



North Carolina Spirits Association

Legislative Report
September 29, 2023

Since the legislature will not hold voting sessions next week, we will not publish a legislative report next week. The next legislative report will be published on October 13, 2023.

The General Assembly has been focused on redistricting this week. Legislators held meetings in various places across the state to solicit public input on the topic. The issue of redistricting has received plenty of attention from the general public and the media in the last few years as it determines how the electoral districts across the state are composed.

Aside from this important election topic, many other issues remain on the table for the General Assembly when they return to Raleigh the week of October 9. There are conference reports on topics such as charter schools, HOA reforms, criminal law changes, and Department of Labor changes, that are eligible to be considered when the legislature holds voting sessions the week of October 9. The legislature could also take veto override votes that week.

Because legislators are focused on redistricting issues, there are no scheduled committee meetings next week at the General Assembly. Legislators are expected to return to Raleigh the week of October 9.

STATE BUDGET BILL

Provisions of interest in the state budget bill include:

- \$275,000 to the ABC Commission, nonrecurring for fiscal year 2023-2024 for a repair to the existing warehouse
- \$4.7 million to the ABC Commission, nonrecurring for fiscal year 2023-2024 for advanced planning for a new ABC campus/warehouse
- The funding requested by the Chair of the ABC Commission for a new warehouse was not included in the state budget bill

BILL STATUS

Senate Bill 527, ABC Omnibus Bill. The bill was not considered last week, and has not been enacted into law. The bill sponsor hopes to have the bill considered during either the week of October 9 or October 22.

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