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**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

*Legislative Update for June 21, 2009*

**SB 963 - Appropriate Fed. Stimulus Funds- 2008-2009.** An act to appropriate federal stimulus funds received by the state for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year. Appropriation funds. – Appropriations of funds received under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, P.L. 111-5 (ARRA), are made for the 2008-2009 fiscal year according to the following schedule:

State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) \$360,000,000  
Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) \$693,000,000  
Highway Infrastructure Investment \$470,000,000  
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loans \$86,000,000  
Education Title 1 Grants \$128,722,477  
IDEA Part B \$157,205,020  
IDEA Part B (Preschool) \$6,035,571  
School Lunch Equipment \$3,313,727  
TOTAL \$1,907,276,795.  
Nesbitt; Preston  
Latest Action-S-6/17-Re-refer to Appropriations/Base Budget

**H-810/ S 1018 - Ban Certain Single-Use Bags.** An act to reduce plastic and nonrecycled paper bag use on NC's Outer Banks. No retailer shall provide customers with plastic bags unless the bag is a reusable bag, or the bag is used solely to hold sales to an individual customer of otherwise unpackaged portions of the following items: (1) Fresh fish or fresh fish products. (2) Fresh meat or fresh meat products. (3) Fresh poultry or fresh poultry products. (4) Fresh produce. A retailer may substitute paper bags for the plastic bags banned by that section, but only if all of the following conditions are met: (1) The paper bag is a recycled paper bag. (2) The retailer offers incentives to any customer who uses the customer's own reusable bags instead of the bags provided by the retailer.

The House passed the bill by a 78 to 41 vote and sent it back to the Senate. The Senate already passed the bill, but senators now will have to agree to a minor change made in the House. The only other jurisdiction in the nation that has passed such a ban is San Francisco. China also has banned the bags.

**UPDATE ON THE BUDGET**

Legislators have the lofty goal of wanting to finish the budget before the end of the fiscal year on June 30th. Subcommittee meetings went on late into the night all of last week and negotiations are growing closer and closer to Gov. Perdue's request of increasing taxes on both the House and Senate side, according to the Associated Press. "The Senate's tax proposal would expand services subject to the sales tax and reducing deductions while lowering income and sales tax

rates. The plan also would raise \$274 million by taxing electricity at the full sales tax rate, higher than the current 3 percent.”

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