



NCRGEA *Government Relations* Update

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It goes without saying that Governor Roy Cooper and the majority of the North Carolina legislature don't see eye to eye. It's just not a big enough majority to make a difference.

Governor Cooper, who has issued more than two dozen vetoes since the last time the legislature united to override one nearly two years ago, continued his veto streak on Wednesday when the House and Senate failed to override votes on six bills that had recently been passed by the legislature and sent to his desk.

Four of the votes concerned bills that directly challenged the Governor's authority, as they undid provision of Cooper's executive orders concerning COVID-19 by permitting business activities and/or gatherings of large groups of people that Governor Cooper has prohibited, including amusement parks, skating rinks, arcades and gyms.

One of the other bills allowed anyone with a concealed carry permit to carry a handgun at a locale that is both a school and a place of worship. The Governor had tersely vetoed that bill with a 20-word letter last Saturday. The last bill would have prevented the Governor or local governments from disallowing Independence Day celebrations. It passed on June 24 and was then vetoed last Saturday on the Fourth of July.

With the vetoed bills out of the way the General Assembly will leave town with plans to return September 2, 2020.

Stay Tuned!

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