



# From the Desk of **Representative**

*Erin Paré*

**District 37**

**Proudly Serving Southern Wake County!**

**April 23, 2024**

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

This week, the House and Senate will begin the "short" session. I have been working on several important issues over the interim and look forward to addressing those issues through legislation in the short session. Please see below for some details. More to follow!

It continues to be my absolute honor and privilege to serve the people of District 37 in the North Carolina House.

*-Representative Erin Paré*



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**House Select Committee on Substance  
Abuse**

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**



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**HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

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**REPORT TO THE  
2024 SESSION  
of the  
2023 GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**APRIL 16, 2024**

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## FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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### **Recommendation #1**

The Committee recommends that the General Assembly enact legislation scheduling the drug "Tianeptine" as a schedule II controlled substance in North Carolina. A copy of the proposed legislation is attached to this report as [Appendix C.]

### **Recommendation #2**

The Committee recommends that the General Assembly continue to study the effects of "Tianeptine," "Xylazine," and other emerging drugs of concern in North Carolina and introduce appropriate legislation as needed to protect the people of North Carolina.

### **Recommendation #3**

The Committee finds that private laboratories in North Carolina provide fast and accurate testing of emerging drugs of concern and other controlled substances. The Committee further finds that the delays in having controlled substances tested at the State Crime Laboratory is a concern to all members of the criminal justice system and citizens of North Carolina. The Committee recommends that additional funding be provided to law enforcement agencies so that these agencies can fund testing of controlled substance at these private laboratories in an expeditious manner.

### **Recommendation #4**

The Committee recommends that the General Assembly consider enacting House Bill 563 to regulate the sale and distribution of hemp-derived consumable products and kratom products which are currently widely available across North Carolina.

### **Recommendation #5**

The Committee recommends the Department of Health and Human Services study and determine if additional authority, avenues, or flexibility is necessary to regulate new and emerging substances across the State.

### **Recommendation #6**

The Committee recommends the General Assembly consider mandating a substance prevention program to educate school students on the dangers of marijuana, fentanyl, and other substances and requiring all public schools to adopt policies to better monitor students in restrooms and other areas. The Committee also recommends the General Assembly consider including the appropriation of any funds necessary to facilitate those requirements, including potentially making grants available to nonprofit entities to assist in providing prevention programs.

The House Select Committee on Substance Abuse completed its work, which included voting unanimously to recommend scheduling Tianeptine as a Schedule 2 controlled substance.

The Committee also recommended the General Assembly consider mandating prevention programs to educate students and requiring public schools to adopt policies to better monitor restrooms and other areas.

Rep. Paré stated, "The Select Committee on Substance Abuse has completed its work. I am happy that the Committee recommends more stringent restrictions on available dangerous substances that are accessible to our young people. There is much more work to do, but this is a great start to

protect our kids."

More information: ['Stuff that will kill you': NC lawmakers push to ban 'gas station heroin'](#)

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## FujiFilm Diosynth Biotechnologies Expansion



Rep. Paré attended the announcement of Fujifilm Diosynth Biotechnologies expansion in Holly Springs. This \$1.2 billion investment will bring an estimated 680 high-paying jobs to the area, in the second phase of the project. This phase is expected to have an economic impact of \$4.76 billion, officials said.

"It's a win for us in southern Wake and a win for North Carolina in general," said Rep. Erin Paré. "This will be a huge boost to our economy."

Read more here: [Fujifilm Diosynth to create 680 jobs, invest additional \\$1.2B in Holly Springs](#)

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## Wake Leadership Academies



There has been significant input to the office of Rep. Paré from Southern Wake families about the impact on Wake Leadership Academies due to the St. Augustine University accreditation issue. Rep. Paré will file a bill that will expedite the process for Wake County Public Schools to partner with another institution of higher learning to host the Wake Young Men's Leadership Academy and Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy. This bill has 100% support from both the Wake County Public School System and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction/State Board of Education. Rep. Paré is proud to advocate for students and families.

"I am pleased to have worked in cooperation with Wake County Public School System and the NC Department of Public Instruction to finalize a draft bill that will enable the expedited substitution of a new higher institution partner for the Wake Young Men's Leadership Academy and the Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy. I will file the bill when the short session begins on April 24th," said Rep. Paré.

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**Representative Paré: Education Champion**



Education Champion

- Mom of two Wake County Public School students.
- Founded a non-profit in youth music education.
- Former PTA President.

As your State Legislator, Rep. Erin Paré is an education champion:

- Raised teacher pay
- Led on STEM education and workforce readiness
- Funded school safety and SROs
- Voted to expand parental school choice
- Raised pay for bus drivers, teacher assistants, school custodians

## NC General Assembly Short Session Convenes Wednesday, April 24th



### HOUSE

Convenes Wed, 4/24/24 at 12:00 p.m.

- Calendar: Not yet published
- Chamber Dashboard
- Video
- Audio
- Bills with House action by day
- House bills filed by day



### SENATE

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### LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 24, 2024			
WED 4/24	11:00 AM	House: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Auditorium LB <a href="#">D</a> <a href="#">STREAM</a>
	12:00 PM	House: Session Convenes	House <a href="#">D</a> <a href="#">STREAM</a>
	12:00 PM	Senate: Session Convenes	Senate <a href="#">D</a> <a href="#">STREAM</a>
	2:00 PM	Senate: Transportation	Auditorium LB <a href="#">D</a> <a href="#">STREAM</a>

## Representative Paré: Advocate for Military



## Advocate for Military Families

 Military spouse with first hand experience about the challenges that our military, veterans, and their families are facing.

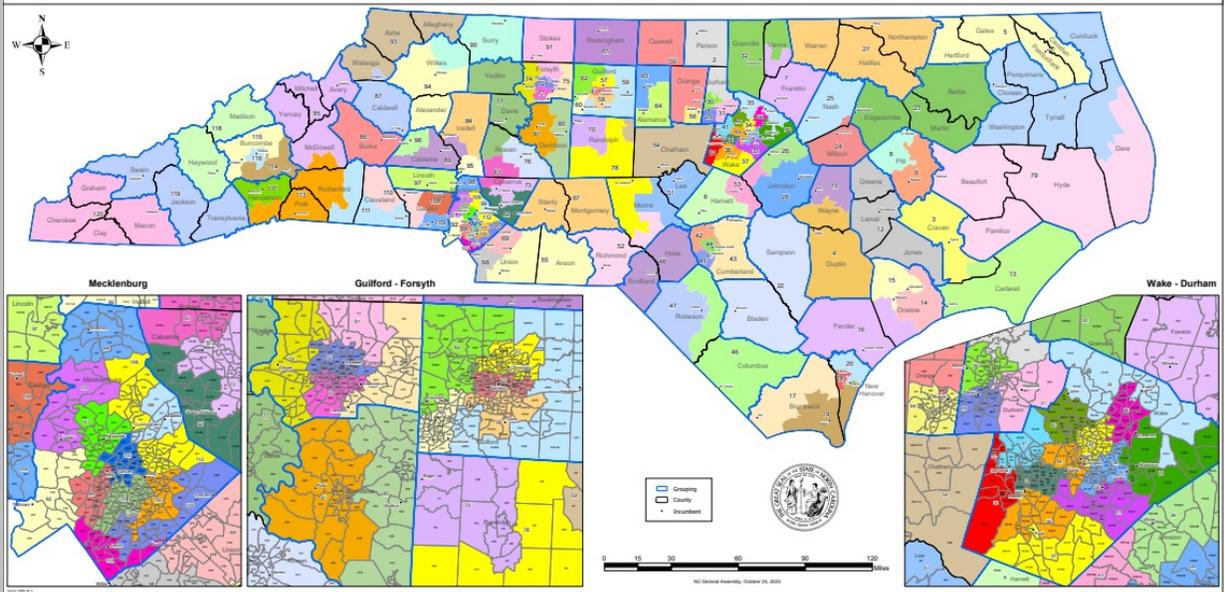
 Passed a law making military pensions tax free in NC.

 Helped enact policies that have made NC the most military-friendly state in the nation.

- Made military pension tax free
- Passed a bill to make homeownership more achievable and affordable for Veterans
- Support property tax exemption for 100% disabled Veterans
- Funded Veterans support organizations including our local Veterans groups Military Missions in Action and US Veterans Corps
- Enacted policies that keep NC the #1 Military-Friendly state

Rep. Paré said, "As a Military Spouse and State Legislator, I am proud to have delivered for our Veterans and military families in the State House. I will always be a champion for our Gold Star families, active-duty military, Veterans, and their families."

## 2024 House, Senate and Congressional District Maps



[HB 898](#): House Redistricting Plan 2023/H898 Ed 2 (above).

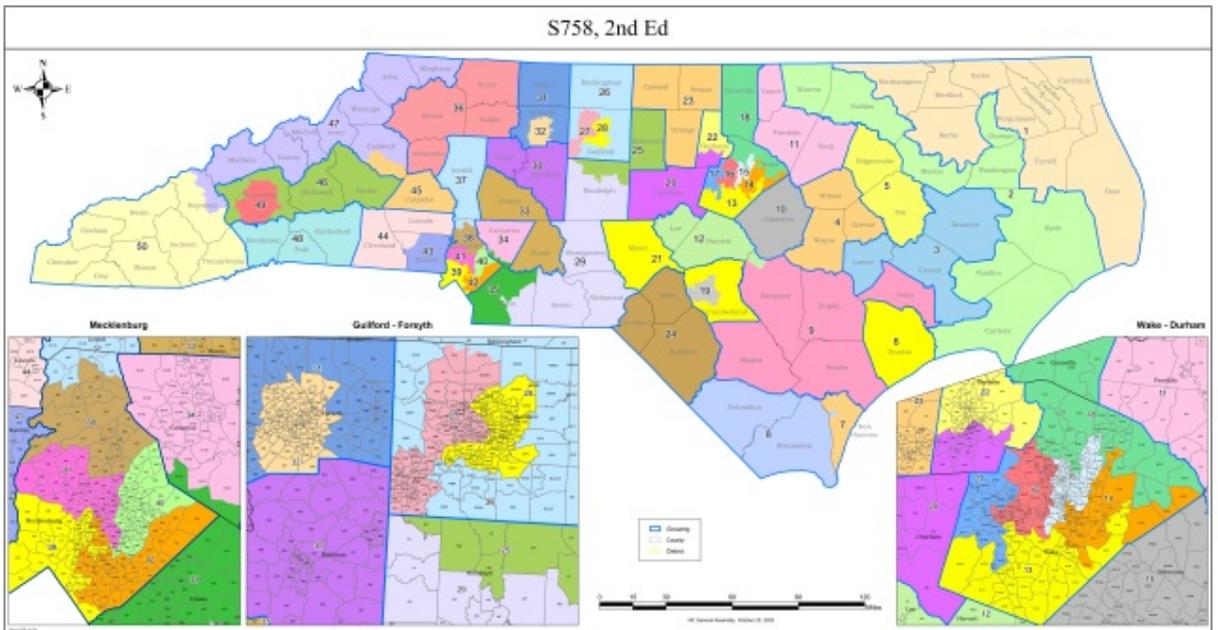
[SB 758](#): Realign NC Senate Districts 2023/SB758,2 Ed.

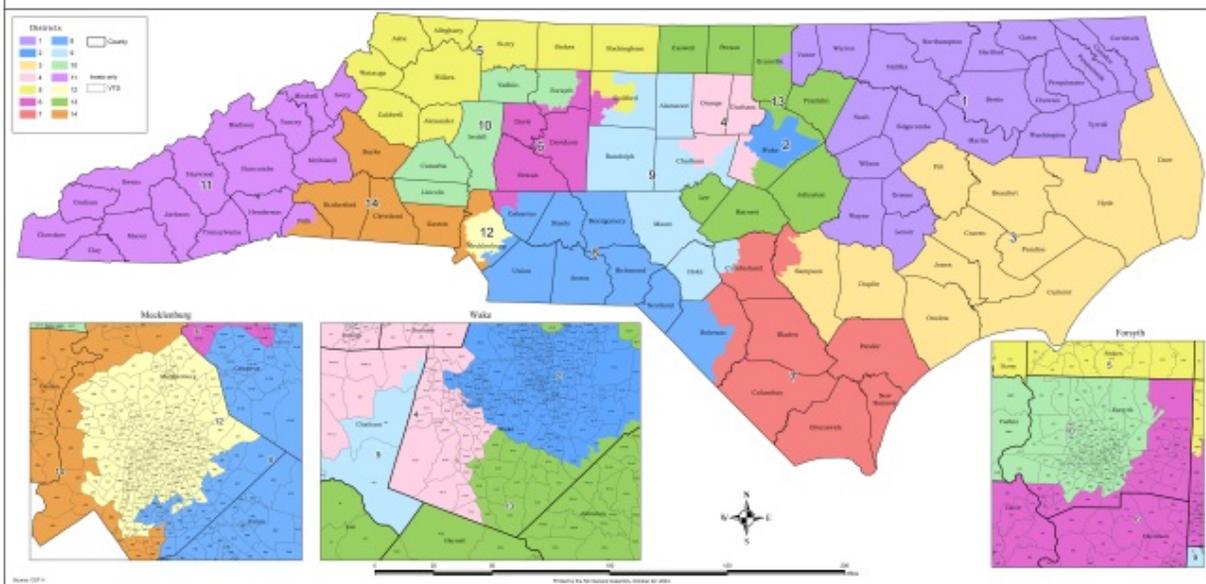
[SB 757](#): Realign Congressional Districts 2023/CST-4.

To drill down to precinct levels, please click the links above, and click on "19 x 36 Map."

Click [here](#) to check your 2024 voting districts by name.

Click [here](#) to check your current and 2024 districts by address .





## News Clips

[North Carolina sees slight surplus this year, \\$1B more next year– WRAL](#)

[Fujifilm pledges 680 more jobs, another \\$1.2 billion to incoming Wake County plant – News & Observer via Yahoo! Finance](#)

[New program providing free education to get special education teachers in the classroom – Spectrum News](#)

[District-offered driver ed wait times, quality frustrate families– North State Journal](#)

[NC Republican lawmakers plan to increase private school scholarships funding to meet demand – Charlotte Observer via msn.com](#)

[Fourth in outlook, 11th in performance, North Carolina remains a best bet– The Center Square](#)

[U.S. inflation up again in March in latest sign price pressures remain elevated – Spectrum News](#)

[Perspective | Celebrating community college month: What value do community colleges bring? - www.ednc.org](#)

[These are 10 little-known North Carolina traffic laws- myfox8.com](#)

[NC teacher attrition rate lower than national average– Carolina Journal](#)

[North Carolina DMV fees to increase on July 1, agency says– Yahoo! News](#)

[Opportunity Scholarships: 13,511 low income families get first tier awards– Carolina Journal](#)

[Pilot program enables NC high school students to explore tech fields-](#)

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