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The latest goal for a new state budget becoming law is mid-October. The House and Senate chambers are working out their final budget agreement, and they will send that to Governor Cooper before it comes to the floor for a vote. That's a major change from previous budgets. The hope is that if the legislature can address some of the Governor's concerns, the Governor will not veto the budget bill. Speaker of the House Tim Moore told reporters on Wednesday that the House and Senate hope to send their compromise budget to Governor Cooper next week. That budget will be confidential, Moore said, "to give the governor an opportunity to say whether he will sign it as is, or if there are changes that he would like to see before he would sign it, and then to have those negotiations."

Governor Cooper recently vetoed House Bill 805, a bill that would have made the punishment for charges relating to protesting more stringent. First introduced in the House on May 3 by Speaker Tim Moore. House Bill 805 was ratified by the House and Senate on September 1. Since the bill was introduced in the House, a vote to override the veto would first have to occur in the House. Speaker Moore has not said if/when the veto override vote will be scheduled.

The House and Senate adjourned on Thursday and will reconvene on Monday September 20.

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