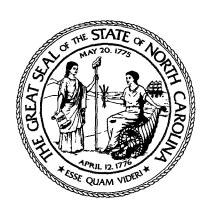
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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Members of the 1997 General Assembly

FROM: Terrence D. Sullivan

RE: Actions by the 1995 General Assembly on Bills Recommended by the

Legislative Research Commission

This publication sets before you the actions of the 1995 General Assembly with respect to the legislative recommendations from the Legislative Research Commission's committees. This summary does not address state agencies' responses, if any, to recommendations for administrative action.

In brief, 95% of the bills recommended by the 1993-94 LRC's committees were introduced in the 1995 General Assembly. Of the introduced legislation, 53.8% were ratified in some form.

The LRC proposals, initiated as a result of the first year's work of the 1995-96 LRC study committees and introduced in the 1996 "Short Session", had a success rate of 64.5%. Thus, the success rate for all LRC bills introduced during the 1995 General Assembly from the 1993-94 LRC biennium and the first year of the 1995-96 LRC biennium totalled 58.5%.

This compares to a success rate, during the 1995 General Assembly, of 35.5% for public bills, generally. Local legislation is not reckoned in these figures in that local bills usually receive little opposition and the Legislative Research Commission usually does not concern itself with those purely local matters.

The comparable figures for the 1993 General Assembly are a 58.1% success rate for introduced LRC initiatives against a 39.5% success rate for public bills generally.

Ms. Sara Kamprath of this Division was instrumental in compiling the statistics and producing this document. If you have any questions, I will be happy to respond.



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#### INTRODUCTION

The North Carolina Legislative Research Commission, as an interim study organization of the General Assembly, studies issues as directed by the preceding legislative session or the Commission Chairmen. These studies are done by assigned interim study committees. Study committees may find that legislation is necessary to address the needs found. These committees endorse various draft bills; the complete text of these bills may be found in the individual interim study committee reports. The purpose of this report is to indicate the results of the legislative recommendations of the committees which were to report to the 1995 General Assembly.

In the "Activity Summaries by Study" section, legislative recommendations are grouped by committee. The recommendations are further divided into those bills which were not introduced and those which were introduced. Bills introduced and ratified are designated by **bold faced type**. Bills which were introduced and not ratified carry no special type of designation.

While the text of each introduced bill is the same as the text of each study committee recommendation, the text of the ratified bill may differ from the study committee recommendation. When companion bills were introduced in both houses based on single study committee recommendations, the companion bills are counted as one bill for statistical purposes. If one bill was ratified and one was not, this counts as one ratification; similarly, if neither bill was ratified, this counts as one unratified bill.

In the "Statistics" section of this report the numbers of bills recommended; recommended but not introduced; recommended and introduced; ratified; and not ratified are listed by study committee, then totaled. The 1993-94 Legislative Research Commission study committees recommended 84 bills to the 1995 Session. Of the 84 bills recommended, 95% (80 of 84) of the bills were actually introduced. Of the introduced bills, 53.8% (43 of 80) were ratified in some form.

Also, the 1995-96 LRC Committees could make recommendations in their interim reports to the 1996 Session and 62 bills were introduced from these Committees. Of these 62 bills, 40 bills were ratified giving a success rate of 64.5%. When we look at all the LRC bills, from both the 1993-94 and 1995-96 Committees, we see that a total of 142 bills were introduced. The success rate for all LRC bills introduced during the 1995 General Assembly was 58.5% as compared to a success rate of 35.5% for public bills.

In comparison with the 1995 General Assembly, the success rate for all LRC bills introduced during the 1993 General Assembly was 58.1%. A total of 129 bills were introduced from both the 1991-92 and 1993-94 study committees and 75 were ratified. The success rate for public bills introduced during the 1993 General Assembly was 39.5%.

1. The 58.5% ratification rate for bills introduced by study committees is higher than the 35.5% ratification rate of public bills. During the 1995 and 1996 legislative sessions, a total of 3,084 bills and joint resolutions were introduced, not including simple resolutions. During the same period, 807 bills and resolutions were actually ratified. The success rate for public bills is obtained by first finding the total number of public bills. The total number of public bills is obtained by subtracting the total number of local substantive and appropriations bills from the total number of bills and joint resolutions. To this number, we add the 81 bills, which although not ratified, were incorporated by reference in the umbrella studies. For the 1995 and 1996 legislative sessions, 2,502 public bills were introduced. Of those, 888 public bills were ratified or incorporated by reference. When 888 is divided by 2,502, the result is a success rate of 35.5%.

## STATISTICS FOR 1993-94 LRC COMMITTEES REPORTING TO THE 1995 SESSION

Study	Total # Bills Recommended by Committee	Bills Not Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Ratified	Bills Not Ratified
Adult Guardianship	1	0	1	0	1
Alcoholic Beverage Control	1	0	1	1	0
Alternative Schools	1	0	1	1	0
Child Care	5	0	5	2	3
Child Support	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chiropractic Care	1	0	1	1	0
Consumer Protection	5	0	5	2	3
Criminal Law	1	0	1	0	1
Cultural Resources	3	0	3	2	1
Economic Impact of Rules	5	0	5	5	0
Election Laws Review	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Study	Total # Bills Recommended by Committee	Bills Not Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Ratified	Bills Not Ratified
Emergency Management	1	0	1	0	1
Employment Procedures	1	0	1 .	0	1
Energy Conservation and Use of Renewable Energy Sources	5	0	5	1	4
Exactions	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Family Issues	6	0	6	5	1
Fiscal Trends and Reform	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Immunity from Negligence	6	0	6	2	4
Insurance Fraud	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Juvenile Code	4	0	4	3	1
Medicaid	1	0	1	0	1

Study	Total # Bills Recommended by Committee	Bills Not Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Ratified	Bills Not Ratified
Mental Health	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Minority Males	4	0	4	0	4
Mountain Area	2	2	0	0	0
Partnership for Quality Growth	2	0	2	0	2
Physical Fitness Among Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Public Employees Personnel	1	0	1	1	0
Public Employees Retirement	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Public Health Committee	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Revenue Laws	16	1	15	12	3
State-Owned Submerged Lands	1	0	1	1	0

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Study	Total # Bills Recommended by Committee	Bills Not Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Ratified	Bills Not Ratified
State Parks and Recreation Areas	3	0	3	1	2
State Purchasing	5	0	5	2	3
Tobacco Warehouse	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
UNC Board of Governors Appointment Process	1	1	0	0	0
Water Issues	2	0	2	1	1
Workers' Compensation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTALS	84	4	80	43	37

## STATISTICS FOR 1995-96 LRC COMMITTEES REPORTING TO THE 1996 SESSION

Study	Total # Bills Recommended by Committee	Bills Not Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Ratified	Bills Not Ratified
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact Withdrawal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Consumer Protection	1	0	1	0	1
Criminal Laws, Procedures and Sentencing	1	0	1	1	0
Downtown Revitalization	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Education Issues	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Election Laws Reform	9	0	9	7	2
Energy Conservation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Executive Budget Act Revision	2	0	2	1	1

Study	Total # Bills Recommended by Committee	Bills Not Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Ratified	Bills Not Ratified
Financial Institutions Issues	2	0	2	2	0
Grandparent Visitation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Guardian Ad Litem Program	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Insurance Issues	12	0	12	10	2
Lien Laws	2	0	2	2	0
Personnel Issues	3	0	3	0	3
Property Issues	4	0	4	1	3
Revenue Laws	14	0	14	10	4
State Government Reorganization and Privatization	4	0	4	1	3
State Purchasing and Correction Enterprises	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Study	Total # Bills Recommended by Committee	Bills Not Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Ratified	Bills Not Ratified
Water Issues	3	1	2	1	1
Workers' Compensation	6	0	6	4	2
TOTALS	63	1	62	40	22

#### **ACTIVITY SUMMARIES BY STUDY**

#### Adult Guardianship (1993-94)

Bills recommended and introduced

TO SUPPORT THE APPOINTMENT OF FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS AS GUARDIANS, TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF PRIVATE NON-PROFIT CORPORATIONS AS GUARDIANS, TO PROVIDE THAT LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES BE THE ONLY LOCAL HUMAN RESOURCES AGENCY TO SERVE AS GUARDIANS, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES. (SB 872 - Dannelly)

#### **Alcoholic Beverage Control** (1993-94)

Bills recommended and introduced

IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL. (SB 57 - Conder, Ratified - Ch. 466); HB 253 - Hensley

#### **Alternative Schools (1993-94)**

Bills recommended and introduced

IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION. (HB 180/Black; incorporated in HB 230, Sec. 17.9, Ratified - Ch. 507)

#### **Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact Withdrawal (1995-96)**

The Committee did not report to the 1996 Short Session.

#### **Child Care (1993-94)**

Bills recommended and introduced

RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION CHILD CARE COMMITTEE TO MANDATE CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS OF ALL CHILD DAY CARE PROVIDERS, TO STUDY THE USE OF THE CENTRAL REGISTRY ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS. (HB 259/Hunter, H., SB 371/Lucas; incorporated in HB 230, Sec. 23.25, Ratified - Ch. 507)

RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION CHILD CARE COMMITTEE TO INCREASE ELIGIBILITY LIMITS FOR CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES TO ENABLE FAMILIES TO RECEIVE CHILD CARE FOR LONGER AS THEY TRANSITION OFF WELFARE AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS. (HB 258 - Hunter, H., SB 373 - Lucas)

RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION CHILD CARE COMMITTEE TO AID CERTAIN WORKING PARENTS OF LOW-INCOME CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY RECEIVING CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES TO RECEIVE SUBSIDIES TO ENABLE THEM TO CONTINUE TO WORK AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS. (HB 260 - Hunter, H., SB 370 - Lucas)

RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION CHILD CARE COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MONTHLY SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS OF THE PURCHASE OF CHILD CARE SERVICES FOR LOW INCOME CHILDREN AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS. (HB 261/Hunter, H., SB 367/Lucas; incorporated in HB 229, Sec. 23.11, Ratified - Ch. 324)

RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION CHILD CARE COMMITTEE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE CHILD CARE RESOURCES AND REFERRAL SERVICES TO CERTAIN COUNTIES UNSERVED BY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES THAT ARE CURRENTLY UNABLE TO USE ALL THEIR DAY CARE ALLOCATIONS. (HB 262 - Hunter, H., SB 372 - Lucas)

#### Child Support (1993-94)

The Committee did not report to the 1995 General Assembly.

#### Chiropractic Care (1993-94)

Bills recommended and introduced

AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO CONTINUE THE STUDY OF CHIROPRACTIC CARE. (SJR 228/Odom, Soles; study incorporated in HB 898, Sec. 2.1(3), Ratified - Ch. 542)

#### **Consumer Protection (1993-94)**

Bills recommended and introduced

REGULATE CHECK CASHING BUSINESSES. (SB 65 - Jordan)

ESTABLISH THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY DISCLOSURE ACT. (HB 281 - Thompson, Ratified - Ch. 476)

ESTABLISH A BILL FOR RIGHTS FOR OWNERS OF MANUFACTURED HOMES. (SB 62 - Jordan)

ESTABLISH PRIORITY FOR PAYMENT OF LIABILITY CLAIMS FOR RENTAL CARS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. (HB 295 - Easterling)

ESTABLISH A PERMANENT, INDEPENDENT CONSUMER PROTECTION STUDY COMMITTEE. (HB 196/Thompson, SB 59/Jordan; incorporated in HB 898, Sec. 2.1(5), Ratified - Ch. 542)

#### **Consumer Protection Issues (1995-96)**

Bills recommended and introduced

TO AUTHORIZE INVESTMENTS OF IRREVOCABLE PRENEED FUNERAL CONTRACT FUNDS. (HB 1297 - Beall)

#### **Criminal Law** (1993-94)

Bills recommended and introduced

TO TRANSFER THE CALENDARING AUTHORITY FOR CRIMINAL CASES IN SUPERIOR COURT TO THE SENIOR RESIDENT SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE. (HB 32 - Michaux, SB 80 - Soles)

#### Criminal Laws, Procedures, and Sentencing (1995-96)

Bills recommended and introduced

TO MAKE IT A CLASS F FELONY OFFENSE TO ASSAULT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND INFLICT SERIOUS BODILY INJURY AND TO CREATE A NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF ASSAULTING A FIRE FIGHTER AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION'S STUDY COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL LAWS, PROCEDURES, AND SENTENCING. (HB 1204/Decker, SB 1214/Ballance; incorporated in HB 53 of the 1996 Second Extra Session, Sec. 20.14B, Ratified - Ch. 18)

#### Cultural Resources (1993-94)

Bills recommended and introduced

ESTABLISH A RESERVE FOR STATE ASSISTANCE TO A CENTER FOR THE PROMOTION OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE IN NORTH CAROLINA AND TO ESTABLISH AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (HB 76 - Wainwright, SB 61 - Jordan)

REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO PROVIDE THE NORTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL COMMISSION WITH NOTICE OF PLANS TO REPLACE OLD SCHOOL BUILDINGS BY SUBMITTING THE FEASIBILITY AND COST ANALYSES FOR REVIEW BY THE COMMISSION. (SB 63 - Jordan/Edwards, Ratified - Ch. 8); HB 77 - Wainwright

ESTABLISH A STUDY COMMISSION ON THE DISPOSITION OF OLD PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS. (HB 78/Wainwright, SB 60/Jordan, Edwards; incorporated in HB 898, Sec. 2.1(7), Ratified - Ch. 542)

#### **Downtown Revitalization (1995-96)**

The Committee did not report to the 1996 Short Session.

#### **Economic Impact of Rules (1993-94)**

Bills recommended and introduced

TO REQUIRE STATE AGENCIES TO PREPARE AND PROVIDE TO THE PUBLIC A FISCAL ANALYSIS OF ALL PROPOSED RULES THAT HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACT AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THIS REQUIREMENT. (HB 191/Redwine, SB 214/Sherron; incorporated in HB 230, Sec. 27.8, Ratified - Ch. 507)

TO CREATE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO ADMINISTRATIVE RULE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. (HB 192/Redwine, SB 215/ Sherron; incorporated in HB 230, Sec. 27.8, Ratified - Ch. 507)

TO PROVIDE THAT THE SENATE APPOINTMENTS TO THE RULES REVIEW COMMISSION SHALL BE MADE BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RATHER THAN THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE. (SB 216/Sherron; incorporated in SB 901, Sec. 43, Ratified - Ch. 490)

TO REQUIRE AGENCIES TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF ADOPTING A PERMANENT RULE BY PUBLISHING A NOTICE OF INTENDED RULE MAKING RATHER THAN PUBLISHING THE PROPOSED TEXT OF A RULE CHANGE. (HB 194/Redwine, SB 217/Sherron; incorporated in HB 230, Sec. 27.8, Ratified - Ch. 507)

TO STRENGTHEN THE AUTHORITY OF THE RULES REVIEW COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THE NECESSITY OF A PROPOSED RULE. (HB 193/Redwine, SB 218/Sherron; incorporated in HB 230, Sec. 27.8, Ratified - Ch. 507)

#### **Education Issues (1995-96)**

The Committee did not report to the 1996 Short Session.

#### Election Laws Review (1993-94)

The Committee was authorized in the second edition of unratified HB 1319 of the 1993 Regular Session and created under the authority of the LRC's cochairman in G.S. 120-30.17(1). However, the LRC Committee was abolished when an independent Election Laws Review Commission was established in Chapter 771 (ratified HB 1319) of the 1993 Session Laws.

#### Election Laws Reform (1995-96)

Bills recommended and introduced

TO ALLOW PERSONS WHO ARE UNABLE TO GO TO THE POLLS BECAUSE OF OBSERVANCE OF A RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY TO CAST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT. (SB 1116 - Winner, Ratified - Ch. 561); HB 1126 - Capps

TO REPEAL THE SUNSET ON DESIGNATION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION OFFICES AS VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCIES AND TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDING. (HB 1159 - Cansler, Ratified - Ch. 608); SB 1122 - Gulley

TO PROVIDE FOR HOLDING THE CANVASS FOR PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS ON THE THIRD RATHER THAN THE SECOND DAY AFTER ELECTION DAY. (HB 1158 - Cansler, Ratified - Ch. 553); SB 1119 - Gulley

TO ALLOW PRECINCT ASSISTANTS TO WORK SPLIT SHIFTS. (HB 1173 - Cansler, Ratified - Ch. 554); SB 1124 - Gulley

TO ALLOW THE APPOINTMENT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES OF PRECINCT OFFICIALS FOR A PRECINCT WHO ARE NOT REGISTERED VOTERS OF THAT PRECINCT. (HB 1203 - Rayfield, Ratified - Ch. 734); SB 1126 - Gulley

TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF INELIGIBLE VOTER'S TESTIMONY ABOUT HOW THE VOTE WAS CAST; TO GIVE THE PERSON PROTESTING AN ELECTION THE RIGHT TO CALL FOR A NEW ELECTION WHEN THE NUMBER OF INELIGIBLE VOTERS EXCEEDS THE MARGIN OF VICTORY; AND TO MAKE RELATED CHANGES. (HB 1162 - Cansler, Ratified - Ch. 694); SB 1120 - Gulley

TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN THE 1994 LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO BRING NORTH CAROLINA INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT. (HB 1160 - Cansler, SB 1123 - Gulley)

TO CODIFY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS RULING CONCERNING CONTRIBUTIONS TO STATE CAMPAIGNS BY FEDERAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES. (HB 1157 - Cansler, Ratified - Ch. 593); SB 1125 - Gulley

TO ADD TO THE MODES OF ELECTION THAT MAY BE CHOSEN LOCALLY FOR CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS THE FOLLOWING: CUMULATIVE VOTING AND PREFERENCE VOTING. (HB 1161 - Cansler, SB 1121 - Gulley)

#### **Emergency Management (1993-94)**

Bills recommended and introduced

APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FOR THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND THE N.C. CENTER FOR MISSING PERSONS. (HB 88 - Hightower, SB 76 - Parnell)

#### **Employment Procedures (1993-94)**

Bills recommended and introduced

AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO CONTINUE A STUDY OF EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURES. (SB 547 - Gulley)

#### **Energy Conservation and Use of Renewable Energy Sources (1993-94)**

Bills recommended and introduced

ESTABLISH THE ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION FUEL LOAN FUND TO PROVIDE LOANS TO UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE FUELS FOR VEHICLES. (HB 278 - Brawley, SB 463 - Edwards, C.)

GRANT A CORPORATE TAX CREDIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL REFUELING OR RECHARGING FACILITY AND FOR INSTALLATION OF REFUELING OR RECHARGING EQUIPMENT AT A REFUELING OR RECHARGING FACILITY. (HB 276 - Brawley, SB 494 - Edwards, C.)

REDUCE THE MOTOR FUEL TAX FOR ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION FUELS. (HB 277 - Brawley)

ESTABLISH THE STATE FACILITIES ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO ALTERNATIVE FINANCING AGREEMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECTS; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS THAT ARE SECURED BY AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY PURCHASED. (HB 279 - Brawley, SB 464 - Edwards, C.)

AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO CONTINUE TO STUDY WAYS TO PROMOTE ENERGY CONSERVATION AND THE USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES IN NORTH CAROLINA. (HJR 275/Brawley, SJR 461/Edwards, C.; incorporated in HB 898, Sec. 2.1(10), Ratified - Ch. 542)

### **Energy Conservation (1995-96)**

The Committee did not report to the 1996 Short Session.

#### **Exactions (1993-94)**

The Committee did not meet after the 1994 Short Session.

#### **Executive Budget Act Revision (1995-96)**

Bills recommended and introduced

TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION FOR IMPLEMENTING BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS. (HB 1282 - Gray, SB 1259 - Plyler)

TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS. (HB 1283/Gray, SB 1257/Plyler; incorporated in HB 53 of the 1996 Second Extra Session, Sec. 7.4, Ratified - Ch. 18)

#### **Family Issues (1993-94)**

Bills recommended and introduced

ALLOW INTERIM DISTRIBUTIVE AWARDS IN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION CASES. (HB 272 - Hackney, Ratified - Ch. 240)

REQUIRE THAT CLAIMS FOR EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION BE RESOLVED BEFORE A DIVORCE MAY BE GRANTED. (HB 273 - Hackney, Ratified - Ch. 245)

AUTHORIZE DISTRICT COURT JUDGES TO SANCTION PARTIES TO EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION PROCEEDINGS FOR PURPOSEFUL, PREJUDICIAL DELAY OF THE PROCEEDINGS. (HB 269 - Hackney, Ratified - Ch. 244)

ESTABLISH A PILOT MEDIATION PROGRAM FOR EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS. (HB 271 - Hackney)

MAKE CHANGES IN THE LAWS PERTAINING TO ALIMONY. (HB 270 - Hackney, Ratified - Ch. 319)

AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO CONTINUE THE STUDY OF FAMILY LAW REFORM. (HB 274/Hackney; incorporated in HB 898, Sec. 2.1(14), Ratified - Ch. 542)

#### **Financial Institutions Issues (1995-96)**

Bills recommended and introduced

TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE LRC'S FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ISSUES COMMITTEE TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA RECIPROCAL INTERSTATE BANKING ACT. (HB 1190 - Tallent, Ratified - Ch. 557); SB 1163 - Warren

TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE LRC'S FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ISSUES COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE STATE CHARTERED BANKS, SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS, AND SAVINGS BANKS, TO OBSERVE HOLIDAYS AS DETERMINED BY THEIR BOARDS OF DIRECTORS. (HB 1189 - Tallent, Ratified - Ch. 556); SB 1209 - Warren

#### Fiscal Trends and Reform (1993-94)

The Committee did not report to the 1995 General Assembly.

#### **Grandparent Visitation Rights (1995-96)**

The Committee did not report to the 1996 Short Session.

#### Guardian Ad Litem (1995-96)

The Committee did not report to the 1996 Short Session.

#### Immunity from Negligence (1993-94)

Bills recommended and introduced

AUTHORIZE THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT LIABILITY AND IMMUNITY STUDY COMMISSION. (HB 187 - Culpepper, Culp and Nye, SB 117 - Winner)

AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF SELF-INSURANCE TRUST FUNDS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES. (HB 184 - Culpepper, Culp and Nye, SB 115 - Winner)

AMEND THE LAWS PROVIDING FOR THE DEFENSE OF STATE EMPLOYEES FROM TORT CLAIMS ARISING IN THE SCOPE OR COURSE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT. (HB 186 - Culpepper, SB 116 - Winner)

REQUIRE THE STATE TO DEFEND COUNTY CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES SOCIAL WORKERS, ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES SOCIAL WORKERS AND FOSTER CARE SOCIAL WORKERS FROM LIABILITY ARISING FROM THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES. (HB 185 - Culpepper, Culp and Nye, SB 160 - Winner)

CLARIFY THAT UNPAID VOLUNTEER MEDICAL DIRECTORS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) AGENCIES ARE INCLUDED UNDER THE GOOD SAMARITAN STATUTE. (SB 118 - Winner, Ratified - Ch. 85); HB 183 - Culpepper

PROVIDE QUALIFIED IMMUNITY TO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS WHO VOLUNTARILY, WITHOUT COMPENSATION, PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES DURING EMERGENCIES. (SB 119 - Winner, Ratified - Ch. 416); HB 182 - Culpepper

#### **Insurance Fraud (1993-94)**

The Committee did not meet.

#### **Insurance And Insurance-Related Issues (1995-96)**

Bills recommended and introduced

TO DEVELOP A PROPOSAL FOR A RESERVE FUND TO PAY CATASTROPHIC LOSSES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND INSURANCE-RELATED ISSUES. (HB 1192 - Cocklereece, Dockham, Ratified - Ch. 579); SB 1140 - Soles, Conder

TO REVISE THE PARTICIPATION FORMULA OF THE NORTH CAROLINA INSURANCE UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND INSURANCE-RELATED ISSUES. (HB 1200 - Cocklereece, Dockham, Ratified - Ch. 592); SB 1144 - Soles, Conder

TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COVERAGE UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA BEACH PLAN AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND INSURANCE-RELATED ISSUES. (SB 1148 - Soles, Conder, Ratified - Ch. 740); HB 1191 - Cocklereece, Dockham

TO PROVIDE THAT INSURERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO OBTAIN WRITTEN CONSENT TO RATE ON EACH POLICY RENEWAL AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND INSURANCE-RELATED ISSUES. (HB 1201 - Cocklereece, Dockham, Ratified - Ch. 668); SB 1143 - Conder, Soles

TO PROVIDE THAT UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE MAY BE LIMITED OR EXCLUDED UNDER EXCESS OR UMBRELLA POLICIES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND INSURANCE-RELATED ISSUES. (HB 1198 - Cocklereece, Dockham, SB 1145 - Soles)

TO CONFORM THE LAW GOVERNING SETOFFS WITH THE LAW GOVERNING THE RECOVERY OF PREMIUMS OWED INSURERS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND INSURANCE-RELATED ISSUES. (SB 1150 - Soles, Conder, Ratified - Ch. 658); HB 1195 - Cocklereece, Dockham

TO REPEAL THE LAW PROHIBITING LICENSED REINSURERS FROM ASSUMING REINSURANCE FROM NONADMITTED INSURERS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND INSURANCE-RELATED ISSUES. (SB 1146 - Conder, Soles, Ratified - Ch. 752); HB 1196 - Cocklereece, Dockham

TO PROVIDE FOR MORE EFFECTIVE FINANCIAL SUPERVISION, REHABILITATION, AND LIQUIDATION PROCEDURES FOR CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT CENTERS AND TO PROVIDE THAT CONTINUING CARE AGREEMENTS ARE SUBORDINATE TO THE COST OF ADMINISTRATION IN LIQUIDATION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND INSURANCE-RELATED ISSUES. (HB 1193 - Cocklerecce, Dockham, Ratified - Ch. 582); SB 1147 - Conder, Soles

TO CONFORM THE LAW GOVERNING SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS TO 1995 LEGISLATION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND INSURANCE-RELATED ISSUES. (HB 1202 - Cocklereece, Dockham, Ratified - Ch. 669); SB 1149 - Soles, Conder

TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF NONFLEET MOTOR VEHICLE TO ALLOW FLEXIBILITY FOR THE NUMBER OF AUTOMOBILES THAT MAY BE WRITTEN UNDER A PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND INSURANCE-RELATED ISSUES. (HB 1199 - Cocklerecce, Dockham, Ratified - Ch. 730); SB 1141 - Soles, Conder

TO AMEND THE MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE LAWS TO COMPLY WITH THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENTS OF 1994 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND INSURANCE-RELATED ISSUES. (HB 1194 - Cocklerece, Dockham, SB 1142 - Soles, Conder)

TO LESSEN THE REQUIREMENT OF INSURANCE COMPANIES TO MAINTAIN TRUST ACCOUNTS OR OBTAIN LETTERS OF CREDIT OR GUARANTY BONDS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND INSURANCE-RELATED ISSUES. (SB 1151 - Conder, Soles, Ratified - Ch. 659); HB 1197 - Cocklereece, Dockham

#### **Juvenile Code (1993-94)**

Bills recommended and introduced

EXTEND THE PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS REGARDING JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION OVER JUVENILES BETWEEN SIXTEEN AND EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE WHO ARE BEYOND THE DISCIPLINARY CONTROL OF THEIR PARENTS AND TO CLARIFY THE SCOPE OF THE PROGRAM. (HB 255 - Hensley, SB 361 - Cooper)

ALLOW COURTS TO ORDER PSYCHIATRIC OR PSYCHOLOGICAL TREATMENT OF PARENTS OF JUVENILES ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT, UNDISCIPLINED, ABUSED, NEGLECTED OR DEPENDENT AT THE DISPOSITIONAL HEARINGS OR SUBSEQUENT HEARINGS AND TO PROVIDE FOR NOTICE. (SB 379 - Cooper, Ratified - Ch. 328); HB 250 - Hensley

CLARIFY THE MAXIMUM PERIOD OF TIME A JUVENILE MAY BE COMMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STRUCTURED SENTENCING. (HB 249/Hensley, SB 380/Cooper; incorporated in HB 1207, Ratified - Ch. 609)

AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE JUVENILE CODE. (HJR 251/Hensley, Rogers, Russell, SJR 381/Cooper, Allran, Winner; incorporated in HB 898, Sec. 2.1(14), Ratified - Ch. 542)

#### Lien Laws Study Committee (1995-96)

Bills recommended and introduced

TO PROVIDE FOR LIEN RIGHTS FOR PERSONS WHO FABRICATE DIES, MOLDS, FORMS, OR PATTERNS AND WHO FABRICATE PRODUCTS FROM DIES, MOLDS, FORMS, OR PATTERNS. (HB 1164 - McMahan, Ratified - Ch. 744); SB 1170 - Soles

TO PROVIDE LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY FOR THE FURNISHING OF RENTAL EQUIPMENT. (HB 1163 - McMahan, Ratified - Ch. 607); SB 1196 - Soles

## Medicaid (1993-94)

Bills recommended and introduced

EXPAND MEDICAID COVERAGE TO ALL ELDERLY AND DISABLED WITH INCOMES AT OR BELOW 100% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS. (HB 299 - Nye)

#### Mental Health (1993-94)

The Committee was authorized in the second edition of unratified HB 1319 of the 1993 Regular Session and created under the authority of the LRC's cochairman in G.S. 120-30.17(1). However, the LRC Committee was abolished when an independent Mental Health Study Commission was established in Chapter 771 (ratified HB 1319) of the 1993 Session Laws.

#### Minority Males (1993-94)

Bills recommended and introduced

ESTABLISH THE STATUS OF MINORITY MALES COMMISSION. (HB 217 - Braswell, SB 105 - Martin, W.)

REQUIRE THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND THE TEACHING FELLOWS COMMISSION TO STUDY HOW TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MINORITY TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TO STUDY THE USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES. (HB 216 - Braswell, SB 89 - Martin, W.)

ESTABLISH THE COMMUNITY BASED PARTNERSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH A GRANTS INFORMATION NETWORK. (HB 256 - Braswell, SB 87 - Martin, W.)

TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES TO STUDY AND DEVELOP PROPOSALS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE SUCCESS OF YOUTH RELEASED FROM JUVENILE CONFINEMENT FACILITIES. (HB 257 - Braswell)

#### Mountain Area (1993-94)

Bills recommended but not introduced

TO PRESERVE THE SCENIC BEAUTY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA MOUNTAINS THROUGH INCENTIVE-BASED COUNTY PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR FUNDING INCENTIVES TO MOUNTAIN AREA COUNTIES THAT ADOPT PLANS AND ORDINANCES BASED ON THE STATE MODEL LAND USE GUIDANCE SYSEM.

TO EXEMPT CERTAIN NORTH CAROLINA MOUNTAIN COUNTIES WHICH IMPLEMENT THE STATE MODEL COUNTY PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT ORDIANCE FROM STATE WATER SUPPLY WATERSHED LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

#### Partnership for Quality Growth (1993-94)

Bills recommended and introduced

AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE DEVELOPMENT OF INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE PLANNING THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP FOR QUALITY GROWTH. (SB 435 - Sherron)

ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA PARTNERSHIP FOR QUALITY GROWTH. (SB 446 - Sherron)

#### Personnel Issues (1995-96)

Bills recommended and introduced

TO STREAMLINE THE REVIEW OF GRIEVANCES FILED BY STATE EMPLOYEES AND APPLICANTS FOR STATE GOVERNMENT. (HB 1139 - Sherrill, SB 1353 - Soles)

TO REDUCE DUPLICATION OF WORK BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF STATE PERSONNEL AND OTHER AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS BY THE DECENTRALIZATION OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS FROM THE OFFICE OF STATE PERSONNEL TO THOSE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS. (HB 1148 - Pulley)

TO ESTABLISH QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITIONS OF STATE PERSONNEL DIRECTOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTORS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS. (HB 1220 - Russell)

#### Physical Fitness Among Youth (1993-94)

The Committee made a number of recommendations but proposed no legislation for consideration by the 1995 General Assembly.

#### **Property Issues (1995-96)**

Bills recommended and introduced

TO AMEND CHAPTER 40A GOVERNING CONDEMNATION TO AUTHORIZE AWARD OF ATTORNEYS FEES AND INTRODUCTION OF ANY EVIDENCE OF PROPERTY VALUE. (HB 1174 - Allred, SB 1186 - Hartsell)

TO CHANGE THE LAWS GOVERNING ANNEXATION BY CITIES WITH A POPULATION OF 5,000 OR MORE. (HB 1082 - Ellis, SB 1185 - Hartsell)

TO CHANGE THE LAWS GOVERNING ANNEXATION BY CITIES WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN 5,000. (HB 1084 - Ellis, SB 1184 - Hartsell)

TO REQUIRE FIRST CLASS MAIL NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN AN AREA PROPOSED FOR ADDITION TO A MUNICIPALITY'S EXTRATERRITORIAL PLANNING AND ZONING JURISDICTION, PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION FOR RESIDENTS OF THE ETJ ON THE PLANNING AGENCY, AND A HEARING BEFORE COUNTY APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATION TO THE PLANNING AGENCY. (HB 1083 - Ellis, Ratified - Ch. 746); SB 1187 - Hartsell

#### **Public Employees Personnel (1993-94)**

Bills recommended and introduced

CREATE THE STUDY COMMISSION ON THE STATE PERSONNEL SYSTEM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE STUDY COMMISSION. (HB 215/Fitch; incorporated in HB 898, Sec. 2.1(20), Ratified - Ch. 542)

#### **Public Employees Retirement (1993-94)**

The committee did not meet after the 1994 Short Session.

#### **Public Health (1993-94)**

The Committee was authorized in the second edition of unratified HB 1319 of the 1993 Regular Session and created under the authority of the LRC's cochairman in G.S. 120-30.17(1). However, the LRC Committee was abolished when an independent Public Health Study Commission was established in Chapter 771 (ratified HB 1319) of the 1993 Session Laws.

#### **Revenue Laws (1993-94)**

Bills recommended and introduced

INCREASE THE CLASS A INHERITANCE TAX CREDIT, TO REDUCE THE INHERITANCE AND GIFT TAX RATES FOR CLASS B AND C BENEFICIARIES, TO CONFORM NORTH CAROLINA INHERITANCE AND GIFT TAX PROVISIONS TO FEDERAL ESTATE AND GIFT TAX PROVISIONS REGARDING QUALIFIED TERMINABLE INTEREST PROPERTY, AND TO MAKE OTHER INHERITANCE TAX CHANGES. (SB 121 - Kerr, Ratified - Ch. 468)

REVISE THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE EXCISE TAX. (HB 123 - Arnold, Ratified - Ch. 340)

PROHIBIT THE SALE OF LOOSE, UNPACKED CIGARETTES. (HB 138 - Braswell)

AMEND THE DEFINITION OF HOLDING COMPANY FOR FRANCHISE TAX PURPOSES TO PROVIDE THAT A MINOR ONE-YEAR FLUCTUATION IN INCOME DOES NOT DISQUALIFY A COMPANY AS A HOLDING COMPANY AND TO ANNUALLY ADJUST THE MAXIMUM FRANCHISE TAX ON HOLDING COMPANIES BY AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE OR DECREASE IN STATE PERSONAL INCOME DURING THE MOST RECENT 12-MONTH PERIOD. (HB 245 - Luebke)

REDUCE THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX. (HB 244 - Luebke)

PROVIDE UNIFORM TAX TREATMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA OBLIGATIONS AND FEDERAL OBLIGATIONS. (SB 120 - Kerr, Ratified - Ch. 46)

REPEAL THE SPECIAL USE TAX ON CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT BROUGHT INTO THE STATE. (HB 80 - Tallent, Ratified - Ch. 7)

EXEMPT FROM SALES AND USE TAX TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT IS MANUFACTURED OR PURCHASED FOR RESALE BY A WHOLESALE MERCHANT OR A RETAILER AND THEN DONATED TO A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION TO BE USED FOR A CHARITABLE PURPOSE. (SB 103/Cochrane; incorporated in SB 6 of the 1996 Second Extra Session, Ratified - Ch. 14)

EXEMPT FROM SALES AND USE TAX FREE SAMPLES OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS DISTRIBUTED BY THE MANUFACTURER. (HB 94/Gamble; incorporated in SB 1239, Ratified - Ch. 649)

REPEAL THE INTANGIBLES TAX EFFECTIVE WITH THE 1994 TAX YEAR, TO DISTRIBUTE REVENUE TO COUNTIES AND CITIES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND INFRASTRUCTURE, AND TO REPEAL EXISTING INCOME TAX PREFERENCES FOR NORTH CAROLINA DIVIDENDS. (incorporated in SB 8, Ratified - Ch. 41)

ALLOW SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT DEALERS TO USE TRANSPORTER PLATES ON THE EQUIPMENT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO PROVIDE A HIGHWAY USE TAX EXEMPTION AND A REDUCED TITLE FEE FOR THE TRANSFER OF A WRECKED MOTOR VEHICLE FROM AN INSURANCE COMPANY TO THE PERSON WHO OWNED THE VEHICLE WHEN IT WAS WRECKED. (HB 122 - Arnold, Ratified - Ch. 50)

LOWER THE MINIMUM HIGHWAY USE TAX. (incorporated in SB 943, Ratified - Ch. 390)

ADDRESS MOTOR FUEL TAX EVASION BY CHANGING THE POINT OF TAXATION OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL. (SB 943 - Kerr, Ratified - Ch. 390)

MAKE TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS AND RELATED STATUTES. (SB 104 - Cochrane, Ratified - Ch. 17)

AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO CONTINUE TO STUDY THE REVENUE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA. (HB 246/Gamble; incorporated in HB 898, Sec. 2.1(19), Ratified - Ch. 542)

Bills recommended but not introduced

TO CLARIFY CALCULATION OF THE THRESHOLD USED TO DETERMINE WHEN A HIGHER INCOME TAX PENALTY APPLIES FOR NEGLIGENT FAILURE TO PAY THE AMOUNT OF TAX DUE.

#### **Revenue Laws (1995-96)**

Bills recommended and introduced

TO PROVIDE TAX REFORM AND TAX RELIEF FOR THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA. (HB 1093/Neely; incorporated in SB 6 of the 1996 Second Extra Session, Ratified - Ch. 14)

TO PROVIDE A GRACE PERIOD FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL TO LIST AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES AFTER DEPLOYMENT IN CONNECTION WITH OPERATION JOINT ENDEAVOR. (SB 1179 - Kerr, Ratified - Ch. 691)

TO PROHIBIT THE IMPOSITION OF A FAILURE TO PAY PENALTY WHEN ADDITIONAL TAX DUE IS PAID AT THE TIME AN AMENDED RETURN IS FILED OR WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE ADDITIONAL TAX WAS ASSESSED. (HB 1094 - Cansler, Ratified - Ch. 696)

TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE USED IN DEFINING AND DETERMINING CERTAIN STATE TAX PROVISIONS. (HB 1147 - Shubert, Ratified - Ch. 664)

TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PROPERTY TAX COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE FOR REGIONAL HEARINGS. (HB 1127 - Capps)

TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR LIENHOLDERS ON MANUFACTURED HOMES TO REGISTER FOR NOTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES ON THE HOMES AND, ONCE REGISTERED, TO BE ABLE TO REPOSSESS A HOME BY PAYING NO MORE THAN TWO YEARS' PROPERTY TAXES. (HB 1120 - Shaw, L.)

TO CLARIFY THE SALES TAX TREATMENT OF ITEMS GIVEN AWAY BY MERCHANTS. (HB 1242/Shubert; incorporated in SB 6 of the 1996 Second Extra Session, Ratified - Ch. 14)

TO TRANSFER RESPONSIBILITY FOR COLLECTING THE REMAINDER OF THE GROSS PREMIUMS TAX FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TO CLARIFY RELATED STATUTES. (HB 1096 - Cansler, Ratified - Ch. 747)

TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF MOTOR FUEL UNDER THE "TAX AT THE RACK" LAWS AND TO MAKE OTHER ADJUSTMENTS TO THOSE LAWS. (SB 1198 - Kerr, Ratified - Ch. 647)

TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A COMPANY ADD BACK TO ITS NET WORTH FRANCHISE TAX BASE THE AMOUNT OF ITS LOANS THAT ARE PAYABLE TO AN UNRELATED COMPANY BUT ARE ENDORSED OR GUARANTEED BY A RELATED COMPANY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE. (HB 1119 - Shaw, L., Ratified - Ch. 560)

TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX CARRYFORWARD FOR NET ECONOMIC LOSSES FROM FIVE YEARS TO FIFTEEN YEARS. (HB 1099 - Neely)

TO ENHANCE COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING TAX LAWS BY APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF AUDITORS AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL IN THE INTERSTATE AUDIT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE. (HB 1092/Neely; incorporated in HB 53 of the 1996 Second Extra Session, Ratified - Ch. 18)

TO MAKE TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS AND RELATED STATUTES. (SB 1178 - Cochrane, Ratified - Ch. 646)

TO REQUIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ACCOUNT FOR 911 SURCHARGES IN THEIR ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. (SB 1180 - Kerr)

#### **State Government Reorganization And Privatization (1995-96)**

Bills recommended and introduced

TO ENFORCE ECONOMY IN STATE PRINTING COSTS AND TO PROMOTE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCREASED PRIVATIZATION OF PRINTING. (HB 1170 - Morgan, SB 1182 - Hoyle)

TO ABOLISH AND MERGE CERTAIN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. (HB 1169 - Morgan)

TO TRANSFER THE RAIL SAFETY SECTION FROM THE UTILITIES COMMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND TO DIRECT THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY THE NEED FOR CONTINUATION OF THE RAIL SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM. (HB 1172 - Morgan, Ratified - Ch. 673); SB 1255 - Hoyle

TO PROVIDE FOR LEGISLATIVE CONFIRMATION OF CERTAIN EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS AND TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION, APPOINTMENTS, AND TERMS OF VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND AUTHORITIES WITHIN STATE GOVERNMENT. (HB 1171 - Morgan, SB 1325 - Hoyle)

#### State-Owned Submerged Lands (1993-94)

Bills recommended and introduced

TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 146 CONCERNING STATE-OWNED SUBMERGED LANDS. (SB 52 - Albertson, Ratified - Ch. 529)

#### **State Parks and Recreation Areas (1993-94)**

Bills recommended and introduced

APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS FOR STAFFING, SALARY, AND OTHER OPERATIONS. (HB 59/Luebke; incorporated in HB 718, Ratified - Ch. 456)

APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RECREATION ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM. (HB 58 - Luebke, SB 995 - Speed)

CREATE A STUDY COMMISSION ON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS. (HB 60 - Luebke)

#### State Purchasing (1993-94)

Bills recommended and introduced

AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY STATE PURCHASING. (HB 302/Warner, SB 420/Kerr; incorporated in HB 898, Sec. 2.1(21), Ratified - Ch. 542)

CREATE A STATE PROCUREMENT POLICY COUNCIL. (HB 304 - Warner, SB 419 - Kerr)

PROVIDE FOR THE AWARD OF STATE REQUIREMENTS CONTRACTS FOR FURNITURE. (HB 301 - Warner, Ratified - Ch. 136); SB 418 - Kerr

CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF CORRECTION ENTERPRISES. (HB 303 - Warner, SB 417 - Kerr)

AUTHORIZING LIMITED PURCHASING OF GOODS AND SERVICES FROM NON-CERTIFIED SOURCES. (HB 300 - Warner)

#### **State Purchasing and Correction Enterprises (1995-96)**

The Committee did not report to the 1996 Short Session.

#### **Tobacco Warehouse (1993-94)**

The committee did not meet after the 1994 Short Session.

#### **UNC Board of Governors Appointment Process (1993-94)**

Bills recommended but not introduced

TO REQUIRE THAT FORMER LEGISLATORS WAIT TWO YEARS BEFORE SERVING ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

#### **Water Issues (1993-94)**

Bills recommended and introduced

APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE SUMMER INTERNSHIPS AT THE WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH INSTITUTE. (HB 45 - Ives, SB 94 - Albertson)

AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY WATER ISSUES. (HB 46/Ives, SB 95/Albertson; incorporated in HB 898, Sec. 2.1(22), Ratified - Ch. 542)

#### **Water Issues (1995-96)**

Bills recommended and introduced

TO PROVIDE THAT NO STATE RULE REGULATING DRINKING WATER STANDARDS AND TESTING MAY BE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THE FEDERAL LAW. (HB 1128 - Allred, SB 1175 - Speed)

TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO FUND THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TO IMPLEMENT A WAIVER PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN DRINKING WATER TESTS. (SB 1355/Speed; incorporated in HB 53 of the 1996 Second Extra Session, Sec. 27.11, Ratified - Ch. 18)

Bills recommended and not introduced

TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO FUND THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO SMALL WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS TO OBTAIN AVAILABLE SUSCEPTIBILITY WAIVERS FROM CERTAIN DRINKING WATER TESTS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA DRINKING WATER ACT.

#### Workers' Compensation (1993-94)

The committee did not meet.

#### Workers' Compensation (1995-96)

Bills recommended and introduced

TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENT WITH REGARD TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE OF SUBCONTRACTORS. (HB 1090 - Lemmond, Ratified - Ch. 555); SB 1160 - Ballance

TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, RESCUE SQUAD, AND EMS WORKERS. (HB 1087 - Lemmond, SB 1166 - Kerr and Warren)

TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENT FOR HOSPITAL REIMBURSEMENT IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASES. (HB 1088 - Lemmond, Ratified - Ch. 548); SB 1155 - Kerr

TO REMOVE LANGUAGE REQUIRING AN ATTORNEY'S OPINION AND WRITTEN STATEMENT IN APPEALS BY INDIGENTS FROM THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION TO THE NORTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS. (HB 1089 - Lemmond, Ratified - Ch. 552); SB 1159 - Ballance

TO CONFORM THE PENALTY FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD TO THE PENALTY FOR INSURANCE FRAUD AND TO RAISE THE PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN OTHER WORKERS' COMPENSATION OFFENSES FROM CLASS 1 MISDEMEANORS TO CLASS H FELONIES. (HB 1091 - Lemmond, SB 1253 - Kerr)

TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS IN THE 1995 WORKERS' COMPENSATION LOSS COSTS RATING LAWS. (HB 1086 - Lemmond, Ratified - Ch. 729); SB 1252 - Kerr