



NC Spirits Association

Legislative Report
July 20, 2025

The General Assembly has been on break since the end of June, having wrapped up most of their policy work for the 2025 long session. Lawmakers left town without finalizing two key items: a full state budget and an adjournment resolution to formally close the session and outline what types of bills can be considered until the 2026 short session begins.

Since then, Governor Stein has vetoed 14 bills passed during the session, setting up a potential round of override votes when lawmakers return.

While there has been no movement on the budget since adjournment, we anticipate the House and Senate will reconcile their competing “must do” mini-budget proposals later this fall—possibly in September.

In the meantime, the House is expected to return on July 29 to address veto overrides. The Senate has not yet announced a return date, but could also reconvene that week depending on member availability.

BILLS OF INTEREST SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

Senate Bill 429, 2025 Public Safety Act, was signed into law by the Governor on 7/9/25. **SL 2025-70**

Senate Bill 664, JMAC/ABC/Other Revisions, was signed into law by the Governor on 7/7/25. **SL 2025-65**

Senate Bill 710, DPS Agency Changes.-AB, was signed into law by the Governor on 7/2/25. **SL 2025-51**

BILLS OF INTEREST IN CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

House Bill 125, Continuing Budget Operations, had a Conference Committee appointed.

House:

Rep. Donny Lambeth (Chair)

Rep. Dean Arp

Rep. Kyle Hall

Rep. Larry C. Strickland

Rep. Hugh Blackwell

Rep. William D. Brisson

Rep. Erin Paré

Senate:
Sen. Brent Jackson (Chair)
Sen. Ralph Hise
Sen. Michael V. Lee

Senate Bill 595, Various Revenue Laws Changes, had a Conference Committee appointed.

House:
Rep. Julia C. Howard (Chair)
Rep. Mitchell S. Setzer
Rep. Neal Jackson

Senate:
Sen. Tom McInnis (Chair)
Sen. David W. Craven, Jr.
Sen. Bill Rabon

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