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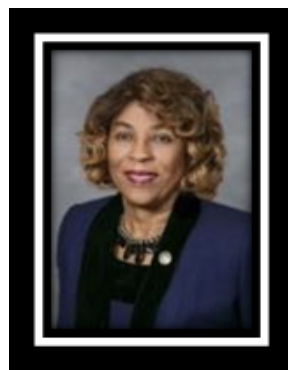
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# The Waddell Bulletin



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### 2019-2020 Committees

- Rules and Operations of the Senate
- Appropriations on Education/Higher Education
- Finance
- Transportation
- Joint Legislative Program
- Evaluation Oversight
- Joint Legislative Education Oversight
- Joint Legislative Commission on Energy Policy
- Pensions and Retirement and Aging

### *Dear Friends:*

North Carolina General Assembly continues to remain busy daily to review bills in committee meetings to move to the chamber floor for voting. This session is off to a slow start discussing proposed legislation but things are expected to pick up after May 9<sup>th</sup> crossover deadline, which is the last day for a bill to pass out of the chamber it was introduced and move forward to the opposite chamber.

One of the most active committees during this session is that of the Prison Safety commission with weekly meetings and hearing multiple reports. As we move forward some major recommendation will be made for safety of interest are:

- mental health
- substance use treatment
- diversion from restrictive housing
- reentry
- staff education and training and inmate suicide

As the committee continues to meet, strong emphasis will relate to employee retention and recruitment

An important thing coming out of the Appropriation for Education committee includes UNC Laboratory Schools. Started in 2016 the University of North Carolina laboratory Schools was initiated to advance learning and teaching by developing partnerships between universities and schools to ensure that children can excel academically in the community. UNC Charlotte in fall 2019 will be opening Niner University Elementary



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which will serve 150 students in grades K-2 located on the campus of James Martin Middle School and by fall 2022 plans to expand to grade 5.

## Session News

Some of the bills on the calendar that passed from the Senate to be considered in the House included:

- **Senate Bill 343, Changes to Education reports**, makes various changes including, repeals of certain reports, and modifications of information to be reported such as combines two reports on students with disabilities into one report that would be due annually on October 15.
- **Senate bill 227, Broaden Charter School Sibling Priority**, would include siblings who apply to the charter school for admission in the same school year and children of persons employed to work full-time for the charter school. This bill passed unanimously in the Senate and is moving to the House for a vote.
- **Senate Bill 154, Allow Sports/Horse Race Wagering Tribal Lands**, is an act that would extend games that may be legally conducted on Indian lands. Current law only includes gaming machines, live table games, and video games. This bill will add Sports wagering defined as the placing of wages on the outcome of professional and collegiate sports contests; and Horse race wagering on a thoroughbred, harness or other racing of horses to the game list.
- **Senate Bill 250, Records of Excusals for Jury Duty**, allows a chief district court judge to delegate hearing jury excuses to the clerk of court, require clerks to maintain records of individuals asking to be excused from jury duty due to disqualification, and, in some instances, share those records with the State Board of Elections.
- **Senate Bill 232 Tracking Outcome of Veterans Programs**, requires State-administered programs that are targeted or directed at veterans, service members, or their families to annually report certain information to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and the Department to report the information received to the General Assembly
- **Senate Bill 409 Study NC Veterans Registry** would direct the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) to study the issue of creating a North Carolina veterans registry, in consultation with the Department of Information Technology and the General Assembly's Program Evaluation Division. The registry's purpose would be to improve the access of veterans and their families to State benefits, programs and services for veterans and their families. Upon registering, a veteran or a family member of a veteran would receive access to information about available benefits, programs, and services. Registrants would have the option of leaving the registry.
- **Senate Bill 148 Public Records/Release of LEO Recordings** would expand the purposes that law enforcement may release and disclose a recording to include suspect identification or apprehension and to locate missing or abducted persons.
- **Senate Bill 320 Regional Water Systems and State Grants**, would require that, prior to any disbursement of a loan or grant to a recipient that is engaged in regionalization or initiating regionalization with the loan or grant, the Department must ensure that the recipient has one of the following with respect to each local government unit

purchasing treated or untreated water from the recipient at the time of the disbursement of the loan or grant or anticipated to be served within the 30 years following the disbursement of the loan or grant.

- **Senate Bill 390 Dupont State Forest- Financial Study**, would direct the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to study DuPont State Recreational Forest's operating model and create a plan to ensure a sustainable revenue stream for the Forest.
- **Senate Bill 392 Superit. May Approve Charter Facility Bonds**, would authorize the Superintendent of Public Instruction to approve issuance of private activity bonds for charter school facilities after a public hearing.
- **Senate Bill 606 Prioritize Native NC Plants on Highway ROW**, would authorize the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) to prioritize the use of native North Carolina plant species for the purpose of promoting erosion control, landscaping, and general protection of State highways.

## 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.

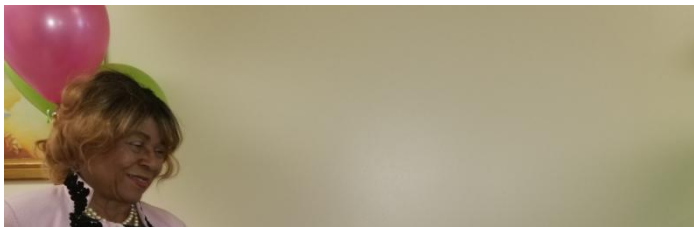
Senate Pages are important to the operation of the General Assembly as they assist the members and staff of the Senate during the legislative session. They participate in daily sessions, committee meetings, and perform other duties including, but not limited to, delivering messages and materials within 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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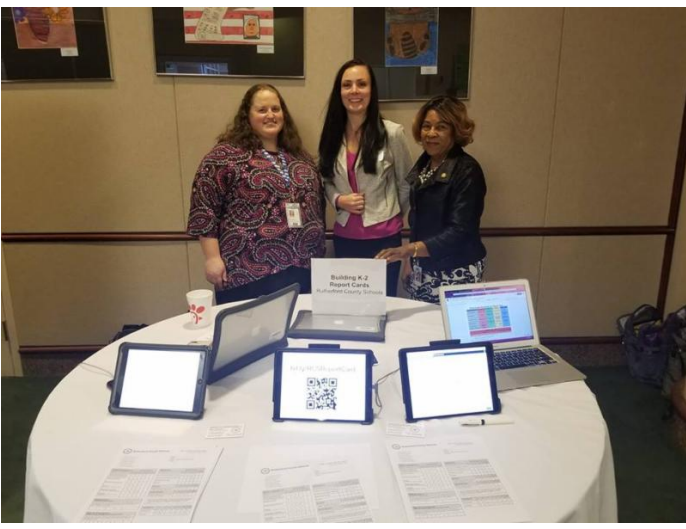
Page appointments are available beginning through June 24 2019.

## Serving You





Senator Joyce Waddell was honored to present Senatorial Certificate celebrating birthdays for Mrs. Willie Williams, 100 and Mr. Daniel Williams 103, in Charlotte, NC.



Enjoying NC Digital Legislative Day







Senator Joyce Waddell asks students questions during NC Digital Legislative Day



Senator Joyce Waddell learning dance at African American Festival





Senator Joyce Waddell joins SC State Alumni during during reception dinner in Charlotte, NC.



We had the pleasure of Ken Cason serving as a Senate Page from Charlotte, NC this week at the General Assembly.





Charlotte-Mecklenburg Delegation meeting with Mayor Vi Lyles and City Manager, Marcus Jones toda in Raleigh.


## The County News

*From the desk of Senator Joyce Waddell*

### Senator Waddell has been busy...

# Senate Bill 191

**CHARLOTTE, NC-** Senator Joyce Waddell presented Senate Bill 191, Out-of-State Law Enforcement/2020 Republican National Convention, which would authorize a police department in a city with a population exceeding 500,000 to contract with an out-of-state law enforcement agency for the use of officers and equipment for a designated period. This bill passed unanimously in the Senate and will be sent to the House.



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The City of Charlotte will be hosting the 2020 Republican National Convention. Senate Bill 191 would authorize the city's police department to contract with out-of-state law enforcement agencies for assistance during this event.<sup>1</sup> The General Assembly passed similar legislation prior to the 2012 Democratic National Convention, which was also hosted in Charlotte, North Carolina.<sup>2</sup>

Currently the law (Article 13 of Chapter 160A) governs municipal law enforcement agencies. Among other things, it authorizes cooperation between State and local law enforcement agencies. However, it does not expressly authorize a municipal law enforcement agency to receive assistance from an out-of-state law enforcement agency.

Participating out-of-state law enforcement officers who are certified and sworn in their home jurisdiction would be deemed to have met State certification requirements for being sworn as a law enforcement officer for the municipal police department contracting for their service.

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

## Senator Joyce Waddell's Introduced Legislation

Follow the Link for more information about each introduced bill:  
<https://www.ncleg.gov/Members/IntroducedBills/S/393/2019/true>

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