

**Legislative Agenda and Legislation of Interest
2017 Legislative Session
(31-May-17)**

NCBIO Legislative Agenda				
Appropriations Items				
Item	Short Reference	Description	Senate Budget	House Subcommittee Budgets
1	NCBC	Fully Fund North Carolina Biotechnology Center	Reduces funding by \$680,117 to \$12,920,321. Special provision requires Center to raise one dollar in non-state funds for every four dollars in state appropriations; limits Center allocation for administration and similar functional groups to 10% of appropriation. Allows transfers of up to 10%, except for administrative flexibility, between Center functional groups. Requires that no less than 75% of all state funds awarded by Center be in form of loans. Center officials say these restrictions are very detrimental to Center's operations and seriously limit its ability to strategically address new biotechnology opportunities.	Maintains current funding at \$13.6 million. Removes Senate matching funds requirement, requirement that 75% of awards be in the form of loans. Changes limit on Center allocation and similar functions to 13.7% (\$1,863,246). Allows for transfers of up to 10%, except for administrative flexibility, between Center functional groups.
2	SBIR/STTR	Fund SBIR STTR Matching Grant Program at \$5M	Eliminates funding for SBIR/STTR matching grant program. (Senate budget also defunds Office of Science, Technology & Innovation, which operates matching grants program)	Restores \$1M in non-recurring funding to SBIR/STTR matching grants fund by transferring a like amount from the Industrial Development Fund Utility Account. Restores funding ofr Office of Science, Technology & Innovation
3	NCBioImpact	Fully Fund NCBioImpact Training Consortium	Provides no additional funding for NCBioImpact programs.	Provides no additional funding for NCBioImpact programs
4	R&D	Enact Small R&D Company Tax Relief	Includes no appropriations targeted to small R&D company tax relief. Senate budget provision limiting franchise tax of S-corporations does not materially aid R&D corporations, which are typically established as C-corporations.	Includes 100% sales tax refund for R&D supplies purchased by small research companies in tier three counties. Allows alternate refund of 50% of state portion of sales tax on <u>all</u> purchases by small research companies in tier one and tier two counties. Caps maximum grant per company at \$20,000 per year. Caps maximum grants for all companies at \$15M per year
Non-Appropriations Items				
Topic	Description	Notes	Status	
5	Wastewater	Biomanufacturing Waste Water Treatment Strategies	H158/S118 offers potential for private financing for wastewater treatment facilities	Committee substitute for H158 reported favorably by Senate Finance Committee. Bill is now in Senate Rules.
6	CRAs	Clinical Research Associate Training	No activity.	No Activity

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Legislation of Interest				
Bill #	Short Title	Long Title	NCBIO Position	Latest Action
HB 61	Small Business Income Tax Relief	An Act to Provide Income Tax Relief for Small Businesses	Monitor	Referred to House Finance Committee
HB 158	Special Assessments/ Critical Infrastructure	An Act Authorizing Cities and Counties to Provide for the Payment of All or a Portion of the Cost of Critical Infrastructure projects by Using Funds from Private Parties and Repaying the Funds by Making Special Assessments on Benefited Property	Support	*Reported Favorably Senate Finance Committee Substitute; now in Senate Rules Committee
HB 164	Check-Off Donation: Cancer Screening	An Act to Provide Space on the Income Tax Return for Individuals to Make Donations for Early Detection of Breast and Cervical Cancer, as Provided by the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program	Support	Referred to Senate Rules Committee
HB 199	Establish Standards for Surgical Technology	An Act Establishing Standards for Surgical Technology Care in Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Facilities	Monitor	Referred tp Senate Rules
HB 243	Strengthen Opioid Misuse Prevention (STOP) Act	An Act Strengthening Opioid Misuse Prevention by Extending Standing Orders for Opioid Antagonist to Community Health Groups; ...	Monitor	Referred tp Senate Rules
HB 270	The Haley Hayes Newborn Screening Bill	An act directing the Commission for Public Health to Adopt Rules to Add a Screening Test for Pompe Disease, Mucopolysaccharidosis Type I (MPS I), and X-Linked Adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD) to the Newborn Screening Program; Increasing the fee for Newborn Screening Tests; and appropriating funds to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health to Purchase Necessary Equipment and Upgrades the State Laboratory of Public Health for Newborn Screening and all Other Laboratory Operations	Monitor (HHS should consider new testing technologies)	Referred to House Health Committee
HB 356	Tax Reduction Act of 2017	An Act to Increase the Standard Deduction, to Exempt Mill Machinery from Tax, and to Simplify the Franchise Tax Calculation by Eliminating the Requirement that a Corporation Calculate the Appraised Value of its Real and Tangible Property for Purposes of Determining its Franchise Tax Base	Support (Eliminates 1%/\$80 Privilege Tax on R&D Equipment)	Referred to House Finance Committee Several provisions included in House budget legislation, including sales tax exemption for R&D equipment
HB 464	Revise Schedule of Controlled Substances	An Act Revising the Schedule of Controlled Substances to Add Synthetic Fentanyl, Designer Hallucinogenics, Synthetic Cannabinoids, System Depressants, and Other Substances	Monitor	Referred to Senate Rules Committee
HB 466	The Pharmacy Patient Fair Practices Act	An Act Relating to the Regulation of Pharmacy Benefit Managers	Monitor	Referred to Senate Rules Committee
HB 662	Carolina Cares	An Act to Provide Health Coverage to Residents of North Carolina under the Carolina Cares program	Monitor	Referred to House Health Care Reform Committee
HB 663	Right to Repair Act	An Act Establishing Fair Repair Requirements for Manufacturers of Digital Electronic Products	Amend	Referred tp House Regulatory Reform Committee

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HB 808	Advisory Council Review of Rare Disease Bills	An Act Expanding the Duties of the Advisory Council on Rare Diseases to Include the Preparation of Advisory Notes for Proposed Bills and Resolutions Pertaining to Rare Diseases and Requiring the Advisory Note to be Attached to the Bill or Resolution at the Time of its Consideration by the General Assembly	Support	Referred to Senate Rules Committee
SB 175	Strengthen Opioid Misuse Prevention (STOP) Act	An Act Strengthening Opioid Misuse Prevention by Extending Standing Orders for Opioid Antagonist to Community Health Groups; ...	Monitor	Referred to Senate Rules Committee Some provisions in Senate & House budget legislation
SB 118	Special Assessments/ Critical Infrastructure	An Act Authorizing Cities and Counties to Provide for the Payment of All or a Portion of the Cost of Critical Infrastructure projects by Using Funds from Private Parties and Repaying the Funds by Making Special Assessments on Benefited Property	Support	Referred to Senate Finance Committee
SB 190	The Haley Hayes Newborn Screening Bill	An act directing the Commission for Public Health to Adopt Rules to Add a Screening Test for Pompe Disease, Mucopolysaccharidosis Type I (MPS I), and X-Linked Adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD) to the Newborn Screening Program; Increasing the fee for Newborn Screening Tests; and appropriating funds to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health to Purchase Necessary Equipment and Upgrades the State Laboratory of Public Health for Newborn Screening and all Other Laboratory Operations	Monitor (HHS should consider new testing technologies)	*Referred to Senate Rules Committee (Senate Budget directs HHS study of State Laboratory of Public Health structural deficit)
SB 325	Billion Dollar Middle Class Tax Cut	An Act to Reduce the Personal Income Tax Rate and Increase the Standard Deduction; to Eliminate the Tax Penalty in the Mortgage Interest Tax Deduction; to Expand and Increase the Child Tax Deduction; to Reduce the Corporate Income Tax Rate; and to Adopt Market-Based Sourcing for Business Tax Apportionment	Monitor (Support Market-Based Sourcing)	*Included in Senate Budget (including Market-Based Sourcing) provisions in Senate budget legislation
SB 347	Revise Schedule of Controlled Substances	An Act Revising the Schedule of Controlled Substances to Add Synthetic Fentanyl, Designer Hallucinogenics, Synthetic Cannabinoids, System Depressants, and Other Substances	Monitor	Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee
SB 384	The Pharmacy Patient Fair Practices Act	An Act Relating to the Regulation of Pharmacy Benefit Managers	Monitor	Referred to House Rules Committee
SB 452	Expand Allowable Medical Uses of CBD Oil	An Act Amending the Exemption for Use or Possession of Cannabidiol and Expanding the Permissible Use of Cannabidiol as an Alternative Treatment to Chronic Conditions	Monitor	Referred to Senate Health Care Committee
SB 543	Health Insurance Claims Transparency Act	An Act to Provide for Greater Transparency in the Reporting of Claim Information Under Health Benefit Plans	Monitor	Referred to Senate Rules Committee
SB 579	The Catherine A Zanga Medical Marijuana Bill	An Act Establishing the North Carolina Medical Cannabis Act	Monitor	Referred to Senate Rules Committee

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SB 592	Small Business Income Tax Relief	An Act to Increase Access to Capital for Small Businesses by Appropriating Funds to the Carolina Small Business Development Fund	Monitor	Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
SB 618	EDGE Committee Draft	An Act to Make Certain Changes to Economic Development Incentives of the State to Clarify the Importance of Using Development Funds in the More Distressed Areas of the State and Make other Changes	Monitor	Referred to Senate Rules Committee
SB 629	Health Care Services Billing Transparency	An Act to Provide for Greater Transparency in Health Care Services Billing	Monitor	*Referred to Senate Rules Committee (some similar provisions Included in Senate Budget)
SB 648	Legalize Medical Marijuana	An Act Establishing the North Carolina Medical Cannabis Act	Monitor	Referred to Senate Rules Committee