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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - Six new laws designed to increase protections for students and the public have been signed into law by

Gov. Pat McCrory.

They are:

- H.B. 113 A bill increasing the criminal penalty for the commission of certain sex offenses committed against a student by school personnel. It also requires institutions of higher education to obtain a list of students and employees at the institution who are registered as sex offenders.
- H.B. 82 A bill clarifying the manner a law enforcement officer may enter premises in order to take physical custody of a juvenile when there is a reasonable factual basis to believe the juvenile is abused, neglected or dependent and a non-secure custody order has been issued.
- H.B. 232 A bill directing the Department of Transportation to convene a working group to study bicycle safety laws and recommend changes that would better ensure the safety of cyclists and motorists.
- H.B. 237 A bill repealing personal education plans and modifying the development of transition plans for at risk students. Local boards of education must adopt and implement rules directing school improvement teams to develop transition plans for students at risk.
- H.B. 570 A bill improving judicial efficiency through directing law enforcement and courts to use an electronic database to resolve outstanding warrants while a defendant is in custody.
- H.B. 294 A bill making it a criminal offense to provide a cell phone to a delinquent juvenile in custody of the Department.