



Legislative Bulletin

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The Weekly Recap

WHAT HAPPENED: Business was mostly slow at the General Assembly, especially as it relates to the largest piece of outstanding legislation: the budget.

WHAT IT MEANS: Budget negotiations are likely to stretch into August, even as House and Senate leaders acknowledged agreement on some key issues, such as state employee and teacher raises.

ON TAP: A casino bill was drafted this week, according to [reports from WRAL](#). The legislation would bring casinos to Anson, Nash and Rockingham counties, and also considers a fourth casino in the southeastern part of the state.

THE SKINNY: How the legislation might affect any nearby municipalities is uncertain, but NCLM will continue to monitor that and other legislation in the weeks ahead.

Police Whistleblower Bill Covered in Press

[An article](#) in The Charlotte Observer this week delved into law enforcement whistleblower protection legislation that NCLM and other organizations representing law enforcement agencies have opposed. The article noted that this year's version of the legislation, [HB 589/ SB 534 Protect Whistleblower LEOs from Retaliation](#), has stalled, largely due to the efforts of NCLM and those other groups, including the N.C. Association of Chiefs of Police, the N.C. Sheriff's Association and the N.C. Association of County Commissioners. While the article touches on the reasons for that opposition, it extensively quotes the N.C. Police Benevolent Association, which has been a primary advocate for the legislation.

NCLM has opposed the legislation largely because it would do little to prevent law enforcement officers facing disciplinary action, including for misuse of force, from making vague claims of "gross mismanagement" or "misappropriation" (not defined in the legislation) to try to stop or muddle any pending personnel actions.

NCLM will continue to work in opposition to the legislation in its current form.

Rep. Tim Moore to Not Seek Speaker Reelection

Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives Tim Moore announced this week he will not seek to remain the Speaker next session. Moore, the longest serving North Carolina House Speaker in history, was first elected to the House in 2002 and took the Speakers gavel in January of 2015.

He has not announced his future plans and indicated he may seek reelection to the House; however, it has long been speculated that Moore may run for the U.S. House of Representatives. It is expected that the NC Legislature will redraw state and federal districts this fall, which could affect Speaker Moore's decision.

Remembering King Mayor Jack Warren

King Mayor Jack Warren has passed away after a year-long illness. Mayor Warren had served 24 years as mayor, after previously serving a decade on the city council. You can read more about his time in office [here](#). NCLM sends its condolences to the city and his family.



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