

# ALERTS

## North Carolina Legislative Report - February 27, 2015

February 27, 2015

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.

Follow us on Twitter [@MVA\\_PA](#)

Check out the [MVA Public Affairs Blog](#)

### *On The Floor*

This week, the Senate passed S 109, Joint Session/State of the Judiciary, and S 2, Magistrates Recusal for Civil Ceremonies.

The House passed H 65, Wilkes Fox Trapping.

### *Committees*

#### **Joint Appropriations Committee Meetings**

The House and Senate continued with joint appropriations committee meetings as they work towards putting together a budget for this year. On Tuesday, individual subcommittees met to look at specific budget areas such as Transportation, Health and Human Services, Education, Public Safety, General Government and Information Technology. These Committees took this time to review the current budget and identify key priorities for the upcoming year. Members will continue their work when they return next week.

#### **Senate Commerce Committee**

The Committee met on Tuesday, February 24, to hear from Commerce Secretary John Skvarla on the need for incentive programs in job recruitment and his plans to turn the N.C. Zoo into a major tourist attraction. Skvarla highlighted the incentive programs used by other states that have attracted large manufacturing operations and the ancillary impact on the local economy. He urged members of the Committee to support a bill introduced in the House that would increase the amount of money in the State's incentive programs.

**NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE REPORT - FEBRUARY 27, 2015**

---

The plan for revitalizing the Zoo and turning it into a major destination includes a convention center, hotel and cable cars to move people through the park. Skvarla is working with other members of the Administration on the plan. The Commerce Committee will meet again on Tuesday, March 3 at 11:00.

**House Finance Committee**

The Committee met on Tuesday, February 24. There were no bills on the Committee's calendar. Instead, the Committee heard presentations from legislative staff with respect to General Fund revenue sources and the State's economic development incentives.

**Senate Finance Committee**

The Senate Finance Committee met on Tuesday, February 24 and Wednesday, February 25. On Tuesday, the Committee approved a proposed committee substitute for S 19, Revenue Laws Technical Changes. The bill was a recommendation of the Revenue Laws Study Committee and, as the title suggests, contains technical corrections related to State and local tax laws. The bill passed second reading in the Senate on February 25 and is on the calendar for final approval on Monday, March 2. On Wednesday, there were no bills on the Committee's calendar. Instead, the Committee heard presentations from legislative staff with respect to the State's economic development incentives.

***In The News***

WRAL: [FCC OKs Wilson to sell high-speed Internet outside city limits](#)

Raleigh News & Observer: [NC Secretary of State seeks fee hikes to help regulate crowdfunding](#)

Raleigh News & Observer: [NC senators look to modify McCrory's jobs incentive plan](#)

Raleigh News & Observer: [NC Senate votes to force utilities to give tax cut to customers](#)

Raleigh News & Observer: [Governors expect Atlantic coast seismic testing for oil and gas in about 18 months](#)

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

Associated Press: [McCrory expansion delay smart to some, poor excuse to others](#)

Associated Press: [State gas tax, population growth help NC road funding](#)

***Calendar*****Mon, March 02, 2015**

7:00 PM

**NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE REPORT - FEBRUARY 27, 2015**

---

Session Convenes (House)

House

7:00 PM

Session Convenes (Senate)

Senate

**Tue, March 03, 2015**

8:30 AM

Appropriations on Department of Transportation (Joint)

1228/1327

8:30 AM

Appropriations, Transportation (Joint)

1228/1327 LB

8:30 AM

Appropriations, Justice and Public Safety (Joint)

415 LOB

8:30 AM

Joint Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety

415 LOB

8:30 AM

Appropriations on Education/Higher Education (Joint)

423 LOB

8:30 AM

**NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE REPORT - FEBRUARY 27, 2015**

---

Appropriations, Education (Joint)

423 LOB

8:30 AM

Appropriations, General Government (Joint)

425 LOB

8:30 AM

Joint Appropriations on General Government and Information Technology

425 LOB

8:30 AM

Appropriations, Health and Human Services (House)

643 LOB

8:30 AM

Joint Appropriations on Health and Human Services

643 LOB

10:00 AM

Joint Pensions & Retirement and Aging

544 LOB

10:00 AM

Pensions and Retirement (Joint)

544 LOB

10:00 AM

Education - K-12 (House)

Planning Year for CIHSs. (H18)

Education Innovation Task Force. (H35)

**NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE REPORT - FEBRUARY 27, 2015**

---

643 LOB

11:00 AM

Education - Community Colleges (House)

Year-Round Funds for CC UGETC. (H15)

Youth Career Connect. (H47)

643 LOB

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)

544 LOB

**Wed, March 04, 2015**

8:30 AM

Appropriations on Department of Transportation (Joint)

1228/1327

**NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE REPORT - FEBRUARY 27, 2015**

---

8:30 AM

Appropriations, Transportation (Joint)

1228/1327 LB

8:30 AM

Appropriations on Natural and Economic Resources (Joint)

421 LOB

8:30 AM

Appropriations, Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources (Joint)

421 LOB

8:30 AM

Appropriations on Education/Higher Education (Joint)

423 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 -- CORRECTED (House)

643 LOB

8:30 AM

Joint Appropriations on Health and Human Services

**NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE REPORT - FEBRUARY 27, 2015**

---

643 LOB

10:00 AM

Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources (Senate)

544 LOB

11:00 AM

Alcoholic Beverage Control -- CORRECTED (House)

423 LOB

11:30 AM

Rep. Szoka-Press Conference (Time Change)

Press Room LB

12:30 PM

Judiciary I (House)

Charter School Financial Accountability. (H96)

415 LOB

**Thu, March 05, 2015**

8:30 AM

Appropriations on Department of Transportation (Joint)

1228/1327

8:30 AM

Appropriations on Natural and Economic Resources (Joint)

421 LOB

8:30 AM

**NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE REPORT - FEBRUARY 27, 2015**

---

Appropriations, Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources (Joint)

421 LOB

8:30 AM

Joint Appropriations on General Government and Information Technology

425 LOB

8:30 AM

Appropriations, Health and Human Services (House)

643 LOB

8:30 AM

Joint Appropriations on Health and Human Services

643 LOB

10:00 AM

Environment (House)

544 LOB

**Mon, March 09, 2015**

10:00 AM

North Carolina Courts Commission

643 LOB

**Mon, March 16, 2015**

3:00 PM

Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee

544 LOB