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Greetings:

Last week at the General Assembly, we voted on several bills, with the most notable bills being - SB 711 Compassionate Care Act, and HB 615 Jordan's Law, and HB 144 Medicaid Children and Family Specialty Plan.

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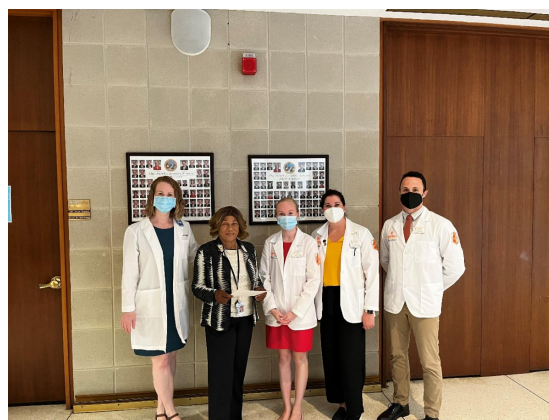
Curriculum Bill

Teachers, parents and student advocates lined up Thursday to speak out against a section of the proposed Parents' Bill of Rights legislation before the Senate health care committee. The bill would require school staff to inform parents if a student of any age seeks help with mental health, sees a school counselor, or starts using a different name or pronouns to describe themselves. Should the bill become law as is, teachers could face lawsuits if they violate those provisions.

A North Carolina educator told the committee that teachers should not be required to tell parents when students come to them with concerns such as sexual orientation or gender identity. She said school may be their only supportive environment.

The bill passed the committee and is expected to go before the Senate rules committee next week. It would also ban health care providers from providing any health care, even mental health services, to minors without parental consent, except in an emergency. Violators could be fined \$5,000.

As legislators, we want children to feel safe and not feel threatened. Their lives should not be at risk.



Senator Waddell meets with members of the NC Physician's Assistance Association to discuss upcoming legislation.

Hemp Bill

North Carolina moved toward legalizing the hemp industry in the state Thursday as the 2022 Farm Act passed the Senate's rules committee. The bill passed in Rules Committee which is considered a formality before the bill heads to the Senate floor. The full Senate is expected to pass the bill next week. The bill passed the Senate agriculture committee on last Tuesday.

Senate Bill 792 distinguishes hemp from marijuana by defining hemp as cannabis having less than 0.3% of Delta-9, which is the chemical in marijuana that produces the drug's high. It would also exclude hemp from the state's list of controlled substances. The change conforms to federal law, and is necessary because the 2015 state law that legalized the hemp industry in North Carolina is set to expire on June 30 of this year. This issue came up because, allowing the current law to expire would effectively outlaw hemp in North Carolina. So by passing this bill, it would save an industry that has spent millions of dollars already.

Planned Parenthood Information Table



Senator Waddell answers questions and discusses upcoming legislation.

Speeding Penalty

Under the current state law, getting a ticket for driving more than 15 miles-per-hour over the speed limit, if you are going above 55 miles per hour, triggers a 30-day suspension, even if it is your first offense. "It really catches people off guard because they just think, 'You know,

15 miles-an-hour over the speed limit is fast but it's not that crazy," said an attorney. The mandatory license suspension law also applies to speeding violations that occur out of state.

North Carolina is one of 46 states in the Driver License Compact in which member states exchange information regarding traffic violations. If the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles receives a report from say Colorado that a North Carolina-licensed driver was going 62 mph in a 45-mph zone outside Denver, it will mail that driver a letter explaining that their license is set to be suspended. Suspensions are typically a month but can be longer depending on the violations and drivers' past history. With modern technology states now communicate more efficiently with each other about traffic violations, leading to more suspensions.

Drivers who do plead guilty to their tickets and subsequently receive letters notifying them of an impending suspension can request a preliminary hearing with an NCDMV judge to get their suspensions lifted. The hearing request fee is \$100 and must be submitted before the suspension goes into effect. A driver's license isn't suspended while they await a hearing.

Charlotte Regional Business Alliance Legislative Reception



Senator Waddell discusses future legislation and support of the creation of businesses at the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance Legislative Reception.

Senator Waddell is working tirelessly for Senate District 40, but she cannot do this alone. Many of her precincts have changed which makes the election much more competitive. In November she will

have an opponent running against her. Can she count on your help to continue working for the district?

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*Physicians from HM Hospital
discuss Medicaid Expansion with
Senator Waddell*



Check your city, county, and community calendars for outdoor planned activities, festivals, and sporting events. This is a great time of year to plan outdoor activities. Continue to pay attention to COVID numbers and if possible wear your mask. COVID is still lingering around, in fact it is on the rise. Many people are tired of hearing about it, but for those who have underlying conditions the threat of getting COVID is still very real, so be care

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