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to lobbying so that new rules will have to go through the rulemaking process

- Senate Bill 827 (Extend Agricultural Disaster Program Deadline), Session Law 2018- 141, is an act to extend the application period for the Hurricane Florence Agricultural Disaster Program of 2018. A person seeking financial assistance for losses of agricultural commodities or livestock shall submit to the Department a Form 578 on file with the USDA Farm Service Agency or a form provided by the Department for reporting acreage or plantings of crops not typically reported on Form 578, along with any other documentation deemed appropriate by the Department. The updated deadline is now December 20th.
- Conference Committee Substitute (CCS) for Senate Bill 469 (Technical Corrections) makes various technical, clarifying, and conforming changes to the General Statutes and Session Laws. The Senate passed SB 828, Technical Corrections, on December 4, 2018 which is now in the House Rules Committee. Senate Bill 469 adds that a municipal charter school's board of directors may elect to participate in the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System and the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees. Charlotte-Mecklenburg School system has pushed against extending benefits as other public school employees are to charter schools.

## Senate Pages

The [Senate Page Applications](#) for the 2019 Session of the General Assembly are now available.

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 action.

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.

Please contact Senate office for applications.

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Page appointments are available beginning February 4- June 24 2019.



## Session News

Effective December 1, 2018

- **[SB 486 \(The Elections Security and Transparency Act\)](#)** An Act To Make Various Changes Related To Election Laws.
- **[SB 124 \(LEO Managed CBD Oil Drop Box\)](#)** An Act To Require Residual Oil From Hemp Extract To Be Disposed At Established Specific Secure Collection Boxes Managed By Law Enforcement.
- **[SB 616 \(Heroin & Opioid Prevention & Enforcement Act\)](#)** An Act Amending Laws Pertaining To The North Carolina Controlled Substances Act And The North Carolina Controlled Substances Reporting System Act.
- **[SB 162 \(Human Trafficking Restorative Justice\)](#)** An Act To

- Provide Restorative Justice To Victims Of Human Trafficking
- **SB 561 (Violate Tax Law/Venue/ Property Tax)** An Act To Conform Treatment Of Leasehold Interests In Exempt Property To That Of Other Types Of Intangible Personal Property For Purposes Of The Property Tax

*All committee meetings and press conferences can be heard on the General Assembly's website. 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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Annual Mecklenburg First In Families Holiday Luncheon Saturday, December 15th.



I enjoyed attending the 2nd Annual Holiday Angels Fashion Show, Toy Drive and Pageant Saturday, December 15th. Over 45 youth and young adult models showcased the latest holiday and winter fashions.



Had the pleasure of Supporting the Black Political Caucus of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Sunday, December 16th as they hosted their annual Chairman's Open House and Membership Drive.

## Youth Legislative Assembly

The North Carolina Youth Legislative Assembly (YLA) has started taking applications. YLA is a mock legislative session that will be held April 12 -14, 2019. Applications will be accepted until Jan.13, 2019.

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



The application can be found online at <http://www.ncleg.net/ncgainfo/YLA.html>

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Senator Joyce Waddell | 1113 Legislative Building, Raleigh, NC 27601

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