

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**HOUSE BILL 316
Committee Substitute Favorable 3/16/11**

Short Title: Modify NCGA Police Powers.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO PROVIDE THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL
POLICE WITH STATEWIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT JURISDICTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 120-32.2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 120-32.2. General Assembly Special Police.

(a) All sworn members of the General Assembly Special Police employed by the Legislative Services Office are special police officers, and have all the powers of policemen of cities, within any of the following areas of jurisdiction, while on official duty:

(1) Within those areas of the City of Raleigh and of the unincorporated parts of Wake County surrounded by the innermost right-of-way of Interstate 440.

(2) ~~In any part of~~ Throughout the State:

a. While accompanying a member of the General Assembly who is conducting, or traveling to or from, his or her official duties.

b. While preparing for, or providing security to, a session of either or both houses of the General Assembly, or official events directly related to that session.

c. While performing advance work for continuity of government planning and performing advance work and providing security for the protection of legislative members, staff, and the public for any meeting of a study, standing, select, or joint select committee, a caucus, or any committee or commission meeting of the General Assembly, or any state, regional, or national meetings of legislative bodies or organizations representing legislative bodies, and while accompanying a member of the General Assembly to or from any event listed in this subdivision.

d. While conducting a criminal investigation of a threat of physical violence against the General Assembly, a member or staff of the General Assembly, or their immediate family.

e. While accompanying a member of the General Assembly for the purpose of providing executive protection in response to a threat of physical violence.

(b) General Assembly Special Police officers may arrest persons outside the areas described in subsection (a) of this section when the person arrested has committed a criminal offense within any of the areas, for which the officer could have arrested the person within that area, and the arrest is made during such person's immediate and continuous flight from that area.



- 1 (c) The General Assembly Special Police officers have the exclusive authority and
2 responsibility for enforcing the parking rules of the Legislative Services Commission."
3 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.