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**MEMORANDUM**

**FROM:** Cathy L. Martin, Legislative Librarian  
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**RE:** Bills Eligible for Consideration by the General Assembly During the 2006  
Regular Session of the 2005 General Assembly (the "Short Session")

The 2005 Regular Session of the 2005 General Assembly adjourned on September 2, 2005. The adjournment resolution (S.L. 2005-58, SJR 1184) provides that both houses will reconvene for the 2006 Session of the 2005 General Assembly (the "Short Session") at 12:00 noon on Monday, May 9, 2006. (Appendix A).

As in the past, only certain measures may be considered during the Short Session – primarily those relating to appropriations, finance, pensions and retirement, and localities; certain legislation from the 2005 Regular Session; and legislation proposed by study commissions. Any measure, however, may be introduced and considered if authorized by a joint resolution passed by a two-thirds vote of each chamber's members present and voting. Blank bills (those having no substantive provisions) cannot be introduced in the House of Representatives during the Short Session.

Only the following matters may be considered during the Short Session:

1. **Budget bills.** Bills directly and primarily affecting the State budget for fiscal year 2006-2007, including the budget of an occupational licensing board, provided that any such bill must be submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than 4:00 P.M. Thursday, May 18, 2006, and must be introduced in the House of Representatives or filed for introduction in the Senate no later than 4:00 P.M. Thursday, May 25, 2006.
2. **Crossover bills.** Senate bills and resolutions introduced in 2005 that passed third reading in the Senate and were received by the House in 2005; and House bills and resolutions introduced in 2005 that passed third reading in the House and were received in the Senate by June 2, 2005. Further, any bill otherwise meeting these deadlines is not eligible for consideration if it:

- a. Violates the rules of the receiving chamber; and
- b. Is disposed of in the other house by tabling, unfavorable committee report, indefinite postponement, or failure to pass any reading.

Attached is a list of bills (Appendix B) that appear to be eligible for consideration during the Short Session under the criteria listed in this section. This list does not include all eligible appropriations and finance bills, but only those bills that have passed one house and been received in the other and which are "still alive" under the terms of this section. The list also includes S130 and H706 which were vetoed by the Governor, returned to the originating house, and referred to committee. These vetoed bills remain eligible for consideration during the Short Session. The list of bills was generated by the Information Systems Division of the Legislative Services Office.

3. **Study committee bills.** Bills and resolutions implementing the recommendations of:
  - a. Study commissions, authorities, and statutory commissions authorized or directed to report to the 2006 Session;
  - b. The General Statutes Commission, the Courts Commission, or any commission created under Chapter 120 of the General Statutes that is authorized or directed to report to the General Assembly;
  - c. The House Ethics Committee;
  - d. Select committees; or
  - e. The Joint Legislative Ethics Committee or its Advisory Subcommittee.

To be eligible, study committee bills must be submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Offices no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 10, 2006, and must be filed for introduction in the Senate or introduced in the House of Representatives no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 17, 2006.

4. **Local bills.** Any local bill that has been submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office by 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 17, 2006, is introduced in the House of Representatives or filed for introduction in the Senate by 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 24, 2006, and is accompanied by a certificate signed by the principal sponsor stating that no public hearing will be required or asked for by a member on the bill, the bill is noncontroversial, and that the bill is approved for introduction by each member of the House of Representatives and Senate whose district includes the area to which the bill applies.

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5. **Appointment bills.** Selection, appointment, or confirmation of members of State boards and commissions as required by law, including the filling of vacancies of positions for which the appointees were elected by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, or President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
6. **Bills authorized by a joint resolution that passed by a two-thirds vote.** Any matter authorized by joint resolution passed during the 2006 Regular Session by a two thirds majority of the members of the House of Representatives present and voting and by a two thirds majority of the members of the Senate present and voting. A bill or resolution filed in either house under the provisions of this subdivision shall have a copy of the ratified enabling resolution attached to the jacket before filing for introduction in the Senate or introduction in the House of Representatives.
7. **Joint resolutions authorizing introduction of a bill.** A joint resolution authorizing the introduction of a bill. See Section 6 above.
8. **Pension or retirement bills.** Any bills primarily affecting any State or local pension or retirement system, provided that the bill has been submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 17, 2006, and is introduced in the House of Representatives or filed for introduction in the Senate no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 24, 2006.
9. **Memorializing resolutions or resolutions pertaining to administrative reorganization.** Joint resolutions, House resolutions, and Senate resolutions authorized for introduction under Senate Rule 40(b) or House Rule 31(g) or pertaining to Section 5(10j) of Article III of the Constitution of North Carolina (see Appendix C).
10. **Adjournment resolutions** A joint resolution adjourning the 2005 Regular Session, sine die.
11. **Bills disapproving rules.** Bills to disapprove rules under G.S. § 150B-21.3. (See Appendix D).
12. **Bills containing constitutional amendments.**

**Attachments:**

- Appendix A** Adjournment Resolution (S.L. 2005-58, SJR 1184)
- Appendix B** Bills Eligible List (provided by ISD)
- Appendix C** North Carolina Constitution, Article III, §5(10)
- Appendix D** G.S. §150B-21.3. Effective date of rules.