

Capital roll call

A look at how our area's state legislators voted in Raleigh during the past week.

N.C. House

HB359 — Viatical Settlements: Confirms North Carolina laws dealing with viatical settlements between insurance companies and beneficiaries with the model act of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Adopted 113-0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. YES: Setzer, Mitchell, Frank Mitchell.

HB942 — Locksmith Licensure (Concurrence Vote): Requires that persons performing or offering to perform locksmith services in North Carolina be licensed by the North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board, which is created by this legislation. Adopted 95-17. Sent to the governor for approval. YES: Setzer, NO: Mitchell.

HB1284 — Court Records: Creates an intervention procedure for court records access and establishes a \$20 fee for filing a motion to intervene. Adopted 110-0. Sent to the Senate for consideration. YES: Setzer, Mitchell.

SB16 — Municipal Election Boards (Conference Report): Abolishes municipal boards of elections and requires that all elections be conducted by county boards of elections. Adopted 108-0. Sent to the governor for approval. YES: Setzer, Mitchell.

SB206 — Tourist Directional Sign Program (House Version): Establishes the Tourist-Oriented Directional Sign program within the Department of Transportation to create signs that display business identification and directional information for tourist-oriented facilities or for classes of business or facilities that are tourist-oriented. Adopted 106-8. Sent back to the Senate for concurrence. YES: Setzer, Mitchell.

SB353 — Department of Revenue Collections (Conference Report): Establishes a permanent mechanism for the collection of tax debts by allowing the Department of Revenue to pursue delinquent taxpayers. Adopted 81-31. Sent to the governor for approval. NO: Setzer, Mitchell.

SB729 — Motorcycle Insurance Rates: Provides that rates and classifications for motorcycle theft and physical damage insurance are to be established by the carriers that write those coverages and not by the North Carolina Rate Bureau. The Rate Bureau will retain its

jurisdiction over rates and classification for motorcycle liability insurance. Adopted 105-4. Sent back to the Senate for concurrence. YES: Setzer, Mitchell.

SB842 — Business Entities: Establishes new types of legally recognized business entities and establishes procedures for business entities to change their legal status with the Department of the Secretary of State. Adopted 107-1. Sent back to the Senate for concurrence. YES: Setzer, Mitchell.

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SJR52 — Honor Billy Graham: Honors the memory of great North Carolinians and names Rev. Billy Graham as a Favorite Son of North Carolina. Adopted 43-0. Sent to the House for consideration. YES: Cunningham, Forrester.

SB195 — Criminal Records Checks for Nurses (Concurrence Vote): Allows the Department of Justice to conduct criminal history record checks from state and national repositories for candidates seeking licenses as registered nurses or licensed practical nurses. Adopted 44-1. Sent to the governor for approval. YES: Cunningham, Forrester.

SB353 — Department of Revenue Collections (Conference Report): Establishes a permanent mechanism for the collection of tax debts by allowing the Department of Revenue to pursue delinquent taxpayers. Adopted 41-2. Sent to the governor for approval. YES: Cunningham, Forrester.

SB531 — Unstead Act Exemption for Community Colleges (Concurrence Vote): Permits the use of community college personnel or facilities, with the trustees of that college, in support of or by a private business enterprise located on a community college for services including information technology outsourcing and telecommuting sites, small business incubators and product testing services. Adopted 43-0. Sent to the governor for approval. YES: Cunningham, Forrester.

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regarding sex offender registration so they conform with federal law in the definitions of aggravating offense, non-resident student and nonresident worker. Adopted 46-0. Sent to the governor for approval. YES: Cunningham, Forrester.

HB1073 — Register of Deeds / Business Reinstatement (Senate Version): Increases the fees registers of deeds are permitted to charge for services and allows the Secretary of State to reinstate business entities that were administratively dissolved by the Secretary. Adopted 46-0. Sent back to the House for concurrence. YES: Cunningham, Forrester.

HB1301 — Petroleum Cleanup (Senate Version): Clarifies that land-use restrictions and recording of those restrictions is required in the office of the register of deeds in cases of leaking underground petroleum storage tanks. Adopted 46-0. Sent back to the House for concurrence. YES: Cunningham, Forrester.

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Safe Kids': A back-to-school primer

SAFETY — With school doors opening across North Carolina this month, it is once again time to address safety issues with your children. Students are at a much greater risk traveling to and from school than at any other time in their school day.

"Walking to school, biking to class or waiting for a school bus places your child at greater potential for danger," said Insurance Commissioner Jim Long, who also serves as chair of North Carolina SAFE KIDS. "The best way to teach your child to be safer around traffic is to walk the route, bike the path or wait for the school bus yourself, and look at it from the perspective of your child."

Children learn by watching. Parents should cross streets in the way they want their children to cross streets. When biking, they should wear a bicycle helmet correctly and obey all traffic laws. When waiting for a school bus, parents should show children the correct way to board or exit the bus.

The school bus

The greatest danger of a school bus lies not in riding, but in standing near it. Pedestrians suffer almost three times as many school bus-related fatalities as bus occupants. Most injuries occur when children are boarding or exiting the school bus due to the driver's blind spot, which extends approximately 10 feet around the bus. Parents need to teach their children to be safe pedestrians as they walk away from the bus and to be safe riders while on the bus.

• Have children wear bright, contrasting colors so drivers will more easily see them.

• Make sure your child leaves home on time to walk to the stop and arrive before the bus arrives. Adults should accompany young children to the bus stop and have older children walk in groups. There is safety in numbers because groups are easier for drivers to see.

• Don't let pre-school children or pets go with your child to the bus stop.

• Practice good pedestrian behavior: walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, walk off the street.

• Never run across the street to catch a bus.

• As the bus approaches, teach children to stand at least five giant steps (10 feet) away from the road.

• Never walk behind or close to the side of the bus.

• Teach children that it's very important that the bus driver can see them and they can see the bus driver at all times.

• Teach children that if they drop something near the bus, they should tell the bus driver. Never try to pick it up because the driver may not be able to see them.

• Remind children to be aware of street traffic as they exit: look both ways before stepping off of the bus.

• The single most effective safety device available to reduce head injury and death from bicycle crashes is a helmet. Unfortunately, national estimates report that helmet use among child bicyclists ranges only from 15 to 25 percent, and lowest among children ages 11 to 14.

This is where parents can become tremendous role models for their children — wear a bike helmet every time and everywhere you ride. Buy a helmet that meets or exceeds safety standards. Show your child the proper way to wear the helmet: sitting on top of the head in a level position, comfortable and snug, but not too tight. The helmet straps must always be buckled. Too many times you will see a helmet on a young bicyclist, but it is covering only the back of the head.

The national annual cost of traffic-related bicyclist death and injury among children ages 14 and under is more than \$2 billion. Every dollar spent on a bike helmet saves society \$30.

Buying a bike helmet now for your child may save you money in the future. On Oct. 1, the Child Bicycle Safety Act goes into effect. This new law will require all bicycle riders and passengers aged 15 or younger to wear an approved helmet when riding on a public road or public right-of-way in North Carolina. Anyone who violates the law will be fined \$10.

Walking
Getting to school the old-fashioned way. Pedestrian injury remains the third leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages 5 to 14. Inherent risks such as a child's size and cognitive ability and environmental risks such as speeding motorists are numerous. Parents and caregivers can reduce their child's risk of harm by observing the school route from two perspectives — that of your

child and that of drivers:

• Carefully plan the safest walking route to the school, to the bus stop and any other place your child walks.

• Make sure your children take the same route every time. Walk with your child to find the safest path, looking for the most direct route with the fewest street crossings and the least amount of congestion.

• Good crossing places are locations where motor vehicles drivers can easily see pedestrians, including crosswalks with cross guards and crosswalks with "Walk" and "Don't Walk" signals.

• Driveways are an important consideration since studies show they are places where child pedestrian injuries are more likely to occur.

• It is critical to teach children to look left-right-left before crossing streets. Also teach them to never dart out into traffic.

• Warn children to be extra alert in bad weather. Visibility might be poor and motorists might not be able to see them or stop quickly.

You, the driver

While backing out of a driveway or carpooling children to school, always be on the lookout for those walking or biking to class. Slow down and be alert. Children in general are the least likely to be paying attention to traffic.

Watch for children playing and congregating near bus stops. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.

Learn and obey the school bus laws in North Carolina. Passing a stopped school bus can have tragic results and cost you plenty: five points on your driver's license. North Carolina insurance companies also will assess you a four-point penalty that lasts three years, resulting in your basic automobile insurance rates rising 90 percent. That would turn a \$2,200 yearly premium into \$2,280. Because you didn't stop, you would pay \$3,240 more in insurance over those three years.

The National SAFE KIDS Campaign is the first and only national organization dedicated solely to the prevention of unintentional childhood injuries.

Since 1996, the N.C. Department of Insurance has been the lead organization for the statewide SAFE KIDS Coalition. The North

Carolina SAFE KIDS Coalition is the founding sponsor in working with the Department of Insurance to expand unintentional childhood injury awareness.

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