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Greetings:

At the General Assembly *For the Week*

Last week the General Assembly met on Tuesday to vote on the Governor's Vetos. Five bills were overridden and will become law.

Joyce Waddell

HBCUs

Senator Waddell participates at a Black Political Caucus event with some members of the Mecklenburg delegation for a panel that features surrounding HBCU Presidents regarding the importance of HBCU's role in developing leaders in education.



Veto Override

North Carolina Republicans, wielding their veto-proof supermajority in the General Assembly on Tuesday, overturned vetoes from the Governor one by one.

I voted to uphold the Governor's vetoes by voting "No" to these bills.

**(Please see the bottom of this section to understand vetoes and how they can be overturned.)*

Here are all the bills that passed into law Tuesday:

ELECTIONS LAW CHANGES Senate Bill 747 eliminates the three-day grace period for receiving absentee ballots, bans the use of private money for election administration and empowers partisan poll observers to watch the voting process.

NO PARTISAN ADVANTAGE IN ELECTIONS Senate Bill 749 overhauls state and local elections boards, removing all appointments from the governor and giving them to legislative leaders. Currently, these boards are structured to have a majority of members from the governor's party. The new law requires all boards to have an even number of Republicans and Democrats, raising the possibility of deadlocked votes.

GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS Senate Bill 512 takes away several of the governor's appointments and gives them to the legislature and other Council of State members. It targets a variety of boards, such as the Department of Transportation, the Railroad Board of Directors and the Utilities Commission.

CLEAN ENERGY/OTHER CHANGES Senate Bill 678 allows a utility company to reclassify nuclear energy as "clean energy," meaning the power source will count toward carbon-free energy goals.

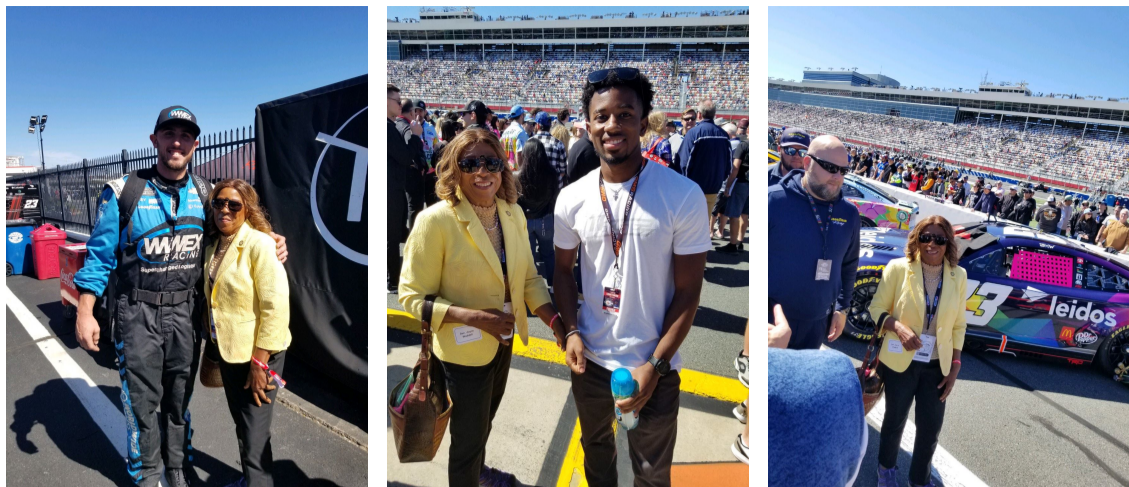
REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 2023 House Bill 600 loosens water quality requirements for a controversial pipeline project called MVP Southgate. The N.C. Department of Environmental Quality has denied water quality certifications for the project in the past, but the bill would make it easier for MVP Southgate to get certified. The bill also limits the scope of what DEQ regulators can consider when permitting hog farms.

**All Public Bills other than bills making appointments, proposing constitutional amendments, or revising districts are presented to the Governor on the day following ratification for the Governor's approval or veto. If the Governor signs the bill or takes no action on the bill, the bill becomes law. During session, the Governor has ten days after presentation to act. After adjournment of the General Assembly, the Governor has 30 days to act on a bill. The Governor is required to reconvene the General Assembly if a bill is vetoed after adjournment, unless a written request is received and signed by a majority of the Members of both houses that it is not necessary to reconvene.*

If the Governor vetoes a bill, the bill is returned to the original house where 3/5 or 60% of present and voting members can vote to override the veto. If the original house votes to override the veto, the bill is sent to the second house where 3/5 of present and voting members must also vote to override the veto before the bill can become law.

NASCAR

Senator Waddell participates at the Bank of America Roval 400, a NASCAR event. She visits the pit and speaks with pit crew members regarding upcoming legislation.



Vaccines

Vaccines and boosters for COVID and Influenza are available through your local health department or your healthcare provider. Please consider getting them.



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