

House and Senate Bills Filed Week of February 27 – March 03

*The week's additions to the cumulative list are **highlighted**

** Don't forget to use the direct links to view the most current status of bills as they move through Committees or change via Proposed Committee Substitutes or floor amendments! After May 4, I will pare down this tracker and eliminate bills that did not move forward.

HOUSE BILLS

Child and Family Welfare

HB43: Prohibition of Certain Hormone/Surgeries/Minors.

- AN ACT TO PROTECT MINORS FROM ADMINISTRATION OF PUBERTY BLOCKERS AND CROSS-SEX HORMONES AND OTHER RELATED ACTIONS, PROCEDURES, AND TREATMENTS.
- “. . .it shall be unlawful for any health care provider, as defined in G.S. 90-21.11, that receives State funds to furnish, provide, or perform any health care service that constitutes the performance of or preparation for a gender transition procedure to a minor [<18 years of age].”
- *As I'm sure many of you have seen, coverage for these services among both commercial plans and Medicaid has been in the news in recent years and again lately: [U.S. court split over N.C. health plan exclusion for transgender workers | Reuters](#).*

HB83 Funds for AWAKE in Swain County

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER IN SWAIN COUNTY TO ASSIST ABUSED CHILDREN.

HB92 Superseding Orders/Domestic Violence.-AB

Amends Chapter 50B-7 of the NC General Statutes with the following proposed changes: “Any subsequent court order entered ~~supersedes similar provisions~~ related to child custody, child and spousal support, and possession of property issued under Chapter 50 or Chapter 110 of the General Statutes supersedes similar provisions in protective orders issued pursuant to this Chapter.”

HB104 GFC Unif. Unreg. Child Cust. Trfr. Act/Art. 3.

AN ACT TO ENACT ARTICLE THREE OF THE UNIFORM UNREGULATED CHILD CUSTODY TRANSFER ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.

HB 125 (White) **SAFE SURRENDER INFANTS [11 pages]**

- AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE SAFE SURRENDER OF INFANTS UNDER THE ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY LAWS AND TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES.
- Would become effective 10/1/2023
- Expands persons to whom infants may be surrendered and authorizes criminal and civil liability immunity for those persons
- Outlines parental rights
- Outlines public notice (publication) requirements to both surrendering and non-surrendering parents before DSS may terminate parental rights

HB 142 (Torbett) **PROTECT OUR STUDENTS ACT.-AB**

AN ACT TO MODIFY PENALTIES AND DEFINITIONS FOR CERTAIN SEX OFFENSES AGAINST STUDENTS, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO REPORT CERTAIN MISCONDUCT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS TO SHOW STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE A VIDEO PRODUCED BY THE CENTER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS CONTAINING AGE-APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

HB 145 (Stevens) **SOCIAL SERVICES REFORM**

- Would mandate education and training for new County Board of DSS members
- Focuses on resolution of conflicts of interest @ county level with regional DSS and DHHS oversight

HB185 **Clarifying Sex Ed. Time Frame**

AN ACT TO CLARIFY REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND SAFETY EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS.

HB186 **Div. of Juvenile Justice Mods.-A**

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS FOR JUVENILE PETITIONS, TO CREATE ALTERNATIVES TO JUVENILE DETENTION, TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS FOR JUVENILES, TO MODIFY THE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC CONCERNING JUVENILES, TO CLARIFY MINORITY SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, TO CLARIFY JUVENILE DETENTION TRANSFER, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE.

HB187 **Equality in Education**

Neither the short title nor the long title lend insight into the purpose of this bill. It is anti-[Critical Race Theory](#).

HB206 **Increase Dropout Age/Completion Indicator**

AN ACT TO RAISE THE COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AGE TO EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD AND TO ESTABLISH A COMPLETION RATE INDICATOR FOR SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADES

HB253 Prevent Students from Harm Act

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE CHARACTER EDUCATION IN ADDRESSING BULLYING AND HARASSING BEHAVIOR, TO AUTHORIZE EXPERIENCED NONPROFITS TO PROVIDE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEX TRAFFICKING TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATORS, AND TO PROVIDE AGE-APPROPRIATE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES ON PREVENTION OF SUICIDE, ABUSE, AND NEGLECT AS PART OF THE HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM.

MH-SUD

HB35 Expand Definition of Opioid Antagonist: AN ACT EXPANDING THE STATE'S DEFINITION OF OPIOID ANTAGONIST TO INCLUDE ALL OPIOID ANTAGONISTS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF A DRUG OVERDOSE; AND TO ALLOW THE USE OF ALL SUCH FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG-APPROVED OPIOID ANTAGONISTS IN NEEDLE AND HYPODERMIC SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.

HB153 / SB102 Use Tribal ID for Alcohol & Tobacco Purchase

Authorizes only federally recognized Tribal IDs to be presented for alcohol or tobacco purchases.

HB224 Protect NC Opioid Settlement Payments. (Sasser)

AN ACT PROTECTING NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS FOR NORTH CAROLINA AND ITS UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY PROHIBITING THE ASSERTION OF ANY RELEASED CLAIMS AGAINST ANY RELEASED ENTITIES PURSUANT TO THE FINAL CONSENT JUDGMENTS RESOLVING THIS LITIGATION

HB246 Revise Pharmacy Benefits Manager Provisions.

AN ACT TO LIMIT THE USE OF SPREAD PRICING, FEES, AND REBATES BY PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS, TO ESTABLISH UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION, TO CLARIFY A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN BENEFICIARY'S RIGHT TO A PHARMACY OF CHOICE, TO CLARIFY THE APPLICATION OF THE PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER COPAYMENT ACCUMULATOR PROVISION, AND TO STRENGTHEN THE PROTECTIONS PROVIDED TO PHARMACIES DURING AUDITS

HB258 Novel Opioid Control Act of 2023

AN ACT TO UPDATE THE STATE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT

I/DD

HB11/SB62 Schools for the Deaf and Blind (A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, AND THE GOVERNOR MOREHEAD SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND ARE GOVERNED BY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE BOARDS AND ADMISSION PROCESS FOR SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND)

HB107/SB48 Repeal Certificate of Need Laws

Would *add* to the Utilization Review definitions in the Insurance Chapter 58: "Health care facility" means a hospital; long-term care hospital; psychiatric facility; rehabilitation facility; nursing home facility; adult care home; kidney disease treatment center, including freestanding hemodialysis units; intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities; home health agency office; chemical dependency treatment facility; diagnostic center; hospice office, hospice inpatient facility, or hospice residential care facility; or ambulatory surgical facility."

HB 138 (Morey) FAILURE TO YIELD TO BLIND PEDESTRIANS/PENALTY

- "At any street, road or highway crossing or intersection, where the movement of traffic is not regulated by a traffic officer or by traffic-control signals, any blind or partially blind pedestrian shall be entitled to the right-of-way at such crossing or intersection, if such blind or partially blind pedestrian shall extend before him at arm's length a cane white in color or white tipped with red, or if such person is accompanied by a guide dog."
- "Any person who fails to yield the right-of-way to a blind or partially blind pedestrian as required by this section is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor."

HB150 (Bradford) School Contracted Health Services

AN ACT TO ALLOW CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES WHO RECEIVED SERVICES PRIOR TO ENROLLING IN A LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THOSE SERVICES FROM THE SAME PROVIDER WHILE AT SCHOOL

HB172 Sam's Law

AN ACT TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO STUDENTS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL ON RECOGNIZING AND RESPONDING WHEN A PERSON IS EXPERIENCING A SEIZURE.

HB188 Standards of Student Conduct

- "Governing bodies shall use best practices to develop and enforce discipline policies that do not discriminate against students on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, or disability."
- "Governing body policies shall include the measures that will be taken to support a student during a suspension, including measures to mitigate learning loss."

HB202 Workforce Development Act of 2023

- AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO ESTABLISH THE HIGH SCHOOL TO WORK PILOT GRANT PROGRAM.
- Public school units receiving grants pursuant to the Program shall use the funds to facilitate summer apprenticeships, internships, job shadowing experiences, and other opportunities for high school students to procure employment in needed trade fields and careers around the State.

Miscellaneous

HB13 Reevaluate County Tier System (would affect government funding at County level across all agencies, programs; I'm aware that the tiers are a problem in counties with disparate segments of income vs. poverty & growth vs. decline.

HB61 Abolish Employment At-Will (Logan)

AN ACT ABOLISHING AT-WILL EMPLOYMENT AND RECOGNIZING A COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING IN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS.

HB75 PA Team-Based Practice (Lambeth)

AN ACT TO ADJUST THE SUPERVISION ARRANGEMENT OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LICENSURE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

HB76 Access to Healthcare Options (Lambeth; White; Wray; Humphrey)

[Medicaid Expansion]

HB77 Drivers' License Designation/Autism (Penny)

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO DEVELOP A DESIGNATION FOR DRIVERS LICENSES THAT MAY BE GRANTED UPON REQUEST TO A PERSON WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

- DMV would develop a *voluntary* drivers license designation in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety, the State Highway Patrol, and DMH/DD/SAS
- The bill outlines acceptable verification documentation that an individual with autism could present to DMV officials
- The purpose of the designation: "Information collected under this subsection shall only be available to law enforcement and only for the purpose of ensuring mutually safe interactions between law enforcement and persons with autism spectrum disorder. It shall not be accessed or used for any other purpose."

HB108 Local Communicable Disease Programs/Funds.

Appropriates \$25M in recurring funds (each year of the budget biennium) to the Division of Public Health, DHHS:

- To continue to address the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 public health emergency and other communicable disease challenges.
- To better prepare the State for emerging and re-emerging public health threats.
- To retain and hire additional communicable disease staff, including public health nurses and other public health professionals, who are vital not only to maintaining North Carolina's communicable disease response but also to ensuring that the essential public health services described in G.S. 130A-1.1 are available and accessible to the population served by the local health department.

HB 127 (Setzer) DOI OMNIBUS BILL.-AB [14 pages]

- Makes numerous technical changes to several parts of Chapter 58 in the General Statutes (Insurance)
- Makes substantive changes to the administration of workers' compensation large deductible policies and insured collateral in liquidation proceedings
- Would lower required insurance coverage of colorectal screening age from 50 to 45 years for general population and <45 years for at risk population

HB 134 (Goodwin) SHP CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR CHANGES.-AB

- AN ACT ALLOWING THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES TO ACCESS AND UTILIZE ITS OWN CLAIMS PAYMENT DATA WHILE CONTINUING TO PROTECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE INFORMATION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE TREASURER.
- Would give the SHP access to claims data "on a member level" (new expansive language)
- Would exempt the accessed claims data from public records requests
- Would require the claims processor to provide to the State Health Plan "Claim Payment Data that reflects rates negotiated with or agreed to by a Non-Contracted Third Party. . ."
- Would *repeal* the language, "The Plan shall not make any use or disclosure of Claim Payment Data that would compromise the proprietary nature of the data or, as applicable, its status as a trade secret, or otherwise misappropriate the data."

HB161 Protecting Properly Insured Individuals

Has implications for both privately insured individuals and individuals insured with Medicare or Medicaid.

HB190 Department of Health and Human Services Revisions.-AB – 17 pages and contains amendments of interest

AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL, CONFORMING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

HB197 Broadband Changes/DIT.-AB

- Amends application and protest requirements and processes for the Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology (GREAT) program.
- Requires grant applicants to list areas in the State in which they are being providing broadband service.

HB162 Living Donor Protection Act

AN ACT TO PROTECT LIVING DONORS FROM POTENTIAL INSURANCE DISCRIMINATION, TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR UNREIMBURSED MEDICAL EXPENSES RESULTING FROM CERTAIN ORGAN AND MARROW DONATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE UP TO THIRTY DAYS' PAID LEAVE TO STATE EMPLOYEES AND OTHER STATE-SUPPORTED PERSONNEL WHO SERVE AS LIVING ORGAN DONORS AND UP TO SEVEN DAYS' PAID LEAVE FOR BONE MARROW DONORS.

HB170 / SB145 Continuing Care Retirement Communities Act – 57 pages

AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

"§ 58-64A-2. Legislative intent.

The General Assembly recognizes that continuing care retirement community residents often expend a significant portion of their savings when contracting with a provider for continuing care and devastating consequences can result if a provider becomes insolvent or unable to provide continuing care. It is the intent of the General Assembly to promote the dignity and protect the health, safety, and welfare of older citizens of North Carolina by (i) encouraging the development of continuing care retirement communities and (ii) requiring providers offering or providing continuing care in this State to obtain a license and to be monitored and regulated by the North Carolina Department of Insurance under this Article. This Article applies to both for-profit and nonprofit providers.

HB218 The SAVE Act. (White) – Scope of Practice bill – third consecutive year filed – was rolled into House Medicaid Expansion bill in 2022

- AN ACT TO DELIVER SAFE, ACCESSIBLE, VALUE-DIRECTED, AND EXCELLENT (SAVE) HEALTH CARE THROUGHOUT NORTH CAROLINA BY MODERNIZING NURSING REGULATIONS.
- Specific to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) licensed as a Certified Nurse Practitioner, Certified Nurse Midwife, Clinical Nurse Specialist, or Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.
- Filed on 2/28 and referred to House Health; *not* on calendar for 3/7 House Health.

HB222 No CV19 Vaccine Mandates for NC Students.

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES, AND STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS FROM REQUIRING NORTH CAROLINA STUDENTS TO BE IMMUNIZED AGAINST CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19).

HB259 2023 Appropriations Act (Lambeth) – *placeholder bill; not expecting substance until April*

HB263 2023 Appropriations Act (Arp) - *placeholder bill; not expecting substance until April*

SENATE BILLS

Child and Family Welfare

SB 49 PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS. (Galey, Lee, Barnes) *As of 2/7, passed in Senate and sent to House*

- AN ACT TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR MINOR CHILDREN.
- NCGA Bill Summary and summary of current law: [S49-SMBC-1\(e1\)-v-3 \(ncleg.gov\)](#)
- Last session they did not ratify this bill because Gov. Cooper made it clear that he would veto it. With a different distribution of Rs and Ds downtown this session, they have apparently decided to put the bill back on the table.

SB51/HB39: Kayla's Act/Protecting Dom. Violence Victims

- Would amend the Hearsay exceptions in the Rules of Evidence when a party wrongfully causes the unavailability of a declarant as a witness;
- Would authorize remote testimony by domestic violence victims;
- Would mandate audio and visual recording of all district court trials and proceedings; and more.

SB74/HB58 PARENTS' AND STUDENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS (Batch, Garrett, Hunt)

- Only 2 pages long and excludes certain aspects of SB49, such as moral, religious, and gender identity and sexuality instruction.
- Includes parental rights to healthcare decisions for their minor children *unless otherwise provided by law*, which SB49 also includes.
- Includes "timely notification of information related to his or her child's health, well-being, and education."
- Requires student access to MH and SUD school-based services and referral to community-based services.
- Requires ". . . a feeling of comfort and safety at school. . . including physical and mental protections for students and staff."

SB90 Searches of a Student's Person (Lazzara, Galey, Sawyer)

- AN ACT TO STANDARDIZE THE PROCEDURES FOR SEARCHING STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS
- School administrators with a "reasonable suspicion" [defined] that the student has violated or is violating a school rule or policy adopted under law may authorize a search.
- School policies are to be "consistent with" federal and State Constitutions and laws.
- Searches must be "minimally intrusive" and may not include cavity searches or require a student to disrobe.
- Searches must be completed in private by two adults (one witness) of the same gender as the student, with gender identified in official school records unless parents have provided written notice of a different designation.

SB180 Edgemcombe County School Nurses.

AN ACT TO FUND A SCHOOL NURSE FOR EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL IN EDGECOMBE COUNTY

SB181 Pitt County School Nurses.

AN ACT TO FUND A SCHOOL NURSE FOR EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL IN PITT COUNTY.

MH-SUD

SB3 NC Compassionate Care Act (Rabon) *As of 3/2, passed in Senate and sent to House*

- Medical marijuana
- NCGA bill summary: [S3-SMBA-5\(e2\)-v-4 \(ncleg.gov\)](#)

SB 45 CADIC SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS. (Krawiec, Burgin, Corbin)

- This bill would gradually reduce supervision requirements based on years of practice post-Board certification for **Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors**.
- This bill would *eliminate* post-Board certification supervision of **Certified Criminal Justice Addictions Professionals**.
- This bill would maintain current continuing education requirements for both categories of certified professionals.

SB69 Educate Patients about Opioid Antagonists (Moffitt, Hanig)

AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND PHARMACISTS TO EDUCATE PATIENTS WITH PRESCRIPTIONS FOR OPIOID PAIN MEDICATIONS AND MEDICATIONS TO TREAT OPIOID USE DISORDER ABOUT THE POTENTIAL DANGERS OF OPIOIDS, OVERDOSE PREVENTION, AND THE AVAILABILITY AND USE OF OPIOID ANTAGONISTS TO PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATH

- Requires pharmacists to “provide information” but does not specify whether the information must be in writing, must be delivered verbally, etc.
- Does not specify what the “information” is beyond FDA labeling requirements.
- Does not include any additional reimbursement mechanism for pharmacists who dispenses and distributes an opioid antagonist to individuals with or without a prescription for them.

SB102 Use Tribal ID for Alcohol & Tobacco Purchase

Authorizes only federally recognized Tribal IDs to be presented for alcohol or tobacco purchases.

SB108 (Corbin) Use Tribal ID for Alcohol & Tobacco Purchase

Authorizes *both* State and federally recognized Tribal IDs to be presented for alcohol or tobacco purchases.

SB 115 (Krawiec) **REPURPOSE R.J. BLACKLEY CTR AS PSYCH HOSPITAL**

AN ACT CREATING A CERTIFICATE OF NEED EXEMPTION FOR THE CONVERSION OF A FORMER STATE-OPERATED FACILITY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS; AND REMOVING THE R.J. BLACKLEY ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT CENTER FROM THE FACILITY CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS OF G.S. 122C-181.

SB 116 (Corbin, Adcock, and Burgin) **2023 YOUTH END ACT**

- Eff. 7/1/2023, establishes a Tobacco Youth Prevention Fund to be administered by DHHS (DPH Chronic Disease and Injury Section, specifically).
 - DHHS authorized to retain 10% of funding for administration.
 - DHHS required to submit an annual legislative report.
- Fund purpose: “prevent the use of new and emerging tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes, especially among youth and people of childbearing age.”
- Funding to be appropriated from the Settlement Reserve Fund, with any remaining balance carrying over to the next SFY. Funds may be used for:
 - To fund local health departments through a regional infrastructure to provide community-based education and training of youth leaders, schools, and local agencies regarding Centers for Disease Control and Prevention evidence-based tobacco use prevention and cessation interventions, including interventions addressing e-cigarettes.
 - For evidence-based media and education campaigns on the health risks of tobacco use, including e-cigarettes.
 - To increase military readiness of members in active military service in North Carolina, including members of the North Carolina National Guard and military reserve components, through tobacco use prevention and cessation policy, systems, and environmental change.
 - For grants to community colleges to support a healthy, tobacco-free campus.
 - To track tobacco use and exposure, including exposure to e-cigarettes and emerging tobacco products, among young people and populations most at risk for tobacco use.
 - To provide technical assistance and oversight of regional tobacco use prevention programs.
 - To conduct an independent evaluation of the reach and effectiveness of the State's tobacco use prevention programs.

SB156 **Medicaid Children & Families Specialty Plan – *Calendared for 3/7 Senate Rules***

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SPECIALTY PLAN AS AN ADDITIONAL MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PLAN AND MAKING OTHER CHANGES TO RELATED STATUTES GOVERNING MEDICAID MANAGED CARE.

SB172 **ABC Stores/Allow Sale of Gift Cards.**

Would allow the purchase of ABC Store gift cards for use at the site of purchase *unless* ABC Stores in different local jurisdictions voluntarily enter in to reciprocity agreements for the use of gift cards in different stores.

SB189 **Fentanyl Drug Offenses/Increase Punishment.**

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FINE IMPOSED ON PERSONS CONVICTED OF TRAFFICKING IN HEROIN, FENTANYL, OR CARFENTANIL; TO MODIFY THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION TO INCLUDE THE UNLAWFUL DELIVERY AND INGESTION OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THAT PROXIMATELY CAUSES THE DEATH OF A PERSON AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENTS FOR A PERSON WHO COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION; TO ADD POSSESSION OF LESS THAN ONE GRAM OF FENTANYL TO THE LIST OF OFFENSES FOR WHICH LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION APPLIES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; AND TO CREATE THE TASK FORCE ON ENFORCEMENT OF FENTANYL AND HEROIN DRUG VIOLATIONS.

SB192 Removing Barriers to Work.

AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR EXPUNCTION OF THE OFFENSES OF BREAKING OR ENTERING OF A BUILDING WITH INTENT TO COMMIT A FELONY OR LARCENY AND POSSESSION OF COCAINE WITH INTENT TO SELL OR DELIVER OR SELL AND DELIVER, TO PROHIBIT EXPUNCTION OF A FELONY OFFENSE UNDER CHAPTER 90 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES INVOLVING FENTANYL, AND TO AMEND THE CONDITIONS THAT RESULT IN A PETITION FOR EXPUNCTION BEING DENIED

I/DD

SB 48 REPEAL CERTIFICATE OF NEED LAWS. (Krawiec, Burgin, Corbin)

SB171 Department of Public Safety Agency Bill.-AB

- Would amend the Silver Alert statutes to broaden the scope to “Missing and Endangered” individuals who could include, “. . . a missing person or missing child who is believed to be suffering from dementia, Alzheimer's disease, or a cognitive impairment that, in light of the person's or child's missing status, requires the person or child to be protected from potential abuse or other physical harm, neglect, or exploitation.”
- Would require notice to be given to law enforcement no more than 72 hours after a person had gone missing.

Miscellaneous

SB12 Codify Roe and Casey Protections V.1

- “fetal viability” used throughout but not defined;
- appropriates \$25K for provider education

SB16 Preserving Competition in Health Care Act (Burgin)

Amends Ch. 131E to “regulate the consolidation and conveyance of hospitals” via AG oversight.

SB19/HB19 Codify Roe and Casey Protections V.2

- “fetal viability” used throughout but not defined;
- appropriates \$500K for public education re: birth control & pregnancy prevention

SB 46 MEDICAL BILLING TRANSPARENCY. (Krawiec, Burgin, Corbin)

AN ACT TO PREVENT NORTH CAROLINIANS FROM BECOMING VICTIMS OF SURPRISE BILLING BY OUT-OF-NETWORK HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS THAT HAVE RENDERED HEALTHCARE SERVICES AT HEALTH SERVICE FACILITIES THAT ARE IN-NETWORK WITH AN INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN.

SB 47 PA TEAM-BASED PRACTICE. (Krawiec, Burgin, Corbin)

- AN ACT TO ADJUST THE SUPERVISION ARRANGEMENT OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LICENSURE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.
- [a "Scope of Practice" bill, not to be confused with the 2022 session SAVE Act, which would expand the scope of practice for APRNs]

SB 121/H98 (Moffit) MEDICAL FREEDOM ACT

AN ACT PROHIBITING STATE AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST PERSONS BASED ON THEIR REFUSAL TO PROVIDE PROOF OF A COVID-19 VACCINATION OR TO SUBMIT TO A COVID-19 VACCINATION AND PROHIBITING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES, STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM REQUIRING ANY PERSON TO PROVIDE PROOF OF OR TO SUBMIT TO A COVID-19 VACCINATION.

SB 124 (Johnson, T.) INSURANCE REBATE REFORM

NOTE: These proposed amendments would apply to NC Medicaid Prepaid Health Plans. I researched the referenced statutes and then their referenced statutory definitions to verify.

Would amend Chapter 58 (Insurance) of the General Statutes to add new language that authorizes the following "trade practices":

"§ 58-63-16. Permitted trade practices.

(a) Notwithstanding G.S. 58-33-85 and G.S. 58-63-15, an insurer, insurance producer, or limited representative may offer or provide products or services:

(1) Not exceeding an aggregate retail value of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per person per year, in connection with the marketing, purchase, or retention of an insurance contract.

(2) Without fee or at a reduced fee if the products or services are related to the servicing of an insurance contract or offered or undertaken to provide risk control for the benefit of an insured.

(3) Without fee or at a reduced fee, regardless of whether the products or services are related to an insurance contract, if (i) the receipt of the products or services is not contingent upon the purchase of insurance, (ii) the services are offered on the same terms to all potential insurance customers, and (iii) the requirements of this subdivision are conspicuously disclosed to the recipient in writing."

SB147 Update Reqs./Advance Health Care Directives.

- AN ACT UPDATING REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE POWERS OF ATTORNEY AND ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES; AND AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO RECEIVE ELECTRONIC FILINGS OF ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES.
- Would require *either* two witness or a Notary instead of both as the current law requires.
- Would require the Secretary of State to scan and store electronic copies of all hard copy documents received and return hard copies to individuals.
- Would require the Secretary of State to provide wallet cards for individuals who file documents with the government agency.

SB175 / SB218 companion bill The SAVE Act

Scope of practice bill for APRNs – see more details under SB218 on this tracker.