



Topsail Island Legislative Update  
2/24/21

The legislative pace is picking up steam as we enter the second month of session. The primary focus the first few weeks has been COVID related bills including technical changes, in school learning requirements and allocation of the federal relief packages. The General Assembly starts its biennial budget process with a substantial revenue cushion. In a joint presentation to House and Senate budget writers, analysts with the legislature's Fiscal Research Division estimated that the state heads into fiscal 2021 with more than \$4 billion in tax revenue coming in above what was expected. The state also starts with an unappropriated fund balance from last year of about \$457 million. This article highlights caution to lawmakers that, "uncertainty over the course of the coronavirus pandemic and continued signs of a so-called K-shaped recovery, in which some sectors grow while others lag, present challenges." In addition to this information, a reliable inside source has said there will only be \$1B in recurring money, \$7B for COVID spending, and \$4B general fund anticipated non-recurring money.

Behind the scene legislators have made hundreds of bill request that are being filed daily. Rep. Phil Shepard will be filing a bill for an additional 1% local occupancy tax for North Topsail. Both he and Sen. Lazzara have requested that the additional funds be dedicated only to the 50 year project and sunset at it's termination. It is anticipated that a bill will be filed within the next couple weeks. TISPC lobbyists have shared information with the North Carolina Travel and Tourism board, which met on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have been informed that they will be opposing the NTB occupancy tax bill.

Bills of Interest

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**H44: Clarify Terminal Groin Definition.**

<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/Bills/House/PDF/H44v1.pdf>Sponsors

Hanig, Goodwin, Iler, Kidwell, Penny, Pittman, C. Smith, White, Yarborough

**Last Action**

Ref to the Com on Environment, if favorable, Regulatory Reform, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House | House | 02/03/2021

### **Bill Summary**

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT A TERMINAL GROIN IS NOT AN EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURE AND THEREFORE IS NOT SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS ON THOSE STRUCTURES

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### **S26: Clarify Terminal Groin Definition.**

<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/Bills/Senate/PDF/S26v1.pdf>Sponsors

Steinburg, Lazzara, Sanderson

### **Last Action**

Re-ref to Agriculture, Energy, and Environment. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate | Senate | 02/02/2021

### **Bill Summary**

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT A TERMINAL GROIN IS NOT AN EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURE AND THEREFORE IS NOT SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS ON THOSE STRUCTURES

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### **S31: Political Subdivisions/Local Bidders Notice.**

<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/Bills/Senate/PDF/S31v3.pdf>Sponsors

Johnson, Proctor, Craven, Perry, Sawyer

### **Last Action**

Engrossed | Senate | 02/23/2021

### **Bill Summary**

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE SHALL NOTIFY PERSONS OR BUSINESSES WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS BY REGULAR OR ELECTRONIC MAIL OF WORK REQUIRING AN ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE OF \$50,000 OR MORE BEING LET FOR BID BY THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

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### **S100: Police Funding Protection Act.**

<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/Bills/Senate/PDF/S100v1.pdf>

## **Sponsors**

Edwards, Sanderson, Britt, Alexander, Barnes, Burgin, Corbin, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Harrington, Hise, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Newton, Steinburg

## **Last Action**

Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate | Senate | 02/16/2021

## **Bill Summary**

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CITIES AND COUNTIES THAT REDUCE FUNDS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES BY AN AMOUNT THAT EXCEEDS ONE PERCENT OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN ANY FISCAL YEAR FOR ALL OTHER CITY OR COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR DEPARTMENTS, OR BOTH, SHALL RECEIVE A CORRESPONDING REDUCTION IN STATE-SHARED REVENUE AND DIRECTING THE NORTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION AND THE NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY ON LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT INVENTORY STANDARDS, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE STANDARDS, AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT STANDARDS