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2019 - 2020 Session Crossover Bills

Charlotte, NC- Charlotte, NC- This has been a very busy week at the General Assembly. A record number of bills were voted out on the Senate Floor to be sent to the house. There seems to be a big rush now as the May, 9th crossover deadline has approached and all introduced bills are being considered in both Chambers. Some bills that unanimously passed in the Senate include:

Senate Bill 474, Clean Up Obsolete Boards, eliminates boards and commissions that are considered no longer functional. This bill will terminate some boards and commissions that were established to oversee programs that no longer exist such as certain boards and commissions that either have no appointed members, have not met in several years, have not reported recent activity. Two local board and commissions are included on the list: The Charlotte Douglas International Airport Commission and The Board of Directors of the Charlotte Regional Partnership.

Senate Bill 366, 9th/10th Grade/College Transfer Pathways, would expand the career and technical education pathway to high school freshman and sophomores. Students will have the opportunity to enroll in courses that lead to career technical education certificates, diplomas, or State or industry-recognized credentials in the following areas: industrial technologies; engineering technologies; agriculture and natural resources; and transportation.

Additionally, this bill will also expand the college transfer pathway to certain high school freshman and sophomores. Under current law in order to qualify to take college transfer courses High school juniors and seniors must have a weighted GPA of 3.0 and have passed diagnostic assessment test in English, reading, and math approved by the State Board of Community Colleges.

“As we see more activity in the legislature, it is important for us to keep our priorities on passing bills that improve education and economic success for all North Carolinians.” – Senator Joyce Waddell .

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