to maintain a high level of effectiveness and efficiency in system administration at the State and local levels.

Additional Studies Referred/Assigned:

- Contracting specialist and certification program design and implementation
- Early education and family support programs
- Justice and public safety and behavioral health
- Personal care services management
- State Crime Lab and Office of the State Medical Examiner merger

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RESEARCH COMMISSION**

Authority: Authorized by the Legislative Research Commission pursuant to the LRC letter of January 28, 2016; and G.S. 120-30.17.
Report by: Legislative Research Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Reports to the 2016 General Assembly are due on or before April 15, 2016, final reports are due on or before December 16, 2016.
Scope: Shall study the presence of, and issues facing, homeless juveniles in NC, along with related issues of juvenile and family law pertaining to abuse, neglect, dependency, and foster care in the State.

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Authority: G.S. 120-230
Report to: General Assembly
Scope: Shall review current information technology that impacts public policy, including electronic data processing and telecommunications, software technology, and information processing. To develop electronic commerce in the State and to coordinate the use of information technology by State agencies in a manner that assures that the citizens of the State receive quality services from all State agencies and that the needs of the citizens are met in an efficient and effective manner.

Additional Studies Referred/Assigned:

Data security

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Authority: G.S. 120-70.93
Reports to: General Assembly
Scope: Examine NC correctional, law enforcement and juvenile justice systems and make ongoing recommendations to the General Assembly on ways to improve the system and assist it in realizing its objectives of protecting the public and punishing/rehabilitating offenders.

Additional Studies Referred/Assigned:

Controlled substances scheduling without legislation
DNA collection for any felony
Future of Indigent Defense Services Commission and Innocence Inquiry Commission
Improper posting of images of people superimposed on images showing sexual conduct
Indigent Defense Services Office fee schedules
Justice and public safety and behavioral health
Probation and parole vehicles management and utilization
State Crime Lab and Office the State Medical Examiner merger

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LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION

Authority: G.S. 120-30.10
Report to: General Assembly
Scope: To conduct studies and investigations into governmental agencies, institutions, and matters of public policy; report to the General Assembly; request other State agencies, boards, commissions, or committees conduct studies if appropriate
Note: The studies that the Legislative Research Commission is authorized to undertake are presented along with authorizing authority in Part I, arranged by subject matter heading. LRC subcommittees are listed in this section (Part II).

The LRC authorized the following studies:

Access to public lands
Barriers to small business access to credit and capital
Homeless youth, foster care and dependency
Municipal service districts
Regulatory and rate issues in insurance
Savings reserve account

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Authority: G.S. 120-31
Reports to: General Assembly
Scope: Determine all conditions of employment of joint legislative service employees of the General Assembly and of its respective houses (except those elected); other duties as set by statute. In any case where any provision of law or any rule of the Legislative Services Commission required approval of any action by the Legislative Services Commission, approval of that action by the Pro Tem and by the Speaker constitutes approval of the Commission.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON

Authority: G.S. 120-157.1
Reports to: General Assembly
Scope: Review and monitor local government capital projects that are required to go before the Local Government Commission and require debt to be issued over one million dollars (\$1,000,000), with the exception of schools, jails, courthouses, and administrative buildings.

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LOTTERY, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE

Authority: G.S. 120-295
Report to: General Assembly
Scope: Shall examine, on a continuing basis, the operations of the North Carolina State Lottery. The Committee shall make ongoing recommendations to the General Assembly on ways to improve the operations and success of the lottery.

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MEDICAID AND NC HEALTH CHOICE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON

Authority: G.S. 120-209; SL2015-245 §15, HB 372.
Report to: General Assembly
Scope: Examines budgeting, financing, administrative, and operational issues related to Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs administered by DHHS.

Additional Studies Referred/Assigned:

Innovations waiver to address the waitlist and federal changes

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METHAMPHETAMINE ABUSE, LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON

Authority: G.S. 120-226; SL2005-434 §7; HB 248
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Annually
Scope: Study issues regarding abuse of methamphetamine precursors; cost, feasibility, and advisability of tracking sale of pseudoephedrine products; development of programs to curb use and access to methamphetamine; developing training and education programs for employees of establishments that sell pseudoephedrine products; and educate citizens on detection and prevention of methamphetamine laboratories, and on sale restrictions of pseudoephedrine products.

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**MUNICIPAL INCORPORATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE
COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Authority: G.S. 120-158
Reports to: General Assembly
Scope: Act according to statute on petitions for incorporation. Recommendations on 'timely received' petitions shall be made within 60 days of convening of next regular session.

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MUNICIPAL SERVICE DISTRICTS COMMITTEE, LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION

Authority: Authorized by the Legislative Research Commission pursuant to the LRC letter of January 28, 2016; and G.S. 120-30.17.
Report by: Legislative Research Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Shall report to LRC by April 15, 2016, which shall report to the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall study the feasibility of authorizing property owners within a municipal service district to petition for removal from that municipal service district.

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PERMANENCY INNOVATION INITIATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Authority: G.S. 131D-10.9A; SL2013-360 §12C.10(e), SB 402.

Report to: General Assembly

Scope: Shall design and implement a data tracking methodology to collect and analyze information to gauge success of the initiative and to identify cost-savings in the provision of foster care, and potential reinvestment strategies. Oversee program implementation. Study and recommend other policies and services that may positively impact permanency and well-being outcomes.

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PROGRAM EVALUATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE

Authority: SL2007-78, SB 1132.

Scope: Receive and review requests for evaluations to be performed by the Program Evaluation Division ("Division"); establish annual work plan for Division, in consultation with Division Director, that describes evaluations to be performed; receive reports prepared by Division; consult with oversight or other committee about a report concerning a program or activity within that committee's scope of study; and recommend to General Assembly any changes needed to implement recommendations.

Studies Referred/Assigned to Program Evaluation Division:

Board of Review
Resolution of funding disputes between local election boards and county commissioners
School construction needs

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REGULATORY AND RATE ISSUES IN INSURANCE COMMITTEE, LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION

- Authority: Authorized by the Legislative Research Commission pursuant to the LRC letter of January 28, 2016; and G.S. 120-30.17.
- Report by: Legislative Research Commission
- Report to: General Assembly
- Report due: Reports to the 2016 General Assembly are due on or before April 15, 2016, final reports are due on or before December 16, 2016.
- Scope: Shall study the equity of property insurance rate making in NC. May review the feasibility of making property insurance data available to the public, reviewing roles and responsibilities of the NC Insurance Underwriting Association, reviewing consent to rate practices, catastrophe modeling and other issues deemed appropriate.

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REVENUE LAWS STUDY COMMITTEE

Authority: G.S. 120.70.105
Report to: General Assembly
Scope: Shall study the revenue laws and their administration and report on any determination of needed changes.

Additional Studies Referred/Assigned:

Joint/multiple agency motor fuels tax exemption
Market-based sourcing

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Authority: G.S. 143B-30.1
Scope: To review administrative rules in accordance with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes
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SAVINGS RESERVE ACCOUNT COMMITTEE, LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION

Authority: Authorized by the Legislative Research Commission pursuant to the LRC letter of January 28, 2016; and G.S. 120-30.17.

Report by: Legislative Research Commission

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: Shall report to LRC by April 15, 2016, which shall report to the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.

Scope: Shall study methods for increasing the amount of funds transferred to the Savings Reserve Account.

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SCHOOL-BASED ADMINISTRATOR PAY, JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON

Authority: SL2016-94 §9.4, HB 1030.
Report to: General Assembly, and Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Report due: Shall submit a final report on or before December 31, 2016.
Scope: Shall study and make recommendations on the following: (1) The feasibility of revising the school-based administrator salary schedule, including principal and assistant principal pay, and whether revisions are needed. (2) The process of recruiting and retaining principals in North Carolina as compared with the process of recruiting and retaining executives in other professions. (3) Strategies for recruiting and retaining the most qualified principals in low-performing and hard-to-staff schools. (4) Any other issue the Committee considers relevant to this study.

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Authority: G.S. 143B-181.55
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Each regular session
Scope: To provide information to senior citizens on the legislative process and matters before the General Assembly, promote citizen involvement and advocacy on aging issues, and assess the needs of older citizens by convening a forum modeled after the General Assembly.
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SENTENCING AND POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION

Authority: G.S. 164-35
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Shall report annually.
Scope: Evaluates sentencing laws and policies in relationship to both the stated purposes of the criminal justice and corrections systems and the availability of sentencing options; makes recommendations to the General Assembly for modification of laws and options as necessary to achieve policy goals.

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STATUARY HALL SELECTION COMMITTEE

Authority: SL2015-269 §3(a), HB 540.
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Shall make an interim report to the 2016 Regular Session of 2015 GA and an annual report thereafter until duties are completed.
Scope: Select sculptor to create statue of Reverend Franklin "Billy" Graham, Jr. to be placed in the National Statuary Hall Collection and review and approve plans for statue as well as identify method of obtaining necessary funds.

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STEP THERAPY, HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON

Authority: Letter of December 8, 2015, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a).
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May submit interim report at any time and final report prior to the convening of the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall study the prescription benefit management tool known as "step therapy" to assess the impact on patients' access to care. Analyze the costs and benefits of the utilization of "step therapy," including potential negative consequences for patients and providers. Assess the impact "step therapy" has on access to abuse-deterrent opioid analgesics.

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**STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND LONG TERM FUNDING SOLUTIONS,
HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON**

Authority: Letter of December 8, 2015, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a).
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May submit interim report at any time and final report prior to the convening of the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall study the 1-77 Managed Lanes project; improvements to the 1-95 corridor; port modernization, to include the development of Radio Island, new freight rail access to the ports of Morehead and Wilmington, dredging, and economic development opportunities; technological advancements in infrastructure development and construction; and autonomous vehicles.

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Authority: G.S. 120-70.50
Reports to: General Assembly
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON

Authority: G.S. 120-70.155; SL2013-2 §10, HB 4.

Report to: General Assembly

Scope: Study and review all unemployment insurance matters, including State unemployment insurance laws, administration of those laws, and need for clarification, technical amendment, repeal or other change to make the laws concise, intelligible, and easy to administer; monitor balance and payment of debt owed by Unemployment Trust Fund to the federal government; monitor balance in Unemployment Insurance Reserve Fund; seek cooperation of Department of Commerce in study of workforce development programs and efforts, reemployment assistance efforts, and unemployment insurance laws.

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WILDLIFE RESOURCES, HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON

Authority: Letter of January 13, 2016, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a).
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May submit interim report to at any time and final report prior to the convening of the 2017 General Assembly.
Scope: May study updating or establishing registration or user fees; current definitions and classification for all fish and wildlife species; potential use of State owned game lands for economic development; verification process for lifetime hunting licenses; potential funding sources for wildlife conservation education; and any other issues pertaining to the regulation or conservation of wildlife resources or the management of game lands in the State.

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Authority: SL2012-131 §7(a), SB 815.
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Shall make an interim report to the 2014 Session of the 2013 General Assembly and a final report to the 2015 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall monitor and oversee efforts to streamline the workforce development system, enhance accountability for the workforce development system, strengthen the JobLink Career Center system, and improve access to workforce development activities.

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