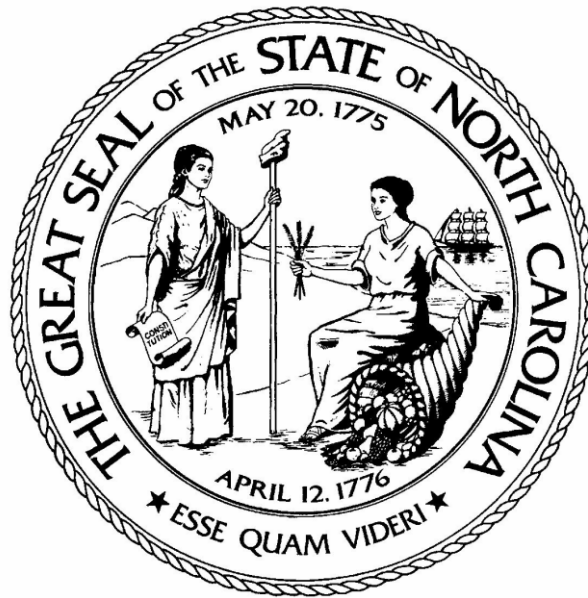


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the General Assembly

FROM: Jeff Hudson, Director – Legislative Analysis Division

RE: 2019-2020 Legislative Commissions, Non-Standing Committees,
Interim Studies Report

This report contains lists of all permanent legislative commissions and non-standing committees and all studies authorized or directed to be undertaken by the 2019 General Assembly or authorized by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The listing not only includes studies undertaken by legislative bodies, but also those directed to be undertaken by other agencies of State government.

Permanent commissions, committees, and other bodies of the executive and judicial branches are not included in this publication. For memberships of and information on other existing *permanent* executive and judicial agencies, please contact Mr. Anthony Aycock, our Legislative Librarian, at (919) 733-9390 or the Governor's Director of Boards and Commissions, at (919) 814-2058.

Mr. Brian Peck, of the Legislative Library, compiled and edited this publication. The explanation of the publication's format is on the following page.

We hope that the publication will aid you and your constituents in rapidly 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 2019 General Assembly, or that are due during the 2019-2020 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 committee staff and their telephone numbers.

A comprehensive index is provided for additional access points.

This publication is also available on our website www.ncleg.gov.

***PLEASE NOTE:** 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.*

***FOR THE 2019-20 BIENNIUM ONLY:** The membership of committees and commissions has not been included. Unusual circumstances led to this decision. For membership of specific entities please visit the Committees Page on the NCGA Website www.ncleg.gov/Committees, or contact the Legislative Library at 919-733-9390.*

The Editor.

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PART I : STUDIES & REPORTS BY SUBJECT

ABC COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY PROCESS

Authority: SL2019-182 §26, SB 290.
Report by: Program Evaluation Division
Report to: Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee
Report due: By March 15, 2020.
Scope: Study of the actions the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission is authorized to take under G.S. 18B-104 for violations of Chapter 18B of the General Statutes. The study shall include an examination of the proportionality of the punishment that may be imposed under G.S. 18B-104 in relation to the violation, the remainder of the law set forth in G.S. 18B-104 to identify any areas in which the law may be lacking, and the process utilized and punishment authorized by other alcoholic beverage control states for violations of their alcoholic beverage laws.
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ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLICY STAFFING NEEDS IN A MANAGED CARE SERVICE DELIVERY ENVIRONMENT EVALUATION

Authority: SL2018-5 §11H.8, SB 99.
Report by: Department of Health and Human Services
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.
Report due: No later than October 1, 2019.
Scope: The Department shall conduct an evaluation of its current administrative and policy staffing within the Division of Medical Assistance and the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, as well as its future administrative staffing requirements for the Division of Health Benefits (DHB) in light of a managed care service delivery environment.
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ADULT CARE HOME PAYMENT METHODOLOGY

Authority: SL2019-240 §1, SB 537.
Report by: Department of Health and Human Services workgroup
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice, and Fiscal Research Division.
Report due: No later than December 1, 2020.
Scope: DHHS is directed to establish and convene a workgroup to evaluate reimbursement options for services provided by adult care homes that take into account all funding streams and to develop a new service definition, or definitions, under Medicaid managed care for these services. The workgroup shall consist of adult care home industry representatives and other relevant stakeholders. The Department shall not submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services any amendments to the NC Medicaid State Plan necessary to implement the new service definition without prior approval from the General Assembly.
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AGENCY, BOARD, LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEFINED CRIMES

Authority: SL2019-198 §6, SB 584.
Report by: General Statutes Commission
Report to: General Assembly and Joint Oversight Committee on General Government.
Report due: On or before May 1, 2020.
Scope: Shall study the reports received pursuant to S.L. 2018-69, as amended by sections 3-4 of SL2019-198, and make recommendations regarding whether any conduct currently criminalized either by an ordinance of a county, city, town, or metropolitan sewerage district or in the North Carolina Administrative Code by an agency, board, or commission, should have criminal penalties provided by a generally applicable State law.
Contact: See Commission listing in Part II of this volume.

ALTERNATIVE ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT FOR DIVISIONS OF ADULT CORRECTIONS AND JUVENILE JUSTICE

Authority: SL2019-236, SB 579.
Report by: Program Evaluation Division
Report to: Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety.
Report due: No later than November 1, 2020.
Scope: Study of alternative organization and management structures for the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety. The Division, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety and the Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly, shall examine the following alternatives: (1) Creation of the Department of Correction. (2) Creation of the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. (3) Establishment of the Division of Correction. (4) Establishment of the Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. (5) Establishment of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice. The study shall include the following for each of the five specified alternatives to the current organization and management structure for the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety: (1) Organization. (2) Budget. (3) Considerations. (4) Cost. (5) Implementation details.
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AQUEOUS FILM-FORMING FIREFIGHTING FOAM INVENTORY AND DISPOSAL

Authority: SL2019-241 §7(a)-(c), SB 433.
Report by: North Carolina Policy Collaboratory
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, and the Environmental Review Commission.
Report due: Shall submit an interim report no later than April 1, 2020, and a final report no later than October 15, 2020.
Scope: Shall create an inventory of aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF) used or stored by fire departments in North Carolina operated, managed, or overseen by units of local government, including those located at or serving airports. The Office of the State Fire Marshal of the Department of Insurance and all units of local government shall provide any assistance requested by the Collaboratory to acquire and compile the data required by this section. The Collaboratory shall develop a proposal for identifying and collecting AFFF that is expired or no longer needed or wanted by each fire department in North Carolina operated, managed, or overseen by units of local government, including those located at or serving airports. This proposal should include recommendations on which State agency or agencies could oversee such a collection effort and cost estimates on this collection, stockpiling, and disposal. The Department of Insurance Office of the State Fire Marshal,

the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Public Safety shall provide any assistance requested by the Collaboratory to acquire and compile the data required by this section.

Contact: Jeff Warren, Executive Director
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BUILDING DEBRIS USES

Authority: SL2019-174 §11, HB 675.
Report by: North Carolina Building Code Council
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: 2019 General Assembly, 2020 Regular Session upon its convening.
Scope: Shall consult with the Department of Environmental Quality to study options for the use by builders of debris, such as dirt, sand, gravel, rock, concrete, or similar nonhazardous material for additional uses at the site of construction, including fill under porches, driveways, and other options that will decrease the volume of demolition debris sent to solid waste disposal facilities.

Contact: Karen Holder, Administrative Assistant
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CANCER CLUSTERS

Authority: SL2019-145, SB 297.
Report by: North Carolina Policy Collaboratory Advisory Panel
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May submit draft recommendations from the Panel as early as December 31, 2019, and shall submit final recommendations from the Panel no later than April 30, 2020.
Scope: Shall assemble a research advisory panel to discuss, review, and analyze statewide cancer data and develop a recommendation for the General Assembly for the best strategy or strategies for potential implementation by the State regarding effective and credible research program design to determine if, and where, statistically significant clusters of cancer incidents exist within North Carolina. In establishing the Panel, the Collaboratory shall consult with the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Gillings School of Global Public Health, the School of Medicine, and the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University, and the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University to identify experts, including faculty members of institutions of higher education, health care providers, and health insurance providers, both within, and outside of, North Carolina to determine those who are qualified and willing to participate either on the Panel itself or as expert advisers to the Panel. The Panel shall have at least 10 members but no more than 30 members. The Collaboratory may use any monies currently available to it, including funds received through appropriations by the General Assembly, to support this study, including, but not limited to, travel-related expenses for participants.

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CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS (LRC)

Authority: To be studied by the Legislative Research Commission, Committee on Career and College Readiness pursuant to the Legislative Research Commission letter of March 4, 2020; and G.S. 120-30.17.
Report by: Legislative Research Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Not Specified

Scope: Shall study the education system of NC to determine legislative changes necessary to improve the career and college readiness of students in NC's public school system.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

CHILD CARE FACILITIES PARTICIPATION IN NC PRE-K PROGRAM

Authority: SL2019-87, HB H866.
Report by: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Report due: By February 1, 2020.
Scope: Shall complete a statewide study of operators of four- and five-star centers who are not currently participating in the North Carolina Prekindergarten (NC Pre-K) program to identify those operators' perception of the challenges associated with becoming an NC Pre-K site. In addition, the Division shall complete a county-by-county study of additional local challenges. Findings from these two studies shall be used to make recommendations to address these challenges, including any recommended changes in the State funding structure, to facilitate achieving the goal of enrolling in the NC Pre-K program at least seventy-five percent (75%) of eligible children in each county.
Contact: Matt Gross, Legislative Liaison
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COMMUNITY RELATIONS, LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUSTICE

Authority: Letter of August 13, 2020, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, and House Rule 26(a).
Report by: House Select Committee on Community Relations, Law Enforcement & Justice
Report to: House of Representatives, the House Principal Clerk, and the Legislative Library
Report due: May submit an interim report at any time. May submit a final report to on or before December 31, 2020.
Scope: Shall examine North Carolina's criminal justice systems to propose methods of improving police training and relations between law enforcement and its communities, review the implementation of the Second Chance Act and Raise the Age to highlight accomplishments thus far, and propose methods of addressing overcriminalization and disparities within the state's criminal justice system to improve public safety.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

Authority: Letter of November 4, 2019, 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: Office of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Legislative Library.
Report due: Not specified.
Scope: Shall prepare and recommend to the 2019 General Assembly a congressional redistricting plan.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

CONTINUITY OF STATE OPERATIONS (EMERGENCY SERVICES, ELECTIONS & PUBLIC SAFETY) – COVID 19

Authority: Letter of Month dd, 2019, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a).
Report by: Continuity of State Operations Working Group (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) of the House Select Committee on Covid-19

Report to: House of Representatives
Report due: May submit an interim report at any time. May submit a final report prior to the convening of the 2021 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall study continuity of state operations as related to the COVID-19 pandemic. FOR MORE INFORMATION REFER TO: House Select Committee on COVID-19. Pursuant to Section 2 of the Letter of 03-19-2020, members are requested to not travel to meetings, and instead participate remotely in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

COVID-19

Authority: Letter of March 19, 2020, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a).
Report by: House Select Committee on Covid-19
Report to: House of Representatives
Report due: May submit an interim report at any time. May submit a final report prior to the convening of the 2021 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall facilitate bipartisan and productive conversations between members to prepare for any necessary legislative sessions to respond to the current crisis.
The following constituent working groups have been appointed:
- Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety)
- Economic Support
- Education
- Health Care
Please see individual record of each working group for additional information.
Pursuant to Section 2 of the Letter of 03-19-2020, members are requested to not travel to meetings, and instead participate remotely in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

CRISIS PREGNANCY PILOT PROGRAM

Authority: SL2017-57 §11E.13(b), SB 257.
Report by: Human Coalition
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.
Report due: By April 1, 2019.
Scope: Funds allocated to the Human Coalition shall be used to develop and implement a two-year pilot program at its Raleigh clinic to provide a continuum of care and support to assist women experiencing crisis pregnancies to continue their pregnancies to full term. The pilot program authorized shall consist of at least all of the following components: (1) The use of care coordinators to perform the following functions: a. Assess the immediate challenges causing a program participant to seek abortion and eliminate these challenges by assisting the program participant in connecting to appropriate resources. The care coordinator shall personally assist a program participant in connecting to appropriate resources, when appropriate. b. Introduce each program participant to a trained mentor who will continue to guide the program participant toward positive lifestyle changes. (2) The use of licensed nursing staff in the Human Coalition's Raleigh clinic to provide medical support to program participants. (3) Close collaboration between care coordinators and licensed nursing staff during initial counseling sessions in order to accomplish the following: a. Appropriately introduce continuum of care services available through the pilot program. b. Create individual care plans for program participants and their families to help build a stable family life for the duration of the pregnancy. Care plans should identify and address any further challenges identified by care coordinators with encouragement and additional resources.

CROP INSURANCE FOR SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE

Authority: SL2019-37 §12, SB 648.
Report by: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, and Fiscal Research Division.
Report due: No later than November 1, 2020.
Scope: Shall study crop insurance and other risk of loss mitigation and protection programs available to persons engaging in shellfish aquaculture in North Carolina. The Department shall include all of the following in its study: (1) An overview and assessment of currently available State or federal programs, including programs offered in other states, and identification of gaps or shortfalls in the coverage provided by those programs. (2) The identification of options for insurance or other risk protection programs subsidized or underwritten by the State, including an analysis of feasibility, cost, and whether the option would provide sufficient spread of risk to be an actuarially sound investment of public funds. (3) If the Department finds that no program limited to this State is actuarially sound, an assessment of legal, practical, or political barriers to a federal or multistate crop insurance or other risk mitigation program for shellfish aquaculture.
Contact: Laura Kilian, Legislative Liaison
(919) 707-3031

DAM REMOVAL

Authority: SL2017-145 §3, SB 107.
Report by: Department of Environmental Quality, and the Department of Public Safety.
Report to: Environmental Review Commission
Report due: No later than March 1, 2020.
Scope: Shall jointly study the dam removal process in North Carolina and recommend further changes in statutes or rules to reduce regulatory barriers to the removal of obsolete and unwanted dams and consolidate duplicative permit processes. As part of its study, the Departments shall review the dam removal permitting processes in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania and other states as the Department finds relevant.
Contact: Joy Hicks, Legislative Liaison
(919) 707-8665

DIGITAL LICENSE PLATES

Authority: SL2019-227 §7, HB 211.
Report by: Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: 2019 General Assembly 2020 Regular Session.
Scope: Shall study the feasibility of making digital license plates available to the public as an alternative to traditional physical registration plates currently issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

DISASTER RECOVERY ACTS IMPLEMENTATION

Authority: SL2018-5 §5.6(n), SB 99.
Report by: Program Evaluation Division
Report to: Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee, the chairs of the Senate Appropriations/Base Budget Committee, the chairs of the House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, and the Fiscal Research Division.
Report due: On or before March 15, 2019.
Scope: The Committee shall amend the 2018-2019 PED work plan to direct the Division to study implementation of S.L. 2016-124 and S.L. 2017-119 (2016/2017 Disaster Recovery Acts).

In particular, the Division shall examine the State's current structure for distributing both State and federal funds, including federal Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery funds, and determine whether modifications to the structure would result in increased time efficiencies in distributing funds to qualified recipients. The Division shall also examine the current reporting requirements in this section and the 2016/2017 Disaster Recovery Acts to determine what modifications would provide the General Assembly with more complete and integrated information regarding the status of disaster recovery.

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DISASTER RELIEF (HOUSE)

Authority: Letter of June 10, 2019, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a).
Report by: House Select Committee on Disaster Relief
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May submit an interim report at any time. May submit a final report prior to the convening of the 2019 General Assembly, 2020 Regular Session.
Scope: Study hurricane recovery and flood preparedness by 1) Providing oversight regarding the implementation of the Disaster Recovery Acts of 2016 and 2017, 2) To study the interaction of the State's water systems and their impact on flood prone areas, 3) Review role and regulatory authority of federal agencies, 4) Study and develop recommendations for preventing, mitigating, and remediating the effects of flooding in the low lying areas of Eastern NC, and 5) and other relevant issues.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

DPS COORDINATION WITH NONPROFITS IN DISASTER RECOVERY

Authority: SL2019-250 §3.5(f), HB 200.
Report by: Program Evaluation Division
Report to: Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee and to the chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees on Justice and Public Safety.
Report due: Not specified.
Scope: Shall conduct an evaluation of the Department of Public Safety's coordination with nonprofit organizations for disaster recovery planning.
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(919) 601-1404

ECONOMIC SUPPORT – COVID-19

Authority: Letter of March 19, 2020, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a)
Report by: Economic Support Working Group of the House Select Committee on Covid-19
Report to: House of Representatives
Report due: May submit an interim report at any time. May submit a final report prior to the convening of the 2021 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall study economic support as related to the COVID-19 pandemic. FOR MORE INFORMATION REFER TO: House Select Committee on COVID-19. Pursuant to Section 2 of the Letter of 03-19-2020, members are requested to not travel to meetings, and instead participate remotely in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

EDUCATION – COVID-19

Authority: Letter of March 19, 2020, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a)
Report by: Education Working Group of the House Select Committee on Covid-19
Report to: House of Representatives
Report due: May submit an interim report at any time. May submit a final report prior to the convening of the 2021 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall study education as related to the COVID-19 pandemic. FOR MORE INFORMATION REFER TO: House Select Committee on COVID-19. Pursuant to Section 2 of the Letter of 03-19-2020, members are requested to not travel to meetings, and instead participate remotely in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

EDUCATION FINANCE REFORM

Authority: SL2017-57 §7.23D(a)-(f), SB 257; and SL2018-5 §7.10, SB 99.
Report by: Joint Legislative Task Force on Education Finance Reform
Report to: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Report due: On or before October 1, 2019.
Scope: In consultation with the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction, the Task Force shall study various weighted student formula funding models and develop a new funding model for the elementary and secondary public schools of North Carolina based on a weighted student formula.
Contact: See Task Force listing in Part II of this volume.

EFFICIENCY AND COST-SAVINGS IN STATE GOVERNMENT

Authority: SL2017-142 §78, SB 78.
Report by: Joint Legislative Study Commission on Efficiency and Cost-Savings in State Government
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Shall make an interim report to the 2018 Regular Session of the 2017 General Assembly, and shall make a final report to the 2019 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall use a zero-based budgeting review process to study whether there are obsolete programs, cost-reduction opportunities, or any cases where existing funds can be redirected to meet new and changing demands for public services in the Department of the Secretary of State ("the Department"). The Commission may require the Department to submit written information in a form specified by the Commission by a specified time.
Contact: See Commission listing in Part II of this volume.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONES AT SWIMMING POOLS

Authority: SL2019-88 §3, HB 529.
Report by: Commission for Public Health
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services
Report due: No later than March 1, 2020.
Scope: Shall study the requirements of 15A NCAC 18A .2530(f), which requires that all swimming pools have a telephone capable of directly dialing 911 or other emergency notification system, which telephone is permanently affixed to a location inside or within 75 feet of the pool enclosure and is accessible to all pool users. The Commission shall examine the need for a dedicated permanently affixed telephone in light of widespread cellular telephone availability, and, at a minimum, the Commission shall examine the need for and advisability of requiring closure of pools where a dedicated permanently affixed telephone is temporarily out of service due to technical issues.
Contact: Virginia Niehaus, Director, Office of Regulatory and Legal Affairs
(919) 707-5006

FAIR TREATMENT OF COLLEGE STUDENT-ATHLETES

Authority: SL2018-97 §12.1, SB 335.
Report by: Legislative Commission on Fair Treatment of College Student-Athletes
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Shall submit a report by March 1, 2019.
Scope: To examine the needs and concerns of college students participating in athletics on behalf of the constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina and to propose appropriate legislation where needed to implement the objectives of this Commission.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

FERRY TOLLS

Authority: SL2019-231 §4.21, HB 100.
Report by: Department of Transportation
Report to: Chairs of the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee, and the Fiscal Research Division.
Report due: By March 15, 2020.
Scope: Shall study the feasibility of raising ferry tolls for nonresidents. The study shall consider the following: (1) The permissibility under the United States Constitution and any other applicable law of charging higher ferry tolls to nonresidents than to residents. If permissible, a summary of the legal justification the Department may need to provide and any legal restrictions that may apply. (2) An analysis of the current number, and future projection, of nonresidents that use North Carolina ferries by ferry route and feasibility of creating a differential of tolls for resident and nonresident users. (3) An analysis of the cost of toll collection for each route versus revenues collected. (4) Exploration of different toll collection methods and streamlining current toll collection processes. (5) Any other topic or issue the Department determines to be relevant to the study.
Contact: William Delancey, Legislative Liaison
(919) 707-2800

FLOODING AND RESILIENCY AGAINST FUTURE STORMS

Authority: SL2019-224 §2.1(8)b, SB 429.
Report by: North Carolina Policy Collaboratory
Report to: Joint Legislative Emergency Management Oversight Committee
Report due: No later than December 1, 2020.
Scope: Study flooding and resiliency against future storms in Eastern North Carolina and to develop an implementation plan with recommendations.
Contact: Jeff Warren, Executive Director
Jeff.Warren@unc.edu

HEALTH CARE – COVID-19

Authority: Letter of March 19, 2020, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a)
Report by: Health Care Working Group of the House Select Committee on Covid-19
Report to: House of Representatives
Report due: May submit an interim report at any time. May submit a final report prior to the convening of the 2021 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall study health care as related to the COVID-19 pandemic. FOR MORE INFORMATION REFER TO: House Select Committee on COVID-19. Pursuant to Section 2 of the Letter of 03-19-2020, members are requested to not travel to meetings, and instead participate remotely in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

IN-PRISON HEALTH SERVICES EMPLOYEES SALARIES

Authority: SL2019-135 §5(a), HB 106.
Report by: Department of Public Safety, Health Services Section, and the Office of State Human Resources
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Report due: By February 1, 2020.
Scope: Shall jointly study the salaries of all in-prison health services employees to determine what adjustments are necessary to increase the salaries of new hires and existing employees of the Health Services Section to market rates.
Contact: Alicia Davis, Legislative Liaison
(919) 825-2717

INNOVATIVE SCHOOLS OPTIONS

Authority: SL2019-248 §1(e)(1), SB 522.
Report by: State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the ISD Superintendent
Report to: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Report due: No later than March 15, 2020:
Scope: Shall jointly study options for innovative schools. – Structure of innovative schools and types of partnerships with IS operators or other entities that provide effective options and ensure flexibility for the Innovative School District (ISD) to best address the needs of innovative schools and students. This recommendation should take into consideration, but is not limited to, factors such as length of time of an innovative school in the ISD, role or relationship of the local board of education with the ISD and innovative school, and types of entities and contract terms that the ISD should use to establish options for selecting the most appropriate entity to serve the innovative school.
Contact: Chloe Gossage, Legislative Liaison
(919) 924-4781

LOW-PERFORMING SCHOOLS MODEL REFORM

Authority: SL2019-248 §1(e)(2), SB 522.
Report by: State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the ISD Superintendent
Report to: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Report due: No later than March 15, 2020:
Scope: Shall jointly study reform of low-performing school models. – Alignment of requirements in Chapter 115C of the General Statutes for identification and reform of low-performing and continually low-performing schools, including Part 3 of Article 8B of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes, with other reform efforts in State and federal law, to ensure a comprehensive and efficient approach to support and improvement of those schools that does not create redundancies.
Contact: Chloe Gossage, Legislative Liaison
(919) 924-4781

MATERNAL AND NEONATAL CARE ACCESS

Authority: SL2018-93 §1, HB 741.
Report by: Department of Health and Human Services
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Shall make an interim report to the on or before May 1, 2019, and a final report to the 2020 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall study and analyze North Carolina's ability to provide women with timely and equitable access to high-quality, risk-appropriate maternal and neonatal care. The study shall examine at least all of the following: (1) The complexity levels of care currently being provided by all delivering hospitals in caring for birth mothers and newborns. (2) How

current systems of referral and transport to different facilities and specialty providers based on patient risk are being managed. (3) Disparities in access to risk-appropriate maternal and hospital care. (4) Service gaps. (5) Issues that impact the ability to most appropriately match patient need with provider skill. (6) Recommendations for actionable steps that can be taken in North Carolina to best ensure that pregnant women receive quality prenatal care and that mothers and newborns are cared for in a facility that can meet their specific clinical needs. (7) Any other issues the Department deems relevant to this study.

Contact: Matt Gross, Legislative Liaison
(617) 990-7429

NC FAST CHILD WELFARE COMPONENT CASE-MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONALITY

Authority: SL2019-240 §24(d), SB 537.
Report by: Program Evaluation Division
Report to: Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services.
Report due: No later than May 1, 2020.
Scope: Study the case-management functionality of the child welfare component of NC FAST.
Contact: Kiernan McGorty, Acting Director
Program Evaluation Division
(919) 601-1404

NEW TEACHING HOSPITALS IN RURAL AREAS

Authority: SL2018-88 §2(a)-(b), HB 998.
Report by: Department of Health and Human Services
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice.
Report due: Shall provide an interim report by October 1, 2018, and shall submit a final report to by October 1, 2019.
Scope: Shall conduct a study to (i) identify rural hospitals that desire to be designated as new teaching hospitals by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; (ii) determine the technical assistance those hospitals require in order to be designated as new teaching hospitals by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and (iii) calculate the expected cost for those hospitals to be designated as new teaching hospitals by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. In conducting this study, the Department shall engage external professionals with experience and expertise in the establishment of new teaching programs, expanding existing programs, and maximizing the effectiveness of funding for medical education, particularly in rural areas. The study shall examine at least all of the following: (1) Expansion of graduate medical education payments to outpatient costs and services. (2) Modifications to cost-finding and reimbursement formulas that incentivize rural hospitals to participate in education programs. (3) Options in physician reimbursement to incentivize participation, including a graduate medical education or geographic add-on for rural areas of the State. (4) Any other issues the Department deems appropriate.
Contact: Matt Gross, Legislative Liaison
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OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING OF MILITARY-TRAINED APPLICANTS AND THEIR SPOUSES

Authority: SL2019-201 §2, SB 230.
Report by: Program Evaluation Division, in consultation with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.
Report to: Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Report due: By February 1, 2020.
Scope: Shall study the extent to which the provisions of G.S. 93B-15.1 have improved the ability of military-trained applicants and military spouses to become licensed by occupational licensing boards in the State. All occupational licensing boards, as that term is defined in G.S. 93B-1, shall cooperate with the Program Evaluation Division in conducting this study, including providing data on its compliance with the provisions of G.S. 93B-15.1.
Contact: Kiernan McGorty, Acting Director
Program Evaluation Division
(919) 601-1404

PERFORMANCE MEASURE FOR EPPS

Authority: SL2019-149 §3.5, HB 107.
Report by: State Board of Education
Report to: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Report due: By February 15, 2020.
Scope: In consultation with the Professional Educator Preparation and Standards Commission (PEPSC), shall study the inclusion as a performance measure for EPPs the two-year retention rate for individuals who completed the EPP and became initially licensed and employed in a North Carolina public school.
Contact: Bryan McKinney, Legislative Liaison
(919) 807-3608

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY TESTING/ANALYSIS RESOURCES

Authority: SL2018-5 §13.1(g), SB 99, and SL2019-241 §7(d), SB 433.
Report by: North Carolina Policy Collaboratory
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, Environmental Review Commission, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency
Report due: No later than October 15, 2020.
Scope: Shall identify faculty expertise, technology, and instrumentation, including mass spectrometers, located within institutions of higher education in the State, including the Universities of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Wilmington, North Carolina State University, North Carolina A&T State University, Duke University, and other public and private institutions, and coordinate these faculty and resources to conduct nontargeted analysis for PFAS, including GenX, at all public water supply surface water intakes and one public water supply well selected by each municipal water system that operates groundwater wells for public drinking water supplies as identified by the Department of Environmental Quality, to establish a water quality baseline for all sampling sites. The Collaboratory, in consultation with the participating institutions of higher education, shall establish a protocol for the baseline testing required by this subsection, as well as a protocol for periodic retesting of the municipal intakes and additional public water supply wells.
Contact: Jeff Warren, Executive Director
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RESIDENTIAL PLANNING AND PERMITTING

Authority: Letter of January 29, 2019, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a).
Report by: House Select Committee on Residential Planning and Permitting
Report to: House of Representatives
Report due: May submit an interim report at any time. May submit a final report prior to the convening of the 2020 General Assembly.

Scope: To study issues in the construction industry including: 1) Impacts of over-regulation in local permitting relating to new housing subdivisions available, 2) The establishment of consistent rules and regulation throughout the state regarding the permitting process, and 3) The identification of unnecessary roadblocks and/or requirements that have little bearing on the integrity of the subdivision project.

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

SATELLITE-BASED MONITORING (LRC)

Authority: To be studied by the Legislative Research Commission Committee on Satellite-Based Monitoring pursuant to the Legislative Research Commission letter of March 4, 2020; and G.S. 120-30.17.

Report by: Legislative Research Commission

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: Not specified

Scope: Shall study the laws governing Satellite Based Monitoring in NC, including any proposed legislative changes and reforms to Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes as well as issues related to lifetime registration requirements for sex offenders.

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

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORTING

Authority: SL2019-154 §3, HB 362.

Report by: State Board of Education

Report to: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee

Report due: By February 15, 2020.

Scope: In consultation with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, shall study (i) the weighting of the school achievement score and the school growth score in calculation of the overall school performance score to best reflect performance and progress for each school and (ii) the reporting methods used to meaningfully differentiate schools on the North Carolina annual school report cards. Based on its study, the State Board shall propose recommendations on whether any changes should be made to the current weighting of school achievement scores and school growth scores and how the reporting methods for school performance scores could be improved to more accurately reflect the effectiveness of each North Carolina public school. With the goal of maintaining the current school achievement and school growth measures, the study shall examine methods of reporting data that will better depict school performance and progress. The study shall analyze the feasibility of the following: (1) Reporting school achievement and school growth separately. (2) Reporting by graph, in a manner that depicts the intersection of (i) school achievement and growth scores, (ii) local school administrative unit achievement and growth scores, and (iii) State achievement and growth scores. (3) Including the school achievement and school growth scores for the prior two school years in annual graphical reporting, in order to provide stakeholders with clear, consistent data on individual school progress.

Contact: Bryan McKinney, Legislative Liaison
(919) 807-3608

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST AND COUNSELOR POSITIONS

Authority: SL2019-222 §6.1, HB 75.

Report by: Department of Public Instruction

Report to: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, and Fiscal Research Division.

Report due: No later than April 1, 2020.

Scope: Shall study and report on school psychologist and school counselor positions. The study and report shall include a review of at least the following information: (1) The number of

school psychologist and school counselor positions in the State and in each local school administrative unit. (2) The allocation of school psychologists and school counselors in each local school administrative unit among schools within those units. (3) The methodology each local school administrative unit uses to determine the allocation of school psychologists and school counselors within the unit. (4) The density of school psychologists and school counselors in each geographic region of the State. (5) The number, percentage, and average salary of school psychologist and school counselor positions funded with State dollars and funded with non-State dollars. (6) The extent to which local school administrative units provide school psychologists and school counselors with local salary supplements and the amounts of those salary supplements. (7) Job descriptions posted for school psychologist and school counselor positions as compared to actual duties of school counselors. As part of its study, the Department shall promulgate a survey to local school administrative units no later than November 1, 2019, on any topics identified in subsection (a) of this section that can be answered by a local school administrative unit. Local school administrative units shall respond to the survey by January 31, 2020.

Contact: Chloe Gossage, Legislative Liaison
(919) 924-4781

SCHOOL SAFETY

Authority: Letter of March 20, 2019, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a).
Report by: House Select Committee on School Safety
Report to: Office of the Speaker and the Legislative Library.
Report due: May submit an interim report by May 1, 2020. Shall submit a final report by December 31, 2020.

Scope: Shall study issues related to current safety standards and procedures, mental health, and school mental health personnel in elementary and secondary schools. May also study issues related to safety and mental health for NC institutions of higher education. Shall consider sources of funding for initiatives related to school safety. May consult with public schools, local governments, community colleges, and constituent institutions of the UNC system. May seek information from experts in fields of education, law enforcement, mental health, crisis management, and others deemed appropriate.

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

SHELLFISH CULTIVATION LEASES USER CONFLICT REDUCTION

Authority: SL2019-37 §9, SB 648.
Report by: Division of Marine Fisheries, Department of Environmental Quality, and the Marine Fisheries Commission.
Report to: Not specified.
Report due: No later than January 1, 2020, and shall adopt rules and reform internal operating procedures consistent with the findings of the study no later than March 1, 2021.
Scope: Shall study how to reduce user conflict related to shellfish cultivation leases.
Contact: Joy Hicks, Legislative Liaison
(919) 707-8665

SHELLFISH LOAN PROGRAM

Authority: SL2019-37 §11, SB 648.
Report by: North Carolina Coastal Federation
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, and Fiscal Research Division.
Report due: No later than March 15, 2020.

Scope: Shall study a low-interest loan program to provide start-up and expansion capital to shellfish growers in waters of the State. As part of its study, the Federation shall investigate and recommend optimal loan terms, a recommended administrative structure for the program, and limitations on loan amounts and on uses of loaned funds necessary to maximize public economic benefits and target funding support where need is greatest. The Federation may use administrative funds provided to it under S.L. 2018-5 for the study.

Contact: Todd Miller, Executive Director
(252) 393-8185

SHELLFISH TAKING/AQUACULTURE VIOLATIONS PENALTIES

Authority: SL2019-37 §10, SB 648.
Report by: Division of Marine Fisheries, Department of Environmental Quality
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: No later than March 1, 2020.
Scope: In consultation with the North Carolina Department of Justice and the North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, shall study the penalties associated with violations of laws regarding taking shellfish and shellfish aquaculture operations. The agencies shall specifically review G.S. 113-207 (Taking shellfish from certain areas forbidden; penalty), G.S. 113-208 (Protection of private shellfish rights), G.S. 113-218 (Protection of private marine aquaculture rights), and G.S. 113-269 (Robbing or injuring hatcheries and other aquaculture operations), and may review other statutes with penalties associated with violations of laws regarding taking shellfish and shellfish aquaculture operations. In their review of the statutes, the agencies shall consider the levels of criminal penalties, fines, and restitution; the consistency and proportionality of the statutes; and whether any of the statutes or their provisions are duplicative. The agencies shall develop recommendations for amendment of the statutes that would make the penalties more consistent and proportional and less duplicative and that would serve to better protect the wild and cultured shellfish resources in the State.

Contact: Joy Hicks, Legislative Liaison
(919) 707-8665

SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT OPTIONS

Authority: SL2019-205, HB 604; and SL2020-3 §4.37, SB 704.
Report by: Joint Legislative Study Committee on Small Business Retirement Options
Report to: Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Fiscal Research Division.
Report due: Shall report its final findings and recommendations no later than December 1, 2020. The Committee shall terminate upon submission of the final report August 1, 2020, whichever occurs first.
Scope: Shall study all of the following: (1) Ways the State can reduce the regulatory and operational burden on small businesses that want to offer payroll deduction retirement savings options to employees, (2) Mechanisms the State could use to assist citizens to be more prepared to retire in a financially secure manner, including the operation of a State-administered Individual Retirement Account or multiple employer plan, (3) The feasibility and benefits of partnering with other similar programs established in other jurisdictions and (4) Optimal oversight for any proposed retirement program.

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

SPORTS BETTING/GAMING COMMISSION FEASIBILITY

Authority: SL2019-217, SB 574.
Report by: Lottery Commission
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on the State Lottery

Report due: On or before April 15, 2020.
Scope: Shall study all of the following matters related to gaming in North Carolina, including the feasibility of authorizing and regulating sports betting, on-site betting at horse steeplechases, and the creation of a commission to provide oversight of gaming in this State. As part of its study, the North Carolina State Lottery Commission shall address all of the following: (1) Examine gaming activities currently prohibited, gaming activities currently authorized by the State, and the feasibility of the General Assembly authorizing new gaming activities. (2) Examine sports betting, including the following: a. Any authorizations and restrictions on such activities in this State. b. Any effects of authorizing sports betting on existing tribal games in this State and on lottery activities, if any. c. The positive and negative impacts of authorizing sports betting in this State. d. Potential revenues and expenditures for the State, if sports betting is authorized. e. Appropriate regulation and oversight of sports betting, including potential licensing of operators. (3) Examine on-site betting at horse steeplechases, including the following: a. Any authorizations and restrictions on such activities in this State. b. The potential economic development impacts of revitalizing horse steeplechases in this State. c. Potential revenues and expenditures for the State, if on-site betting at horse steeplechases is authorized. d. Appropriate regulation and oversight of on-site betting at horse steeplechases, including potential licensing requirements. (4) Examine creating a gaming division or commission to provide administration, oversight, and enforcement of gaming regulations in this State, including a review of Senate Bill 574, Third Edition, 2019 Regular Session. (5) Examine whether any additional resources may be needed for assistance to those with gambling addictions. (6) Any other matters the Commission deems relevant. The North Carolina State Lottery Commission shall contract with an independent third party to conduct research for the study required by this act, using funds appropriated to the Commission.
Contact: Hayden Bauguess, Legislative Liaison
(919) 301-3309

STATE-MANAGED PROPERTIES

Authority: SL2019-127 §2, HB 758.
Report by: Plant Industry Division, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, and Fiscal Research Division.
Report due: No later than April 1, 2020.
Scope: Shall study and report on wildlife enhancement, invasive species control, and native habitat restoration on properties managed by the State. The Division shall include the following in its study and report: (1) The amount of funds and other resources dedicated by each State agency land manager (including the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, the Wildlife Resources Commission, the Department of Environmental Quality, and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services) to habitat management for wildlife enhancement, including, but not limited to, invasive species removal, prescribed burning, selective thinning, and native plant restoration. (2) The potential need for each State agency land manager for additional funding or positions necessary to support wildlife enhancement, including invasive species removal, prescribed burning, selective thinning, and native plant restoration. (3) Identification of existing federal funding sources for wildlife enhancement on State-managed properties and missed match opportunities with State resources.
Contact: Laura Kilian, Legislative Liaison
(919) 707-3031

STATE TEXTILE INTERPRETIVE HISTORICAL SITE/MUSEUM FEASIBILITY

Authority: SL2019-118, SB 525.
Report by: Office of Archives and History , Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

Report to: Randolph County Board of County Commissioners, the Randolph Heritage Conservancy, Inc., Harnett County Board of Commissioners, the Town of Erwin, the Erwin Textile Museum, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources.

Report due: First 2 sections by May 1, 2020 (The findings and recommendations may be reported separately or jointly.), and final evaluation and determination by October 1, 2020.

Scope: Shall evaluate the real property and textile collection held by the Randolph Heritage Conservancy, Inc., located in the Town of Franklinville, to determine the feasibility of its use in establishing a State historic site or State museum to interpret the State's textile production and industrial history. And, shall evaluate and determine the feasibility of establishing the Erwin Textile Museum, located in the Town of Erwin in Harnett County, as a State historic site or State museum to interpret the State's textile production and industrial history. And finally, shall evaluate the feasibility of operating a museum in southeastern North Carolina.

Contact: J. Deans Eatman, Legislative Liaison
(919) 814-6750

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.

STORM-RELATED RIVER DEBRIS/DAMAGE IN NORTH CAROLINA

Authority: Pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6; letter October 23, 2018; House Rule 26(a); and Senate Rule 31.

Report by: Joint Select Committee on Storm-Related River Debris/Damage in North Carolina

Report to: Office of the President Pro Tem of the Senate, the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Legislative Library.

Report due: May submit an interim or final report prior to the convening of, or during, any session of the 2020 General Assembly.

Scope: Shall study means of mitigating the damage resulting from flooding caused by extreme rainfall events. Methods of mitigation shall include, at a minimum, ways of increasing efficiency in debris removal; flooding control techniques, including the use of spillways and other engineered water redirection methods, and modifications to riverbed courses to lessen the incidences and severity of accrual of colored dissolved organic matter. The study shall focus on portions of river basins experiencing at least 10 inches of rainfall during Hurricane Florence.

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

STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND LONG TERM FUNDING SOLUTIONS

Authority: Letter of February 7, 2020, 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: House of Representatives

Report due: May submit an interim report at any time. May submit a final report prior to the convening of the 2020 General Assembly.

Scope: May study any of the following: 1) Corridor development, 2) Future of federal funding, 3) State revenues, 4) Ports Authority, 5) Dredging, 6) Multi-modal connectivity, 7) Technology advancements and 8) any other transportation issues.

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

1332 WAIVER FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYERS/OWNERS

Authority: SL2019-202 §7, SB 86.

Report by: Department of Insurance

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

Report due: No later than 90 days from the effective date of this section.

Scope: Shall conduct a study on the feasibility of submitting a 1332 waiver request to the federal Department of Health and Human Services with the goal of allowing (i) working owners and (ii) employers who have a principal place of business that does not exceed the boundaries of the State or a metropolitan area that is at least partially within the State (even if the metropolitan area includes portions of other states) to participate in a group health plan that is subject to large group market insurance requirements. This section becomes effective only when a final judicial order is issued striking down the United States Department of Labor rules at issue in *State of New York, et al., v. U.S. Department of Labor, et al., 19-5152*, which is being heard by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Contact: Robert Mays, Legislative Liaison
(919) 807-6003

UNC CAPITAL NEEDS

Authority: SL2018-5 §36.6(b), SB 99.

Report by: UNC Board of Governors Planning Task Force

Report to: Joint Legislative Capital Improvements Oversight Committee, and the Fiscal Research Division.

Report due: On or before April 1, 2019.

Scope: Shall conduct a systemwide analysis of the capital needs of the campuses of each constituent institution in relation to the Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subject area, taking into account the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and needs of each constituent institution, and any regional similarities and differences. The Task Force shall also consider the impact of any relevant programmatic planning elements being currently utilized that could be implemented as a best-practice among other similar programmatic areas to encourage systemwide efficiencies. In particular, the Task Force shall consider the capital needs relating to the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, the UNC Applied Physical Sciences and Institute for Convergent Science in Chapel Hill, and other STEM projects to determine areas where capital funds may be used more efficiently and effectively. The Task Force shall use the information gathered pursuant to this subsection to compile a UNC System Plan.

Contact: Drew Moretz
State Government Relations
(919) 962-3910

UNDERREPORTING OF SALES AND USE TAXES BY FRANCHISES

Authority: SL2019-169 §5.3, SB 523.

Report by: Revenue Laws Study Committee

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: On or before the convening of the 2019 General Assembly, 2020 Regular Session.

Scope: Directed to study issues associated with the underreporting of sales and use tax by franchisees, including whether franchisors should be required to annually report certain

information about their franchisees to the Department of Revenue, such as their legal business name, location, and gross sales for each location.

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

WASTEWATER RULES

Authority: SL2019-151 §9, HB 268.

Report by: On-Site Wastewater Task Force

Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, the Environmental Review Commission, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Commission for Public Health.

Report due: No later than February 1, 2020.

Scope: Shall conduct a study and issue a report to recommend new wastewater rules to the Commission of Public Health. In conducting this study, the Task Force may collaborate with any stakeholders it deems appropriate. The report must make recommendations for new rules to replace the rules adopted by the Commission for Public Health to prevent the implementation of rules and ordinances and enforcement against the use of on-site wastewater treatment and dispersal systems in non-sewered areas of the State. Members are selected by the various stakeholders.

Contact: See Task Force listing in Part II of this volume.

WILDERNESS GATEWAY STATE TRAIL CONNECTING ACCESS FEASIBILITY

Authority: SL2019-20 §2(b), HB 532.

Report by: Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

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

Report due: No later than December 1, 2019.

Scope: Shall study the feasibility of connecting the Town of Valdese, the City of Hickory, the Overmountain Victory State Trail, natural areas located within Burke and Catawba counties, as well as other communities and places of interest to the Wilderness Gateway State Trail. In conducting this study, the Division shall specifically consider improving access across and from Interstate 40 to the northeastern and western portions of South Mountains State Park.

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PART II : STUDY COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, and TASK FORCES

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE

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.

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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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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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CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS, COMMITTEE ON - LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION

Authority: Authorized by the Legislative Research Commission pursuant to letter of March 4, 2020; and G.S. 120-30.17.
Report by: Legislative Research Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due:
Scope: Shall study the education system of NC to determine legislative changes necessary to improve the career and college readiness of students in NC's public school system.

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CHILD WELL-BEING TRANSFORMATION COUNCIL

Authority: SL2017-41 §5.1; HB 630; and SL2018-5 §24.1, SB 99.
Report to: Chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the House Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division
Report due: By June 30 of each year.
Scope: Shal direct its focus on initiatives including but not limited to: 1) mapping the network of child-serving agencies and organizations in the State, 2) cataloging examples of failures in coordination, collaboration, and communication in the context of child welfare, 3) reviewing the work of bodies similar to the Council operating in other states to identify promising practices and focus areas for the Council's work.

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS, LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUSTICE, HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON

Authority: Letter of August 13, 2020, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, and House Rule 26(a).
Report to: House of Representatives, the House Principal Clerk, and the Legislative Library
Report due: May submit an interim report at any time. May submit a final report to on or before December 31, 2020.
Scope: Shall examine North Carolina's criminal justice systems to propose methods of improving police training and relations between law enforcement and its communities, review the implementation of the Second Chance Act and Raise the Age to highlight accomplishments thus far, and propose methods of addressing overcriminalization and disparities within the state's criminal justice system to improve public safety.

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CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING, JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON

Authority: Letter of November 4, 2019, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a), and Senate Rule 31.
Report to: Office of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Legislative Library.
Report due: Not specified.
Scope: Shall prepare and recommend to the 2019 General Assembly a congressional redistricting plan.

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**CONTINUITY OF STATE OPERATIONS WORKING GROUP (EMERGENCY SERVICES,
ELECTIONS & PUBLIC SAFETY) of the HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON COVID-19**

Authority: Letter of Month dd, 2019, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a).
Report to: House of Representatives
Report due: May submit an interim report at any time. May submit a final report prior to the convening of the 2021 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall study continuity of state operations as related to the COVID-19 pandemic. FOR MORE INFORMATION REFER TO: House Select Committee on COVID-19. Pursuant to Section 2 of the Letter of 03-19-2020, members are requested to not travel to meetings, and instead participate remotely in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

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COURTS COMMISSION

Authority: G.S. 7A-506
Scope: Studies structure, organization, jurisdiction, procedures and personnel of Judicial Department; recommends changes to facilitate administration of justice

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COVID-19, HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON

Authority: Letter of March 19, 2020, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a).
Report to: House of Representatives
Report due: May submit an interim report at any time. May submit a final report prior to the convening of the 2021 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall facilitate bipartisan and productive conversations between members to prepare for any necessary legislative sessions to respond to the current crisis.
The following constituent working groups have been appointed:
- Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety)
- Economic Support
- Education
- Health Care
Please see individual record of each working group for additional information.
Pursuant to Section 2 of the Letter of 03-19-2020, members are requested to not travel to meetings, and instead participate remotely in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

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**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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ECONOMIC SUPPORT WORKING GROUP of the HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON COVID-19

Authority: Letter of March 19, 2020, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a)
Report to: House of Representatives
Report due: May submit an interim report at any time. May submit a final report prior to the convening of the 2021 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall study economic support as related to the COVID-19 pandemic. FOR MORE INFORMATION REFER TO: House Select Committee on COVID-19. Pursuant to Section 2 of the Letter of 03-19-2020, members are requested to not travel to meetings, and instead participate remotely in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

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EDUCATION FINANCE REFORM, JOINT LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON

Authority: SL2017-57 §7.23D(a)-(f), SB 257; and SL2018-5 §7.10, SB99.
Report to: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Report due: On or before October 1, 2019.
Scope: In consultation with the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction, the Task Force shall study various weighted student formula funding models and develop a new funding model for the elementary and secondary public schools of North Carolina based on a weighted student formula.

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EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE

Authority: G.S. 120-70.80
Reports to: General Assembly
Scope: Examine on continuing basis the NC educational institutions in order to make recommendations to the GA on ways to improve public education from kindergarten through higher education. Study the needs of children and youth. Study may include, but is not limited to: developing strategies for addressing the issues of school dropout, teen suicide, and adolescent pregnancy, and identifying and evaluating the impact on children and youth of other economic and environmental issues.

Additional Studies Referred/Assigned:

School psychologist and counselor positions

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EDUCATION WORKING GROUP of the HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON COVID-19

Authority: Letter of March 19, 2020, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a)
Report to: House of Representatives
Report due: May submit an interim report at any time. May submit a final report prior to the convening of the 2021 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall study education as related to the COVID-19 pandemic. FOR MORE INFORMATION REFER TO: House Select Committee on COVID-19. Pursuant to Section 2 of the Letter of 03-19-2020, members are requested to not travel to meetings, and instead participate remotely in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

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**EFFICIENCY AND COST-SAVINGS IN STATE GOVERNMENT, JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY
COMMISSION ON**

Authority: SL2017-142 §78, SB 78.
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Shall make an interim report to the 2018 Regular Session of the 2017 General Assembly, and shall make a final report to the 2019 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall use a zero-based budgeting review process to study whether there are obsolete programs, cost-reduction opportunities, or any cases where existing funds can be redirected to meet new and changing demands for public services in the Department of the Secretary of State ("the Department"). The Commission may require the Department to submit written information in a form specified by the Commission by a specified time.

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ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE

Authority: G.S. 120-70.140
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Not specified.
Scope: Shall examine, on a continuing basis, election administration and campaign finance regulation in North Carolina, in order to make ongoing recommendations to the General Assembly on ways to improve elections administration and campaign finance regulation.

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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.

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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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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.

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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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FAIR TREATMENT OF COLLEGE STUDENT-ATHLETES, LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON THE

Authority: SL2018-97 §12.1, SB 335.
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Shall submit a report by March 1, 2019.
Scope: To examine the needs and concerns of college students participating in athletics on behalf of the constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina and to propose appropriate legislation where needed to implement the objectives of this Commission.

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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.

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GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION

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.

Additional Studies Referred/Assigned:

Agency, board, local government defined crimes

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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 a county where land is located appoints a person to serve as a member.
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GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON

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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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON

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:

Crisis pregnancy pilot program

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HEALTH CARE WORKING GROUP of the HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON COVID-19

Authority: Letter of March 19, 2020, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a)
Report to: House of Representatives
Report due: May submit an interim report at any time. May submit a final report prior to the convening of the 2021 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall study health care as related to the COVID-19 pandemic. FOR MORE INFORMATION REFER TO: House Select Committee on COVID-19. Pursuant to Section 2 of the Letter of 03-19-2020, members are requested to not travel to meetings, and instead participate remotely in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON

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.

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JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON

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.

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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:

Career and college readiness
Satellite-based monitoring

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LEGISLATIVE SERVICES COMMISSION

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.

Note: The President Pro Tempore serves as chair in odd-numbered years and the Speaker serves as chair in even-numbered years.

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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.

Additional Studies Referred/Assigned:

Sports betting/gaming commission feasibility

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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.

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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.

Staff to Committee

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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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ON-SITEWASTEWATER TASK FORCE

Authority: SL2019-151 §9, HB 268.
Report to: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, the Environmental Review Commission, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Commission for Public Health.
Report due: No later than February 1, 2020.
Scope: Shall conduct a study and issue a report to recommend new wastewater rules to the Commission of Public Health. In conducting this study, the Task Force may collaborate with any stakeholders it deems appropriate. The report must make recommendations for new rules to replace the rules adopted by the Commission for Public Health to prevent the implementation of rules and ordinances and enforcement against the use of on-site wastewater treatment and dispersal systems in non-sewered areas of the State. Members are selected by the various stakeholders.

Staff to Committee

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[UNAVAILABLE AT PUBLICATION]

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: G.S. 120-36.15, as modified by SL2018-101, HB 646.

Scope: To establish and adopt a biennial work plan for the Division that describes the evaluations to be performed by the Division and the measurability assessments to be administered by the Division pursuant to Chapter 143E of the General Statutes. The Committee must shall consult with the Director in performing this duty. To receive status updates on the activities of the Division. To review evaluation reports submitted by the Division and measurability assessments administered by the Division. To determine if any legislation or other action of the General Assembly is needed to implement the Division's recommendations. To consult as necessary with an oversight committee or another committee established in this Chapter about an evaluation report concerning a program or an activity of a State agency, or a program or an activity of a non-State entity, that is within that committee's scope of study. To recommend to the General Assembly any changes needed to implement a recommendation that is included in an evaluation report of the Division or any changes needed to implement a recommendation of the Committee..

Studies Referred/Assigned to Program Evaluation Division:

- ABC Commission administrative penalty process
- Alternative organization and management for divisions of adult corrections and juvenile justice
- Disaster recovery acts implementation
- DPS coordination with nonprofits in disaster recovery
- NC Fast child welfare component case-management functionality
- Occupational licensing of military-trained applicants and their spouses

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RESIDENTIAL PLANNING AND PERMITTING, HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON

Authority: Letter of January 29, 2019, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a).
Report to: House of Representatives
Report due: May submit an interim report at any time. May submit a final report prior to the convening of the 2020 General Assembly.
Scope: To study issues in the construction industry including: 1) Impacts of over-regulation in local permitting relating to new housing subdivisions available, 2) The establishment of consistent rules and regulation throughout the state regarding the permitting process, and 3) The identification of unnecessary roadblocks and/or requirements that have little bearing on the integrity of the subdivision project.

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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:

Underreporting of sales and use taxes by franchises

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RULES REVIEW COMMISSION

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

Authority: Authorized by the Legislative Research Commission pursuant to the LRC letter of March 4, 2020; and G.S. 120-30.17.
Report by: Legislative Research Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due:
Scope: Shall study the laws governing Satellite Based Monitoring in NC, including any proposed legislative changes and reforms to Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes as well as issues related to lifetime registration requirements for sex offenders.

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SCHOOL SAFETY, HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE

Authority: Letter of March 20, 2019, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a).
Report to: Office of the Speaker and the Legislative Library.
Report due: May submit an interim report by May 1, 2020. Shall submit a final report by December 31, 2020.
Scope: Shall study issues related to current safety standards and procedures, mental health, and school mental health personnel in elementary and secondary schools. May also study issues related to safety and mental health for NC institutions of higher education. Shall consider sources of funding for initiatives related to school safety. May consult with public schools, local governments, community colleges, and constituent institutions of the UNC system. May seek information from experts in fields of education, law enforcement, mental health, crisis management, and others deemed appropriate.

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SENIOR TAR HEEL LEGISLATURE

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.
Contact: DHHS, Division of Aging
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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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SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT OPTIONS, JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON

Authority: SL2019-205, HB 604; and SL2020-3 §4.37, SB 704.
Report to: Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Fiscal Research Division.
Report due: Shall report its final findings and recommendations no later than December 1, 2020. The Committee shall terminate upon submission of the final report August 1, 2020, whichever occurs first.
Scope: Shall study all of the following: (1) Ways the State can reduce the regulatory and operational burden on small businesses that want to offer payroll deduction retirement savings options to employees, (2) Mechanisms the State could use to assist citizens to be more prepared to retire in a financially secure manner, including the operation of a State-administered Individual Retirement Account or multiple employer plan, (3) The feasibility and benefits of partnering with other similar programs established in other jurisdictions and (4) Optimal oversight for any proposed retirement program.

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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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STORM-RELATED RIVER DEBRIS/DAMAGE IN NORTH CAROLINA, JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON

Authority: Pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6; letter October 23, 2018; House Rule 26(a); and Senate Rule 31.
Report to: Office of the President Pro Tem of the Senate, the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Legislative Library.
Report due: May submit an interim or final report prior to the convening of, or during, any session of the 2020 General Assembly.
Scope: Shall study means of mitigating the damage resulting from flooding caused by extreme rainfall events. Methods of mitigation shall include, at a minimum, ways of increasing efficiency in debris removal; flooding control techniques, including the use of spillways and other engineered water redirection methods, and modifications to riverbed courses to lessen the incidences and severity of accrual of colored dissolved organic matter. The study shall focus on portions of river basins experiencing at least 10 inches of rainfall during Hurricane Florence.

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

Authority: Letter of February 7, 2020, 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: House of Representatives
Report due: May submit an interim report at any time. May submit a final report prior to the convening of the 2020 General Assembly.
Scope: May study any of the following: 1) Corridor development, 2) Future of federal funding, 3) State revenues, 4) Ports Authority, 5) Dredging, 6) Multi-modal connectivity, 7) Technology advancements and 8) any other transportation issues.

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TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE

Authority: G.S. 120-70.50
Reports to: General Assembly
Scope: Review reports by Department of Transportation and other state agencies as required by law; monitor funds related to transportation including Highway Trust Fund, and study railroad issues.

Additional Studies Referred/Assigned:

Digital license plates

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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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