



NCRGEA *Government Relations* Update

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COVID-19 Relief Update #1

This afternoon, the North Carolina House of Representatives passed an unprecedented \$1.7 billion COVID-19 relief package. The **Pandemic Response Act (HB 1043)** is a comprehensive omnibus bill that reaches the most vulnerable and addresses public policy issues that have surfaced because of the crisis.

The bill provides assistance for small businesses, modifies education requirements, protects government operational continuity, streamlines access to unemployment benefits and provides support for healthcare facilities working on the front lines of the pandemic, among other items.

The North Carolina Senate unanimously passed its own version of a COVID-19 relief bill last night with a smaller \$1.4 billion price tag. Senate leaders say they want to be cautious to ensure revenue for extended or additional consequences caused by COVID-19.

The House version also passed unanimously save one dissenting vote. House Speaker Tim Moore praised our state's residents as well as the herculean bipartisan effort of the House chamber.

“Since this crisis began North Carolinians have come together to support not only their own families, but also friends and neighbors, folks in their communities who need support,” Moore said.

“I appreciate the bipartisan, bicameral collaboration among my colleagues to provide relief for those at risk for those North Carolinians whose livelihoods hang in the balance of an economic shutdown and for the heroes putting their own lives at risk to save the lives of others.”

Both chambers are expected to reach an agreement tonight. We will provide additional updates as negotiations continue.

Stay Tuned!

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