

Senator Joyce Waddell's June 1, 2016 Newsletter

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**The Waddell
Weekly Bulletin****Vol. 2 Ed. 7 June 1, 2016****Dear Friends:**

This past week has been filled with activity as our legislative campus at the General Assembly met with many guests and visitors from all walks of life. Representatives from numerous organizations filled the halls to express their views to North Carolina's lawmakers concerning bills proposed for this short legislative session. Most notably, I along with several other Senators from the Legislative Black Caucus, hosted a Divine Nine Legislative Day on Wednesday, May 18. Esteemed members and UNC System alumni from the National Pan-Hellenic Council's (NPHC) Nine Fraternities and Sororities came to Raleigh in full force to express their views and concerns about proposed legislation that may have some adverse effects on our state's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Providing North Carolinians with access to affordable quality education is greatly important. I will continue my efforts this session to make cost-effective higher education a reality for our citizens and protect the traditions, standards, and values of our state's Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

I would like to honor the men and women who died while serving in the United States military. I hope that all of you had a blessed Memorial Day!

I cannot achieve anything without the support of my constituents. Thank you very much for your continued support!

Please continue to refer to the North Carolina General Assembly website www.ncleg.net. You will be able to track legislation, sign up for committee notices, and review the citizen's guide.

I encourage you to contact us with your thoughts, comments, or suggestions. Please feel free to have others join in on conversation by sending contact information to Joyce.Waddell@ncleg.net.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Session News

• [Statewide Standing Order/Opioid Antagonist \(Senate Bill 734\)](#) – This bill proposed giving the State

Health Director authorization to prescribe opioid antagonist, also known as naloxone hydrochloride. This FDA-approved drug is administered through injection or as a nasal spray and used to prevent people from overdosing on opiate substances. It would allow pharmacists and qualified practitioners to supply naloxone hydrochloride to individuals at risk of overdosing or anyone in a position to prevent a person from overdosing. Senate Bill 734 passed the Senate on May 17, 2016, and is currently in the House for further discussion.

- [Conform Full-payment Check Law to UCC \(Senate Bill 807/ House Bill 1060\)](#) – This proposed legislation is designed to align state law with the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) on debt collection procedures. The claim would be discharged if the person against who a claim for collection is filed can prove that written communication suggests the end of the agreement was satisfied. A claim for collection would not be discharged if a statement of cleared debt had been filed but not received by the indebted party. The claim would also not be discharged when the claimant proves that within 90 days after payment of the instrument, the claimant repaid the amount of debt to the person against who the file is asserted. Senate Bill 807 passed the Senate on May 17, 2016, and is now in the House for review. I voted in support of this legislation.
- [Prevent Squatting in Foreclosed Real Property \(Senate Bill 754\)](#) – This legislation would enhance criminal penalties for individuals that file false liens or encumbrances against real or personal property. The clerk of superior court may refuse to file a lien if there is reasonable suspicion that it is illegitimate. If a judge approves the filing of a suspicious lien after finding that it is legitimate, the clerk shall document the lien and file it. If the court finds that there is no contractual requirement related to the lien, it will be returned to its sender. The sender will have 30 days to appeal their claim. The bill also penalizes individuals who commit a trespass to real property and reenters after having previously been removed pursuant to the execution of a valid order or writ for possession. A person in violation of this legislation would be guilty of a Class I felony and would have to pay a minimum fine of \$1,000. This legislation is currently in the Committee on Appropriations/Base Budget.
- [Exclude Yr-Round Track-Out Program/Child Care \(House Bill 474\)](#) – This legislation explains the type of programs that do not constitute the provision of child care track-out programs for children who attend year-round schools. It alters the child care section of the general statute by stating that track-out programs for children in year-round school would no longer be classified as child care programs. I voted in support of this legislation. House Bill 474 was ratified and signed by the Governor on May 25, 2016.
- [Student Online Protection Act \(Senate Bill 534/House Bill 632/S.L. 2015-133\)](#) – This bill proposes to establish an oversight committee to make recommendations to the General Assembly on issues relating to the privacy of online student data. It includes provisions that would aim to protect student online data from operators of third-party online educational applications that advertise to students based on the site locations that they visit. It prohibits operators from engaging in targeted advertising, creating a student profile from online data, selling or renting student information, or disclosing covered information. This legislation requires that these operators delete student information within 45 days of the request to do so. An operator may only disclose information to another K-12 local school administrative unit for K-12 purposes. Operators may use or share covered information that is not associated with an identified student within the operator's site and recommend additional services or content related to an educational, learning or employment opportunity. I voted in support of this legislation. Senate Bill 534 will go into effect on October 1, 2016.

At the General Assembly



Senator Joyce Waddell extends greetings from the 40th Senatorial District of the North Carolina General Assembly to the Leadership of the Divine Nine Sororities and Fraternities on Divine Nine NC Legislative Day, Tuesday, May 18, 2016.



Senator Joyce Waddell meets with The Greater Charlotte Apartment Association to discuss issues concerning the apartment industry on Thursday, May 26, 2016.



Senator Joyce Waddell speaks in support of raising the minimum wage in North Carolina at a news conference on Tuesday, May 24, 2016.



Senator Joyce Waddell discusses the legislation that she co-sponsored, [Senate Bill 864, Increase NC Minimum Wage/Set COLA](#), to increase the minimum wage to \$12 per hour and appropriate funds for state employees' pay adjustments required by the increase at a news conference on Wednesday, May 25, 2016.

In Charlotte, NC



Senator Joyce Waddell presents The Order of the Long Leaf Pine to Dr. Betty Howell Gray at The Greater Charlotte Alliance of Black School Educators (GCABSE) 13th Annual Celebration of Excellence in Education on Friday, May 20, 2016. Dr. Betty Howell Gray received honor and recognition for her extraordinary accomplishments and outstanding educational leadership in the pursuit of quality education for all children in the state of North Carolina and nationally.

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Senator Waddell's office is open Monday through Friday during Session. You may reach her office by calling her Legislative Assistant, Jyrta Moore, at 919-733-5650 or by email at waddelljla@ncleg.net.

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