



Legislative Update

Week of April 28, 2025

Josh Stein, Governor

Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr., Secretary

After taking a break last week, the legislature certainly made up for lost time. This week was jam-packed with committee meetings and lengthy voting sessions ahead of the crossover deadline on May 8th. Crossover is the date for most bills to pass out of their chamber of origin to remain eligible for consideration in the 2025-26 Legislative Session.

Bills with appropriations or fees, such as S 710 - *DPS Agency Changes.-AB*, are not subject to the crossover deadline. H 483 - *Juvenile Justice Legislative Proposals* was subject to crossover but passed the House this week, keeping it in play for the remainder of the session.

H 74 - *House Budget Technical Corrections* was sent back to the House after the Senate passed it by a vote of 29-13. The Senate made several changes to the bill, including removing provisions that would have transferred filled positions within DPS to the State Highway Patrol. The House must now decide whether to concur with those changes. However, budget technical corrections bills typically go to conference to be negotiated behind closed doors, and that is expected for H 74 as well.

Crossover tends to be one of the busiest weeks of the entire session and next week is likely to be no exception.

DPS Bills with Action this Week

(Note: Click on the bill title to view the most current version of the bill)

Division(s) Impacted	Sponsor(s)	Bill #	Short Title	Action
Department-Wide	Lambeth, Arp, Strickland, and K. Hall	H 74	House Budget Technical Corrections.	5/1/2025 Senate Passed 3rd Reading 29-13
NCNG	Reives, Loftis, Goodwin, and Pittman	H 110	Nat.l Guard Student Loan Repayment Program.	4/29/2025 House Re-ref Com On Appropriations
Admin	B. Jones, N. Jackson, Lowery, and Eddins	H 171	Equality in State Agencies/Prohibition on DEI.	5/1/2025 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Law Enforcement	Stevens	H 307	Various Criminal Law Revisions.	5/1/2025 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

EM/JJ/Law Enforcement	Carson Smith and Wheatley	H 477	<u>Retirement Death Benefits Rewrite.</u>	4/30/2025 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
JJ	Davis, Greene, and Carson Smith	H 483	<u>Juvenile Justice Legislative Proposals.</u>	5/1/2025 House Passed 3rd Reading 85-23
Law Enforcement	Gillespie, Lambeth, Goodwin, and Huneycutt	H 512	<u>Emer. Care/Animals/Vet. Practice.</u>	5/1/2025 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
EM	Greene and Stevens	H 537	<u>Alena's Law.</u>	4/28/2025 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
JJ	Stevens	H 620	<u>AOC Agency Requests.-AB</u>	4/30/2025 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
SHP	Miller and Pyrtle	H 698	<u>Center for Missing Persons to Highway Patrol.</u>	4/30/2025 House Re-ref Com On State and Local Government
Law Enforcement	Stevens	H 771	<u>Criminal Law Procedures.</u>	4/30/2025 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Department-Wide	Jackson, Hise, and Lee	S 257	<u>2025 Appropriations Act.</u>	4/29/2025 House Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Pensions and Retirement
EM	Moffitt, Daniel, and Britt	S 266	<u>Historic Flood Event Bldg. Code Exemption.</u>	4/29/2025 Senate Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
ALE	Britt, B. Newton, and Daniel	S 429	<u>2025 Public Safety Act.</u>	4/30/2025 Senate Passed 3rd Reading 46-0
EM	Hise	S 602	<u>H'cane Helene Bldg Code Window Exemption.</u>	5/1/2025 Senate Passed 3rd Reading 42-0
JJ	B. Newton, Britt, and Daniel	S 648	<u>AOC Agency Requests.-AB</u>	5/1/2025 Senate Passed 3rd Reading 42-0

EM	Hise, Moffitt, and Daniel	S 671	<u>Helene Rev.</u> <u>Replace./Locals; Prop Tax Relief.</u>	4/28/2025 Senate Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget
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