

For Immediate Release



From Sen. Joyce Waddell <joyce.waddell@ncleg.gov>
To <sjohnston@tuesdayforumcharlotte.org>
Reply-To <joyce.waddell@ncleg.gov>
Date 2025-04-14 19:32



From the Office of Sen. Joyce Waddell, NC Senate
Mecklenburg County

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, April 14, 2025
Chapter VI
Volume 15

CONTACT: Sen. Joyce Waddell
(919) 733-5650
Joyce.Waddell@ncleg.net
<https://joycewaddell4nc.com/>



Greetings:

Last week the General Assembly passed several bills in the Senate.

SB 507 AUTO ENROLLMENT IN ADVANCED ELA COURSES - An act to expand automatic enrollment in advanced courses in k-12 schools to include English Language Arts courses.

SB 558 ELIMINATING "DEI" IN PUBLIC HIGHER ED - An act to demonstrate the general assembly's intent that students, professors, administrators, and other employees of public institutions of higher education recognize the equality and rights of all persons and to prohibit public institutions of higher education from promoting certain concepts that are contrary to that intent.

SB 171 MODERNIZE REG/MASTER'S LEVEL PSYCHOLOGISTS - An act to reduce the unnecessary regulatory burden on master's level psychologists and to increase access to quality mental health care services for North Carolinians.

SB 474 THE DAVE ACT - An act to enact the dave act by creating the division of accountability, value, and efficiency within the department of state auditor, directing each state agency to report to the division on its use of public monies and the status of its vacant positions, and directing the division to assess the continued need of each state agency and the vacant positions within each state agency.

Joyce Waddell

Bill Creates AI Oversight Division in Auditor's Office

A bill approved Tuesday by the North Carolina Senate proposes the creation of a new division within the State Auditor's Office aimed at evaluating agency performance and staffing levels using artificial intelligence. Senate Bill 474, titled the "DAVE Act" (Division of Accountability, Value and Efficiency), passed by a 29-17 vote and now moves to the state House for further consideration.

The legislation outlines a framework for reviewing how much is spent by agencies, the recipients and purposes of those funds, the effectiveness of spending in achieving its goals, and the potential for duplicative efforts across agencies.

The bill suggests it may ultimately be incorporated into the 2025-2026 state budget, as additional staffing would be required within the State Auditor's Office to support the division.

Many raised concerns about the use of AI in evaluating government employees and programs, urging stronger safeguards and transparency measures. Some expressed skepticism over expanding the Auditor's role to include program evaluation rather than limiting it to financial oversight.

While the legislation grants the Auditor authority to identify inefficiencies and recommend improvements, any decisions related to eliminating positions or restructuring departments would rest with the General Assembly.

The bill reflects broader conversations around the role of technology in government oversight and the balance between accountability and employee evaluation.

I spoke on the Senate floor against placing unnecessary procedures in this bill.



Affordable Housing

Senator Waddell discusses legislation for affordable housing with Mecklenburg businesses and constituents.



Career Day

Senator Waddell discusses with Statesville Road Elementary students the importance of education and the daily duties of legislators.

NC General Assembly

Visit www.ncleg.gov, the official website of the North Carolina General Assembly. Use this website as a tool to track bills, find and communicate with your state representatives, as well as follow chamber activity, meetings and issues before the General Assembly.

You can view bills in full by visiting www.ncleg.gov.

Please don't forget to consider getting vaccinated. There are viruses and other illnesses plaguing our community that can be prevented by vaccines and proper handwashing.



Sen. Joyce Waddell, District 40 | 1106 Legislative Building | Raleigh, NC 27601 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!