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2019 Appropriations & Tax Bills

HB 966 – 2019 Appropriations Act (Link to Legislation)
The budget bill was vetoed on June 28, 2019 by Governor Roy Cooper. The House overrode the veto on September 11, 2019. The Senate has not considered the override to date. Due to the veto and lack of override, all spending levels remained at those passed as part of the State budget for Fiscal Year 2019, unless they were specifically addressed in one of the multiple mini-budgets passed and signed into law.

(Mini-Budget) HB 387 – Growing G.R.E.A.T. (Link to Legislation)
This legislation enacted provisions from the budget bill to change the “Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology” program, which incent partnerships for broadband expansion, and provide additional funding for the program ($15,000,000 per year for 10 years).
Signed by the Governor – October 14, 2019

(Mini-Budget) HB 398 – DIT Budget (Link to Legislation)
This bill would enact provisions from the budget bill to make appropriations for the Department of Information Technology and certain state IT projects.
Vetoed by the Governor

SB 557 – Various Finance Law Changes (Link to Legislation)
This legislation enacted certain tax law changes from the budget bill by increasing the standard deduction, expanding the definition of holding company for franchise tax purposes, implementing market-based sourcing for multistate income tax apportionment, requiring certain marketplace facilitators, such as E-Bay and Amazon, to collect sales tax, and directing the General Assembly’s Revenue Laws Study Committee to study certain tax sunset and other provisions.
Signed by the Governor – November 8, 2019

SB 578 – Reduce Franchise Tax/Expand Film Grants (Link to Legislation)
This bill would reduce the franchise tax rate and modify film grant limits.
Vetoed by the Governor

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HB 217 – DIT Changes  (Link to Legislation)
This legislation made various changes to the Department of Information Technology. It also amended statutes relating to the emergency telephone service and the 911 Board, created the Information Technology Strategy Board, and clarified the authority of the State Chief Information Officer to make personnel decisions relating to employees of DIT.

**SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR – AUGUST 21, 2019**

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HB 911 – Study Foreign Tech Threats to NC Computer Systems  (Link to Legislation)
This bill directs DIT to study and assess the threat of foreign technologies in NC State-owned computer systems.

**PASSED THE HOUSE. IN THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE.**

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HB 697 – State Surplus Property Computers for Nonprofits  (Link to Legislation)
This bill enables nonprofit entities that donate refurbished computers to low-income students to obtain surplus computer equipment from the State Surplus Property Agency and the University of North Carolina.

**PASSED THE HOUSE. IN THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE.**

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HB 724 – Truth in Caller ID Act  (Link to Legislation)
This legislation prohibits the use of misleading telephone identification (spoofing) methods for telephone solicitations by voice or text.

**SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR – AUGUST 1, 2019**

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HB 904 – Identity Theft Protection Act Changes  (Link to Legislation)
This bill would amend the Identity Theft Protection Act to create new requirements for entities that are subjected to a security breach, such as reducing the time period for notice to an impacted consumer.

**INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE**

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SB 310 – Electric Co-Op Rural Broadband Services  (Link to Legislation)
This legislation removed restrictions prohibiting electric membership corporations from seeking federal grant funds to provide telecommunications and broadband services.

**SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR – MAY 30, 2019**

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