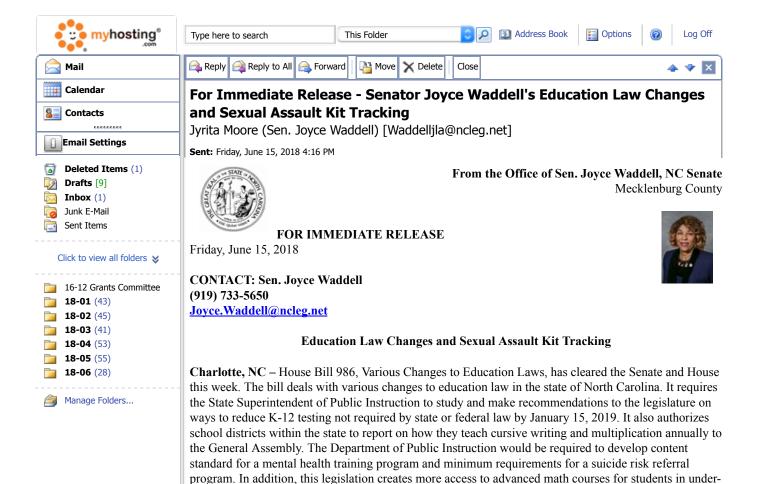
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collection kits," said Senator Joyce Waddell.



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"As a former educator, I support creating more opportunities for low-income students to have access to advanced courses in mathematics and increase their knowledge in such a valuable field. Also, as a legislator, it is important to advocate for victims of sexual assault to receive the justice they deserve and implement systems to decrease the amount of unused sexual assault evidence

resourced districts. Students who score a level five on end-of-year math tests would be required to be placed in advanced math courses the following year. The bill has been sent to the Governor for his

House Bill 945, Rape Evidence Collection Kit Tracking Act, establishes a tracking system of sexual assault evidence collection kits. The legislation reduces the amount of untested sexual assault evidence collection kits in the state of North Carolina. It allows the purchase of sexual assault kits, rather than rape kits, to broaden the scope of victims assisted. Also, kits purchased or distributed on or after October 1, 2018, would be required to be compatible with the tracking system. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's Crime Lab has roughly 200 untested kits. Attorney General Josh Stein says that the number statewide for untested kits is closer to 15,000. The bill allows victims of sexual assault to track the location and status of their kit and untested kits. The Director of the Crime Lab would be required to give an annual report to the General Assembly. House Bill 945 passed the Senate and House and has