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# REDISTRICTING

Giving an unconstitutionally elected legislature more power over the judiciary is a bad idea.

Since gaining a majority, legislative Republicans have seen more than a dozen unconstitutional laws overturned in court.

In response, legislative leaders have bullied judges and sought to inject politics into the judicial branch, making the courts more partisan and redrawing districts to ensure Republican judges.

The legislature has enough power over the judiciary, and this attempt to change how judges are put on the bench is just the legislature's latest attempt to rig the courts.

This isn't about better judges - it's about more power for legislative Republicans. And that's not in the

best interest of North Carolina families.

Legislative Republicans have sought to pick their own districts and voters – they should not be allowed to pick their own judges too.

There is no question that judicial redistricting is warranted. But it remains to be seen if Republicans will take the task seriously, with the public in mind.



# **Transportation**



















Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee

**DMV Reform** 

Highway Division 10 Assessment to the NCDOT Financial Audit

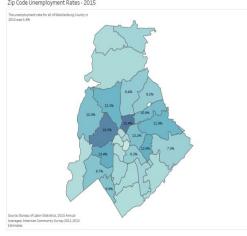
**Updates on Cash Management & Project Delivery** 

**State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)** 

- Increase funding for CTE certifications and apprenticeship models
   Increase employer engagement in curriculum development and youth
   Increase career pathway training for teachers and service providers

- Support access to education for adults that aligns with employer opportunities Increase business engagement for meaningful access to NCWorks system and other alignment opportunities that supports talent development and sector strategies Leverage WIOA and other resources to provide stackable credential model for adults that leads to skills based employment and meets industry opportunities Increase employer engagement and awareness of opportunities associated with individuals with barriers to employment





# Legislative Town Hall



Moderator: Cheryl Patterson, Radio One

How Does Charlotte Continue To Lead An Economic Development Tide That Lifts All Boats?

> Ronnie Bryant, Charlotte Regional Partnership- Amazon Deal and Update from the Regional Partnership

Dr. Patrick Graham, Charlotte Works -Workforce Development

Napoleon Wallace & John White, NC Department of Commerce - Minority **Business Assistance** 

Keith Kelly, Charlotte Chamber of Commerce - Bond Referendum Update and Local Incentives





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Kinetic Kids, Inc. we don't look at our clinic as providing services to their patients, but rather providing solutions for our patients. We offer physical, occupational, and speech therapy solutions for children from ages 0-21 years. We also have more general well-ness options for families. Having a broad range of specialties, we are sure to design a program to fit your child's needs:

- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy

## **Constituent Highlights**



Project Overview

The new I-77 Express Lanes provide drivers with a choice of how to travel on I-77 between Uptown Charlotte and Exit 36 in Mooresville. The express lanes are dedicated travel lanes that will run adjacent to the exist-

## Yoga

## 1-77 Updates

Construction is occurring mostly in the median of I-77 with minimal disruption to commuters. Occasional lane closures on I-77 only take place in overnight hours (typically 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. approximately).

Please drive safely and stay alert at all times when traveling through a construction zone.

Below are the lane closures that you can expect for the coming week. Please visit the Traffic Notices page on the website for the most current information.

For a complete list of all detours, click here for more information and maps.

# YOUTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Youth Legislative Assembly (YLA) is a mock legislative session where high school students voice their opinions and vote on issues concerning local, state and national government. The three-day session is patterned after the NC General Assembly. At the conclusion of YLA, a final report is drafted and distributed to the governor and legislators.

The conference allows high school students an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the workings of local, state, and national government. Active participation in YLA increases the students' confidence and ability to debate current issues. Any high school student in good standing at a public, private, charter, or home school in North Carolina is eligible to participate in YLA.

YLA is scheduled for April 6 - 8, 2018. Once you have completed your application, please download, complete and return the documents below to apply for the 2018 session along with your payment. If you do not get accepted into the 2018 session of YLA, your payment will be returned.

Please mail all forms and payment to:

NC General Assembly
Erica Gallion
LSO-YLA
Legislative Office Building
300 N. Salisbury Street, Box 100
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Please make checks payable NCGA-YLA.

## To Complete an Application for the YLA Program



# NC SENATE PAGE PROGRAM

This program offers young men and women the opportunity to learn about and participate in the legislative process of our state. It is a week-long experience that allows high school students between the ages of 15 (or 14 if already in the 9th grade) and 18, to observe firsthand how our laws are made. It provides them the unique privilege of working on the Senate Chamber floor in the midst of legislative

Senate Pages are important to the operation of the General Assembly as they assist the members and staff of the Senate during the legislative session. They participate in daily sessions, committee meetings, and perform other duties including, but not limited to, delivering messages and materials within the legislative complex, answering phones in senators' offices, and passing out documents or running errands in the Senate Chamber during daily sessions.

## **Selection Process**

The selection process for this program is highly competitive. Official appointments are made by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate based on recommendations by individual senators. Each senator is allotted a number of students he or she can "sponsor" each session. Students submit their application to their senator who selects the individuals to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore. Appointments are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Senators are encouraged to sponsor students from a variety of backgrounds so that pages will be able to meet a diversity of young people from across the state.

## Click here to apply!

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