



# From the Desk of **Representative**

*Erin Pate*

**District 37**

**Proudly Serving Southern Wake County!**

**December 29, 2023**

Happy New Year!

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

Here are some highlights of what I worked on and accomplished this past year at the General Assembly:

- Returned \$50,000,000.00 in taxpayer money to District 37 to support increased clean water supply; fund road construction to increase mobility in the area; support for our Veterans; support for local emergency police and fire to adapt to the demands of population growth; and support nonprofits that support children in need.
- Made substantial cuts to the personal income tax.
- Helped negotiate and author SB20 which enacts reasonable restrictions on abortion; supports women, children, and families; and is the most pro-life piece of legislation the state has seen in a half-century, which has already saved lives.
- Fixed how the Wake Board of Commissioners are elected so every corner of the county has a vote and a voice for their community.
- Sponsored the bill that requires NC Sheriffs to cooperate with ICE to combat sanctuary cities in NC.
- Introduced the bill that will make computer science a graduation requirement for NC high schools, allowing our kids to be educated with the tools needed to compete in a modern-day workforce.
- Introduced a bill to make it easier for disabled Veterans to afford homeownership.



Sponsored the bill to protect women in sports.

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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## Christmas Greetings



**Merry Christmas!**

• And Happy New Year •

**2023 In Review**

# 2023 End of Year STATS

Representative

**Erin Paré**

Proudly Serving  
Southern Wake County  
in the 37th NC House District  
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-  **\$50 Million+** taxpayer dollars returned to District 37
-  **Sponsored 29 pieces of legislation**
-  **1,000+** phone calls from constituents answered
-  **200,000+** legislative updates sent to subscribers
-  **Received and solved 200+** constituent service issues



# NEW NC LAWS

**STARTING JANUARY 1ST**

- ENHANCE ELECTION INTEGRITY (SB 747)
- IMPROVE STATE ADOPTION LAWS (SB 615)
- REQUIRE AGE VERIFICATION FOR ADULT WEBSITES (HB 8)
- REDUCE GOVERNMENT RED TAPE (HB 600)
- STOP FRAUDULENT ADDICTION CENTERS (HB 415)
- UPDATE PROVISIONAL LICENSE REQUIREMENTS (SB 157)
- ENSURE ANNUAL AUDITS FOR LOCAL GOV'TS (SB 299)



**NC House Legislative Accomplishments**

# 2023 LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES



1. AFFIRMED PARENTAL RIGHTS OVER CHILD
2. VOTED TO BAN SCHOOL INDOCTRINATION
3. ENACTED UNIVERSAL SCHOOL CHOICE
4. PROTECTED UNBORN LIVES
5. UPHELD 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHTS
6. STIFFENED PENALTIES FOR RIOTING
7. PROTECTED WOMEN'S SPORTS
8. VOTED TO BAN FOREIGN FARMLAND GRABS
9. OUTLAWED SEX CHANGES FOR MINORS
10. RAISED TEACHER & EMPLOYEE SALARIES
11. ENHANCED SCHOOL SAFETY & TRAINING
12. ENDED PARTISAN ELECTION CONTROL
13. FUNDED RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES
14. BANNED COVID-19 VACCINE MANDATES
15. PROTECTED STUDENTS FROM SEX CRIMES
16. SLASHED PERSONAL INCOME TAXES
17. VOTED TO STOP SANCTUARY POLICIES
18. CUT GOVERNMENT RED TAPE
19. EXPANDED CHARTER SCHOOL ACCESS
20. BANNED COMPELLED SPEECH AT COLLEGES
21. BROUGHT BALANCE TO GOV'T BOARDS
22. WORKED TO STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING
23. BARRED "ZUCK BUCKS" IN ELECTIONS
24. BLOCKED COSTLY HOME ENERGY RULES
25. PROHIBITED LIBERAL ESG AGENDA
26. EXPANDED NUCLEAR ENERGY
27. PROTECTED GAS ENERGY APPLIANCES
28. INVESTED BILLIONS IN MENTAL HEALTH
29. COMBATED OPIOID & FENTANYL CRISIS
30. SECURED REGULATORY RELIEF FOR FARMERS

As we bid farewell to 2023, Representative Paré is proud to share with you a list of the significant legislative victories secured in the past year.

"Thank you for allowing me to serve and I look forward to another productive year fighting for a better North Carolina!" declared Rep. Paré.

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# PROTECTING CHILDREN

- ✓ INCREASE FINES FOR EXPOSING MINORS TO ADULT CONTENT (SB 579)
- ✓ ENHANCE PUNISHMENT FOR STUDENT SEX ABUSE (HB 142)
- ✓ ENSURE AGE APPROPRIATE SCHOOL INSTRUCTION/MATERIALS (SB 49)
- ✓ PREVENT MEN FROM COMPETING IN WOMEN'S SPORTS (HB 574)
- ✓ BAN GENDER TRANSITION SURGERIES FOR MINORS (HB 808)
- ✓ PROTECT UNBORN LIVES & EXPAND CARE FOR MOTHERS (SB 20)
- ✓ REQUIRE AGE VERIFICATION FOR PORNOGRAPHIC WEBSITES (HB 8)
- ✓ ENHANCE SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCES & TRAINING (HB 605)
- ✓ PROHIBIT ANTI-AMERICAN SCHOOL INDOCTRINATION (HB 187)

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# IMPROVING HEALTH CARE

- ✓ PROVIDE HISTORIC INVESTMENTS IN MENTAL HEALTH (HB 259)
- ✓ EXPAND HEALTH CARE BY EMPOWERING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (HB 75)
- ✓ TAKE ADDITIONAL STEPS TO COMBAT THE OPIOID CRISIS (HB 35)
- ✓ EXPAND MATERNAL HEALTH CARE & PROTECTIONS (SB 20)
- ✓ REQUIRE INSURERS TO COVER BREAST CANCER EXAMS (HB 560)
- ✓ STRENGTHEN & IMPROVE SAFETY PLANS FOR HOSPITALS (HB 809)
- ✓ SUPPORT & ENCOURAGE ORGAN DONATIONS (HB 162)
- ✓ DEVELOP STRATEGIC STATE PLAN FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE (HB 837)
- ✓ ENHANCE PENALTIES FOR MANUFACTURING COUNTERFEIT PILLS (SB 206)

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# SUPPORTING RURAL COMMUNITIES

- ✓ BAN FOREIGN ENEMIES FROM BUYING N.C. FARMLAND (HB 463)
- ✓ PROVIDE REGULATORY RELIEF FOR FARMERS (SB 582)
- ✓ EXPAND ACCESS TO RURAL BROADBAND INTERNET (HB 197)
- ✓ ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION (HB 259)
- ✓ ESTABLISH N.C. FARMERS APPRECIATION DAY (HB 539)
- ✓ HELP GET HURRICANE VICTIMS BACK INTO HOMES FASTER (HB 119)
- ✓ EMPOWER CREDIT UNIONS TO BETTER SERVE RURAL AREAS (HB 410)
- ✓ INVEST IN RURAL HEALTHCARE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (HB 259)

*2023 Legislative Accomplishments*



Holly Springs 911 Call Center



Representative Paré is always happy to visit the Holly Springs Police Department. She was especially happy to join Holly Springs Mayor Sean Mayefskie and HSPD Chief Liquorie to tour the HSPD 9-11 Call Center and present the Department with a state grant of \$400,000. This grant will help provide the 9-11 Call Center with important upgrades in cutting-edge technology to more efficiently and accurately respond to emergency needs as population growth continues.

"I will always support our police and safe Southern Wake communities." according to Rep. Paré.

Happy "Holly Days" Parade





On December 9th, Rep. Paré posted, "Outstanding Holly Springs 'Holly Days' Parade today! What a packed crowd on a gorgeous December day. I have to say, I had the best ride in the parade, thanks to my friends Keith Vest and Renee Benjamin Vest. I loved seeing all of the kids on the parade route. I'm thankful for this community and for being able to represent the people of Holly Springs in the General Assembly!"

## Representative Paré Appointed to Joint Legislative Committees



Office of the Speaker  
North Carolina House of Representatives

TIM MOORE  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

December 20, 2023

The Honorable Erin Paré  
North Carolina House of Representatives  
Legislative Office Building, Room 531  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Dear Representative Paré:

Pursuant to the authority granted in North Carolina General Statute 120-70.130(2), I am pleased to reappoint you to serve on the Joint Legislative Economic Development and Global Engagement Oversight Committee. Your term is effective immediately and will expire on January 15, 2025.

Thank you for your willingness to serve in this capacity. I am confident you will have much to offer to Joint Legislative Economic Development and Global Engagement Oversight Committee and will be effective and diligent in your service to our State.

Best Regards,

Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House

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TIM MOORE  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

December 20, 2023

The Honorable Erin Paré  
Legislative Office Building, Room 306B2  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Dear Representative Paré:

Pursuant to the authority granted in G.S. 120-208, I am pleased to appoint you to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services. Your appointment is effective immediately and your term will expire on January 15, 2025.

Thank you for your willingness to serve in this capacity. I am confident you will have much to offer to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and will be effective and diligent in your service to our State.

Best Regards,

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

December 21, 2023

The Honorable Erin Paré  
North Carolina House of Representatives  
Legislative Office Building, Room 531  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Dear Representative Paré,

Pursuant to the authority granted in General Statute 120-74, I am pleased to reappoint you to serve on the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations. Your appointment is effective immediately and will expire on January 15, 2025.

Thank you for your willingness to serve in this capacity. I am confident you will have much to offer to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and will be effective and diligent in your service to our State.

Best Regards,

Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House

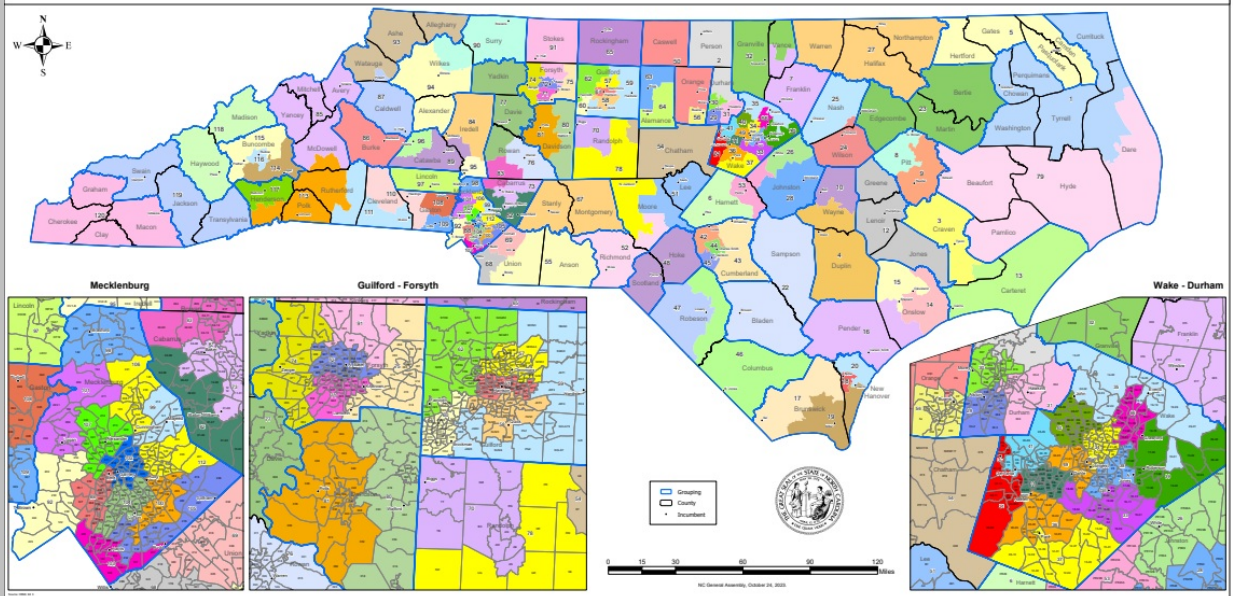
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2024 House, Senate and Congressional  
District Maps



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

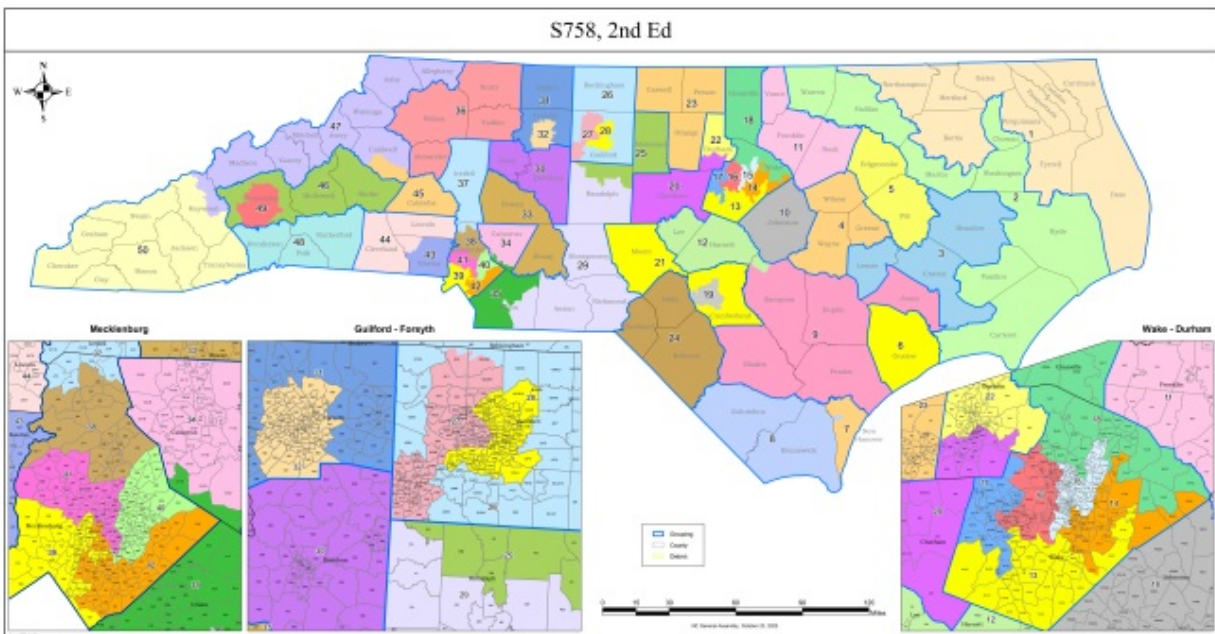
[SB 758](#): Realign NC Senate Districts 2023/SB758,2 Ed.

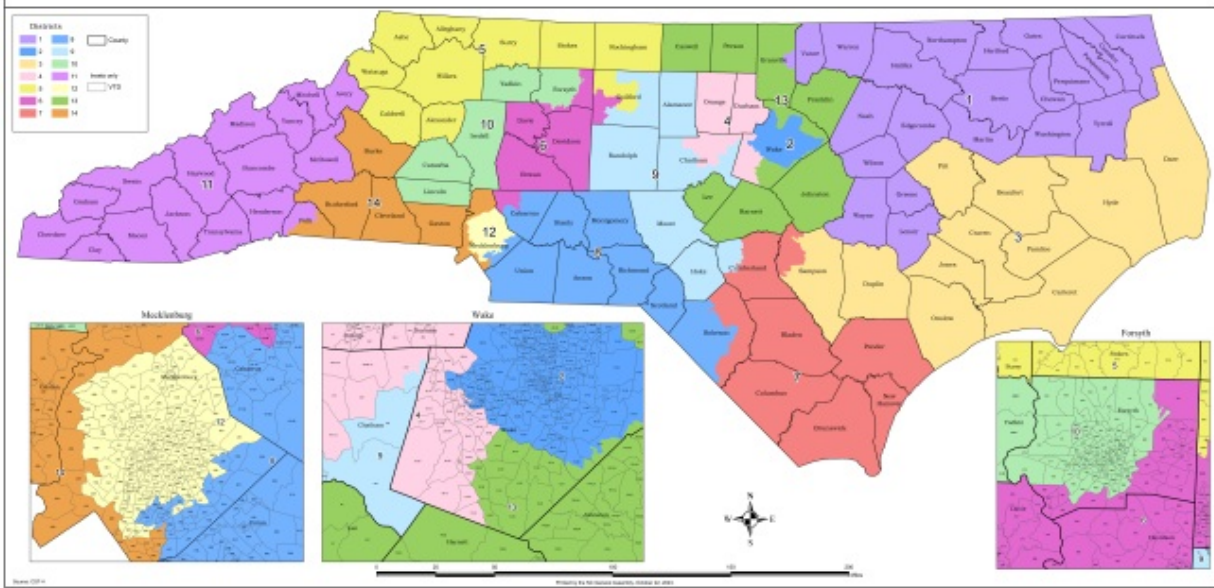
[SB 757](#): Realign Congressional Districts 2023/CST-4.

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 .





## Military Missions in Action



Military Missions in Action provides critical services to Veterans and their families all across our state and has for many years. Representative Paré delivered a state grant in the amount of \$750,000 to support MMIA and their important work, and she presented it to the organization at their Christmas Party.

"As a military spouse to a combat veteran and Army Ranger, I will always work to support our Veterans and make sure our state is the most military-friendly

state in the nation. I am thankful for my dear friend Mike Dorman's vision and work in creating MMIA, and new leader Greg Gebhardt for carrying the MMIA torch forward in Mike's place. We miss Mike very much." said Rep. Paré.

## High School Student Opportunity

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

# **N.C. YOUTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (YLA)**



**THE YLA IS A THREE-DAY PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS STUDENTS TO DRAFT, DEBATE AND VOTE ON MOCK LEGISLATIVE BILLS WHILE DEVELOPING SKILLS IN RESEARCH, INTERVIEWING, GROUP FACILITATION AND POLICY WRITING. THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD APRIL 19-21, 2024.**

**APPLY AT  
NCLEG.GOV/YLA**



## Attention Educators!



Attention teachers and school employees! Do you have field trip ideas for the upcoming school year but have little to no funding? Could your school benefit from an outdoor structure that allows students to learn and engage in activities outside? Thanks to funding from the N.C. General Assembly, Go Outside Grants are now available through the N.C. Youth Outdoor Engagement Commission to support outdoor educational field trips and the construction of outdoor gardens, greenhouses, and trails. Apply now at [gooutside.nc.gov/apply/](https://gooutside.nc.gov/apply/).

## News Clips

[The safest place to live in North Carolina? This ranks as the state's No. 1 town](#) - News & Observer

[Black, Hispanic students lead growth in charter school enrollment](#) The Center Square

[Another change in North Carolina's teen driver licensing rules takes effect Jan. 1](#) - News & Observer

[North Carolina's 2024 law reduces teen driving permit duration](#) – WCTI via MSN.com

[National report: NC's charter growth is third-highest in the nation](#) - North Carolina Coalition for Charter Schools

[2023 was another banner year for school choice in NC](#) – Carolina Journal

[Over \\$15 million in grants will preserve 5,000 acres of North Carolina farmland](#) – North State Journal

[5 new North Carolina laws now in effect you may have missed](#) – MyFOX8



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