



North Carolina Spirits Association

Legislative Report
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This week marked the first full week of the 2023 legislative session. Some members are still getting settled in their new offices, new members are learning their way around the legislative complex, and legislative research staff are getting their committee assignments finalized.

A few committees did meet this week to begin considering bills and confirmations. In particular, the Senate Judiciary Committee met to hear testimony from and vote on the confirmation of Todd Ishee to become the Secretary of the Department of Adult Correction (DAC). The Senate Education and Health Care Committees considered the “Parents’ Bill of Rights” this week. Senate Bill 49, Parents’ Bill of Rights, would establish a Parents' Bill of Rights enumerating certain rights of parents related to the education, health, privacy, and safety of their child; would require public school units to provide parents with information related to parental involvement in schools, legal rights for their child's education, and guides for student achievement; would require public school units to provide notifications on student physical and mental health, require age-appropriate instruction on certain topics in kindergarten – 4th grade, and create remedies for parents to address concerns over implementation of these requirements; and would require health care practitioners to obtain written consent from the parent of a minor child before providing treatment. Senate Bill 49 is similar to a House bill from the 2021-22 legislative session that received opposition from Governor Cooper, resulting in a threat of a veto of the legislation.

The House and Senate adjourned on Thursday and will reconvene on Monday, February 6, 2023.

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