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The Waddell Bulletin



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Dear Friends:

In the state of the state, Governor Cooper laid out a strong vision for how to make North Carolina's families, communities and economy even stronger. Monday, February 25, Governor Cooper issued a call to use that determination to expand access to quality education and health care, create good paying jobs and build an economy that works for every community in our state.

Proposal included:

Medicaid Expansion

- Expanding Medicaid would bring \$4 billion into our economy and expand access for more affordable care for 500,000 working people.
- This will bring thousands of new jobs, help rural hospitals stay open, and ensure that our people are healthier.

Investing in Our Schools

- Too many students attend aging schools in need of repair. Every student and teacher in North Carolina deserves to work and learn in a safe, modern school.
- The smartest method to ensure that schools can be repaired and built is through a school bond. This would also not affect teacher pay and other budget cuts that are vital.

Rebuilding Smarter and Stronger

- Prioritizing the harmful impacts of climate change.

- *Continuing the work through the Office of Recovery and Resiliency to ensure that families and communities are more prepared for future storms and lessen the burden of recovery.*

Session News

- **Senate Bill 50, Reinstate Earned Income Tax Credit**, reenacts the earned income tax credit for individuals. This bill increases the earned income tax credit at 5% which was previously 4.5%. This would be in effect for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.
- **Senate Bill 55, Continuing Education for General Contractors**, an act to revise the law governing the licensure of certain general contractors to require continuing education for the purpose of enhancing the professional competence and professional responsibility of those licensees.
- **Senate Bill 19, Repeal 2015 Law Relating to Monuments**, an act to repeal the 2015 Law relating to the protection of Monuments and memorials. Previously the law enacted regulations limiting the removal of objects of remembrance, and procedures for approval of memorials, monuments and works of art concerning the protection of historic landmarks.
- **Senate Bill 72, School Calendar Flex/ Charlotte-Mecklenburg**, provides flexibility for schools to adopt school calendar. This bill would apply to the 2019-2020 school year allowing Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools additional flexibility in determining the opening and closing dates of the school year.
- **Senate Bill 70, Erosion & Sedimentation Program/PED**, is an act to improve the state's erosions and sedimentation programs. Directs the Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources (Division) of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to study the adequacy and compliance with reporting requirements for delegated local erosion and sedimentation control programs. Base on the study advises the Sedimentation Control Commission to issue rules revising the delegated local program reporting requirements and amend existing agreements with delegated local programs to incorporate the revised requirements. Requires the Division to report to the specified NCGA Committee by January 1, 2020.
- **Senate Bill 64, DPI/EC DIV. Feedback/DIT Study/PED report**, requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to develop a system

of evaluation for the division's technical assistance and support programs to local education agencies. In addition, this bill would direct agencies to study the feasibility of local education agencies participating in the NC Health Information Exchange Network (HIE Network, known as NC Health Connex) as Medicaid providers of healthcare services to students.

- **Senate Bill 58, Revise Marijuana Laws**, was introduced to increase the amount of marijuana that may be legally possessed for personal use. Including the authorization for a person convicted of such a violation may file a petition in the court of the county where they were convicted for expunction of the offense from the person's criminal record and any other official record containing an entry relating to the person's apprehension, charge, trial, or conviction.
- **Senate Bill 82, Dismissal or Not Guilty/Automatic Expunction**, would provide for the automatic expunction of certain records of a person when the charge or charge against a person are dismissed or found not guilty. This bill would make specified confidential files electronically available to all prosecutors if the criminal record was expunged on or after July 1, 2018.
- **Senate Bill 60, Restore Educational Sales Tax Holiday**, calls to reenact the sales and use tax holiday for school supplies. This would be effective July 1, 2019 and applicable to sales made on or after that date.
- **Senate Bill 101, PED Oversight/EPP Changes**, regards accountability for educator preparation programs (EPP), performance standards and data reporting systems. Requires the State board of Education to develop a new performance-based weighted model for comparing the annual EPP report card data.
- **Senate Bill 87, ABC Laws Modernization/PED study**, this bill would require the merger of ABC systems in a county with two or more ABC systems. Including the option of operating ABC stores on Sundays and liquor tastings in store.

Serving You





Ashleigh Fields had a valuable experience serving as a Senate Page at the North Carolina General Assembly. She assisted Senators and Staff of the Senate by participating in daily session, committee meetings, and performing other duties.



Senator Joyce Waddell discusses state minimum wages with Communications Workers of America



Senator Waddell meets with Charlotte representatives from Cystic Fibrosis Foundation during their 2019 Advocacy Day this morning at the North Carolina General Assembly.





Senator Joyce Waddell joins colleagues at Mecklenburg County Delegation listening session to talk about county issues and how they are being addressed through legislation.



Senator Joyce Waddell discusses importance of education at BEST NC's 6th Annual Legislative Gathering with North Carolina 2018 Teacher of the Year



Senator Joyce Waddell presenting proclamation to Multiple Myeloma support group



Senator Joyce Waddell shares Mecklenburg County ideas during Legislative Breakfast



Senator Joyce Waddell speaks during Mecklenburg County meeting with Legislatives





Senator Joyce Waddell speaks with HBCU Student Action Alliance representative to discuss importance of HBCU's



Senator Joyce Waddell and Mecklenburg Delegation meet with Central Piedmont Community College President and administration.





Senator Joyce Waddell speaks during Credit Unions Legislative Meet & Greet discussing legislative priorities for the 2019-2020 session.



During Gov. Roy Cooper's State of the State address , Democratic women legislators and cabinet members wore white to highlight the growing number of female leaders. It was also an effort to show solidarity





Senator Joyce Waddell discusses top priorities w/ Chancellor Phil Dubois and the UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees Annual Charlotte Regional Legislative Dinner



Nurses Night in the Legislature

The County News

From the desk of Senator Joyce Waddell

Legislation Filed at the North Carolina General Assembly


CHARLOTTE, NC. The 2019-2020 Legislative Long Session is slowly but surely moving along. State lawmakers continue to file bills for consideration. The Senators must meet the deadline of March 14 to file local bills and April 12 to file public bills. Senator Joyce Waddell co-sponsored the following bills filed this week:

Senate Bill 50, Re-instate Earned Income Tax Credit, reenacts the earned income tax credit for individuals. This bill increases the earned income tax credit at 5% which was previously 4.5%. This would be in effect for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

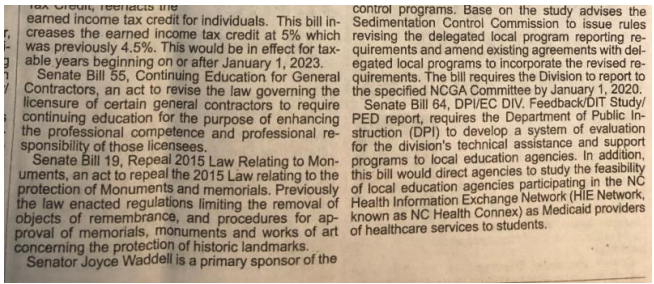
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*I cannot achieve anything without the support of my constituents.
Thank you very much for your continued support!*

Senator Joyce Waddell's Introduced and Co-Sponsored Legislation

Introduced Bills - North Carolina General Assembly

Bill	Short Title	Action Type	Action Date	Action Description	Primary Sponsor	First Primary
SB 3 (= HB 5)	Close the Medicaid Coverage Gap.	Senate	01/31/2019	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	No	No
SB 19 (= HB 10)	Repeal 2015 Law Relating to Monuments.	Senate	02/05/2019	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	No	No
SB 28	Restore Master's Pay for Certain Teachers.	Senate	02/07/2019	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	No	No
SB 50	Reinstate Earned Income Tax Credit.	Senate	02/13/2019	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	No	No
SB 53	40th Senatorial District Local Act-1.	Senate	02/13/2019	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	Yes	Yes
SB 55 (= HB 162)	Continuing Education for General Contractors.	Senate	02/14/2019	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	No	No
SB 58	Revise Marijuana Laws.	Senate	02/14/2019	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	No	No
SB 60	Restore Educational Sales Tax Holiday.	Senate	02/14/2019	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	No	No
SB 64 (= HB 90)	DPI/EC Div. Feedback/DIT Study/PED report.	Senate	02/18/2019	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	Yes	No
SB 70	Erosion & Sedimentation Program/PED.	Senate	02/18/2019	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	Yes	No
SB 72	School Calendar Flex/Charlotte-Mecklenburg.	Senate	02/18/2019	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	Yes	Yes
SJR 74	NC A&T Football Team.	Senate	02/19/2019	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	No	No
SB 82	Dismissal or Not Guilty/Automatic Expunction.	Senate	02/21/2019	Re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate	No	No
SB 87 (= HB 91)	ABC Laws Modernization/PED Study.	Senate	02/20/2019	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	Yes	Yes
SR 94	Honor NC A&T Football Team.	Senate	02/20/2019	Adopted	No	No
SB 101 (= HB 107)	PED Oversight/EPP Changes.	Senate	02/21/2019	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	Yes	Yes
SB 104	National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.	Senate	02/25/2019	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	Yes	No
SB 117	Modify School Performance Scores & Grades.	Senate	02/25/2019	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	Yes	Yes
SB 130	State Employees/ Paid Parental Leave.	Senate	02/27/2019	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	No	No
SB 132 (= HB 182)	Guilford Co. Bd. of Ed/Nonpartisan election.	Senate	02/27/2019	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate	No	No

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