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Financial Literacy Education Requirement

Charlotte, NC- This has been another busy week at the North Carolina General Assembly. The following bills of interest passed the Senate:

- **HB 389: ABC/Univ Athletic Facility.**
- **HB 537: Alt. Hwy Use Tax Vehicle Subscriptions.**
- **HB 658: Allow Donations of Unexpired Drugs.**
- **HB 924: Teacher Contract Changes.**
- **SB 315 : Carolina Farm Act of 2019.**

One of the bills receiving much discussion was HB 924: Teacher Contract Changes. This bill written with 2 parts. The 2nd part, which would require a new course in economics and personal finance in high school, as well as require professional development for teachers of that course, got the most attention from the floor. Senator Waddell questioned whether the Senate ought to require additional training for teachers, many of whom work other jobs, and might be hard strapped to give up more time without a stipend. She also questioned whether much of this bill was unnecessary, because many of the requirements it detailed were already included in the curriculum.

An amendment was presented “to clarify eligibility for extended teacher contracts, to require completion of content in economics and personal finance as a high school graduation requirement in public schools, to clarify requirements for high school civic literacy, and to require professional development for economics and personal finance teachers”; however, it was voted down by the majority party. The Senate ultimately approved House Bill 924, which would add a full-semester financial literacy class as a high school graduation requirement. Initially filed as a standalone bill in the Senate, the financial literacy requirement was added to a House bill dealing with teacher contracts.

HB 934: Right to Try Stem Cell Treatment attracted some discussion as well. It will allow North Carolinians with chronic or terminal diseases to use stem cell treatments before they are approved by the FDA.

“It is hoped that these bills will benefit many in Mecklenburg

**County. I will continue to listen to the needs of my constituents,”
said Senator Joyce Waddell.**

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