

# ALERTS

## North Carolina Legislative Report - February 20, 2015

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The General Assembly convened for the 2015 legislative session on January 14. Lawmakers returned to Raleigh on January 28 to begin the session in earnest. The MVA Public Affairs Legislative Report on North Carolina will be distributed on a weekly basis to keep you up to date on the latest legislative issues facing the state.

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### *On The Floor*

This week, the Senate passed S 15, Unemployment Insurance Law Changes.

### *Committees*

#### **Senate Workforce and Economic Development Committee**

The Committee met on Wednesday, February 18. The Legislative Program Evaluation Division gave a status update on the implementation of reform efforts to the workforce development system. The system is comprised of 17 programs administered by various state agencies. These include programs such as employment services, technical and vocational education. Members also received a presentation on the structure, organization and operation of independent occupational licensing agencies. The Committee will meet again on Wednesday, February 25 at 1:00 p.m.

#### **House Appropriations Committee**

The Committee met on Wednesday, February 18 and approved S 14, Acad. Standards/Rules Review/Coal Ash/Funds. The bill makes funds available to cover litigation expenses of the Rules Review Commission, makes funds available to fund the operations of the Academic Standards Review Commission, and clarifies the appropriation of funds from the Coal Combustion Residuals Management Fund. Four amendments were adopted by the Committee making technical corrections, loosening some restrictions on non-coal-ash impoundments, allowing joint appointments to the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina board and other State boards and commissions, and releasing funding for the Health Information Exchange.

### *In The News*

Charlotte Observer: [American Airlines: Fuel tax break a top priority](#)

Raleigh News & Observer: [NC iCenter wins Harvard nod](#)

Charlotte Observer: [VP Joe Biden and DOT chief Anthony Foxx push transportation proposal](#)

Triangle Business Journal: [Film execs: We need to increase the film grant in North Carolina](#)

Raleigh News & Observer / Charlotte Observer: [Criminal charges in spills to cost Duke Energy \\$100 million](#)

Raleigh News & Observer: [NC House committee OKs funding bill](#)

WRAL: [Coleman, Forest to run again for lieutenant governor](#)

Raleigh News & Observer: [Sen. Tamara Barringer of Cary considering run for statewide office in NC](#)

### *Calendar*

#### **Mon, February 23, 2015**

1:00 PM

Session Convenes (House)

House

3:00 PM

Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee -- CORRECTED

423 LOB

4:00 PM

Session Convenes (Senate)

Senate

#### **Tue, February 24, 2015**

8:30 AM

**NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE REPORT - FEBRUARY 20, 2015**

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Appropriations, Transportation (Joint)

1228/1327 LB

8:30 AM

Appropriations, Justice and Public Safety (Joint)

415 LOB

8:30 AM

Appropriations, Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources (Joint)

421 LOB

8:30 AM

Appropriations, Education (Joint)

423 LOB

8:30 AM

Appropriations, General Government (Joint)

425 LOB

8:30 AM

Finance (House)

544 LOB

8:30 AM

Appropriations, Health and Human Services (Joint)

643 LOB

10:00 AM

Education - K-12 (House)

Planning Year for CIHSs. (H18)

Education Innovation Task Force. (H35)

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643 LOB

11:00 AM

Commerce (Senate)

1027/1128 LB

12:00 PM

Transportation (House)

Military Veterans Special Plate. (H5)

Autocycle Definition and Regulation. (H6)

Passing Slow Moving Vehicles. (H60)

643 LOB

1:00 PM

Judiciary II (House)

0.00 Alcohol Restriction-All DWI. (H31)

Amend Habitual DWI. (H32)

Judicial Efficiency/Effect. Admin. of Justice. (H38)

Clarify Report Admissibility. (H59)

421 LOB

1:00 PM

Finance (Senate)

Revenue Laws Technical Changes. (S19)

544 LOB

1:00 PM

Agriculture (House)

643 LOB

1:00 PM

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Rep. Glazier - Press Conference

Press Room LB

Wed, February 25, 2015

8:30 AM

Appropriations, Transportation (Joint)

1228/1327 LB

8:30 AM

Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety (Joint)

415 LOB

8:30 AM

Appropriations, Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources (Joint)

421 LOB

8:30 AM

Appropriations, Education (Joint)

423 LOB

8:30 AM

Joint Appropriations on General Government and Information Technology

425 LOB

8:30 AM

Appropriations, Health and Human Services (Joint)

643 LOB

10:00 AM

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Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources (Senate)

544 LOB

10:00 AM

Health (House)

Correction Enterprises/Medicaid Sales. (H10)

Amend School Health Assessment Requirement. (H13)

643 LOB

11:00 AM

Aging -- CORRECTED (House)

423 LOB

11:00 AM

Education/Higher Education (Senate)

Waive Tuition/Fallen Officer Was Guardian. (S37)

544 LOB

12:00 PM

Workforce and Economic Development (Senate)

544 LOB

Thu, February 26, 2015

8:30 AM

Joint Appropriations on Department of Transportation

1228/1327 LB

8:30 AM

Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety (Joint)

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415 LOB

8:30 AM

Appropriations, Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources (Joint)

421 LOB

8:30 AM

Appropriations, Education (Joint)

423 LOB

8:30 AM

Joint Appropriations on General Government and Information Technology

425 LOB

8:30 AM

Appropriations, Health and Human Services (Joint)

643 LOB

10:00 AM

Environment (House)

544 LOB

11:00 AM

Education - Community Colleges (House)

Year-Round Funds for CC UGETC. (H15)

Youth Career Connect. (H47)

544 LOB

Wed, March 04, 2015

11:30 AM

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Rep. Szoka-Press Conference (Time Change)

Press Room LB

Mon, March 09, 2015

10:00 AM

North Carolina Courts Commission

643 LOB