



Legislative Updates - NCGA Session 2023  
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**General Weekly Session News**

- **Medicaid Expansion Bill signed.** A bipartisan bill was signed at the Executive Mansion. It will not be implemented until the state budget is passed and made law. It is expected the budget will include spending, tax, and policy issues they will likely oppose.
- **Veto Override of S41, Guarantee 2nd Amendment Freedom and Protection.** This is the first successful veto override since 2018. The Senate has a veto proof majority, and the House is one short. A veto override vote requires a three-fifths majority vote of the members present. With three House Democrats absent that day, the House Republicans had the necessary three-fifths majority to override the veto with a voted of 71-46 on a straight party-line vote. The Speaker of the House and the Rules Chairman did not allow debate before the vote was taken. The bill, which takes effect immediately, removes the requirement to obtain a pistol purchase permit from the sheriff's office prior to the purchase or receipt of a pistol. Criminal background checks are still required prior to purchase of a pistol from a federally licensed dealer. It also creates a statewide firearm safe storage awareness initiative to educate the public about safe firearm storage, facilitate the distribution of gun locks, and provide local communities with a toolkit to launch local firearm safe storage initiatives. House Budget – (Report and H259 Bill)
- **The House Budget** was released on Wednesday and approved by the House Appropriations Committee on Thursday. The Proposed Committee Substitute from the House Appropriations Committee was not yet posted on the website when this was written. Member-based projects (earmarks) are not included in the budget. These projects will be negotiated in the final budget compromise. We recommend that if you have these specific project requests, that you keep talking to your local delegation to push for them.

*Some of the key issues included in the budget:*

- Funding for two additional mega-site projects
- \$1B for water and sewer projects
- Criminal justice funding for additional Assistant District Attorneys
- Individual income tax rate reduction to 4.5 percent in 2024 (a year earlier than planned) and corporate franchise tax rate reduction



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- Increased Powell Bill funding but retained the reduced amount for cities above 400,000 population (Charlotte and Raleigh).
- The bill will likely be heard in the House Finance, Pensions, and Rules Committees next Tuesday and voted on the floor Wednesday and Thursday. Sports Wagering H347
- The bill received final approval from the House on Wednesday with a vote of 64-45 – a dramatic change from its failed vote in the House last year. It will now head to the Senate for consideration.
- The bill would allow for 10 to 12 licenses/locations to be issued by the Lottery Commission. It would also allow for in-person sports books at professional sports facilities that hold over 17,000 people and is the home location of a professional sports team (e.g., PNC Arena, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Spectrum Center and Bank of America Stadium). Temporary locations would be allowed for the duration of a professional golf tournament at facilities with more than 50,000 spectators.
- It also creates a Major Events, Games, and Attractions Fund that will be administered by the Department of Commerce to allow for recruitment of large events such as DNC/RNC Conventions, All Star Games, Major Concerts, etc. We expect changes will be made in the Senate to add more venues and events are eligible for these funds.



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**Bills of Interest**

Chamber	Bill Number	Bill Name	Sponsor(s)	Most Recent Action
House	H474	<a href="#">Facilitate Small Housing.</a>	Renee Price (D) Mark Brody ® Allison Dahle (D)	3/27/23 Passed 1st Reading Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House	H332	<a href="#">Streamline Comm./Multi-family Building Plan Review</a>	Jeff Zenger (R) Steve Tyson (R) Larry Potts (R) Johnson Shelly Willingham (D)	3/23/23 Reptd Fav Re-ref Com On Finance
House	H409	<a href="#">Regulation of Accessory Dwelling Units</a>	Matt Winslow (R) Vernetta Alston (D) Steve Tyson (R) Gloristine Brown (D)	3/20/23 Ref to the Com on Local Government - Land Use, Planning and Development, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Senate	S374	<a href="#">Regulation of Accessory Dwelling Units.</a>	Tim Moffitt (R) Julie Mayfield (D)	3/28/23 Passed 1st Reading Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate	S317	<a href="#">Addressing the Workforce Housing Crisis</a>	Paul Newton (R) Tim Moffitt (R) Paul Lowe (D)	3/16/23 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
House	H294	<a href="#">NC Housing Choice Incentive</a>	Vernetta Alston (D) Gloristine Brown (D) Jon Hardister (R)	3/21/23 Serial Referral To Rules, Calendar, and Operations of



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Senate	S365	<a href="#">Development Regulations/Multi jurisdiction.</a>	Steve Jarvis (R) Tim Moffitt (R) Johnson	3/27/23 Passed 1st Reading Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
House	H252	<a href="#">Multijurisdictional Property</a>	Matt Winslow (R) Mark Brody (R) Steve Tyson (R) Jeff Zenger (R)	4/3/23 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
House	H458	<a href="#">Eminent Domain.</a>	Dennis Riddell (R) Destin Hall (R) Dean Arp (R) Steve Tyson (R)	3/27/23 Passed 1st Reading Ref to the Com on Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House	H347	<a href="#">Sports Wagering.</a>	Jason Saine (R) John Bell (R) Zack Forde-Hawkins (D) Ashton Wheeler Clemmons (D)	3/30/23 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
House	H40	<a href="#">Prevent Rioting and Civil Disorder.</a>	Tim Moore (R) John Sauls (R) Charlie Miller (R) Shelly Willingham (D)	3/21/2023 House Became Law W/o Signature  3/21/2023 Ch. SL 2023-6



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Senate	S290	<a href="#">Short Term Rentals.</a>	Vickie Sawyer (R)	3/13/23  Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate	S251	<a href="#">Civilian Traffic Investigators.</a>	Michael Lazzara (R) Paul Newton (R) Tim Moffitt (R)	3/9/23  Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
House	H284	<a href="#">Law Enforcement/Destroy Certain Firearms.</a>	Marcia Morey (D) Julie Von Haefen (D) Carolyn Logan (D)	3/7/23  Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House	H273	<a href="#">Local Government Budget Hearings.</a>	Matt Winslow (R) Jennifer Balkcom (R)	3/7/23  Ref to the Com on Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House	H266	<a href="#">Local Governments/System Development Fees.</a>	Amber Baker (D)	3/6/23  Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Senate	S188	<a href="#">Local Governing Bds/Compensation Equity Act.</a>	Tim Moffitt (R) Bobby Hanig (R)	3/2/23  Withdrawn From Com  3/2/2023  Senate Re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
House	H34	<a href="#">Protect Those Who Serve and</a>	Kelly Hastings (R) Jason Saine (R)	2/27/23



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		<a href="#">Protect Act.</a>	Carson Smith (R) Reece Pyrtle (R)	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate	S111	<a href="#">Repeat Ordinance Violators/Taxi Ordinances.</a>	Michael Lazzara (R) Benton Sawrey (R) Tom McInnis (R)	2/16/2023  Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
House	H205	<a href="#">Transparent Governance &amp; Integrity Act.-AB</a>	Penny Winslow Balkcom	3/29/23  Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House	H488	<a href="#">Code Council Reorg. and Var. Code Amend.</a>	Mark Brody (R) Destin Hall (R) Tricia Cotham (D) Dennis Riddell (R)	3/30/23 Re-ref Com On Finance
Senate	S378	Code Council Reorg. and Var. Code Amend.	Steve Jarvis (R) Tim Moffitt (R) Jim Perry (R)	3/28/23 Passed 1st Reading Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
House	H537	<a href="#">Workforce Housing Act.</a>	Jeff Zenger (R) Brian Biggs (R) Jarrod Lowery (R) Ken Fontenot (R)	4/3/23  Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

**City of Greensboro Legislative Agenda Updates**

Chamber	Bill Number	Bill Name	Sponsor(s)	Most Recent Action
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House	H468	<a href="#">Camera Enforcement of Greensboro School Zones.</a>	Ashton Wheeler Clemmons (D) Jon Hardister (R) John Faircloth (R) Amos Quick (D)	3/27/23 Passed 1st Reading Ref to the Com on Transportation, if favorable, Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Senate	S178	<a href="#">Greensboro/School Zone Elec. Enforc.</a>	Gladys Robinson (D)  Michael Garrett (D)	3/1/23  Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate	S219	<a href="#">Camera Enforcement for Speeding in School.</a>	Gladys Robinson (D)	3/8/23  Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
House	H470*	<a href="#">Greensboro/Winston-Salem Civil Service Board.</a>	Jeff Zenger (R) Jon Hardister (R) Kyle Hall (R)	3/27/23 Passed 1st Reading Ref to the Com on Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House	H451*	<a href="#">Noncontiguous Expansion of MSDs.</a>	Jon Hardister (R) Ashton Wheeler Clemmons (D)	3/23/23 Ref to the Com on Local Government, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Senate	S223	<a href="#">Funds/BinghamPark Remediation.</a>	Gladys Robinson (D)	3/9/23  Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate	S214	<a href="#">Inspections/Immedia</a>	Gladys Robinson (D)	3/8/23



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		<a href="#">te Threat to Occupants.</a>	Michael Garrett (D)	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
House	TBD	Inspections/Immediate Threat to Occupants.	Ashton Wheeler Clemmons (D)	3/23/23 Filed
Senate	S213	<a href="#">Greensboro/Civilian Traffic Investigators.</a>	Gladys Robinson (D) Michael Garrett (D)	3/8/23 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
House	TBD	Cities/Chronic Violators of Ordinances	Ashton Wheeler Clemmons (D)	3/23/23 Filed
Senate	S450	<a href="#">Seized Weapons Security Act.</a>	Michael Garrett (D) Gladys Robinson (D) Jay Chaudhuri (D)	4/3/23 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate	SB 424	<a href="#">Restore the American Dream</a>	Sydney Batch (D) Michael Garrett (D) Jay Chaudhuri (D)	3/30 Passed 1st Reading Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

\*Not on the Legislative Agenda 2023, but directly impacts the City of Greensboro.



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**Important Dates/Meetings**

**HOUSE**

**2023 Request and Filing Deadlines**

<b>Drafts</b>	<b>Requested By 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Filed in House By 3:00 PM</b>
Bills recommended by Study commissions	Wednesday, February 1	Thursday, February 16
Bills recommended by State Agencies	Wednesday, February 8	Thursday, February 23
Local Bills	Wednesday, March 1	Thursday, March 23
Public Bills & Resolutions ( <b>Not</b> Approps or Finance)	Wednesday, March 22	Tuesday, April 18
Public Bills (Approps and Finance)	Wednesday, March 29	Tuesday, April 25

**SENATE**

<b>Drafts</b>	<b>Requested by 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Filed in Senate by 4:00 p.m.</b>
Local Bills	Thursday, February 23	Thursday, March 9
Public Bills & Resolutions	Thursday, March 9	Tuesday, April 4

**CROSSOVER DEADLINE: Thursday, May 4, 2023**