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Senator Joyce Waddell's February 21, 2018, Newsletter
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- Joint Legislative Study Committee on the Division of Local School Administrative Units

Dear Friends:

The filing period for the 2018 election cycle began on February 12 and will end on February 28 at noon. I would like to announce that I filed to seek a third term as the Senator for Senate District 40. I look forward to having the opportunity to serve and represent the amazing citizens residing in NC Senate District 40.

The North Carolina General Assembly will soon accept applications for the 2018 Senate Page Program. This program offers young men and women the opportunity to see first-hand how laws are made by participating in the legislative process. Each page is appointed by President Pro Tempore of the Senate, upon the recommendation of a Senator, and serves for one week while the General Assembly is in session. Applicants must be at least 15 years of age or be in the ninth grade at the time of service and be in good academic standing in school.

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.

Senate Pages will be appointed to serve weeks beginning with May 21 and continuing until the last week of June.

Please inform students interested in participating as Senate Pages to contact my office at joyce.waddell@ncleg.net or **919-733-5650** to receive an application and additional information about the program. If you have any questions or wish to learn more about the North Carolina Senate Page Program, please contact the **Senate Page Coordinator, Michael Perdue**, at **919-733-5702**.

Last month, the North Carolina three-judge panel presiding over the case involving the constitutionality of the legislative maps entered an order which would require the maps authored by special master, Professor Nathaniel Persily, to be used for this year's elections. The maps submitted by Persily made changes to Senate districts in Cumberland, Guilford, and Hoke County, and House districts in Bladen, Guilford, Mecklenburg, Sampson, Wake, and Wayne County. The remaining legislative districts drawn in August of 2017 remain as adopted.

After the lower court's ruling, the Republican leadership appealed the decision to the U. S. Supreme Court, requesting that they block all election lines drawn by Persily. The U. S. Supreme Court stated that "some of the

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state legislative districts drawn by Persily should be used, but those in Wake and Mecklenburg Counties, should not, at least for now." The Supreme Court did not elaborate on its decision. This partial stay was granted to Republican legislative leaders.

The high court stated it would stay the lower court's order to use Professor Perisly's districts in Wake and Mecklenburg. The courts believe the districts need further detailed discussion. A date for this hearing has not been scheduled.

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

House Bill 90, entitled Changes to Education and Election Laws, passed both the House and Senate. The bill received some resistance because it also included provisions concerning the Atlantic Coast Pipeline mitigation fund and the Bipartisan State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement. I voted in support of this legislation, because the delay in class-size requirements and additional funding for specialty teachers are steps in the right direction. However, the measure should remain a standalone bill without any other controversial measures. This bill was presented to Governor Roy Cooper on February 13. House Bill 90 would do the following:

- Ensure local school administrative units ("LEA") in counties impacted by the ACP are the sole recipients of the funds that are the subject of the Memorandum of Understanding associated with the ACP
- Phase in class size requirements over a four-year time period
- Create an allotment category for kindergarten through fifth grade program enhancement teachers separate from the classroom teacher allotment
- Authorize local boards of education to transfer positions from program enhancement allotment to the classroom teacher allotment
- Starting 2021, allow program enhancement teachers for kindergarten through fifth grade to only be funded by the program enhancement allotment
- Phase in an appropriation for kindergarten through fifth grade program enhancement teachers over a period of four years
- Modify eligibility criteria for personal education savings accounts (PESAs)
- Establish a statutory appropriation for NC Pre-K
- Make changes to the Bipartisan State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement (State Board)

· **House Bill 189, entitled the Water Safety Act**, passed the Senate largely along party lines and was sent to the House. Senator Waddell did not vote in support of this bill. The legislation is currently in the House Select Committee on North Carolina River Quality to resolve the differences between the House and Senate. House Bill 189 will provide for the following emerging contaminants:

- Direct the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to consult with federal agencies, as well as the North Carolina Policy Collaboratory at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Collaboratory), which shall coordinate relevant faculty expertise in the University of North Carolina System, on the process for the establishment of health goals for per- and poly- fluoroalkyl substances
- Direct the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to cooperate with any United States Environmental System (NPDES) permit program
- Direct DEQ to review the State's NPDES permitting program
- Direct DEQ to coordinate and share water quality data with neighboring states
- Provide for funding and research related to GenX and other emerging contaminants

In Charlotte



Senator Joyce Waddell has filed to seek a third term as North Carolina Senator of Senate District 40.

February 12, 2018



Senator Joyce Waddell has filed for re-election and is excited to have another opportunity to serve the great citizens of North Carolina.

February 12, 2018



Senator Joyce Waddell discusses recent legislation at the Stone Crossing Precinct Meeting.

February 10, 2018



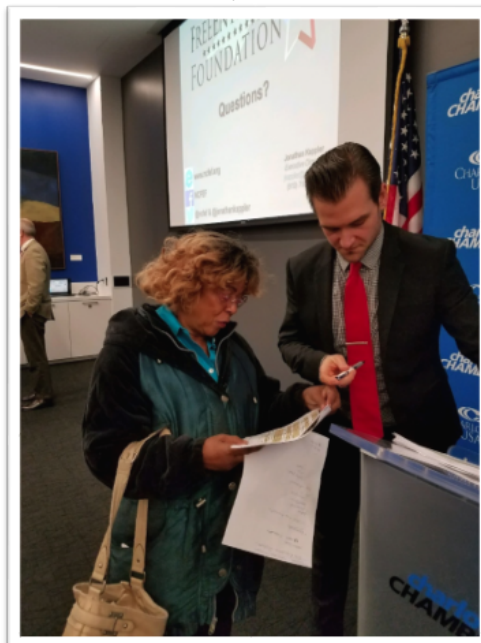
Senator Joyce Waddell brings greetings and a legislative update concerning legislation affecting women at the National Council of Negro Women's State Conference.

February 6, 2018



Senator Joyce Waddell participates in the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the SECU Youth Crisis Center, a Monarch program, to commemorate the opening of the first facility of its kind in North Carolina. Monarch is a nonprofit organization that supports thousands of people in North Carolina with intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental illness, and substance use disorders.

January 31, 2018



Senator Joyce Waddell discusses recent legislation with Jonathan Kappler, Executive Director of the North Carolina Free Enterprise Foundation, at the Legislative Agenda Task Force Committee Meeting at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Chamber of Commerce.

January 24, 2018

At the General Assembly



Senator Joyce Waddell presented a Senatorial Statement in honor of Black History Month during Session.
February 7, 2018.



The North Carolina General Assembly recognizes the N. C. A&T Football Team for winning the HBCU National Championship for the second time in three years!

February 8, 2018



As a proud recipient of a Master's degree in English from N. C. A&T and a former professor in the Early Childhood Program, Senator Waddell gives remarks from the Senate floor honoring the N. C. A&T Football Team at the North Carolina General Assembly.

February 8, 2017



Senator Joyce Waddell stands with Democratic colleagues and gives congratulatory remarks to N. C. A&T Chancellor Harold L. Martin and Head Football Coach Sam Washington.

February 8, 2018

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important business practice.

From the desk of Senator Joyce Waddell

Education Lottery and School Nurses


CHARLOTTE, NC – On Monday, members of the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee met to discuss lottery proceeds for education and school nurses.

The proceeds of the Education Lottery Fund are used to hire teachers, offer academic pre-kindergarten programs, reduce class size in early grades, pay for school instruction, and provide scholarships for needy students. In 2016, the NC Education Lottery generated \$634 million. The Program Evaluation Division of the North Carolina General Assembly presented a report which explored options to increase the lottery proceeds for education. The report recommended expanding the retailer network, such as the ability to play at airports, and to make lottery products more readily available for purchase. The Program Evaluation Division also reported that 36 out of 44 states sell tickets in ABC stores. If North Carolina installed lottery machines in 427 ABC stores across the state, approximately \$8.6 million would be generated to the Education Lottery Fund. Another recommendation is to make the games more enticing to younger players by offering video lottery terminals, similar to slot machines, or iLottery games.

There was also a report submitted that emphasized the growing need for nurses in North Carolina public schools. According to a study, the state would need to dedicate up to \$79 million annually to meet the recommended school nurse-to-student ratio.

Currently, only 46 out of the 115 school districts meet the ratio of one school nurse for every 750 students. On average, one nurse covers two to three schools, but some cover as many as six and may be responsible for up to 1,086 public school students. During the 2015-2016 school year, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools had a student population of 145,444 with one nurse per 889 students and did not achieve the recommended one per school ratio. Due to the lack of school nurses, a large percentage of medical procedures were performed by school employees, making students vulnerable to errors and gaps in emergency medical care.

"Every public school in North Carolina should be afforded the opportunity to a nurse onboard as staff. A certified nurse is vital and would be instrumental in promoting prevention in the areas of physical and mental health needs of our students. The early detection of illness is important to all in a public school setting. We must meet the 1:750 ratio recommended by the National Association of School Nurses and the State Board of Education," said Senator Joyce Waddell.



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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, Jyrita Moore, at 919-733-5650 or by email at waddelljila@ncleg.net.

All committee meetings and press conferences can be heard on the General Assembly's website at www.ncleg.net. Once on the site, select "**Audio**" and then make your selection: House Chamber, Senate Chamber, Committee Room or Press Conference Room. A schedule of committee meetings and other events is also available on the website.

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