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Charlotte, NC- Charlotte will become home to the headquarters of Honeywell, a Fortune 100 company that could bring 750 jobs that pay median salaries of $85,000 to the city, under incentives approved by the General Assembly on Thursday, November 29, 2018.

Senate Bill 820, High-Pay Job Development Investment Grant (JDIG) Job Cap Modification, would allow the N.C. Department of Commerce to offer companies up to $16,000 for every job created. Currently, the limit is $6,500 per job.

Honeywell, a major manufacturer of electronics, aerospace and electronic equipment, would add to the list of Fortune 500 companies headquartered in the Charlotte region.

Senator Waddell is an appointed member on the Senate Finance committee that reviews discretionary grants including the North Carolina JDIG. The state Job Development Investment Grant program bases its awards to companies on a percentage of their personal income tax withholdings for eligible positions. Businesses have to create a minimum number of full-time positions for a minimum time frame in order to quality. The state makes more revenue off JDIG projects than it spends in grants.

On Monday, November 26, 2018, The Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee addressed four bills focused on inmates' healthcare. These bills include ways the state's prison system can save millions of taxpayer dollars by making changes to the reimbursement procedures and spending on certain drugs.

One bill draft presented standardized medical per diem charges for "Safekeepers", which allows for county jails to temporarily transfer inmates into the state prison system for medical care. The bill creates a three-day deadline for a sheriff to assume custody of a prisoner after Department of Public Safety (DPS) has notified them their stay is complete. The counties would be in charge of reimbursing the DPS for transportation and labor costs of getting a prisoner to a state facility.
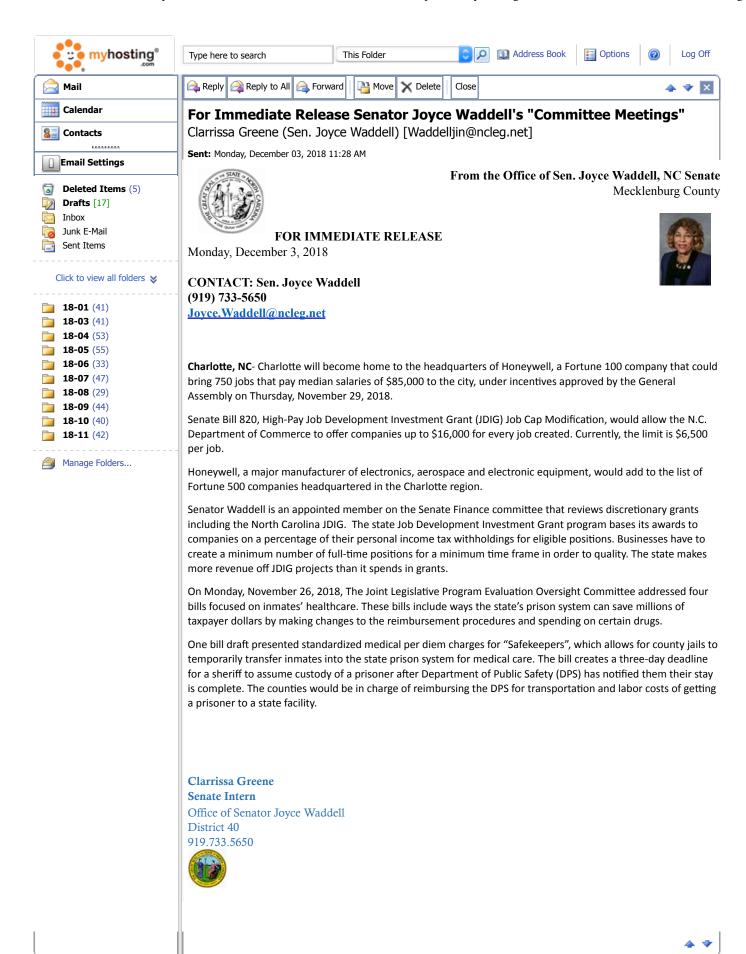
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