

ALERTS

North Carolina Legislative Report - November 1, 2013

October 19 - November 1, 2013

The General Assembly has officially completed its business for the 2013 long session. The 2014 short session will begin on Wednesday, May 14, 2014. The MVA Public Affairs Legislative Report on North Carolina will be distributed bi-weekly to keep you up to date on the latest legislative issues facing the state during the interim.

Committee Meetings

Legislative Research Commission

The Legislative Research Commission had a very brief meeting on Tuesday, October 29. During the meeting, the Commission approved its rules for the 2013-14 Session and announced the study committees that it has authorized for the 2013-14 General Assembly. The LRC authorized eight joint committees and 12 House-only committees. The authorized committees, and the issues they will study, are as follows:

- Joint committees: Market Based Solution and Elimination of Anti-Competitive Practices in Health Care; Health Care Provider Practice Sustainability and Training/Additional Transparency in Health Care; Jordan Lake; Assessment of Regulated and Non-Regulated Industry Utility Fees; Common Core State Standards; Cultural and Natural Resources; Civilian Credit for Military Training and State Adjutant General Selection Criteria; and Omnibus Foster Care and Dependency.
- House-only committees: Property Owner Protection and Rights; Public Enterprise Systems and Use of Funds; Banking Law Amendments; Mechanics Liens and Leasehold Improvements; Land Development; Chowanoke Nation Recognition; Unmanned Aircraft Systems; Treasurer Investment Targets and State Employee Retirement Options; Wetland and Stream Mitigation; Food Desert Zones; Judicial Efficiency and Effective Administration of Justice; and Funeral and Cemetery Regulation.

Joint Legislative Commission on Government Operations

The Joint Legislative Commission on Government Operations met on Tuesday, October 29. The Commission heard a number of reports, but the primary activity of the Commission revolved around the return of certain funds from private nonprofits. The Commission heard plans regarding the return of funds to the State from the Rural Economic Development Center and the North Carolina Biofuels Center. In both instances, some of the funds will be returned to the Department of Commerce to administer programs or grants previously administered by the nonprofits and the remainder will be returned to the State's General Fund. The Commission also heard from the Attorney General's Office and the Golden Leaf Foundation about a dispute over what funds the Foundation must return to the State. Next, the Commission heard from the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) about a transfer of funds from the Department of Public Safety to the

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Disaster Relief Reserve Fund and why OSBM believes that transfer was appropriate. Finally, as is customary at Gov Ops meetings, the Commission heard from OSBM about repairs and renovations needs, various land transactions, and consultations regarding fees, grants, and highway designations.

In the News

AP: Senate GOP blocks nomination of Mel Watt to oversight agency of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac

N&O: Wood: Medicaid audit not critical to McCrory expansion decision

N&O: GOP 'extremist movement' prompts NC candidate to switch to Democrat

AP: NC lawmakers announce study topics out of session

Triangle Business Journal: Commerce Department takes possession of \$100M in Rural Center funds

N&O: Rural Center reboots with about \$7 million in funding

Wilmington Star News: Redenbaugh considering a run for Goolsby's seat

N&O: GOP leaders boost Tillis fund-raising, but he lags behind Hagan

AP: Power sales from Alcoa's NC dams rise to \$30M

Daily Tarheel: Graig Meyer appointed as Foushee replacement

Watauga Democrat: North Carolina enters captive insurance market

N&O: New report shows NC Supreme Court race drew record outside spending

N&O: Microsoft deal with NC schools deemed success, extended

Winston-Salem Journal: Fundraising to replace Watt in full swing

N&O: Rep. Susi Hamilton champions film incentives

Wilmington Star News: As state ponders film incentive costs, industry defends economic gains

AP: AG's travels show willingness for NC governor bid

Calendar

Mon, November 04, 2013

10:00 AM

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Child Fatality Task Force

1027/1128 LB

Tue, November 05, 2013

10:00 AM

Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee

544 LOB

10:00 AM

Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee

643 LOB

1:00 PM

Joint Legislative Workforce Development System Reform Oversight Committee

544 LOB

1:30 PM

Joint Legislative Commission on Energy Policy -- CORRECTED

643 LOB

Wed, November 06, 2013

8:30 AM

Fiscal Research Meeting

605 LOB

10:00 AM

Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Unemployment Insurance

544 LOB

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Thu, November 07, 2013

9:00 AM

Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology

544 LOB

10:00 AM

Joint Legislative Economic Development and Global Engagement Oversight Committee

643 LOB

Tue, November 12, 2013

9:30 AM

Revenue Laws Study Committee

544 LOB

Wed, November 13, 2013

9:30 AM

Environmental Review Commission

643 LOB

Thu, November 14, 2013

9:00 AM

Joint Legislative Emergency Management Oversight Committee

Media Briefing Room at Joint Force Headquarters

1:00 PM

Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety

643 LOB

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Mon, November 18, 2013

10:00 AM

Unintentional Death Committee

1027/1128 LB

Tue, November 19, 2013

10:00 AM

Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services

643 LOB

Mon, December 09, 2013

10:00 AM

Intentional Death Prevention Committee

1027/1128 LB

Mon, January 06, 2014

10:00 AM

Perinatal Health Committee

1027/1128 LB

Mon, February 03, 2014

10:00 AM

Child Fatality Task Force

1027/1128 LB

Mon, February 10, 2014

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10:00 AM

Perinatal Health Committee

1027/1128 LB

Mon, February 24, 2014

10:00 AM

Intentional Death Health Committee

1027/1128 LB