



From the Desk of **Representative**

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Thank you for reading my newsletter for legislative updates and District 37 news.

I hope all of the mothers had a joyful and relaxing Mother's Day last Sunday! And, happy Military Appreciation Month to all of our military families. As a military spouse myself, I know first-hand the sacrifices of the military family. We appreciate you!

This weekend, I also enjoyed celebrating my son Cole's 15th birthday. It was a great weekend filled with family; I hope your weekend was as well!

Last week was "Crossover Week" at the General Assembly, which is the date when all eligible bills must receive a favorable vote in one chamber in order to crossover to the other chamber. You can probably imagine the long and late hours that come with the crossover deadline. Good news is we were able to pass out of the House good bills for the people of NC that I hope will be heard in the Senate. I outlined many of those bills below.

This week the House will present its budget plan to the public. I am very eager to publish this excellent budget,



as we have been working very hard over the last several months to craft a solid budget plan for North Carolina.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

-Representative Erin Paré

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Recent House Passed Legislation: Key Themes



This Week's Republican Wins.

- ✓ **Strengthening parental medical rights**
- ✓ **Making Ivermectin accessible**
- ✓ **Improving the foster care system in NC**
- ✓ **Providing more resources for mental health**
- ✓ **Combating deceptive telemarketers**
- ✓ **Protecting victims of domestic violence**
- ✓ **Streamlining housing access for disabled veterans**

NC House Republicans

House Passes Parents' Medical Bill of Rights



Parents' Medical Bill of Rights

Requires parental consent for key medical treatments.

Bans emergency-use vaccines without parent approval.

Grants parents access to their child's medical records.

Allows exams without consent only in abuse cases.

Puts parents back in charge of their kids' health

NC House Republicans

Rep. Pare's Bill HB 156 "Increase Access for Small Employers/Insurance" Passes the House

Rep. Paré's bill HB 156 "Increase Access for Small Employers/Insurance" passed the House. This bill passed the House near unanimous last session, What this bill does is reduce the employee threshold for level-funded plans from twelve to five. These health insurance plans are popular among small businesses because they provide an affordable way for small businesses to provide health insurance to their employees.

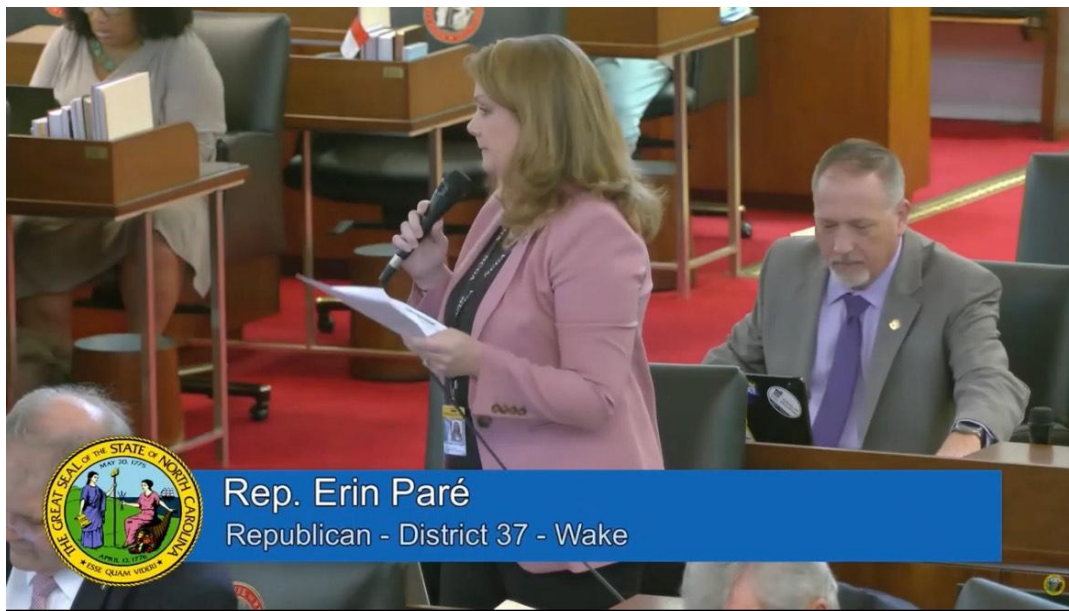
Forty-six states in the nation have level-funded plans, and only three of those states have an employee threshold above five; North Carolina is one of them and the only state in the southeast above five. This is a good bill for small business in North Carolina and to increase access to health insurance for the people of NC. An important note - the passage of this bill could help insure more people through their employer who are now receiving coverage through Medicaid expansion.

View the bill HERE: <https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookUp/2025/hb156>

Rep. Pare's bill HB94 "Disabled Veteran Homestead Exclusion Prequalification" Passes the House

Rep. Pare's bill HB94 "Disabled Veteran Homestead Exclusion Prequalification" passed the House. This bill will help streamline the process for disabled veterans to apply for the property tax homestead exclusion they are entitled to, and also give lenders the ability to include the benefit in payment calculations, possibly enabling disabled veterans with greater buying power.

Rep. Pare's Bill HB 56 "Publish Central Office Employment Information" Passes the House



Last week the House passed HB 56, "Publish Central Office Employment Information". You asked for this bill, and I delivered.

This bill requires public school district central offices to publish on their website the compensation information for all central office employees. This bill is a good government bill and a taxpayer transparency bill, and I am very pleased that it passed the House.

MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

THANK YOU TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE



Rep. Paré's HB 896 "Jesse's Law" Passes the House

Rep. Paré introduced HB 896 "Jesse's Law" which is a bill to ensure that individuals involved in child custody proceedings receive the proper training. The bill aims to better protect children and survivors of abuse within the family court system in North Carolina. The bill is named after a 3-year-old boy who was murdered by his father in 2012 in retaliation for the boy's mother seeking a divorce. The bill passed the House with bipartisan support.

Opportunity for High School Students

NC HOUSE PAGE PROGRAM

The program offers high school students a firsthand look at the legislative process.

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- ✓ OPEN TO GRADES 10-12
- ✓ FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE

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The 2025 Long Session House Page Applications are available online beginning **Monday, January 6, 2025**. The Page website can be accessed by visiting the following: <https://www.ncleg.gov/House/PageProgram/>.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Pages may only serve one time in the House.
- Each Representative is allotted **up to 5 Page appointments** during the 2025 Long Session.
- **Current sophomore, junior, and senior high school students will be eligible to apply.**
- Check the House Page website for participant eligibility requirements and available dates to serve as a House Page.
- House Pages are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- House Page applications are accepted until all weeks are full.

2025-2026 General Assembly Biennium

Rep. Pará introduced, sponsored, or co-sponsored the following bills.[Please](#)

Introduced bills:

HB 14 "Gambling Losses Tax Deduction"
HB 56 "Publish Central Office Employment Information"
HB 59 "Expand Elderly/Disabled Homestead Exclusion"
HB 94 "Dis. Veteran Homestead Excl. Prequalification"
HB151 "SchCalFlex/Wake/CC"
HB156 "Increase Access for Small Employers/Insurance"
HB 173 "Wake County ETJ"
HB 189 "Red Light Camera Interval"
HB 192 "Raise Teacher Pay & Dollar Allotment Study"
HB 352 "Modify Water and Sewage Project Bid Req."
HB 571 "Funds for PTSD Treatment for Police Officers"
HB 672 "Physician Assist. Omnibus/Team based/Compact"
HB 811 "Taxpayer Transparency Act"
HB 837 "Study Alternative Methods for Highway Funding"
HB 896 "Jesse's Law"

Sponsored bills:

HB 4 "Sam's Law"
HB11 "No Tax on Tips, Overtime, Bonus Pay"
HB 15 "Support Private Property Rights"
HB 46 "Make Health care Affordable"
HB 76 "Protect Access to In Vitro Fertilization"
HB124 "Adopt Official State Cookie"
HB125 "Adopt Official State Star"
HB137 "Gabe Torres Act"
HB 35 "Establish Military Appreciation Month"
HB 39 "Disabled Veteran Motor Vehicle Tax Exclusion"
HB 67 "Interstate Medical Licensure Compact"
HB118 "Disabled Veterans Tax Relief Bill"
HB133 "NC Farmland and Military Protection Act"
HB 137 "Gabe Torres Act"
HB 186 "Stars and Stripes Commitment Act"
HB 309 "Bldg. Code Fam. Child Care Home Class"
HB 364 "STIP Grant Anticipation Notes"
HJR 379 "Application for a Convention of States"
HB 389 "Child Care Workforce Pilot Program/Funds"
HB 402 "NC REINS Act"
HB 406 "Clarify Motor Vehicle Dealer Laws"
HB 412 "Child Care Regulatory Reforms"
HB 418 "K-5 Performing and Visual Arts Requirement"
HB 465 "Waive Renewal Fee/Military Drivers Licenses"
HB 480 "Medical Board Licensing Efficiency Act"
HB 488 "Modify School Performance Grades"
HB 523 "School Social Workers/Master's Pay"
HB 542 "Child Care Mental and Behavioral Services/Funds"
HB 581 "Career Pathways Transparency Act"

HB 588 "School Psychologist Omnibus"
HB 610 "Study Year-Round School"
HB 611 "Increase AP's in Public School"
HB 794 "Study Highway Patrol Staffing/Salary Scale"
HB 800 "Review Effectiveness & Delivery of Child Care"
HB 814 "Power Infrastructure Resiliency & Eff. (PIRE)"
HB 854 "Require Licensure of Educational Interpreters"
HB 877 "Childcare Pilot"
HB 912 "The Hometown Opp. for Mentoring Educators Act"

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