

**North Carolina House of Representatives
Appropriations Committee**

2019 RULES FOR COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

May 1, 2019

The following rules govern the eligibility of amendments to House Bill 966:

1. Amendments cannot increase total spending within a committee area beyond the total for that committee as shown in the committee report (House Rule 43(b)(1)).
2. Amendments can only affect appropriations within the departments, agencies, or programs within the jurisdiction of the committee (House Rule 43(b)(2)).
3. Amendments cannot increase total spending, from any source, beyond the total amount shown in the committee report (House Rule 43(b)(3)).
4. Amendments that cause the budget to be unbalanced are not in order (House Rule 43(b)(4)).
5. Amendments cannot spend reversions (House Rule 43(b)(5)).
6. Amendments cannot make nonrecurring reductions to fund recurring items (House Rule 43(b)(6)).
7. Amendments cannot change substantive policy or law (House Rule 36.4).
8. Amendments cannot propose to include material not directly related to the budget. (House Rule 43(a))
9. Amendments cannot change the recurring or non-recurring designation of money items.
10. Amendments cannot adjust salary and benefit appropriations for the departments, agencies, or programs.
11. Amendments cannot reduce or eliminate vacant positions (or the associated savings in the salary and benefits) in agency budgets beyond those included in the committee report.
12. Amendments must be in writing, the original signed, with 150 copies available for distribution. The Sergeant-at-Arms will distribute copies only at the direction of the Chairs.
13. No documents may be distributed to members except by prior arrangement with the Chairs.
14. The House Budget Team will review amendments to make sure they are eligible for consideration. Eligible amendments will be heard after all of the subcommittee presentations have been made.
15. **To be considered, a proposed amendment (a) must have been requested from drafting staff by 12:00 pm or (b) if handwritten by a member, must have been logged in at the podium by 12:00 pm.**