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## Greetings:

### At the General Assembly

#### ***For the Week***

*The General Assembly was bustling with activity after the Spring Break. Many pieces of legislation was discussed and we are really trying to wrap up the budget.*

#### ***Committee Meetings***

*Education/Higher Education  
Pensions and Retirement and Aging  
Finance  
Rules and Operations of the Senate*

*Joyce Waddell*

## Mobile Salons

A bipartisan N.C. Senate bill that expands the use of mobile salons in North Carolina gained its second committee recommendation and has now cleared the rules committee. Senate Bill 44 cleared the Senate Judiciary committee. If SB44 is signed into law, mobile salons would be allowed to begin operating on Oct. 1.

In this instance, a mobile salon is defined in SB44 as “a self-contained, enclosed mobile unit licensed for the practice of cosmetic art.” A mobile home would qualify for use as a mobile salon.

I filed a similar bill this session and fully support this legislation. I believe it will provide many opportunities for small businesses in North Carolina.

## ECSU Aviation Program



*Senator Waddell congratulates Chancellor Karrie Dixon on the success of Elizabeth City State University's aviation program.*

## Human Trafficking

A bill seeking to crack down on human trafficking and protect victims advanced in committee.

According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, North Carolina ranks ninth in the country for human trafficking cases.

SB 626, would make it easier for victims of human trafficking to obtain a permanent no-contact order against their offenders. It also allows victims to obtain funds from the Victims' Compensation Fund even if they committed a crime under duress while being trafficked.

Before the bill came to be, legislators consulted with the NC Human Trafficking Commission to develop the legislation.

The bill also criminalizes the act of patronizing or soliciting involuntary or sexual servitude. The sponsors said this provision would allow the prosecution not only of people actively engaged in human trafficking, but also those seeking to abuse the victims of trafficking.

The bill passed the Senate Judiciary committee without objection and now heads to Rules.

I am in favor of this bill and hope to see additional resources applied towards victims and increased penalties for those responsible.

## 10th Annual African American Festival

*Senator Waddell presents a Senatorial Statement to Ms. Diana Davis in support of the 10th Annual African American Festival in Charlotte.*



## Airbnb Deregulation

A bill that represents the latest attempt by some state legislators to roll back Airbnb restrictions would permit most homes in some areas to be converted into tourist rentals. North Carolina Senate Bill 667 would allow cities to enact some minor restrictions on short-term vacation rentals – mandating health and safety requirements, limiting vehicles and requiring the lodging operator to be within 50 miles while the house or apartment is occupied. But otherwise, every single-family house, condominium, timeshare, townhome, accessory dwelling unit or other “dwelling unit” could be rented short-term in any part of a city “zoned for residential use,” according to the bill that was filed.

The bill would also do away with a rule used by municipalities categorizing short-term rentals as those that span one to 30 days. The new period would be up to 90 days.

Currently, some areas have a ban on all new short-term vacation rentals that involve whole houses or other dwelling units. Those cities allow “homestays,” meaning a room rented out in a home where a long-term resident is present at the same time as guests. The most recent version of the restrictions came amid concerns over the effects of Airbnbs on sky-rocketing house prices for locals and the conversion of neighborhoods into de facto hotel districts.

For years some GOP state legislators have attempted to roll back short-term vacation rental rules but did not succeed, facing opposition from both left-leaning cities and wealthy conservative towns.

## Child Care Workers Band Together For Change

*Senator Waddell addresses the crowd in support of Early Child Care Workers who came to the General Assembly to request changes to pay and benefits.*



*Senator Waddell addresses the crowd in support of child care workers.*



*Senator Waddell gathers information and discusses the issues of child care workers.*



*Senator Waddell discusses with a preschool teacher his concerns and how she can support his profession.*



*Senator Waddell discusses the purpose of their advocacy and how she can support child care workers.*

## Vaccinations

COVID and Influenza are not over and even though the numbers have diminished we still need to pay attention.

There are also other vaccinations that are important to ask your healthcare provider about. Please seek out those vaccinations that are available for you or your family.

Influenza, COVID and other vaccines are safe, effective, and most are available by asking your healthcare provider.



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