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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Update for April 5, 2009

Senate Appropriations Subcommittees will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6th. They are expected to pass their respective reports on Monday, the full Senate Appropriations Committee will meet on Tuesday, and the budget will be on the Senate Floor on Wednesday and Thursday. Drafts of said budget have not been available.

CAMPAIGN AND ELECTIONS

SB 731-ELECTORAL FREEDOM ACT OF 2009 - An Act to change the definition of a "political party" by reducing the number of signatures required for the formation of a new political party and for unaffiliated candidates to obtain ballot access eligibility. Rep. Jacumin; Brock

3/24/09-Referred to Judiciary I.

HB 840-LIMIT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN FUND-RAISING - An Act to limit the role of political parties in campaign fund-raising. No individual, political committee, or other entity shall contribute to any candidate or other political committee any money or make any other contribution in any election in excess of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for that election. Rep. Current, Avila.

3/26/09-Filed in the House.

SB 960-ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY RE: STIMULUS FUNDS - An Act to ensure accountability in the use of federal stimulus funds by local governments and nonprofit entities. The Department of Administration, the Office of the State Auditor, the Department of Public Instruction, and other State agencies to which local governments or nonprofit entities must report on the use of pass-through grant funds, shall report to the General Assembly by May 1, 2009, on their recommendations regarding:

- (1) Ways to ensure accountability in the expenditure of any federal stimulus money; and
- (2) Whether and to what extent it would be appropriate for the State to accept the required federal reports in lieu of State reports currently required by law Rep. Nesbitt; Davis, Preston

S-3/26/09-Referred to Appropriations/Base Budget

SB 963-EXPEDITE USE OF FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS - An Act to expedite the use of federal stimulus funds. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the federal stimulus funds received by the State of North Carolina be spent as efficiently and effectively as possible to create jobs and otherwise improve the economy; therefore, the Office of Economic Recovery and Investment, the Office of State Construction, and the Office of State Budget and Management shall report to the General Assembly by May 1, 2009, on legislation necessary to expedite the process. Rep.Nesbitt; Preston.

S-3/26/09-Referred to Appropriations/Base Budget

ENVIRONMENT

SB 757-STATEWIDE WATER PLAN/PROGRAM EVALUATION

RECOMMENDATION - An Act to direct the state water infrastructure commission to develop a statewide strategic plan and needs assessment for water and wastewater infrastructure funding as recommended by the Joint Legislative Program evaluation. Senators Clodfelter and Hartsell.

3/24/2009 Referred To Com On Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

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