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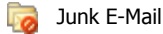
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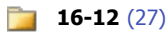
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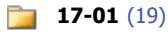
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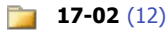
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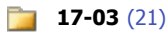
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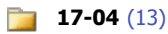
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**REPRESENTATIVE RODNEY W. MOORE'S RALEIGH REPORT**

Rep. Rodney Moore, a native of Wilmington, NC, represents NC House District 99 in Mecklenburg County. Currently he is assigned to serve as Minority Whip, Vice Chair of the House Finance and Vice Chair of the Regulatory Reform committees. He also serves on the House Education-K-12, Education-Universities, Energy and Public Utilities, Insurance and Transportation committees. In addition to his public service with the NCGA, Rep. Moore has served as Vice Chairman of the Charlotte Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and serves on the Board of Directors of the Urban League of Central Carolinas.

**ON THE FLOOR**

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**IN THE NEWS****Temporary HB 13 Fix Passes: Real Fight Ahead to Fully Fund Schools**

[HB 13](#) is a temporary reprieve from a no win situation. Without [HB 13](#), our schools and kids will suffer. It would lead to firing arts, music, and other specialist teachers in exchange for hiring more early-grade teachers. No one wants that and it is good that HB 13 will become law.

Yet House Democrats believe we do not need to choose between the kindergarten teacher and the art teacher – we need both.

Year after year of tax cuts focused on the wealthiest have left us with only bad choices. Incredibly, the Republicans are pushing another \$1 billion in tax cuts to make the bad options even worse.

We need to follow Governor Cooper's proposed budget. No more tax cuts for the wealthy

or tax increases on working families. Increase teacher pay by 5% this year and next. Fully fund lower class sizes and the specialist teachers down the hall. Start making North Carolina a leader in public education again.

#### Eye Care Study

It has not gotten a lot of public attention, but no bill has been more fiercely fought over than [HB 36](#). This is not a case of Republican versus Democrat, but it is optometrist versus ophthalmologists. Both are eye health care providers. HB 36 was an attempt by the optometrists to win approval to do eye laser surgeries that is currently outside the scope of their practice.

After fierce and unrelenting lobbying for weeks by both sides, legislators voted to ask the NC Institute of Medicine to conduct a study of the issue. Hopefully, the study will offer valuable guidance on what is best for patient care.

#### Adoption Information

[House Bill 823](#) allows people 40 and older who were adopted to obtain a copy of their original birth certificate if they know the name of either their birth mother or father. The intent of the bill is to make it easier for adoptees to find out the name of their birth mother or father if they do not already know.

#### Protecting Police Whistleblowers (HB 37)

[HB 37](#) provides protections for police officers who may be in the difficult position of having to report misconduct. The bill protects these officers from retaliation in an attempt to encourage the reporting of fraud, mismanagement, threats to public safety, or violations of the law.

Chiefs of police and sheriffs opposed the bill, however. They argued officers already enjoyed sufficient protections and that the bill would be very difficult to implement and would make it more difficult for department heads to handle situations where an officer might be doing a bad job.

I voted Yes because officers are public servants that we entrust with tremendous responsibility. We rely on them to keep us safe and to put their lives at risk. Yet when wrongdoing happens within the police, it causes tremendous damage to individual citizens and to our collective trust in the police. Protecting whistleblowers who know of bad things happening, will strengthen the police and public confidence in them.

#### Constitutional Amendment on Victim's Rights

[HB 551](#) will put on the 2018 primary ballot a constitutional amendment that would guarantee certain rights to crime victims, including being notified of all proceedings, attending and speaking at hearings, prompt restitution and a speedy disposition of the case. Many of these guarantees are already in state law, but amendment supporters think they are important enough to be in the constitution.

District attorneys and attorneys for criminal defendants initially opposed the bill, but changes in the amendment language made these groups neutral on the bill.

I voted Yes for the amendment. Victims and their families are thrust into the judicial system through no fault of their own. They deserve to have their rights protected.

#### [Crime victims' rights could be constitutional amendment](#)

#### Unnecessary Anti-Worker Constitutional Amendment (HB 819)

HB 819 puts on the ballot a constitutional amendment to put North Carolina's Right to Work laws in the NC Constitution. It passed on a party-line vote. This amendment is a political stunt by the Republicans and a distraction from the issues we should be working on: increasing teacher pay, creating jobs, and saving rural hospitals and expanding health care access through Medicaid expansion.

Whatever you think of right to work laws, they have been in our law since the 1950s. They are not close to being repealed. We do not need to enshrine them in our constitution. In the future, if politics and public opinion changes a General Assembly and a Governor should be able to change the law without resorting to having to change the Constitution too.

My priority is working on policies that will create more jobs that pay good wages, not these types of political stunts.

HB 819 doubles down on anti-worker legislation that makes it more difficult for North Carolinians to ask for higher wages and safer workplaces. This is part and parcel of the trick-down economic policy pushed by Republicans. Year after year they've cut taxes for big businesses and the wealthy at the expense of the middle-class and investments in our schools.

As a result, more and more North Carolinians have been left behind - and even those that have jobs have seen stagnant wages. We need to put workers first, not big corporate donors. HB 819 does the opposite.

#### Republican Judge Retires to Delay Implementation of GOP Bill to Shrink Court

I have written to you previously about Republican efforts to meddle with the courts. HB 239 shrinks the NC Court of Appeals by three judges. No judicial or legal group supports the bill. Lots of retired judges from both parties are publicly opposing it.

This week we saw a dramatic example of putting principle above party. Republican Court of Appeals Judge Doug McCullough stepped down from his job a month before he would be forced to retire as he hit the mandatory retirement age for judges. He timed his retirement to prevent HB 239 from eliminating his judicial seat.

## **LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR**

### **Mon, May 8, 2017**

4:00 PM                      **Session Convenes (Senate)**                      [Senate](#)

3:00 PM                      **Session Convenes (House)**                      [House](#)

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### **Tues, May 9, 2017**

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