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This week the pace quickens within the House and Senate policy committees while the Appropriations committees received presentations on Governor Cooper's proposed budget recommendations.

Regulatory Reform ([HB131](#))

A bill entitled Regulatory Reform Act of 2016, which seeks to adopt all of the regulatory provisions agreed upon by the House and Senate last year, has passed the Senate Natural and Environmental Resources Committee and the Senate Rules Committee. The bill will be heard on the Senate floor Tuesday, March 14th.

Subpoenas Issued

Senate committees have continued the process of confirming Governor Cooper's Cabinet members despite the matter being the subject of a pending lawsuit. The Senate confirmed Larry Hall to be Secretary of Military and Veterans Affairs this week. Similar to a process followed with Secretary Hall, Senate committees issued subpoenas to three other acting secretaries to appear before them-- Transportation Secretary Jim Trogdon, Natural and Cultural Resources Secretary Susi Hamilton, and Environmental Quality Secretary Michael Regan.

Judicial Appointments ([HB239](#), [HB240](#), [HB241](#))

The House approved three bills this week that will effectively limit the Governor's ability to appoint judges. The trio of bills, all filed by Representative Justin Burr (R-Albemarle), would reduce the size of the State Court of Appeals from 15 to 12 (HB239) and would grant the General Assembly the authority to appoint District Court vacancies (HB240) and special superior court judges vacancies.

Bills Filed

House Bills

[H254](#) Surplus Computers for Low-Income Students.

<u>H255</u>	Cornelius Annexation.
<u>H256</u>	Modify Various Appointments.
<u>H257</u>	Stanly County Municipalities/Contracts.
<u>H258</u>	Amend Med. Mal. Health Care Provider Defin.
<u>H259</u>	Got Natural Milk.
<u>H260</u>	Attorney General/North Shore Rd. Payment.
<u>H261</u>	Displaced Residential Land Tax Deferral.
<u>H262</u>	Kannapolis Deannexation.
<u>H263</u>	UCC: Accord & Satisfaction Modification.
<u>H264</u>	Disqualify Certain Property From PUV.
<u>H265</u>	Partisan Elections/Certain School Boards.
<u>H266</u>	Terminate Agreement for Tolling of I-77.
<u>H267</u>	Utilities/Amend REPS Requirements.
<u>H268</u>	City of Belmont Charter Revisions.
<u>H269</u>	School Calendar Flex./Person County.
<u>H270</u>	The Haley Hayes Newborn Screening Bill.
<u>H271</u>	Repeal Plastic Bag Ban.
<u>H272</u>	Fox and Coyote Trapping/Yadkin County.
<u>H273</u>	Charter Schools in State Health Plan.
<u>H274</u>	Increase Penalties for Debt Adjusting.
<u>H275</u>	No Stormwater Fees on Taxiways or Runways.
<u>H276</u>	Strengthen Youth Tobacco Use Prevention/Funds.
<u>H277</u>	Expand Rx Drug Abuse Advisory Committee.
<u>H278</u>	Occ.Lic./Amend Fee Sched. Barber Examiners Bd.
<u>H279</u>	Fantasy Sports Regulation.
<u>H280</u>	Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act.
<u>H281</u>	Sch. Cal. Modification/Hoke County Schools.
<u>H282</u>	Yadkin Occupancy Tax Modification.
<u>H283</u>	Telehealth Fairness Act.
<u>H284</u>	25-Year LEO Retirement Option.
<u>H285</u>	Suicide Prevention/Awareness School Personnel.
<u>H286</u>	School Calendar Flex./Cumberland County.
<u>H287</u>	Red Light Cameras/Hope Mills & Spring Lake.

H288	Town of Raynham/Extend Mayor's Term of Office.
H289	Living Wage By 2022.
H290	Abolish Columbus County Coroner.
H291	School Calendar Flex./Certain School Systems.
H292	Disapprove Cape Fear Rules.
H293	Onslow Bd. Ed. Partisan/Swain Clarify Elect.
H294	Unclaimed Property Notice Requirements.-AB
H295	Health Care Sharing Expenses Deduction.
H296	School Calendar Flexibility/Moore County.
H297	Amend Habitual DWI.
H298	0.00 Alcohol Restriction - All DWI.
H299	State Health Plan Administrative Changes.-AB
H300	Partially Disabled Veteran/Free Plate.
H301	School Calendar Flex./Certain School Systems.
H302	DoDEA/Clinical Educators for Student Teaching.
H303	Voter Freedom Act.
H304	DOT/Maintain Driveways Used by School Buses.
H305	School Boards Can't Sue Counties.
H306	E-Verify Required - All Government Contracts.
H307	Board Cert. Behavior Analyst/Autism Coverage.
H308	No Insurance While Driving/Tow Vehicle.
H309	Responsible Deer Management Act.
H310	Wireless Communications Infrastructure Siting.
H311	State Auditor/Various Amendments.-AB
H312	Clarify Rules Review Commission Review.
H313	School Calendar Flex./Durham Public Schools.
H314	School Calendar Flex./Orange County.
H315	Kelsey Smith Act.
H316	Catawba Valley CC/Manufacturing Center.
H317	Surcharge Transparency.
H318	School Calendar Flex./Yadkin County.
H319	Study Solar Facility Decommissioning Rqmts.
H320	Study Electronics Recycling.
H321	Study Solid Waste Disposal Tax.

[H322](#) School Performance Grades.

Senate Bills

[S179](#) Recognize Chowanoke Tribe.

[S180](#) 3rd Senatorial District Local Act-1.

[S181](#) Amend W-S Charter/Certain Candidates.

[S182](#) Prohibit Use of Light Bars on Motor Vehicles.

[S183](#) 6th Senatorial District Local Act-1.

[S184](#) Evidence Passed Vehicle Is a School Bus.

[S185](#) Abolish Columbus County Coroner.

[S186](#) Increase Sampson County Occupancy Tax.

[S187](#) 21st Senatorial District Local Act-1.

[S188](#) No Powell Bill Funds/Sanctuary Cities.

[S189](#) Tolling of Misd. Statute of Limitations.

[S190](#) The Haley Hayes Newborn Screening Bill.

[S191](#) 28th Senatorial District Local Act-1.

[S192](#) Consolidate State Offices/Digital Docs Req'd.

[S193](#) 37th Senatorial District Local Act-1.

[S194](#) School Calendar Flex./Caldwell County.

[S195](#) School Calendar Flex./Watauga County.

[S196](#) Veterinary Practice Omnibus.

[S197](#) Adopt Bobcat as State Cat.

[S198](#) Study Efficacy of Film Credit Versus Grant.

[S199](#) Law Enforcement Officer Retirement/25 Years.

[S200](#) 7th Senatorial District Local Act-1.

[S201](#) School Calendar Flexibility/Certain Systems.

[S202](#) 23rd Senatorial District Local Act-1.

[S203](#) Establish Ownership of Mineral Rights.

[S204](#) Allow Concealed Carry on UNC & CC Campuses.

[S205](#) Resolution to Allow SAV Oyster Leasing.

[S206](#) Municipal Elections in Even-Numbered Years.

[S207](#) 34th Senatorial District Local Act-1.

[S208](#) Counties/Internet Infrastructure.

<u>S209</u>	Nonpartisan Redistricting Commission.
<u>S210</u>	Living Wage By 2022.
<u>S211</u>	Charter Schools/Higher Ed.
<u>S212</u>	ABC Elections.
<u>S213</u>	Military State Income Tax Relief.
<u>S214</u>	49th Senatorial District Local Act-1.
<u>S215</u>	Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Calendar Pilot.
<u>S216</u>	Local Firefighter Relief Fund Reporting.
<u>S217</u>	Richmond/Right-of-Way Safety.
<u>S218</u>	State Health Plan Administrative Changes.-AB
<u>S219</u>	2nd Senatorial District Local Act-1.
<u>S220</u>	Motor Fuel Tax Refund for Joint Agency.
<u>S221</u>	School Calendar Flexibility/Guilford County.
<u>S222</u>	Search & Rescue Name/Funds.
<u>S223</u>	Habitual Felons/Clarify Previous Convictions.
<u>S224</u>	Include B/E With Intent to Terrorize in HB/E .
<u>S225</u>	Abolish Cleveland County Coroner.
<u>S226</u>	School Calendar Flex./Certain School Systems.
<u>S227</u>	School Cal. Flex./Certain Systems.
<u>S228</u>	Voter Freedom Act.
<u>S229</u>	Protection for Former Government Officer.
<u>S230</u>	Exempt Vacation Linen Rentals From Sales Tax.
<u>S231</u>	Dental Services/Medicaid Transformation.
<u>S232</u>	Septic Tank Tax Fairness Act.
<u>S233</u>	Permit Align School/Comm. College Calendar.
<u>S234</u>	SBA Pay/Needs-Based Pub. Sch. Capital Fund.
<u>S235</u>	Appropriations Act of 2017.
<u>S236</u>	Efficient and Affordable Energy Rates.
<u>S237</u>	School Calendar Flex./Caswell County.
<u>S238</u>	Caswell County Meals Tax.
<u>S239</u>	Youth Development Pilot Program.

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