

Both the House and Senate Chambers were able to meet their 3rd Reading deadlines with relative ease earlier this week. The Senate passed their version of the budget on Wednesday by a vote of 42-8. Two Democrats joined all forty Republicans to cross over to vote for 1001, which usually is voted out on a party line basis. The first conference committee for HB 1001 was scheduled for mid-morning today. The House and Senate will have until April 29th to work out their differences. Yesterday, the revenue forecast was released during a Budget Committee hearing. Unfortunately the projected forecast was a gloomy scenario. Revenues are down almost \$213 million, leaving conference committee members even less money to work with when finalizing 1001. As you may recall, both the House and Senate versions of HB 1001 called for spending increase in education and infrastructure. With the latest projections, expect some tightening of the belt by lawmakers.

Conference Committee Process

As mentioned previously, conference committee's began yesterday. Any bill that was amended in the second Chamber, is sent back The original author of the bill can either concur with the changes, or dissent. If the author concurs, the bill is eligible for a concurrence vote in its Chamber of Origin. Once the bill has passed that vote, it is sent to the Governor to be signed into law. If the author dissents, a conference committee is appointed for the bill.

Conference committee's consist of one member from each of the four legislative caucuses. The conference committees meet and discuss the changes made to a particular bill. Rules for conference committees are fairly open. They have the option to allow or not allow testimony from third parties. For a conference committee report to be adopted, it will go back to each Chamber for passage.

Here are some upcoming deadlines for the 2015 Session.

- Wednesday, April 29th – Last day for adjournment (**Sine Die**)

Below is a summary of actions taken on this week on key bills included in your Bill Track list:

- **HB 1006 (Criminal Justice Funding)** – Passed the Senate on the bill's 3rd Reading by a vote of 50-0. The original author dissented to the Senate changes.
- **HB 1150 (Police and Firefighter Retirement Matters)** – Passed the House on the bill's concurrence vote by 86-0. The bill is now on its way to the Governor to be signed into law.
- **HB 1161 (Immunity for Damage Caused by Rescuing a Child)** – Passed the House on the bill's concurrence vote by 85-0. The bill is now on its way to the Governor to be signed into law.
- **HB 1216 (Missing Children and Trafficked Children)** – Signed into law by the Governor.
- **HB 1393 (Various Motor Vehicle Matters)** – Passed the House on the bill's concurrence vote by 63-24. The bill is now on its way to the Governor to be signed into law.
- **HB 1475 (Statewide 911 System)** – Passed the House on the bill's concurrence vote by 72-15. The bill is now on its way to the Governor to be signed into law.

- **SB 006 (Powdered of Crystalline Alcohol)** – Passed the Senate on the bill’s concurrence vote by 50-0. The bill is now on its way to the Governor to be signed into law.
- **SB 265 (Purchase of Service Credit)** – Signed into law by the Governor.
- **SB 289 (Confidential Victim Services Requests)** – Signed into law by the Governor.
- **SB 380 (Crisis Intervention Teams)** – Passed the Senate on the bill’s concurrence vote by 50-0. The bill is on its way to the Governor to be signed into law.
- **SB 559 (Various Criminal Law Matters)** – The original author dissented to the House amendments.

As is our policy, we have attached an updated Bill Track List, with bills that are of an interest to you.

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