2025-26 North Carolina General Assembly Opening Session

The 2025-26 session of the North Carolina General Assembly officially began on Wednesday January 29, marking the start of legislative activity with 68 bills introduced. Legislators had previously convened for an organizational session on January 8, but this was the first official workday of the two-year session. Bill filing deadlines are April 3 for the House and March 25 for the Senate.

Key Bills Introduced

A few of the 68 bills introduced this week include:

Gambling Losses Tax Deduction (House Bill 14)

- Allows taxpayers to deduct gambling losses from their state income taxes, aligning North Carolina's tax treatment with federal law.
- Primary sponsor: Rep. Erin Paré (R-Wake).
- Purpose: Prevents surprise tax bills for individuals who participated in sports betting last year.

Constitutional Carry (House Bill 5)

- Would allow eligible U.S. citizens to carry a concealed handgun in North Carolina without a permit.
- The current concealed carry permit system would remain in place for individuals who want to maintain reciprocity in other states.
- Elected officials would be authorized to carry concealed firearms while performing official duties.
- Exclusions: Certain convicted felons, individuals with mental disorders, and drug addicts would be ineligible.
- Primary sponsor: Rep. Keith Kidwell (R-Beaufort).

Mobile Driver's Licenses (Senate Bill 2)

- Requires the NC Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue digital driver's licenses and recognize digital IDs from other states.
- Digital driver's licenses would satisfy in-person voter ID requirements.
- Defined as a supplemental digital version of a valid driver's license, accessible via a mobile device.

State Marine Mammal (Senate Bill 15)

• Proposes designating the bottlenose dolphin as North Carolina's official state marine mammal.

• Rationale: The species is abundant along the NC coastline and is recognized for its distinctive "smiling" appearance due to its curved snout.

Legislative Outlook

With bill filing open for several months, additional proposals are expected in areas such as tax policy, firearms regulations, digital identification, and environmental designations. Many of these bills, including constitutional carry, have been introduced in previous sessions but did not advance to floor votes. Their fate in this session remains uncertain.

NC Lawmakers and Doctors Call for Reform of Prior Authorization System

The North Carolina Medical Society (NCMS) has launched a new campaign to reform prior authorization laws, calling the process outdated, inefficient, and cruel. Doctors, patients, and legislators gathered at a press conference to criticize insurance companies' use of prior authorization as a profit-driven delay tactic that obstructs necessary medical care.

Patients and physicians shared troubling examples, including a cancer patient whose treatment was delayed due to an unnecessary re-evaluation of medical necessity and doctors forced to seek approval from insurance-employed physicians in unrelated specialties. Dr. John Meier IV, NCMS President, emphasized that prior authorization is not about healthcare but about financial control, designed to create obstacles that reduce costs for insurance companies at the expense of patient care.

Studies show that prior authorization costs the healthcare system \$1.8 billion annually, and clinicians spend more than 13 hours per week on related paperwork. Rep. Timothy Reeder (R-Pitt), an emergency room physician, previously sponsored legislation (H.B. 649) to reform prior authorization in 2023, but it failed to advance in the Senate. He and Rep. Grant Campbell (R-Cabarrus), a trauma surgeon, are now pushing for legislative action if insurance companies do not propose meaningful changes.

Lawmakers warned the insurance industry that unless a fairer and more efficient system is voluntarily implemented, the General Assembly will take legislative action to protect patients and ensure timely medical care.

NC Lawmaker Proposes Tax Cuts on Overtime & Tips, Pushes to End Daylight Savings Rep. Harry Warren (R-Rowan) has introduced two bills aligning with 2024 campaign promises made by Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump.

- House Bill 11 seeks to exempt bonus pay (up to \$2,500), overtime pay, and tips from North Carolina state income taxes. Warren argues this would reward hardworking employees, encourage extra shifts, and help employers fill vacant positions.
- House Bill 12 would eliminate Daylight Savings Time (DST) in North Carolina, a measure that Trump has also advocated at the federal level. However, previous attempts to end DST in North Carolina have failed due to opposition from airlines and industries that rely on multi-state scheduling.

House Speaker Destin Hall Releases First-Ever Six-Month Legislative Calendar House Speaker Destin Hall earned applause from legislators on Wednesday after releasing a six-month legislative calendar, marking the first time in North Carolina history that House lawmakers have a formalized voting and meeting schedule.

The schedule provides predictability, with:

- Mondays designated for Rules and Select Committee meetings.
- Tuesdays and Wednesdays (late February–June) set as House voting days, except during two scheduled break weeks: April 21–25 and May 26–30.
- Thursdays in February reserved for committee meetings only, while Thursdays in later months are potential voting days.

Hall emphasized that the schedule will be followed closely to provide certainty for legislators. He also acknowledged that work may extend beyond June to address key issues, including Helene (though the reference was unclear). The goal, he said, is to respect the time commitment of legislators, many of whom serve for modest pay.

Committee Assignments

The House and Senate have finalized and announced their committee assignments for the 2025-2026 legislative sessions. A complete list of committees is included at the end of this legislative report.

The House and Senate adjourned Thursday and will reconvene on Monday February 3.

Bills of Interest

House Bill 8, NC Managing Environmental Waste Act of 2025, aims to reduce and better manage single-use waste in North Carolina through policy changes, reporting requirements, and research initiatives. The bill mandates that state agencies, schools, and local government entities prioritize purchasing materials and supplies with compostable or recyclable content in food establishments. Additionally, these entities must track and report their purchases and recycling efforts to the Department of Environmental Quality, which will compile and submit an annual statewide waste management report.

The legislation also directs the UNC Policy Collaboratory to study the environmental impacts of plastic pollution, analyze state recycling rates, assess relevant legislation from other states, and evaluate alternatives to single-use plastics. The study will also consider the effects of food service ware bans on people with disabilities and examine private sector initiatives to reduce plastic waste. Findings and recommendations from this study will be presented to the General Assembly in 2026, with \$50,000 allocated from the General Fund for the study.

Beyond research, the bill seeks to implement immediate waste reduction measures within state government. The Legislative Services Officer is tasked with evaluating opportunities to reduce the use of single-use food service ware in legislative food establishments and beverage services. Meanwhile, the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources will launch a pilot program in five state-operated facilities to eliminate non-compostable food service ware as soon as feasible.

The funding allocation for this initiative will take effect on July 1, 2025, while the remaining provisions become law upon enactment.

Introduced by Rep. Harry Warren (R) and was referred to the House Rules Committee.

<u>House Bill 24, Restore Down-Zoning Authority</u>, would restore the authority of local governments to initiate down-zoning by repealing Section 3K.1 of S.L. 2024-57, which had previously restricted this power. Down-zoning refers to changing zoning regulations to reduce the allowable density or intensity of land use (e.g., limiting multi-family housing in an area previously zoned for higher-density development).

The bill applies retroactively to December 11, 2024, meaning any ordinances affected by the prior law (S.L. 2024-57) will be reinstated as they existed before that date. This would give cities and counties the ability to proactively rezone areas without requiring property owner consent, a power that was previously curtailed.

If enacted, this bill would immediately restore local control over zoning decisions, potentially impacting property development, housing availability, and land use planning.

Introduced by Rep. Adams (R), Penny (R), Warren (R), McNeely (R) and referred to the House Rules Committee.

House Bill 25, Restore Down-Zoning Auth./Stanly & Catawba, would restore the authority of Stanly and Catawba Counties, along with their municipalities, to initiate down-zoning without requiring property owner consent. The bill amends G.S. 160D-601(d) by reversing restrictions imposed under Section 3K.1(a) of S.L. 2024-57, which previously required written approval from all affected property owners before down-zoning could occur.

Down-zoning refers to changes in zoning regulations that:

- 1. Reduce development density (e.g., limiting the number of housing units per acre).
- 2. Restrict permitted land uses (e.g., prohibiting commercial development in previously mixed-use areas).
- 3. Create nonconformities for properties not in residential zoning districts (e.g., making existing structures or businesses out of compliance with new zoning laws).

<u>This bill applies only to Stanly and Catawba Counties</u> and is retroactive to December 11, 2024, meaning any down-zoning ordinances affected by the previous law will be reinstated as they were before that date.

If enacted, the bill would return zoning control to local governments in these counties, allowing them to make land-use decisions without requiring property owner approval.

Introduced by Reps. Honeycutt (R) and Setzer (R) and referred to the House Rules Committee. Senate Bill 11 & 27, Restore Down-Zoning Auth./Multiple Counties, would restore the authority of local governments in 10 North Carolina counties to initiate down-zoning without requiring property owner consent. The bill reverses restrictions imposed by Section 3K.1(a) of S.L. 2024-57, which previously required written approval from affected property owners before down-zoning could occur.

Down-zoning is when zoning regulations are changed to:

- 1. Decrease development density (e.g., reducing the number of housing units allowed).
- 2. Restrict permitted land uses (e.g., prohibiting commercial development in certain areas).
- 3. Create nonconformities for non-residential properties (e.g., making existing businesses or structures out of compliance with new zoning laws).

This bill applies only to Bertie, Camden, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, and Tyrrell Counties, as well as their municipalities. It is retroactive to December 11, 2024, meaning any down-zoning ordinances affected by the prior law will be reinstated as they were before that date.

If enacted, the bill would return zoning control to local governments in these counties, allowing them to make land-use decisions without requiring property owner approval.

Introduced by Sen. Hanig (R) and referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

Senate Bill 19, Various Environmental Amendments, introduces multiple changes to North Carolina's environmental policies, focusing on coastal protection, state property easements, and stormwater regulations.

1. Designation of Jockey's Ridge as an Area of Environmental Concern

- a. Jockey's Ridge, the tallest active sand dune on the Atlantic Coast, will be classified as a unique coastal geological formation and an Area of Environmental Concern (AEC).
- b. Any development requiring removal of more than 10 cubic yards of sand will need a permit, and any removed sand must be deposited within Jockey's Ridge State Park.
- c. Development cannot significantly alter the natural movement of sand, except for necessary infrastructure projects.

2. New Requirements for Granting Easements on State Property

- a. Before granting easements for spoil disposal or dumping rights (e.g., dredging materials), the Department of Administration must:
 - i. Hold a public hearing in the affected county.
 - ii. Consult with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations before approval.
- b. This section takes effect on August 1, 2025, and applies to new requests submitted after that date.

3. Clarification of Built-Upon Area in Stormwater Regulations

- a. Modifies how impervious surfaces are defined under state and local stormwater programs.
- b. Specifies that the following will not be considered impervious/built-upon areas:
 - i. Artificial turf (if designed for drainage).
 - ii. Slatted decks and pool water surfaces.
 - iii. Certain gravel, mulch, sand, and vegetation-
 - iv. Trails with pervious surfaces.
- c. Prevents local governments from adopting stricter definitions of "built-upon area" than what is outlined in the bill, unless federally required.
- 4. **Effective Date** Most provisions take effect immediately upon becoming law, except the state easement requirements, which take effect August 1, 2025.

Introduced by Sen. Hanig (R) and referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

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