

Summary of Session Laws Affecting the University of North Carolina 2007 NC General Assembly

A short description of the portion of each session law that affects the University is provided. These are not full descriptions.

S.L. 2007-12. **Repeal State Property Commission.** Abolishes the State Property Commission and terminates its contract.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H1012v4.html>

S.L. 2007-56. **Drivers License Issuance/Expiration Dates.** Corrects the description of the documents required to be presented by Legal nonimmigrant applicants for a drivers license to establish that they are legally present in the USA and how long they are authorized to stay.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S1026v4.html>

S.L. 2007-99. **Immunization Certificate/College Students.** Clarifies the requirement for an immunization certificate from certain college students.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S982v5.html>

S.L. 2007-107. **Haz. Materials Task Force Recommendations.** Authorize the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina to establish an institute for disaster studies and to study the emission and transport of pollutants at fires at commercial hazardous waste facilities and the health and economic impacts of such fires.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H36v5.html>

S.L. 2007-114. **UNC Smoke Free.** An act to allow regulation of smoking on the campuses of the UNC Health Care system, the facilities of the East Carolina School of Medicine and Physicians Practice Plan, and the buildings and grounds of the constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S862v5.html>

S.L. 2007-117. **State Budget Act/Technical Correction.** Corrects budget code reference in the State Budget Act, deletes the requirement for cash flow requirements for repairs & renovations projects and includes language for the Flexible Compensation Plan.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S1119v4.html>

S.L. 2007-119. **Electronic Signatures/Public Agencies.** Revises the law governing electronic signatures by clarifying that public agencies may use, as well as accept, electronic signatures.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S211v3.html>

S.L. 2007-128. **Bonds-Expand Special Purpose Projects.** Authorize the North Carolina Capital Facilities Finance Agency to issue bonds for certain research facilities.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S966v5.html>

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S.L. 2007-154. **Offer Sign Language in Schools & Colleges.** Encourages the University of North Carolina to offer American Sign Language for Credit as a Modern Foreign Language and requires a report to Joint Legislative Governmental Operations by October 1, 2007.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H915v3.html>

S.L. 2007-166. **Modify Community College Lateral Entry Process.** Modifies the requirements for participation in a Community College Lateral Entry program by eliminating the requirement that a lateral entry teacher must have held a bachelors degree for 5 years prior to entering the program and the requirement that a participant must be employed by a LEA with a teaching certificate.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H583v4.html>

S.L. 2007-193. **Smoking in State Govt. Buildings/Prohibition.** Prohibits smoking in any state owned, leased or occupied state building. Provides an exemption for University residence halls until the 2008-2009 academic year.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H24v7.html>

S.L. 2007-195. **UNC/Ag. Extension Employees Status.** Clarifies that employees of the NC Cooperative Extension Services are exempt from the State Personnel Act.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H847v3.html>

S.L. 2007-277. **ROPE Scholars Pilot Program.** Directs the State Board of Education to develop a framework for a Reaching One's Potential for Excellence (ROPE) Scholars Program.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S1030v4.html>

S.L. 2007-278. **UNC Board of Governors/Dual Office Holding.** Eliminates the prohibition against certain spouses of members of the Board of Governors, members of the Boards of Trustees of a constituent institution, or members of the State Board of Community Colleges from being employees or officers of the state.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S884v3.html>

S.L. 2007-282. **Agency/CIO Dispute Resolution.** Increased the amount of time an agency has to request a review of a decision by the State Chief Information Officer from 10 to 15 working days.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S876v4.html>

S.L. 2007-284. **Study/Teacher Preparation Programs.** Implements a recommendation of the House Select Committee on the education of students with disabilities to direct the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina to report on the efficacy of the preparation of teachers to teach students with disabilities.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H26v3.html>

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S.L. 2007-285. **NC Arboretum Campus Police.** Authorizes the NC Arboretum to establish a campus law enforcement agency.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S630v4.html>

S.L. 2007-284. **Study/Teacher Preparation Programs.** Directs the Board of Governors to report on the efficacy of the preparation of teachers to teach students with disabilities.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H26v3.html>

S.L. 2007-303. **Construction Plan Review.** Streamlines the construction plan review process for certain public buildings as requested by the House Select Committee on Public School Construction.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H735v5.html>

S.L. 2007-306. **UNC Hospitals & Statewide Accts Receivable.** Makes the UNC Health Care system's debt collection practices more patient friendly.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H646v3.html>

S.L. 2007-322. **UNC President's Adv. Comm. Recommendations.** Implements efficiencies as recommended by PACE.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H749v6.html>

S.L. 2007-323. **2007 Appropriations Act.** Makes appropriations and adjustments to the University's budget, appropriates capital projects and makes other modifications to statute.

<http://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/SessionLaws/HTML/2007-2008/SL2007-323.html>

S.L. 2007-343. **Appointment Bill.** Makes appointments to the NC Arboretum Board of Directors.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H1556V4.html>

HB 22. **Tort Claims Limit Increased.** Increases the Tort Claims Limit from \$500,000 to \$1 million.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H22v2.html>

HB 714. **2007 Budget Technical Corrections Act.** Adds a study of minority owned business by the Department of Administration and makes other technical corrections to the budget.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H714v4.html>

HB 1110. **State Government Ethics Act Technical Changes.** Makes technical changes to the existing ethics act.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H1110v4.html>

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HB 1111. **Clarify State Government Ethics Act.** Modifies the state government ethics act including clarifying that the gift ban applies to legislative liaison personnel.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H1111v5.html>

HB 1401. **Internal Audit and Efficiency Review.** Creates the Internal Audit Act for state government, including the University. Creates a Council of Internal Auditing and requires that all state government entities have an internal audit function as outlined in the bill.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H1401v4.html>

S 3. **Promote Renewable Energy/Baseload Generation.** (1) promote the development of renewable energy and ENERGY EFFICIENCY in the state through implementation of a renewable ENERGY and ENERGY Efficiency portfolio Standard (REPS), (2) allow recovery of certain non fuel utility costs through the fuel charge adjustment procedure, (3) provide for ongoing review of construction costs and for recovery of costs in rates in a general rate case, (4) adjust the public utility and electric membership corporation regulatory fees, (5) provide for the phase-out of the tax on the sale of energy to North Carolina farmers and manufacturers, and (6) allow a tax credit to contributors to 501(c)(3) organizations for renewable energy property

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S3v5.html>

S 613. **2007 Technical Corrections Act.** Makes various technical change as recommended by the General Statutes commission including clarifying the exemption of the University of North Carolina from G.S. 143-6-6 (a).

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S613v4.html>

SB 668. **Energy Conservation in State Buildings.** Promotes energy efficiency in state buildings, including University facilities by setting standards for efficiency, requiring the implementation of energy conservation measures and other requirements. The program will be administered by the Department of Administration.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S668v5.html>

SB 854. **Amend Private Protective Services Act.** Amends the firearms laws affecting armed security guards to allow security guards for armored car services to enter a university campus with the permission of the college or university.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S854v4.html>

HB 1231. **Certain Law Officers / Waive Handgun Permit.** Amends the firearms laws affecting armed security guards to allow security guards for armored car services to enter a university campus with the permission of the college or university.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H1231v5.html>

SB 1546. **Clarify Public Access to Personnel Records.** Makes employee salary information open to the public including pay, benefits, incentives, bonuses and deferred and all other compensation paid by the employing entity. Makes certain hospital administrators compensation packages open to the public.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S1546v4.html>

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HB 851. **Teacher Assistant Scholarship Fund.** Clarifies that teacher assistants pursuing teacher licensure through community college programs are eligible to receive scholarship funds from the TASF.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H851v3.html>

SB 1241. **UNC Non-Appropriated Capital Projects.** Authorizes the use of non-appropriated funds for identified University capital projects. Also makes modifications to several 2000 bond projects.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S1241v3.html>

SB 320. **Statewide Certification of HUBs.** Authorizes the Secretary of Administration to develop and administer a statewide uniform certification program for historically underutilized businesses doing business with state departments, agencies, and institutions, and political subdivisions of the state

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S320v4.html>

SB 1115. **Pilot Program for Lateral Entry Teachers.** Directs the State Board of Education to adopt policies and procedures to pilot innovative programs for lateral entry teachers. A local school administrative unit, community college, or college or university may be granted approval by the State Board of Education to pilot an innovative program for lateral entry teachers.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S1115v4.html>

SB 1167 . **Notify County Before State Land Acquisition.** Directs the Department of Administration to inform counties and municipalities before acquiring land within their boundaries.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S1167v4.html>

SB 1245. **Retainage Payments/Construction Contracts.** Amends the laws with respect to retainage payments.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S1245v5.html>

SB 1292. **Modify Requirements / Teacher License Renewal.** Requires the State Board of Education to adopt requirements that ensure that teacher's take credits in their academic subject area as part of the license renewal process.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S1292v3.html>

SB 1353. **UNC / SPA Task Force Review.** Directs the President of the University of North Carolina to appoint a task force to review the State Personnel Act as it relates to the University. A report shall be made to the NC General Assembly with recommendations of the task force.

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S1353v2.html>

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HB 73. **Improve State Construction Process.** Establishes a State Building commission study to look at efficiencies in the state building process, exempts certain capital projects from review by the state building commission and other modifications.
<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H73v6.html>

HB 777. **Retirement Technical Changes.** Makes technical changes to the state retirement program.
<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H777v4.html>

HB 1551. **State Government Accountability / Internal Control Act.** Sets internal controls within state government.
<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H1551v3.html>

SB 1023. **Local SPA Employee Status / UNC Public Records.** Modifies the public records laws applicable to the University of North Carolina and the North Carolina Community Colleges, to protect the privacy of applicants who are not admitted or who do not enroll, and to provide that certain audit records are public documents.
<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S1023v4.html>

HB 1593. **State Health Plan / Plan Yr. Change.** Directs the State Health Plan to study the impact of changing the state health plan from a fiscal year to a calendar year.
<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H1593v4.html>