December Coalition Meeting: The last meeting of the Coalition for this calendar year will be held on Friday, December 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in room 104 of the Brown Building on the Dix Campus (801 Biggs Drive) in Raleigh. Speaker for the meeting will be Leslie Jones, Planner/Evaluator with the Planning and Service Support Section of the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services. She will provide an overview of the recently completed State Aging Services Plan for North Carolina for 2019-2023. The plan is required by N.C.G.S. 143B-181.1A and Section 307 of the federal Older Americans Act (Public Law 109-365). It is a foundation for how the NC Department of Health and Human Services will address the challenges and opportunities of an aging population in the state, including adults with disabilities. You may remember that a session was held at a Coalition meeting in the fall of 2018 where Coalition members had the opportunity to provide input into the Plan. For those who can not attend the December 6 meeting in person but can call in, the call in number is 1-866-215-3402 and the passcode is 5080266#.

Tuesday, December 3, is Giving Tuesday

The Board of Directors of the Coalition offers our sincere thanks and gratitude to each of you – the lifeblood of the Coalition – for your support this year as we have taken significant steps to move the needle on aging issues in our state. As a collective group, we have come together to be a visible and vocal advocate for issues that are important to older adults and their families and our efforts are making a difference.

If you are so inclined on this day of giving, the Coalition welcomes any donation you would like to make to support our ongoing work. Donations can be made by clicking here.

Progress Noted in Transition to Community Living Initiative: The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) submitted an annual report to the state
General Assembly on November 8 highlighting significant progress in the Transition to Community Living Initiative (TCLI) to assist people with mental illness find housing and services in the community. A hallmark success of the program was a 27 percent increase in housed individuals over the prior year. The initiative was created in 2012 as part of the settlement with U.S. Department of Justice in response to an allegation that individuals with serious mental illness were inappropriately served in adult care homes. The settlement also provides that people being discharged from state psychiatric hospitals should have greater opportunities to live and work in the community. The annual report highlights several successes. On June 30, 2019, the initiative had a total of 2,114 participants in supportive housing, which exceeded last year’s total by 27 percent. These gains position NC DHHS to exceed its goal of assisting 3,000 TCLI participants to obtain supportive housing in communities by the end of the settlement. Additionally, a new Referral, Screening and Verification Process (RSVP) tool was implemented for participants. RSVP removes a barrier to community integration by diverting people from settings that may be inappropriate for their needs. The tool also engages Local Management Entities/Managed Care Organizations (LME/MCOs) in providing vital, community-centered assistance. The adoption of RSVP helped increase diversions by 14 percent statewide. On Oct. 26, the program’s independent reviewer released a separate review of the TCLI program. This report noted that the initiative met its annual housing requirement for the first time since 2014. The independent reviewer noted also that NCDHHS has provided leadership to improve the management, budgeting and oversight of the program. With the number of referrals to the TCLI program continuing to rise, the independent reviewer cited the need for continued improvements in services, discharge and transition planning, quality assurance and performance and underlined delays in pre-admission screening and diversion. (NC DHHS Press Release, 11/8/19)

**Legislative Wrap Up:** Numerous communications have been sent out during the 2019 legislative session to provide an update on all the happenings at 16 W. Jones Street (address for the Legislative Building. Now that the session has adjourned for the year, here are a few additional bits of information.
• **Aging Advocates Needs to Know About These Bills:** The Coalition has pulled together a list of legislation that was passed in 2019 that is likely of most relevance to aging interests in the state. The list is at the end of the *Update.*

• **Vetoed Bills:** Governor Roy Cooper vetoed 14 bills in 2019. To see a list of the bills, click [here](#).

• **Comparison of Nonprofit Related Provisions in State Budget and “Mini-Budget” Bills:** Thanks to our friends at the NC Center for Nonprofits for providing a comparison of nonprofit related provisions in the state budget bill and the “mini-budget” bills that were passed. Just to recap, because the NC Senate has been unable to override Governor Roy Cooper’s veto of the state budget for FY2019-21 (H.B. 966), legislators took a piecemeal approach to the state budget. Under state law, recurring funding from last year’s state budget automatically continues for the current fiscal year. To address many of the state’s new funding needs and various policy provisions that are necessary for the effective operation of state programs, legislators have passed 21 “mini-budget” bills this fall. Governor Cooper signed 16 of these “mini-budget” bills into law and vetoed five of them. To help nonprofit understand how the “mini-budget” bills affect funding and provisions that are important to the work of nonprofits, the Center for Nonprofits has updated its [comparison chart of key nonprofit provisions](#) in the full budget, the enacted “mini-budget” bills, and the vetoed “mini-budget” bills. (Nonprofit Policy Matters, 11/15/19)

• **State Judges Review NC Congressional Maps:** On Monday, December 2, a panel of North Carolina judges ordered a new U.S. House district map that Republican state legislators drew last month be used in the 2020 elections. They decided that there was not time to scrutinize the boundaries further for any left-over extreme partisan bias. The judges agreed it was too late in the election cycle to receive evidence and testimony that would be necessary to consider detailed redistricting arguments from the lawmakers and from Democratic and independent voters who challenged the latest congressional maps. The North Carolina primary for hundreds of state and local elected positions is March 3, and candidate filing opened Monday. The judges had suspended congressional filings for all 13 seats while they reviewed the case, but the judges’ unanimous order said the State Board of Elections should now start receiving filings from U.S. House hopefuls based on the new district seats. Ten of the state’s thirteen current U.S. House members are Republicans. The new map would appear to give the Democrats a good chance of picking up two more seats in 2020. (WRAL and Associated Press, 12/2/19)

• **Legislative Maps:** The state Supreme Court declined on November 15 to review new legislative maps drawn as part of a recent redistricting lawsuit, giving North Carolina final maps for next year's General Assembly elections. The plaintiffs in Common Cause v. Lewis
asked the high court to get involved after a three-judge panel, which ordered the General Assembly's Republican majority to redraw gerrymandered maps, signed off on the new maps. Common Cause took issue with eight of the new House districts in the map, arguing that those were still unconstitutional. The Supreme Court declined, in in the November 15 order, to take that issue up. (WRAL NEWS, 11/15/19)

- **Medicaid Transformation Stalls:** As announced earlier, an overhaul of Medicaid health insurance in North Carolina will be delayed because the legislature and Gov. Roy Cooper did not agree on a state budget that would fund the change. The NC Department of Health and Human services has indicated they do not have a new start date for the transformation and will not until it has the budget authority to move forward. (THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 11/19/19)

- **Governor Signs Legislation Making Absentee Ballot and Early Voting Changes:** On November 6, Governor Cooper signed into law a bill (S.683) that makes several changes to election laws to help prevent absentee ballot fraud and to increase access to early voting. The bill would permanently restore the last Saturday of the early voting period. The bill also ensures that many nonprofits that serve homebound seniors and individuals with disabilities can continue to provide assistance with absentee ballot requests to the people they serve. (Nonprofit Policy Matters, 11/8/19)

- **Donors May Use IRA Charitable Rollover on State Taxes in 2019:** Governor Cooper has signed into law a bill (H.B. 399) that, among other things, increases charitable giving in North Carolina by extending the IRA charitable rollover – a popular federal tax incentive for charitable giving – to state taxes. Individuals aged 70½ and older may make tax-free (for federal tax purposes) distributions to nonprofits from their individual retirement accounts (IRAs). In previous years, North Carolina donors who used the IRA charitable rollover had to pay state taxes on these charitable contributions. The new law ends this state tax on donations to nonprofits through IRAs, simplifying the process for donors and allowing them to contribute more fully to nonprofits from their IRAs. This change is particularly important now that the IRA charitable rollover has become a more attractive giving option for some donors after the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was passed in December 2017. Donors may begin to use the IRA charitable rollover on their taxes this year. (Nonprofit Policy Matters, 11/8/19)

- **New Laws Effective This Month:** A number of new laws went into effect December 1 including one that makes it illegal for a telemarketer to use a fake number to lure someone into answering their phone -- a practice known as spoofing. See this story from WRAL’s @NCCapitol for information on the new laws. (WRAL, 11/29/19)
• **Legislature Returns:** The General Assembly will return at 12:00 noon on January 14, 2020, for what is expected to be a brief session. A budget veto override and health care legislation could possibly be considered at that time.

Join Us on December 12 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Transitions LifeCare in Raleigh (250 Hospice Circle) for a Holiday Social and Fundraiser Honoring Mary Bethel on Her Retirement as Executive Director of the Coalition. To find out more, click here.

**U.S. House Passes Older Americans Act (OAA) Reauthorization:** On October 28, the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed on a voice vote the Dignity in Aging Act (H.R. 4334) which reauthorizes the OAA for five years. The Senate has not yet taken up the bill. Read the updated Committee [fact sheet](#) and [section-by-section summary](#) to learn about the latest version of the legislation. Review the Education and Labor Committee [press release](#) to see the remarks of Chairman Scott (D-VA). See the [remarks and press release](#) of Rep. Bonamici (D-OR), sponsor of H.R. 4334 and Chair of the Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services. Review the [remarks](#) of Rep. Stefanik (R-NY), cosponsor of H.R. 4334 and Republican manager of the House floor debate. Read the [press release](#) from Rep. Comer (R-KY), Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services. (NCOA Week, 10/29/19)

**Continuing Resolution Passed Through December 20, 2019:** On Thursday, November 21, the U.S. Senate cleared a continuing resolution (CR) that will extend funding for the federal
government through December 20. This legislation was then signed into law by President Trump. The CR will extend federal funding at the existing Federal Fiscal Year 2019 (FY 2019) levels, which have remained in place since FY 2019 ended on September 30. In addition to extending core government programs, including the Older Americans Act, at FY 2019 levels, the legislation also extends funding for several other items that are important to Aging and Disability services, including:

- Approximately $317 million for Community Health Centers;
- Extension of 100% Medicaid match for Territories;
- Extending the Community Mental Health Services Demonstration;
- Further delaying the scheduled reductions of Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH);
- Extension of additional funding, originally authorized under MIPPA, for:
  - State Health Insurance Counseling Programs, also known as SHIP;
  - Area Agencies on Aging;
  - Aging and Disability Resource Centers; and
  - The National Center for Benefits Outreach and Enrollment, which is housed by the National Council on Aging.

[Click here](#) to read the full legislation. (Advancing States Friday Update, 11/22/19)

**Other News and Updates**

**Senior Games Founder Retires:** Margot Raynor, founder of NC Senior Games, Inc. retired the end of October from the Senior Games program.

![Margot Raynor](#)

While working at the NC Division of Aging (later became the Division of Aging and Adult Services) some 40 years ago, Margot picked up on work she had done as a student at Clemson University and began researching ways to enhance “healthy aging” in North Carolina. Her work and vision resulted in what became NC Senior Games. The program began officially in 1983 with a goal of creating a year-round health promotion and wellness education program for adults 55+ (the age was later changed to 50+). Haywood County, Charlotte, and Wilmington were the
first three Local Senior Games in 1983, and served as the role models for other communities to begin Local Games. Seventeen Local Senior Games were held state-wide in 1984 and twenty-two in 1985 - the year the First Annual North Carolina Senior Games State Finals were hosted in Raleigh, NC. In 1986, the program was expanded to add a SilverArts component to give seniors in the state an outlet for creative expression in visual arts, literary arts, performing arts, heritage arts and cheerleading. The Senior Games program has grown to now include more than 50 Local Games serving all 100 counties in North Carolina. During Margot’s tenure of leading Senior Games, the program was recognized as the premier health and wellness program for older adults in the country, and she was a driving force for the national “Senior Games Movement.” Margot served as Executive Director of Senior Games until 2004 at which time she stepped down from this position to lead the Senior Games Ambassadors and SilverArts programs and to assist with caregiving for her parents. NC Senior Games continues as one of the largest and best senior Olympic type programs in the nation. (NC Senior Games Website, etc.)

NCAOA Issues Call for Presentations: The NC Association on Aging (NCAOA) has issued a call for presentations for its 2020 Conference which will be held on March 5-6, 2020, at the Hotel Ballast in Wilmington, North Carolina. The call for presentations is open until Friday, December 6th. The conference planning committee is seeking fun and informative workshop sessions. Topics could include areas related to: adult services, senior centers, caregiving, nutrition, health care, diversity, and quality management. To find out more, click here. (Conference Call for Presentations E-mail, 11/12/19)

Division of Aging and Adult Service Awards: The NC Division of Aging and Adult Services is now soliciting nominees for four awards it will present this year to recognize individuals, organizations, programs and communities that have made significant contributions in support of the Division’s efforts to enhance resources, services and opportunities for our state’s older citizens. Nominations will be received until January 3, 2020. The awards are:

— The George L. Maddox Award which recognizes an individual or organization in the state that has excelled in creative programming for older adults.
— The Ernest B. Messer Award which recognizes a community (a defined geographic area) in the state that has excelled in addressing the needs of its older citizens.
— The Dorothy R. Crawford Award which recognizes an individual or organization that has developed innovative strategies related to or had a significant impact on the lives of older adults through Adult Protective Services or guardianship.
— The **Elizabeth Welch Award** (a new award) which recognizes an older adult who has effectively advocated for the needs of other older adults as either a volunteer or employee.

Contact Patricia Gillott at the Division of Aging and Adult Services, 2101 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-2101 or at Patricia.Gillott@dhhs.nc.gov with questions about the nomination process.

**Meals on Wheels America Top Official Comes to NC:** Ellie Hollander, president and CEO of Meals on Wheels America, came to Raleigh on Nov. 1 for a #LetsDoLunch fundraiser sponsored by Wake County Meals on Wheels. The event focused on combating senior hunger and isolation.

![Pictured at the #LetsDoLunch Event from left to right are Ellie Hollander, president and CEO of Meals on Wheels America; Suzanne Black, President of the NC Association on Aging; Alan Winstead, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels of Wake County; and Mary Bethel, Executive Director of the NC Coalition on Aging](image)

**State Receives Federal Grant for Partnerships to Combat Opioid Epidemic:** Gov. Roy Cooper announced on November 25 that North Carolina has received a new federal grant that will help North Carolina partner with local justice systems — including local law enforcement, courts and others — to prevent opioid overdoses and connect people to treatment. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) was awarded $6.5 million over the next three years by the U.S. Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Assistance. DHHS will make grant funds available to a minimum of nine sites to implement evidence-based programs for people involved in the justice system based on a competitive application process. To read more about this, click [here](#). (NC DHHS Press Release, 11/25/19)

**Disaster Preparedness Funding to Help Rural Health Care Providers Better Prepare for Disasters:** On November 19, Governor Roy Cooper announced that the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) Office of Rural Health (ORH) has awarded 23 grants for disaster preparedness to health care providers affected by Hurricane Florence. The grants will support safety net health care providers, including rural health centers and non-profit rural health clinics, federally qualified health centers, health departments and
small rural hospitals, with service sites impacted by the storm. The grants, funded through a $1 million grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust, provide up to $50,000 for infrastructure-related capital needs, emergency supplies and equipment to sustain services during emergencies and natural disasters. To learn more and to see a listing of the rural health care providers receiving grants, click here. (NC DHHS Press Release, 11/19/19)

**Black Mountain Neuro-Medical Center Recognized:** Black Mountain Neuro-Medical Treatment Center, operated by the NC Department of Health and Human Services, was named the best nursing home in North Carolina by a new, national ranking recently compiled by Newsweek. Out of thousands of senior care organizations in the United States, 406 locations earned this distinction. Awards were based on a combination of performance data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and a reputation survey of nurses, nursing home administrators, therapists and physicians. Performance data included measures on quality, staffing and health inspections. According to the most recent CMS Nursing Home Compare data, Black Mountain Neuro-Medical Center has a five-star overall rating. The Neuro-Medical Treatment Center is one of three skilled nursing facilities operated by the NC Department of Health and Human Services. It was created to meet the needs of people who are aging with chronic medical and behavioral health needs that are typically unable to find placements in local nursing homes. There are more than 400 nursing homes in North Carolina. The Newsweek survey rated the Black Mountain Neuro-Medical Treatment Center tops, followed by six others in the state, in order: Abernethy Laurels, Newton; North Carolina State Veterans Home, Fayetteville; Brian Center Health and Rehabilitation, Gastonia; White Oak Manor of Burlington; White Oak Manor of Kings Mountain; and Carrington Place Rehabilitation & Living Center, Matthews. To read more about this, click here. (NC DHHS Press Release, 10/28/19)

**Rural Needs:** A new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found a litany of challenges amounts to higher rates of potentially preventable deaths in rural Americans under 80 as compared with their urban counterparts. The CDC studied potentially preventable deaths from 2010-2017 for five leading causes -- cancer, chronic lung disease, stroke, heart disease and unintentional injuries, including fatal drug overdoses. The study, released earlier this month, is the second time the CDC used data to understand the health differences between rural and urban areas in the United States. The federal agency released a similar, but less detailed report in 2017. "It's obviously disturbing, given the fact that we're not just seeing disparities," said Maggie Sauer, director of the NC Office of Rural Health. "We're seeing higher numbers of people [in rural communities] who are suffering and dying at a higher rate than some of our other communities. " North Carolina's potentially preventable death trends are on par with the CDC's findings, Sauer said. In rural parts of the state, potentially preventable deaths from the five causes the CDC examined amounted to a little more than 3,600 in 2015, according to data from the office. Preventing these deaths, Sauer said, will take a variety of interventions including reducing the number of uninsured people in rural areas, increasing
access to healthy food and affordable housing, as well as addressing economic factors that contribute to disease. But there are also relatively easy -- and cost effective -- interventions that could make a dent in these deaths, she said, such as educating people on the importance of wearing seatbelts. (NC HEALTH NEWS, 11/18/19)

**State Pension Stress Test:** State Treasurer Dale Folwell and the N.C. Retirement Systems Division announced the results of a "stress test" that gave high marks to the state pension plans. The test was conducted by The Pew Charitable Trusts (Pew) and presented to the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS) and Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) Boards of Trustees during a recent meeting. Pew said that compared to other states they tested, North Carolina's state pension fund is well-positioned to maintain solvency during tough economic times. Stress testing is a simulation technique that forecasts the potential impact of investment risk and contribution risk on pension balances and government budgets. Pew found that, even in downside scenarios (e.g. recession), the North Carolina pension system's current funding policy positions it well to withstand economic headwinds. These policies include the North Carolina General Assembly's full funding of the Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC) and providing millions more in additional funds through the Employer Contribution Rate Stabilization Policy (ECRSP) adopted by the Board of Trustees. However, the Pew researchers found that in a severe recession scenario, the state would need to commit a larger share of its revenue to pension contributions. Otherwise, pension funding levels would decline. (NEWS RELEASE, 11/21/19)

**PolitiFact Partnership:** WRAL is now the official partner in North Carolina of PolitiFact, the Pulitzer Prize winning organization that fact checks the accuracy of claims made by elected officials and others on its Truth-O-Meter scale. WRAL's PolitiFact team will offer reports every weekday on the facts behind what politicians and pundits on both sides of the aisle are claiming. (WRAL NEWS, 11/17/19)

**Flu Deaths:** The N.C. Department of Health and Human Services reported a slight uptick in flu-like illnesses before Thanksgiving -- at least 44 people statewide tested positive for the virus in the week ending Nov 23. A total of three flu-related deaths have been reported this flu season, two of whom were people over 65 years old, according to the agency's weekly flu report. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated, health officials said. (THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 11/29/19)

**Veterans Cemetery:** At a ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 7 at the Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery near Fort Bragg, state and local officials revealed $5.96 million worth of expansions that were made during the past year. The expansions were possible through a grant from the Veterans Affairs Cemeteries Division, said Larry Hall, secretary of the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, which oversees the local
cemetery. The money was used to replace crypts, add columbarium niches, repair the existing roadways, and for landscaping and supporting infrastructure. The grant also allowed a new digital kiosk to be placed at the cemetery’s offices. It allows family and friends to search for their loved one’s marker number and see a map of where the gravesite is located, Hall said. It means about 175,000 veterans and their eligible family members will be served, he said. (THE FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER, 11/07/19)

**Carteret Health:** Health care opportunities for residents of Eastern North Carolina have expanded through a new collaboration between an area hospital and the top medical network in the country. Carteret Health Care announced in November it has joined the Mayo Clinic Care Network, making it the first facility in North Carolina to become a member. Carteret Health Care Cancer Center Director Sherry King said it is not a merger and the hospital remains independent but the collaboration will allow them to continue to build on the high-quality care already offered. (THE (Jacksonville) DAILY NEWS, 11/21/19)

**Oldest American Is North Carolina Resident:** Hester Ford is at least 114 years old and is the oldest living American. She was born in 1905, or maybe 1904 -- no one's quite sure, according to WBTV in Charlotte. She has lived in Charlotte since 1953, where she raised 12 children with her husband and was a nanny in the Myers Park neighborhood for more than 20 years. As of 2017, she had 48 grandchildren, 108 great-grandchildren and about 120 great-great-grandchildren. (THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 11/29/19)

**Back@Home NC Serves 1,000th Person:** Back@Home North Carolina, the first statewide disaster rapid rehousing program, has housed over 1,000 people displaced by Hurricane Florence. After Hurricane Florence made landfall in North Carolina in September 2018, Governor Roy Cooper announced the start of Back@Home North Carolina, a program that connects individuals and families displaced by Hurricane Florence to resources, services and permanent housing to prevent homelessness and create stability and long-term self-sufficiency. Since launching in October 2018, Back@Home has moved in 1,035 people, including 426 children and 609 adults, across the 28 disaster impacted counties. Back@Home helps individuals and families displaced by disaster recover, stabilize and gain resiliency through providing direct services including: housing navigation services, rental assistance and case management services. The program is administered by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services in partnership with other state agencies, including the NC Housing Finance Agency, the Department of Public Safety and NC Emergency Management, as well as other nonprofits: North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness, Socialserve, American Red Cross, Alliance Behavioral Healthcare, Eastpointe, First Fruit Ministries, Southeast Family Violence Center, Trillium Health Resources and Volunteers of America. To read more on this, click [here](#). (NC DHHS Press Release, 10/25/19)
Certificate of Need (CON) Lawsuit: A Wake County Superior Court judge is allowing a lawsuit to proceed that could dramatically change how doctors and hospitals operate in the open market. The suit, filed by Dr. Gajendra Singh, a general surgeon in Winston-Salem, challenges the constitutionality of North Carolina's law on Certificates of Need (CON), which is the process through which state regulators approve granting a license to provide certain medical services. The Department of Health and Human Services and the North Carolina Healthcare Association are named as defendants in the case, and jointly filed a motion to dismiss. The motion was denied on November 15, thus allowing the case to proceed. According to the NC Department of Health and Human Services' website, the CON law "restricts unnecessary increases in health care costs and limits unnecessary health services and facilities based on geographic, demographic and economic considerations." Dr. Singh's issue emanates from his desire to purchase a new MRI machine for his practice. Singh, though, cannot legally do that without a CON, and the state thus far has not determined there is sufficient need for a new MRI machine in Singh's area. In a lawsuit filed in July 2018, Singh's attorneys label the law "arbitrary, irrational, and protectionist legislation" because it infringes on his right "to participate in the health-care market." (Jonah Kaplan, WTVD NEWS, 11/20/19)

Hospital Partnership: Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and Atrium Health have taken a formal step toward jointly “creating a next-generation academic health-care system.” The not-for-profit healthcare systems said they have executed an agreement they called "one more step in a series of milestones." The systems announced April 10 they had signed a memorandum of understanding. The proposed strategic combination is projected to be completed by March 31. The transaction requires the approval of regulatory agencies. The systems said in a question-and-answer post April 10 that "the goal is that upon signing a definitive agreement together, Atrium Health, Wake Forest Baptist Health and Wake Forest University will immediately convene a team to start the work of bringing a modern, innovative, cost-effective and sustainable top-20 school of medicine to the Charlotte area. They have not ruled out a much larger collaboration during their period of exclusive negotiations. (WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL, 11/01/19)

Housing Lawsuit: In October, North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein joined nearly half of the country's attorneys general to oppose the Trump administration's proposal that critics say would weaken fair housing laws by making it harder to prove discrimination. Stein was one of 22 state attorneys general to submit comments criticizing the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's proposed changes to its rules about disparate impact, or unintentional discrimination claims. Critics say the changes would make it easier to discriminate against people trying to rent or buy a home. Disparate impact refers to policies that are formally neutral but in practice adversely affect a protected class, regardless of intent. The proposed HUD rule change drew sharp opposition from several civil rights groups, including the Americans Civil Liberties Union and the National Fair Housing Alliance. Among the proposed changes, the burden to prove disparate impact moves from the defendant -- such as a landlord or lender -- to
the plaintiff, often a renter or home-buyer. It also requires the plaintiff to prove the challenged policy is "arbitrary, artificial, and unnecessary." (THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, 10/18/19)

**AG Stein’s Voice Message to Scam Callers:** Looking to bring more attention to the scourge of unwanted telemarketing calls, North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein posted a downloadable voice note that people can use as a voicemail message. Click here for the voicemail message. LeadingAge NC Advocacy in Action, 11/22/19)

**Medicare Open Enrollment Period (OEP) Ends December 7:** The annual OEP, which provides the opportunity for seniors to sign up for Medicare or change the plan they already have continues until December 7. The NC Seniors’ Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP), a program of the NC Department of Insurance, is available to provide free counseling and assistance to seniors regarding Medicare and open enrollment questions, including help with comparing plan options. Call SHIIP at 855-408-1212 or visit www.ncchiip.com. (NC SHIIP Program Information)

**Driver Licenses:** The online driver license services available on the NC Division of Motor Vehicles website moved into the myNCDMV section of the site, effective Sunday, November 17. Drivers will now be able to renew their licenses through the application where vehicle owners now go to renew their registration and pay their property tax online. Drivers will be able to skip traveling to a local license office by using the myNCDMV online service to renew their license, order a duplicate license or update their address. (THE WATAUGA DEMOCRAT, 11/20/19)

**New Incentives for Charitable Giving Could Help Offset Reductions in Middle-Class Giving:** Because of the structural federal tax changes in the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, more than 21 million Americans stopped using the charitable deduction last year. Preliminary data suggests that this tax law change has led to a small reduction in individual donations supporting the work of charitable nonprofits. In a new blog post, the NC Center for Nonprofits analyzes the latest trends in charitable giving and explains why new federal or state incentives for charitable giving – such as a universal, non-itemizer charitable deduction – are critical to sustaining the work of nonprofits in communities. (Nonprofit Policy Matters, 11/22/19)

**North Carolina Nonprofit Legal Compliance Checklist:** The NC Center for Nonprofits has released a new 2019 Legal Compliance Checklist. Updated annually, the checklist is a comprehensive resource that outlines laws that affect North Carolina nonprofits’ governance, finances, advocacy, human resources, and fundraising. Members of the Center receive the checklist as part of membership. There is a fee for non-members. To get a copy of the checklist, click here. (Nonprofit Policy Matters, 10/25/19)
Medicare Changes Reimbursement Policy for Therapies in Nursing Homes: On October 1, Medicare changed its payment system for physical, occupational and speech therapy in nursing homes. Before October 1, Medicare reimbursed nursing homes for therapy based on the number of minutes provided to each patient, up to 720 minutes a week. The new approach, called the Patient-Driven Payment Model, now pays facilities based on patients’ diagnoses and characteristics. This change is controversial and some nursing homes have cut back on therapy staff and are moving to conduct more therapy in groups rather than one-on-one. Medicare allows up to 25 percent of patients’ therapy to take place in groups. Read this New York Times article for more on this.

U.S. Territories On Path Toward ‘Medicaid Cliff’ As Congress Drags Its Feet Over Funding: All five of the U.S. territories — collectively home to more than 3 million Americans — are trying to figure out how to keep their Medicaid programs running with only a fraction of the money they’ve had for the last several years. If Congress doesn't increase the amount of money designated for them for Medicaid by the end of the year, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam say they would need to cut their Medicaid rolls in half; Puerto Rico says it would need to cut back dental and prescription drug services. NCOA and numerous other human service organizations sent a letter to Congressional leaders in November asking Congress to address this problem. To see the letter, click here. To read more about this issue, check out this story from NPR. (NCOA Week, 11/21/19 and Health News from NPR, 11/20/19)

Valuing the Invaluable 2019 Update: Charting a Path Forward: The latest report in AARP Public Policy Institute's Valuing the Invaluable series provides updated data on national and state estimates of the economic value of family caregivers. The report estimates the economic value of unpaid family caregiving at $470 billion in 2017. This report also explores family caregiving trends, highlights federal and state policy changes since the release of the previous Valuing the Invaluable report in 2015, and offers further policy recommendations to enhance the well-being of caregiving families. Click here to read the full report. (ADVancing States Friday Update, 11/15/19)

Nationwide Transportation Survey: The National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC) is conducting a national survey of transportation providers and stakeholders. The goal of this survey is to gather information that will help NADTC support transportation programs in their efforts to better serve older adults and people with disabilities. This survey will explore experiences related to needs and challenges raised in NADTC's 2018 survey. View the results from last year's survey here. The survey will be open until December 8. Click here to access the 2019 survey or to learn more about this project. (ADVancing States Friday Update, 11/15/19)

Navigating Medicare Coverage Options: NCOA's My Medicare Matters® site helps older adults identify their needs and explore coverage options. The Medicare coverage tool starts with basic coverage (Part A and Part B) and explains what is covered under each part. It then
provides details about enhancing coverage with optional plans (Part C, D, and Medigap). The site also provides a chart comparing plan options along with an explanation of star ratings. Click here to access the tool and learn more about Medicare options. (ADvancing States Friday Update, 11/15/19)

**Mobility for All Pilot Program:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for approximately $3.5 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 funds under the Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility (Mobility for All) pilot program. This funding opportunity seeks to improve mobility options through employing innovative coordination of transportation strategies and building partnerships to enhance mobility and access to vital community services for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and people of low income. As required by Federal public transportation law, funds will be awarded competitively to finance innovative capital projects that will improve the coordination of transportation services and non-emergency medical transportation services. This opportunity is open until January 6, 2020. Click here to learn more. (ADvancing States Friday Update, 11/15/19)

**A Profile of Older U.S. Veterans:** There are more than 11 million adults aged 60 and older alive today who have served in the military, representing over 15% of the 60+ population. It is important to learn more about this population to identify how they are faring during retirement and to identify their needs. To pursue this goal, the National Council on Aging and the Leading Age LTSS Center @ Umass Boston analyzed data from the Health and Retirement Study (HRS) to learn about the health and economic characteristics of the older veteran population. Click here to review the issue brief. (NCOA Week, 11/12/119)

**A Public Health Approach to Alzheimer's: Free Curriculum Updated:** The Alzheimer's Association has partnered with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health to produce an updated guide on Alzheimer's as a public health issue. The guide is intended to help prepare future and current professionals in public health and related disciplines for the growing Alzheimer's crisis. This curricular resource introduces concepts around Alzheimer's as a multi-layered, growing public health challenge and presents public health approaches to change outcomes across communities. The guide is free to access and is flexibly structured in modules that may be used together or independently. Click here to learn more about the curriculum and download materials, including faculty guides, slides, and teaching aids. (ADvancing States Friday Update, 11/22/19)

**Reducing the Cost and Risk of Dementia:** As people age, the risk of neurodegenerative disease increases. This new report from the Milken Institute looks at how to combat both the risk and cost of dementia. It is structured around five key goals: (1) Promote Strategies to Maintain and Improve Brain Health for All Ages, Genders, and Across Diverse Populations. (2) Increase Access to Cognitive Testing and Early Diagnosis. (3) Increase Opportunities for
Diverse Participation in Research and Prioritize Funding to Address Health Disparities. (4) Build a Dementia-Capable Workforce Across the Care Continuum. (5) Establish Services and Policies that Promote Supportive Communities and Workplaces for People with Dementia and Their Caregivers. The report provides actionable recommendations around these goals along with updated data and relevant analysis. Click here to read the full report. (ADvancing States Friday Update, 11/8/19)

2019 Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Scorecard Released: On November 7, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released the second annual Medicaid & CHIP Scorecard. This update includes the expansion of the data in the national context pages, as well as the addition of measures to the state health system performance and the state and federal administrative accountability pillars. Notably, state use of experience of care surveys for beneficiaries using LTSS is included in the new measure set. CMS included three experience of care surveys in this measure: NCI, NCI-AD, and HCBS CAHPS. Click here for more information about this measure, including a map highlighting state survey use. Click here to learn more about the NCI-AD initiative. (ADvancing States Friday Update, 11/8/19)

Granddad Pens Children's Books to Aid Understanding of Disability: Brian Abram uses a wheelchair and was worried about how his grandson would see his disability. So, Brian decided to write a short story showing him all the fun that people with disabilities can have. The story inspired him to continue writing, and today he has a series of five books about the adventures of "Grandad Wheels". According to Brian, "The books are not about having a disability, but the fun and life to be lived in spite of it." Click here to read the full story. (ADvancing States Friday Update, 11/8/19)

How Medicare Safely Covers Opioids: Opioid medications help treat pain but also carry risk of addiction, overdose, and death. As a result, Medicare has implemented policies to help Part D prescription drug plans address opioid misuse. A new fact sheet created for NCOA by the Medicare Rights Center describes two of these policies: drug management program lock-ins and safety edits. Click here to see the fact sheet. (NCOA Week, 11/6/19)

The Older Population in Rural America: 2012-2016: This publication from the Census Bureau examines information about rural older adults using data from the 2012 to 2016 American Community Survey (ACS). According to this data, there were 10.6 million older adults living in areas designated as rural during this time. This brief describes these older adults and compares them to their urban counterparts. It also looks at level of rurality within the population of rural older adults. Click here to access this report. (ADvancing States Friday Update, 11/1/19)
Adding a Dental Benefit to Medicare: Addressing Racial Disparities: This brief describes the racial disparities in access to oral health and oral health outcomes. Coverage is a key factor in reducing the existing disparities. This brief proposes adding oral health as a Medicare benefit as a potential solution. It also proposes additional policy options aimed at reducing disparities beyond expanding oral health coverage, including integration of oral health, a diversified workforce, and the co-locating of services. Click here to read the brief. (ADvancing States Friday Update, 11/1/19)

2020 Medicare Advantage Learning Collaborative: NCOA is partnering with the Aging and Disability Business Institute at the National Association for Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) to host the Medicare Advantage Learning Collaborative (MALC). This collaborative is intended to provide community-based organizations with the knowledge and skills to pursue partnerships and contracts with Medicare Advantage plans for home and community-based services and supports. Participating organizations will benefit from targeted technical assistance, a peer learning network, and a platform to share learnings. Up to twelve organizations will be selected. Apply by December 13 at 5:00 p.m. Click here to learn more about the application process. (ADvancing States Friday Update, 11/1/19)

Grandkids On-Demand: Papa is an intergenerational service which uses the ride-share model to pair older adults with students looking for flexible work. The students go through a rigorous screening process which includes a thorough background check. Once approved, they are matched with older adults to help with tasks like chores or rides. These "Papa Pals" often provide much-needed companionship and form close bonds with the people they help. This service is currently in thirteen Florida communities, with plans to expand outside the state soon. Click here to learn more. (ADvancing States Friday Update, 11/1/19)

Federal Approval Sought for Alzheimer’s Drug: On October 22, The drug company Biogen Inc. announced it will seek federal approval for a medicine to treat early Alzheimer’s disease, a landmark step toward finding a treatment that can alter the course of the most common form of dementia. The announcement was a surprise because the company earlier this year stopped two studies of the drug when partial results suggested it was not likely to be successful. The company now says a new analysis of more results suggest that the drug helped reduce a decline of thinking skills at the highest dose. The drug, called aducanumab, aims to help the body clear harmful plaques from the brain. Cambridge, Massachusetts Biogen is developing it with a Japanese company, Eisai Co. Ltd. To read more about this, click here. (Associated Press, 10/22/19)

CMS Announces Reorganization: On November 20, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) posted a notice for public inspection in the Federal Register announcing a reorganization that impacts staff overseeing Medicare and Medicaid programs. Most notably for Medicaid, the reorganization will impact the ten regional offices by restructuring those staff into
functional areas that support specific portions of the Medicaid program. These areas are intended to better align with CMS' Central Office functions and organization. Click here to access the notice online. (ADvancing States Friday Update, 11/22/19)

**New Brief on the Value of Integrated Care Released:** ADvancing States has announced the release of a new issue brief, The Value of Pursuing Medicare-Medicaid Integration for Medicaid Agencies, developed in partnership with the Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS). This issue brief is the latest publication from the MLTSS Institute, which was established in 2016 to drive improvements in key managed long-term services and supports (MLTSS) policy areas, facilitate sharing and learning among states, and provide direct and intensive technical assistance to states and health plans. This issue brief is also the first of three to be published in the next six months focused on aspects of delivering effective care to individuals eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid (dually eligible beneficiaries). To read the issue brief, click here. (ADvancing States Press Release, 11/22/19)

**Paycheck to Paycheck Homeownership Affordability Calculator:** Paycheck to Paycheck is an interactive online tool from the National Housing Coalition that allows users to research and compare rental and homeownership affordability challenges of workers in 81 occupations in 259 metro areas nationwide. The tool provides data to compare ‘Income Needed’ and ‘Median Salary’ in up to three metro areas at a time for aging services related occupations including:

- Affordable Housing Occupancy Specialist
- Laundry Worker
- Computer Support Specialist
- Maintenance Worker
- Social Worker
- Nurse
- Food Prep Worker
- Office Clerk
- Groundskeeper
- Home Health Aide
- Housekeeper
- Physical Therapist
- Nursing Aide

The website highlights affordability challenges workers face in five job categories in the construction industry: carpenters; electricians; heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) mechanics; maintenance workers and plumbers. The same methodology can be used to create reports that focus on aging services occupations. (LeadingAge NC Advocacy in Action, 11/22/19)
**New Discharge Planning Rule:** CMS's new discharge planning rule went into effect on November 29. This rule impacts hospitals and home health agencies, requiring a formal discharge planning process. As part of this requirement, hospitals and home health agencies are required to share nursing homes' quality measure and resource utilization data. CMS recommends the use of the SNF QRP data, available on the Nursing Home Compare website, along with any other "compare" sites and information that meets the patient's goals for discharge. The next Nursing Home Compare update is scheduled for December 4. (LeadingAge NC Advocacy in Action, 11/22/19)

**Webinars**

**Getting to Know the Quality Improvement Organization in Your:** Alliant Health Solutions (AHS), the Medicare Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) for Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Tennessee will host three webinars to provide information about the QIN-QIO and exciting nationwide quality improvement initiatives to make health care better. Register for one of these sessions:

- Tuesday, December 3 at 11am EST/10am CST - Register Today!
- Wednesday, December 4 at 3pm EST/2pm CST - Register Today!
- Thursday, December 5 at 5:30pm EST/4:30pm CST - Register Today!

**Legal Basics: Older Americans Act Services and the HCBS Network:** This Legal Basics webinar provides an introduction to the Older Americans Act (OAA). During the webinar, participants will learn about the OAA's history and the various aging network services supported by the law, which include caregiver support, long-term care ombudsman assistance, and services to prevent the abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older adults. This webinar will also highlight the collaboration between OAA legal services and the home and community-based services network. December 9 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Click here to learn more. (ADvancing States Friday Update, 11/15/19)

**Finding the Balance: Person-Centered Supports that Honor Both Safety and Dignity of Risk:** This NCAPPS webinar will explore the role of support providers as they balance the individual's choice with "duty of care". The webinar will discuss the importance of the 'dignity of risk' from the perspective of individuals with disabilities and will review how support providers can assist in managing risks associated with certain decisions. Participants will also hear about training opportunities where they can learn to manage health and safety concerns in a person-centered way. December 17 at 2:30 p.m. Click here to learn more. (ADvancing States Friday Update, 11/22/19)
Certification for I&R/A Specialists in Aging/Disabilities (CRS-A/D) Webinar Training:
The National Information and Referral Support Center invites aging and disability professionals to join a webinar-based training for Information and Referral/Assistance (I&R/A) specialists in aging and disabilities. This training will provide an overview of key competencies needed for aging and disability I&R/A professionals and will provide preparation for the AIRS Certification exam for Community Resource Specialists in Aging/Disabilities (CRS-A/D). The training course will cover the following content: the fundamentals of information and referral (I&R); details of the AIRS certification exam; the I&R/A process; key communication techniques; highlights of the AIRS Standards and Quality Indicators for Professional Information and Referral; an overview of I&R/A and the Aging/Disability Networks; information on aging and disability programs and services; and AIRS practice exam questions. December 17 from 1:00-4:30 p.m. Click here to learn more. (ADvancing States Friday Update, 11/22/19)

Developing Relationships: Fund Development and Strategic Partnerships: Wise nonprofits understand fund development is about more than just money. Learn how to thoughtfully forge critical and long-term relationships based on your organization’s goals and the interests and motivations of prospects and donors. January 30, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. (NCOA Week, 11/26/19)

People in the News

Former U.S. Senator Kay Hagan died on October 28 at her home in Greensboro from viral encephalitis which she contracted from a tick bite while hiking with her family on Thanksgiving Day, 2016. She served in the North Carolina Senate from 1999 to 2009 where she represented Guilford County. While in the state Senate, she rose in leadership and became one of the chairs of the powerful Appropriations Committee. In the 2008 election, she defeated incumbent Elizabeth Doe to win a U.S. Senate seat. She ran for reelection in 214 but lost to Republican Thom Tillis who was Speaker of the NC House of Representatives. In 2015 she was invited to become a Fellow at the Harvard Institute of Politics where she taught a seminar on Money in Politics, post Citizens United. In late 2015, she joined the law firm of Akin Gump and sought to advise their clients on public policy issues. (Associated Press, 10/28/19)
Mary Bethel, Executive Director of the NC Coalition on Aging, was appointed in October by Senate Pro Tempore Phil Berger to the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging. She will retire from the Coalition at the end of December.

Mary Edward, Consumer Affairs Program Manager with the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services retired at the end of October. She had been in that position since 2006.

After 25 years with the National Council on Aging (NCOA), James Firman, President and CEO, announced on November 25 his plans to retire from NCOA to pursue new endeavors that continue his focus on transforming the lives of older Americans. Firman will remain in his role until a successor is appointed to ensure a smooth transition. Since he became president and CEO in January 1995, NCOA has developed nationally acclaimed programs to improve the health, independence, and economic security of older Americans. He has been a relentless advocate for the importance of community-based organizations, as well as their need to transform themselves to respond to growing needs. (NCOA Press Release, 11/25/19)

A number of legislators on both sides of the aisle have announced they will not run for re-election next year. We learned last week that list includes Sen. Harry Brown (R-Onslow), the Senate majority leader and a lead budget writer. He has served eight terms in the Senate. (The News and Observer, 11/27/19)

Sen. Floyd McKissick (D-Durham) has decided to accept an appointment to the NC Utilities Commission. He has served 6+ terms in the Senate.

Palmer Edwards, MD, DFAPA, a psychiatrist practicing in Winston-Salem, was sworn in as the North Carolina Medical Society’s 166th president in October at the Society’s annual LEAD Health Care Conference. He is past-president of the NC Psychiatric Association, past-president of the Forsyth-Stokes-Davie County Medical Society and founding president of the Forsyth County Psychiatric Society. He also served on the Board of Directors of the NC Professionals Health Program (formerly the Physicians Health Program, NCPHP). (THE WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS, 10/18/19)

**Upcoming Meetings:** (Events New to the Calendar Are in Bold)

December 3, 2019 is Giving Tuesday
December 4-5, 2019 - NC Center for Nonprofits 2019 Conference at Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem, NC

December 6, 2019 - Combined November/December Meeting of the NC Coalition on Aging at 10:00 a.m. in Room 104 of the Brown Building on the Dix Campus (801 Biggs Drive) in Raleigh NC

January 16, 2020 – Senior Consumer Fraud Task Force Meeting in Raleigh. Contact John Maron with NC Dept. of the Secretary of State at jmaron@sosnc.gov for information.

March 21, 2020 – A Silver Soiree sponsored by Meals on Wheels of Wake County at 7:00 p.m. at Market Hall (214 E. Martin St.) in Raleigh. The focus of this event is to raise funds to help end senior hunger and isolation in Wake County.

April 4, 2020 – PrideLife Expo sponsored by SAGE Raleigh, Raleigh LGBT Chamber of Commerce, and Resources for Seniors at McKimmon Center in Raleigh (1101 Gorman Street).

June 8-10, 2020 - NCOA’s Age+Action Conference in Dallas, TX.

Resources/Articles

- APNews.com: Medicare Drug Plan Finder Can Steer Seniors to Higher Costs
- News and Observer: NC Must Improve Care for Vulnerable Seniors
- APNews.com: White House Urgently Ramps Up Push for Drug Cost Bill
- NerdWallet: What to Do If Your Parents Need Financial Help
- APNews.com: Will You Get Dementia? Many May Not Understand Their Risk
- Los Angeles Times: You've Won! (You Haven’t) - Scams More Sophisticated
- APNews.com: 'Obamacare' to Offer More Choices, Stable Premiums
- New York Times: To Lower Costs, Trump to Force Hospitals to Reveal Price of Care
- The Charlotte Observer: The Fear of Going Away Before We Pass Away
- Politico.com: Warren Details How She’d Transition Country to Medicare for All
- The Associated Press: Democrats Spar at Debate Over Health Care, How to Beat Trump
- The New York Times: Surgery for Blocked Arteries Is Often Unwarranted, Researchers Find
- Modern Healthcare: Tech service provider for nursing homes a ransomware victim
- NBC News: Change in memory test scoring could help catch Alzheimer's earlier in women
• NBC News: 'You're a legend': Older people are embracing video games. For some, that means stardom
• News and Observer: Medicaid expansion works in deep red Arkansas. It would work in North Carolina
• WRAL: WRAL Investigates: NC guardianship program stirs concern
• New Canaan Advertiser: Tennessee Medicaid block grant plan heads for federal review

NC Health News: (click on story to open):

• Rural-urban divide continues to widen, report finds
• Gov. Cooper signs Storm Recovery Act despite concerns
• NC’s Medicaid transformation suspended indefinitely
• No State Budget. No Medicaid Transformation?
• March to Medicaid managed care switch looking rocky
• In Medicaid transformation rollout, ‘more questions than answers’
• Legislature Comes and Goes, Leaves Most Health Care Priorities Unfinished
• Where is Mission Health’s independent monitor?
• Rural broadband grant program gets a $5 million boost
• As vaping devices evolve, new potential hazards emerge
• Rural and safety net hospitals prepare for cut in federal support
• NC’s largest county-owned hospital weighs a potential sale
• Virus from tick that killed former Sen. Hagan has never been detected in N.C.
• Number of uninsured children in North Carolina rises for a second year

NPR “On Aging” Series: (click on story to open):

• America's 'Shame': Medicaid Funding Slashed In U.S. Territories
• The Ventilator: Life, Death And The Choices We Make At The End
• Why Even Universal Health Coverage Isn't Enough
• Meditation Reduced The Opioid Dose She Needs To Ease Chronic Pain By 75%
• California's Preemptive Blackouts Put A Strain On People With Home Medical Needs
• Return To Sender? Just One Missed Letter Can Be Enough To End Medicaid Benefits
• How Deep Sleep May Help The Brain Clear Alzheimer's Toxins
• Smoke And Power Outages Near California Wildfires Hit Farmworkers Hard
• Keeping Your Blood Sugar In Check Could Lower Your Alzheimer's Risk
• Get Your Flu Shot Now, Doctors Advise, Especially If You're Pregnant
Mark Your Calendar - Coalition Meetings for 2020:

| January 24 | February 21 | March 27 | April 24 | May 29 | June 26 | August 28 | September 25 (annual meeting) | October 23 | December 4 |

Meeting Location, Time, and Call-In Number: All meetings except for the September annual meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in room 104 of the Brown Building on the Dix Campus (801 Biggs Drive) in Raleigh. For those who can not attend in person but can call in, a call in number will be provided the first of January. The location of the September meeting will be announced in early 2020.

Become a Member of the Coalition on Aging

Membership Registration and Renewal: Coalition on Aging membership registration/renewal can be done in one of two ways:

Option 1: Go to http://www.nccoalitiononaging.org/membership.aspx, and print off a membership registration/renewal form which can be completed and returned along with dues payment (payable to the NC Coalition on Aging) to the address noted on the form.

Option 2: Complete the registration and payment process (PayPal) on-line. Contributions in addition to dues can also be paid in this way.

The membership dues for 2020 are $200 for agencies and organizations and $25 for individual supporters. The Coalition has a hardship provision for those who which to join the Coalition but are unable to pay the full dues amount. To apply for this hardship provision, please contact the Coalition Executive Director, at executivedirector@nccoalitiononaging.org.

Submitting Information for Updates: If you have news or information on activities and events you would like to have included in an Update to Coalition members, please send details to the Coalition Executive Director at executivedirector@nccoalitiononaging.org. The Coalition also posts a master calendar of aging related events and activities on its website.

Have questions about the Coalition on Aging or need more information, including information about joining the Coalition or renewing membership, please contact us at executivedirector@nccoalitiononaging.org or check out our website at http://www.nccoalitiononaging.org/.
Legislation of Potential Relevance to Aging Advocates Passed in 2019

For information on all chapters bills this legislative session, click here.

HB 70 AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEADLINES BY WHICH CERTAIN PROVIDERS ARE REQUIRED TO CONNECT TO AND PARTICIPATE IN NORTH CAROLINA’S HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE NETWORK KNOWN AS NC HEALTHCONNEX AND EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE ADVISORY BOARD.

HB 100 AN ACT, CONSISTENT WITH HOUSE BILL 966 OF THE 2019 REGULAR SESSION, TO ENACT A BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS, AND REDUCTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO MAKE OTHER MODIFICATIONS RELATED TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

HB 111 AN ACT TO ENACT A BASE BUDGET FOR CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS FOR THE 2019-2021 FISCAL BIENNium.

HB 130 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO OPERATE "GAME NIGHTS," TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS HOLDING "GAME NIGHTS," AND TO ALLOW THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT "GAME NIGHTS."

HB 200 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR DISASTER RELIEF FROM HURRICANE DORIAN AND OTHER NAMED STORMS, FUNDS FOR RESILIENCY MEASURES AGAINST FUTURE STORMS, AND FUNDING FOR THE RURAL HEALTH CARE STABILIZATION FUND; TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO VARIOUS BUDGET RELATED BILLS; AND TO ENACT CERTAIN BUDGET PROVISIONS FROM HOUSE BILL 966, 2019 REGULAR SESSION.

HB 206 AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO LAWS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION.
HB 217  AN ACT TO MAKE MISCELLANEOUS AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE STATUTES RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY; AMEND VARIOUS STATUTES RELATING TO STATE AGENCY CYBERSECURITY; AMEND VARIOUS STATUTES RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE AND THE 911 BOARD; REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT CABLE SERVICE PROVIDERS MUST PROVIDE CABLE SERVICE WITHOUT CHARGE TO A PUBLIC BUILDING LOCATED WITHIN 125 FEET OF THE PROVIDER’S CABLE SYSTEM; CREATE THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY BOARD; REQUIRE TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF POLICE TELECOMMUNICATORS; AND CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER TO MAKE PERSONNEL DECISIONS RELATING TO EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

HB 220  AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.

HB 226  AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE 2019-2021 FISCAL BIENNium TO AWARD PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS INCREASES AND LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED SALARY INCREASES TO STATE EMPLOYEES.

HB 228  AN ACT TO MODERNIZE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD AND THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE.

HB 233  AN ACT TO REQUIRE A NON-STATE ENTITY THAT RECEIVES STATE FUNDS TO POST THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR’S HOTLINE, TO ALLOW THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR TO DETERMINE THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT A STATE AGENCY MAY RESPOND TO AN AUDIT OF ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY OR AN AUDIT OF PROGRAM RESULTS, TO EXPAND THE TYPE OF RECORDS THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR MAY SHARE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES, TO CLARIFY THAT THE PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR DOES NOT WAIVE THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT OR ATTORNEY WORK-PRODUCT PRIVILEGES, TO CLARIFY THAT THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR IS NOT REQUIRED TO ADOPT UNNECESSARY RULES, AND TO AMEND
HB 243  AN ACT AMENDING THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT RELATING TO THE CONSULTATIVE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO STATE WORKPLACE SAFETY PROGRAMS BY THE OFFICE OF STATE HUMAN RESOURCES AND AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE FLEXIBLE COMPENSATION PLAN TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

HB 264  AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.

HB 387  AN ACT CONSISTENT WITH HOUSE BILL 966 TO ENACT CHANGES TO THE GROWING RURAL ECONOMIES WITH ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THAT PROGRAM.

HB 388  AN ACT TO ALLOW IMMUNIZING PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER THE INFLUENZA VACCINE TO PEOPLE TEN YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER AND TO ADMINISTER VACCINES RECOMMENDED BY THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION TO PEOPLE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE PURSUANT TO A WRITTEN PROTOCOL TO INCREASE ACCESS TO VACCINES IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

HB 399  AN ACT TO MAKE CERTAIN TAX CHANGES, TO EXTEND CERTAIN TAX BENEFITS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE COLLECTIONS ASSISTANCE FEE SPECIAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

HB 449  AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF HANDICAPPED LICENSE PLATES TO A REGISTERED VEHICLE OWNER THAT IS THE GUARDIAN OR PARENT OF A HANDICAPPED PERSON AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE VARIOUS SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES.
HB 469  AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION, AMEND THE LAWS PERTAINING TO PARENTING COORDINATORS, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES UNDER THE LAWS PERTAINING TO ADOPTIONS.

HB 531  AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES TO REFLECT THE RESTORATION OF THE FEDERAL PROTECTING TENANTS AT FORECLOSURE ACT.

HB 548  AN ACT UPDATING THE DEFINITION OF PHYSICAL THERAPY TO EXCLUDE THE PRACTICE OF CHIROPRACTIC AND TO INCLUDE MANIPULATION OF THE SPINE WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION FROM A PHYSICIAN LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THIS STATE.

HB 554  AN ACT TO MODIFY FUNERAL SERVICE AND CREMATORY LICENSES AND PRACTICES.

HB 590  AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE LAWS.

HB 604  AN ACT TO CREATE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT OPTIONS.

HB 620  AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO COMPILE A PUBLIC STREET INFORMATION DATABASE AND TO UPDATE THE SUBDIVISION ROADS MANUAL REGULARLY, AND TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PROPRIETARY DESIGN WORK OR WORK PRODUCT SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FROM PUBLIC RECORDS TEMPORARILY.

HB 646  AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR VOTING PURPOSES; TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL WINDOW FOR APPROVAL OF STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR THE 2020 ELECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF EARLY ONE-STOP VOTING IN ODD-NUMBERED YEAR ELECTIONS.

HB 656  AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS PERTAINING TO MEDICAID
AND NC HEALTH CHOICE AS NEEDED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDICAID TRANSFORMATION.

HB 658 AN ACT MODIFYING THE EXPIRED DRUG PROVISION OF THE DRUG, SUPPLIES, AND MEDICAL DEVICE REPOSITORY PROGRAM TO ALLOW FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND DISPENSING OF DRUGS THAT HAVE NOT REACHED THEIR EXPIRATION DATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING ACCESS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE UNINSURED OR UNDERINSURED.

SB 682 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE BETTER PROTECTIONS AND SAFEGUARDS TO VICTIMS OF CRIME

HB 724 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF MISLEADING TELEPHONE IDENTIFICATION METHODS FOR TELEPHONE SOLICITATIONS BY VOICE OR TEXT.

HB 735 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO ADOPT RULES INCORPORATING ALL OR PART OF THE MOST RECENT EDITION OF THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOOD CODE.

HB 747 AN ACT TO REQUIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO ENTER MISSING CHILD, MISSING PERSONS, OR UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS INFORMATION INTO THE NATIONAL MISSING AND UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS SYSTEM AFTER THIRTY DAYS HAVE PASSED AND THE PERSON HAS NOT BEEN FOUND OR IDENTIFIED.

HB 934 AN ACT EXPANDING THE RIGHT TO TRY ACT TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO INVESTIGATIONAL ADULT STEM CELL TREATMENTS FOR PATIENTS DIAGNOSED WITH A TERMINAL OR CHRONIC ILLNESS.

HB 961 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FEDERAL FUNDING.

HB 1014 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE 2020 VOTING DISTRICT VERIFICATION PROJECT WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF THE CENSUS AND TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO REVIEW
PRECINCT LINES IN ADVANCE OF THE 2030 CENSUS.

HB 1017  AN ACT TO REDISTRICT WAKE COUNTY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS, AS ORDERED BY THE COURT IN NAACP V. LEWIS AND AS DRAWN BY THE SPECIAL MASTER IN COVINGTON V. NORTH CAROLINA.

HJR 1019  A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF FLOYD B. MCKISSICK, JR., TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION.

HB 1020  AN ACT TO COMPLY WITH ORDER OF THE COURT IN 18 CVS 014001, WAKE COUNTY.

HJR 1026  A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE SESSION RECONVENED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF RESOLUTION 2019-20.

HB 1029  AN ACT TO REALIGN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

SB 86  AN ACT TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR ASSOCIATION HEALTH PLANS AND MULTIPLE EMPLOYER WELFARE ARRANGEMENTS.

SB 95  AN ACT PROVIDING THAT FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AT THE NORTH CAROLINA VETERANS MEMORIAL PAVILION SHALL NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND UNTIL JUNE 30, 2020; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER FUNDING SHALL NOT REVERT UNTIL JUNE 30, 2021; REDIRECTING CERTAIN STORM RESILIENCE FUNDS; BY REPURPOSING CERTAIN PLANNING FUNDS, AND BY CLARIFYING THE PURPOSE OF CERTAIN WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING PROVIDED TO THE TOWN OF MOUNT AIRY.

SB 118  AN ACT CONSISTENT WITH HOUSE BILL 966 OF THE 2019 REGULAR SESSION (1) APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DIVISION OF ADULT CORRECTION AND JUVENILE JUSTICE FOR PRISON SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SECURITY EQUIPMENT UPGRADES FOR PRISON MANDOWN TECHNOLOGY AND CAMERAS, (2) REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO REPORT TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE
AND PUBLIC SAFETY REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT'S PRISON REFORM INITIATIVES, (3) CLARIFYING THAT CERTAIN FUNDS IN HOUSE BILL 966 AND OTHER SALARY AND BENEFITS BILLS ENACTED IN 2019 ARE DESCRIBED AS DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS, AND (4) APPROVING THE 2019 TO 2022 TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES STATE PLAN.

SB 162

AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE LOAN ORIGINATION FEE FOR NORTH CAROLINA BANKS AND TO ADJUST THE LATE PAYMENT CHARGE FOR CERTAIN LOANS.

SB 191

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A CITY WITH A POPULATION OF MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE WHICH HOLDS A NATIONAL CONVENTION TO CONTRACT WITH OUT-OF-STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION; AND TO AMEND A PROVISION OF THE BUDGET, IF ENACTED, RELATED TO RELOCATION OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FACILITIES.

SB 210

AN ACT AMENDING THE REVISED UNIFORM ANATOMICAL GIFT ACT TO INCLUDE TISSUE DONATION AS PART OF THE DRIVERS LICENSE DONOR AUTHORIZATION.

SB 230

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT RULES PROVIDING FOR EXCUSED ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROGRAM EVALUATION DIVISION SHALL STUDY WAYS IN WHICH TO IMPROVE THE ABILITY OF MILITARY-TRAINED APPLICANTS AND MILITARY SPOUSES TO BECOME LICENSED BY OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS IN THE STATE; TO AUTHORIZE A LOCAL DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO DETERMINE IF A JUVENILE WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN ABUSED, NEGLECTED, OR DEPENDENT HAS AN ASSOCIATION WITH THE MILITARY AND TO SHARE THAT INFORMATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE MILITARY AUTHORITIES, WHEN APPLICABLE; TO ENSURE THAT ALL ELIGIBLE CHILDREN CAN OBTAIN WARTIME VETERANS SCHOLARSHIPS; AND TO CHARGE CERTAIN VETERANS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS THE IN-STATE TUITION RATE.

SB 252

AN ACT TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PROVIDER AND PATIENT RIGHTS REGARDING HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN CONTRACTS
FOR THE PROVISION OF DENTAL SERVICES.

**SB 297**
AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA POLICY COLLABORATORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL TO ASSEMBLE A RESEARCH ADVISORY PANEL TO STUDY AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A RESEARCH PROGRAM TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY CLUSTERS OF CANCER INCIDENTS EXIST WITHIN THE STATE.

**SB 302**
AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADULT CARE HOMES TO USE SERVICE PLANS COMPLETED AS THE RESULT OF A MEDICAID PERSONAL CARE SERVICES ASSESSMENT TO FULFILL THE ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING PORTION OF THE REQUIRED SERVICE PLANS OR CARE PLANS FOR ADULT CARE HOME RESIDENTS; TO AMEND ASSISTED LIVING ADMINISTRATOR CERTIFICATION QUALIFICATIONS; AND TO IMPLEMENT NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF NURSING TECHNICAL CHANGES AND PROCEDURAL EFFICIENCIES.

**SB 313**
AN ACT TO REDUCE COSTS AND AID HOUSING AFFORDABILITY BY STREAMLINING THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE PROCESS BETWEEN DEVELOPERS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

**SB 316**
AN ACT TO DIRECT CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING, SUBSIDIES, AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

**SB 356**
AN ACT TO MAKE REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS, IMPLEMENT BUDGET STABILIZATION MEASURES, AND ENHANCE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

**SB 381**
AN ACT TO RECONSTITUTE SEVERAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS HELD TO HAVE UNCONSTITUTIONALLY APPOINTED MEMBERSHIP PURSUANT TO MCCORRY V. BERGER AND COOPER V. BERGER AND TO MAKE CLARIFICATIONS TO THOSE BOARDS.

**SB 394**
AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES CONCERNING ESTATES, TRUSTS, AND
GUARDIANSHIPS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION.

SB 399 AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR RETIRED TEACHERS TO RETURN TO WORK IN HIGH-NEED SCHOOLS WITHOUT ADVERSELY IMPACTING THE RETIRED TEACHERS' BENEFITS.

SB 429 AN ACT TO ENACT THE 2019 DISASTER RECOVERY ACT CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF HOUSE BILL 966 OF THE 2019 REGULAR SESSION AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

SB 458 AN ACT DESIGNATING POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS INJURY AWARENESS DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA; ADDRESSING PARENTAL CONSENT AND THE DISPOSITION OF FETAL REMAINS; AND AUTHORIZING ENGAGEMENT WITH THIRD-PARTY TOXICOLOGY LABORATORIES TO GUIDE RESOURCES.

SB 498 AN ACT TO FACILITATE RAPID RESPONSE TO STATE DECLARED DISASTERS BY EXEMPTING CERTAIN BUSINESSES AND EMPLOYEES FROM REGISTRATION AND TAX LAWS DURING THE DISASTER RESPONSE PERIOD.

SB 523 AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CLARIFYING AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS.

SB 529 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM PROCESSING FEE FOR RETURNED CHECKS.

SB 532 AN ACT (I) TO REQUIRE THAT, IN A LIVING PROBATE PROCEEDING, THE ORIGINAL WILL BE INTRODUCED AS EVIDENCE RATHER THAN BEING ATTACHED TO THE INITIAL PETITION, (II) TO PERMIT THE USE OF "MINOR" OR "18+" OR "ADULT" IN PLACE OF THE ACTUAL AGE OF AN HEIR OR DEVISEE IN AN APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION OR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY, (III) TO ADJUST THIS STATE'S STATUTES DEALING WITH OUT-OF-STATE WILLS RECOGNIZED IN THIS STATE ON THE BASIS OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW OF THE STATE OF EXECUTION IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE TESTATOR HAVE BEEN PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN THAT STATE AT THE TIME OF THE WILL'S EXECUTION, (IV) TO PROVIDE FOR NOTICE THAT TENANCY BY THE ENTIRETIES PROPERTY TRANSFERRED TO A TENANCY BY THE
ENTIRETIES TRUST REMAINS IMMUNE TO THE CLAIMS OF ONE SPOUSE'S INDIVIDUAL CREDITORS AND TO SPECIFY THAT A PERSON ENTERING INTO A TRANSACTION INVOLVING THE PROPERTY MAY OBTAIN CONFIRMATION FROM THE TRUSTEE THAT THE PROPERTY CONTINUES TO QUALIFY FOR THIS IMMUNITY, AND (V) TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE AFFECTED STATUTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.

SB 537

AN ACT TO EXAMINE AND ESTABLISH A NEW ADULT CARE HOME PAYMENT METHODOLOGY; TO AMEND THE LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS ACT; TO UPDATE AND REVISE THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE ACT; TO AMEND THE SOCIAL WORKER CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ACT; TO AMEND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES' STATUTES PERTAINING TO MEDICAID, SOCIAL SERVICES REFORM, CHILD SUPPORT, VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROFESSIONALS, ADOPTIONS, CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, JOINT SECURITY FORCES, SECURITY RECORDINGS, NC REACH PROGRAM, TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY, AND THE MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP; TO POSTPONE DEPLOYMENT OF NC FAST CASE-MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONALITY FOR CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM/AGING AND ADULT SERVICES' PROGRAM, DEVELOP REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION, AND REQUIRE PROGRAM EVALUATION DIVISION TO STUDY THE ISSUE; TO IMPLEMENT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS; TO MAKE CHANGES TO INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT; AND TO ESTABLISH THE RURAL HEALTH CARE STABILIZATION PROGRAM.

SB 553

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

SB 556

AN ACT TO UPDATE STATUTES RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF SERVICES WITH PEOPLE FIRST LANGUAGE BY CHANGING THE PHRASE "MENTAL RETARDATION" TO "INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY" OR "INTELLECTUAL OR OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY" AND TO MAKE FURTHER PEOPLE FIRST LANGUAGE, TECHNICAL, AND CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS IN THOSE STATUTES, AND ALSO TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION TO REPEAL THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY OF THE CHARLOTTE SCHOOL OF LAW, WHICH HAS CLOSED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERMS OF MEMBERS TO BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 1 RATHER THAN JUNE 1, AND TO HARMONIZE
TWO PROVISIONS DEALING WITH VACANCIES AND HOLDOVER MEMBERS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.

SB 557  AN ACT TO INCREASE THE STANDARD DEDUCTION, TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF HOLDING COMPANY FOR FRANCHISE TAX PURPOSES, TO IMPLEMENT MARKET-BASED SOURCING FOR MULTISTATE INCOME TAX APPORTIONMENT, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN MARKETPLACE FACILITATORS TO COLLECT SALES TAX, TO DIRECT REVENUE LAWS TO STUDY CERTAIN TAX SUNSET PROVISIONS, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

SB 559  AN ACT TO PERMIT FINANCING FOR CERTAIN STORM RECOVERY COSTS.

SB 682  AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE BETTER PROTECTIONS AND SAFEGUARDS TO VICTIMS OF CRIME.

SB 683  AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS GOVERNING MAIL-IN ABSENTEE BALLOTS; TO RESTORE THE LAST SATURDAY OF EARLY ONE-STOP VOTING; TO EXTEND THE TIME BY WHICH COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION NEED TO REPLACE DIRECT RECORD ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; TO AUTHORIZE A COUNTY TO TEST NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT DURING A SIMULATED ELECTION; AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, CONSISTENT WITH HOUSE BILL 966 OF THE 2019 REGULAR SESSION.

SB 686  AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SB 690  AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO APPOINTMENTS MADE IN THE 2019 APPOINTMENTS BILLS AND TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SB 692  AN ACT TO COMPLY WITH ORDER OF THE COURT IN 18 CVS 014001, WAKE COUNTY.
SJR 694

A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2019 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN AND LIMITING THE MATTERS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON RECONVENING.