

For Immediate Release



From Sen. Joyce Waddell <joyce.waddell@ncleg.gov>
To <sjohnston@tuesdayforumcharlotte.org>
Reply-To <joyce.waddell@ncleg.gov>
Date 2025-05-13 10:39



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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, May 12, 2025
Chapter VI
Volume 19

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



Greetings:

This past week, the General Assembly was in session. The legislature has reached the time period titled "crossover". During the week several bills passed in the Senate.

Joyce Waddell



**Mecklenburg
Delegation**

Senator Waddell alongside of other members of the Mecklenburg Delegation meets with the CMS Board regarding education legislation.

Crossover

In the North Carolina General Assembly, "crossover" refers to a critical deadline in the legislative process. By May 8, 2025, most bills must have passed at least one chamber—the House or the Senate—to remain eligible for consideration during the remainder of the two-year legislative session. This rule serves as a filtering mechanism, determining which bills advance and which are effectively set aside.

If a bill has not passed either chamber by the crossover deadline, it is generally considered inactive for the session.

The crossover deadline not only shapes the legislative agenda but also highlights the priorities. Bills that successfully pass one chamber by this date are more likely to reflect the dominant policy interests and have a clearer path toward becoming law. The bills must be voted on with both houses and then signed by the Governor.

***SB 693 - Veteran Access, Liberty, Options
for Recovery***

Aims to regulate compensation for services related to veterans' benefits matters. The bill introduces new provisions under G.S. 143B-1278 to protect veterans from predatory practices by unaccredited individuals or entities.

Key Provisions:

Definition of Veterans' Benefits Matter: The bill defines a "veterans' benefits matter" as the preparation, presentation, or prosecution of a claim affecting an individual who has filed or intends to file a claim for benefits determined under laws administered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

SB 375 - Harrison's Law

Harrison's Law is a legislative initiative in North Carolina aimed at strengthening the state's hazing laws to better protect students across educational institutions.

Key Provisions:

- **Expanded Definition of Hazing:** The law broadens the definition of hazing to include not only physical injury but also psychological harm. This encompasses actions such as forced consumption of substances, sleep deprivation, social isolation, and other activities that can cause mental or physical harm.
- **Increased Penalties:** Under the new law, hazing offenses carry more severe consequences.
- **Inclusion of School Personnel:** The legislation explicitly prohibits school personnel—including teachers, administrators, coaches, and safety officers—from engaging in or facilitating hazing activities. Violations by such individuals are classified as felonies, reflecting the seriousness of their positions of authority.
- **Implementation of Anti-Hazing Policies:** Educational institutions are required to establish and enforce comprehensive anti-hazing policies. This includes mandatory reporting procedures, educational programs on hazing prevention, and clear disciplinary actions for violations.

By enacting Harrison's Law, North Carolina aims to create a safer educational environment by holding individuals accountable for hazing and promoting awareness and prevention strategies across schools and universities.

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!