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GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVES BUDGET; GOVERNOR SIGNS INTO LAW

Governor Perdue signed the state budget Friday after the House and Senate reached an agreement and gave final approval to the state's \$19 billion budget weeks after the fiscal year ended. The budget forces spending cuts of approximately \$2 billion and raises \$1 billion in new revenue. An additional \$1 billion in federal stimulus funds will be used to fill the remaining gaps. Justice and Public Safety faces significant cuts of \$148.7 million, bringing their total budget to \$2.2 billion. Please follow this link to the [budget](#) and this link to the detailed [money report](#). The budget cuts impacting the Judicial Department include:

- Reduction in IT funding
- Elimination of funding for telephone system upgrade
- Freezing of step increases for magistrates and clerks
- Reduction of funding for Dispute Resolution Centers
- Reduction of pass-through funding to NC State Bar
- Elimination of funding for Superior Court judge travel allowance
- Elimination of increases to continuation budget

HOUSE & SENATE WRAP UP

The House and Senate are working to finish their work for the session. Both chambers met Friday, with the Senate concluding most of its business and the House planning to finish early this week. Watch for a complete session wrap-up in the next edition of the *Governmental Affairs Update*.

NCBA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA UPDATE

Several more NCBA section sponsored legislative proposals have been signed by the Governor, becoming session laws. Please click on the links below to view the text of those bills.

- [House Bill 765, Revise Elective Share Statutes](#)
- [House Bill 1110, Clarify/Alienation of Affection/Criminal Conversation](#)
- [Senate Bill 44, Appeal of Quasi-Judicial Land-Use Decisions](#)
- [Senate Bill 606, Notice to Creditors Without Estate Administration](#)
- [Senate Bill 764, Real Estate/Settlement Agent Embezzlement](#)

For a complete look at the agenda and the status of all NCBA proposals, please [click here](#).

2009 SESSION LAWS

The NC General Assembly has enacted 460 pieces of legislation since the 2009-2010 Session began on January 28th. Please [click here](#) to view a complete listing.

GAVEL TO GAVEL

Provided by the National Center for State Courts, Gavel to Gavel is a national overview of trends in legislative activity as it relates to the courts. Please click the link below to access the latest edition.

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