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**2019-2020 Committees**

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# The Waddell Bulletin



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***Dear Friends:***

North Carolina Democrats are making a promise to invest in our students, teachers, and our public schools to reclaim the title as a national leader in public education.

The Appropriations on Education/Higher Education Committee is a standing committee of the North Carolina State Senate and is responsible for studying, amending, and voting on legislation regarding state funding before it reaches the floor of the chamber for a full vote. As an appointed member, this committee meet continuously as part of the process of appropriating money for education throughout the state.

Throughout the daily meetings during session presentations includes recommendations for K-12 education to raise teacher and principal pay to the national average by investing \$199m in fiscal year 2019-2020. In addition to ensuring safe and healthy schools by providing funding for school districts to hire more counselors, psychologists, and school resource officers. In North Carolina, the ratio of school psychologists is 1 for every 2,100 students in comparison to the recommended ratio of 1 to 700.

The education promise for North Carolina addresses school construction needs to build quality public education facilities and give resources they need to succeed. North Carolina has more than \$13 billion in critical school construction needs. The University of North Carolina System presented budget priorities for the 2019-2021 to provide:

- Summer Scholarships for Student Success
- Faculty recruitment and retention
- Stronger Transfer Pathways with NC Community Colleges
- Accessibility for Open Educational Resources (OER)

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## Session News

Bills supporting public education:

- [SB 247](#) calls for a recess on new charter schools while the legislature studies the effectiveness of the program and its impact on local school districts. The state spends \$580 million on public charters.
- [SB 28](#) would restore master's pay for teachers. The incentive was repealed by Republicans in 2013.
- [SB 134](#) calls for required financial literacy curriculum for high schools students so that students are prepared to be successful adults.
- [SB 175](#) eliminates North Carolina's continued pre-k waiting list because we understand that early childhood education is key to long-term academic success.
- [SB 329](#) would put essential teaching assistants back in every K-3 classroom. Elementary students and teachers have struggled since Republicans cut 8,500 TAs from schools. TAs have proven to improve student reading and math scores by up to two points.

## 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.  
Phone: 919.733.5650 email: waddellja@ncleg.net  
Page appointments are available beginning through June 24 2019.

## Serving You



Members of the House and Senate wore white and green to stand in support of filing the Equal Rights Amendment.



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 congratulates high school graduates for academic achievements



Senator Joyce Waddell discusses mental health initiatives with representatives from the NC Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)



Senator Joyce Waddell was honored during Lilians list annual legislative lunch





Anaya Truss- Williams from Charlotte, NC served as a Senate Page this week at the North Carolina General Assembly. She had the opportunity to assist Senators during daily committee meetings, session and perform other duties.



NCNW 25th Annual Brotherhood/Sisterhood Celebration



Senator Waddell shared with members of the National Council of Negro Women about legislation related to women's issues



Charlotte Mecklenburg Arts & Science Council meets with Senator Waddell to discuss NC



Senator Joyce Waddell speaks to the Charlotte Regional Realtors Association during the legislative visit today

## The County News

*From the desk of Senator Joyce Waddell*

### Voter ID and 9th Congressional District

**CHARLOTTE, NC-** The State Board of Elections called for a new election after hearings into absentee ballot irregularities in those counties culminated in Republican Mark Harris, who had seemed to win last year's race by 905 votes. The plan is to hold new primaries as well as a general election.


The State Board reported that staff in Bladen and Robeson counties will be positioned ahead of the new election "to monitor and assist with the elections process. The Board of Elections will meet on Monday, March 4 to set new election dates in North Carolina's 9th Congressional District.

A Wake County Superior Court judge ruled on Friday, Feb. 22 against new state mandates requiring photo identification to vote and also limiting income tax rates. He ruled that the legislature lacked authority to put those constitutional amendments on the ballot because lawmakers had been elected from racially gerrymandered districts.

Judge Bryan Collins sided with the state NAACP, which had argued that General Assembly was "illegally constituted" because federal judges had declared the district maps used in the 2016 legislative elections illegal racial gerrymanders.

"An illegally constituted General Assembly does not represent the people of North Carolina and is therefore not empowered to pass legislation that would amend the state's constitution," Collins stated in his ruling.

"The new election in the 9th Congressional District is about restoring trust and repairing faith in the democratic system that every vote counts. We must continue to adopt laws that achieve a fair election system," said Senator Joyce Waddell



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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 Legislation

IntroducedBills - North Carolina General Assembly

| Bill               | Short Title                                 | Action Type | Action Date | Action Description                               | Primary Sponsor | First Primary |
|--------------------|---|-------------|-------------|--|-----------------|---------------|
| 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 64<br>(= 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            |

| Bill Number       | Bill Description                              | Committee | Date       | 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 175            | Funds/Eliminate NC Pre-K Waitlist Statewide.  | Senate    | 03/05/2019 | Re-ref to Appropriations/ Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate | Yes | Yes |
| SB 176 (= HB 249) | School Annual Report Card.                    | Senate    | 03/05/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate  | Yes | Yes |
| SB 191            | Out-of-State Law Enforcement/2020 Rep Convtn. | Senate    | 03/14/2019 | Re-ref to State and Local Government. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate  | Yes | Yes |
| SB 203            | Ethics Training for School Employees.         | Senate    | 03/07/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate  | Yes | Yes |
| SB 207            | Mecklenburg Cty/ Public-Private Agreements.   | Senate    | 03/11/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate  | Yes | Yes |
| SB 243            | Give Retirees 5% COLA/Funds.                  | Senate    | 03/14/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate  | Yes | Yes |
| SB 244            | Restore Master's Pay for Teachers.            | Senate    | 03/14/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate  | Yes | Yes |
| SB 278            | Charlotte Douglas International/City Operate. | Senate    | 03/18/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate  | Yes | No  |
| SB 317            | Senior Citizen Class Audit Changes.           | Senate    | 03/21/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate  | Yes | Yes |

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<https://www.ncleg.gov/Members/IntroducedBills/S/393/2019/true>

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