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Senator Waddell Introduces 3 Bills

Charlotte, NC- Senator Waddell introduces 3 bills that will provide much needed assistance to North Carolinians.

- [SB 655](#) Implicit Bias Training Initiative - Establishes an annual implicit bias training for state officials and employees.
- [SB 658](#) Revise SNAP/Eligibility/Drug Felony Offenses - Allows individuals convicted of controlled substance felony offenses to be eligible for the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP).
- [SB 659](#) Eliminate NC Pre-K Waitlist Statewide - Appropriates funds to eliminate the waitlist for the NC pre-kindergarten (NC Pre-k) program statewide.

The pandemic has exacerbated or highlighted many issues that were creating hardships for some North Carolinians. By filing SB 655, I hope to bring about awareness first, then changes for one of the largest employers in North Carolina – the state.

SB 658 provides a group of our population in need of assistance, access to food resources.

SB 659 eliminates North Carolina's waiting list for children that would benefit from an early start to their education.

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