



From the Desk of **Representative**

Erin Paré

District 37

Proudly Serving Southern Wake County!

February 8, 2024

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

General Assembly Interim Committees have started to meet. I have begun work on several issues of continuing importance prior to the start of the short session.

This week is a big week as the application portal for Opportunity Scholarships has opened.

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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**General Assembly Leaders Stand with
Texas**



Representative Paré joined colleagues in the House in signing a letter urging Governor Cooper to take immediate and significant action to address the border crisis.

"The Biden Administration's failure to secure our border has made every state a border state, including NC," stated Paré.



Office of the Speaker
North Carolina House of Representatives

TIM MOORE
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

January 31, 2024

Dear Governor Cooper:

Every day, North Carolinians are forced to suffer the consequences of President Biden's open border policies. Under his administration's watch, millions have illegally poured through our southern border and have wreaked havoc on our public safety, strained our social safety net, and weakened the rule of law in our country.

Due to this crisis, North Carolina faces increased security threats from foreign actors, tragic fentanyl deaths, and disturbing human trafficking by cartels and gangs. These threats divert precious resources to the detriment of our citizens. Even as you declared 2024 the "Year of the public school," the New Hanover County School Superintendent proposed closing a special needs public school and replacing it with a "newcomers school" for non-citizens. These issues are only growing, and it is your duty as Governor to do everything you can do to protect this State.

This crisis has effectively turned every state into a border state. Increased criminal activity and overstressed resources are just a few of the challenges that North Carolina faces as a result of the federal government's inaction. Unchecked, this crisis threatens our basic security and freedoms. We will not sit idly by while this President's failure causes ruin to this great State and our nation as a whole.

Governor Abbott of Texas has been valiantly defending his state's security in the face of this crisis. Rather than commend Governor Abbott for the measures he has taken to secure the border and mitigate the crisis, the Biden Administration has fought him every step of the way.

Our state must stand in solidarity with Texas and Governor Abbott and support his efforts to defend our southern border and protect our citizens. This body urges you to stand with Governor Abbott and speak out in support of his actions to protect his state.

The North Carolina House of Representatives requests you take the following actions:

- Deploy additional North Carolina National Guard troops to assist Governor Abbott, not under ineffectual federal authority, but in coordination with Texas leadership and request any needed additional resources for this deployment in your upcoming state budget submission.
- Commit to signing legislation that mandates cooperation with ICE by local police departments to remove illegal immigrants who are committing crimes. Many illegal immigrants are unaccompanied military-aged men with military or cartel experience.
- Halt any discretionary cooperation with the federal government to place and house illegal migrants in the State.

We trust that you share our desire to protect the state from the failures of the federal government's open borders policies. However, if for some reason you fail to take action, these and other options will be on the table for the House supermajority during the upcoming legislative short session.

Sincerely,



Tim Moore
Speaker of the House



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Rules Committee Chair



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Majority Leader

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**Application Portal is Now Open for the
Opportunity Scholarship Program**



**APPLY
NOW!**



NC OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The expanded N.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program is officially open for applications! Thanks to the N.C. General Assembly, all families of K-12 students in North Carolina are now eligible to apply. Scholarships range from \$3,000 to \$7,000 and are based on a family's household income. Scholarships can be used to pay tuition and fees to attend an eligible private school. I am proud to have supported the expansion of this successful program and look forward to more families having access to school choice and opportunities.

To learn more and apply visit www.ncseaa.edu/k12/opportunity/.

**School Safety Grants for Wake County
Schools**

SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS AWARDED

\$1.7 MILLION

WAKE
COUNTY
SCHOOLS



**THE FUNDING WILL BE USED FOR SAFETY EQUIPMENT,
TRAINING AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS IN CRISIS.**

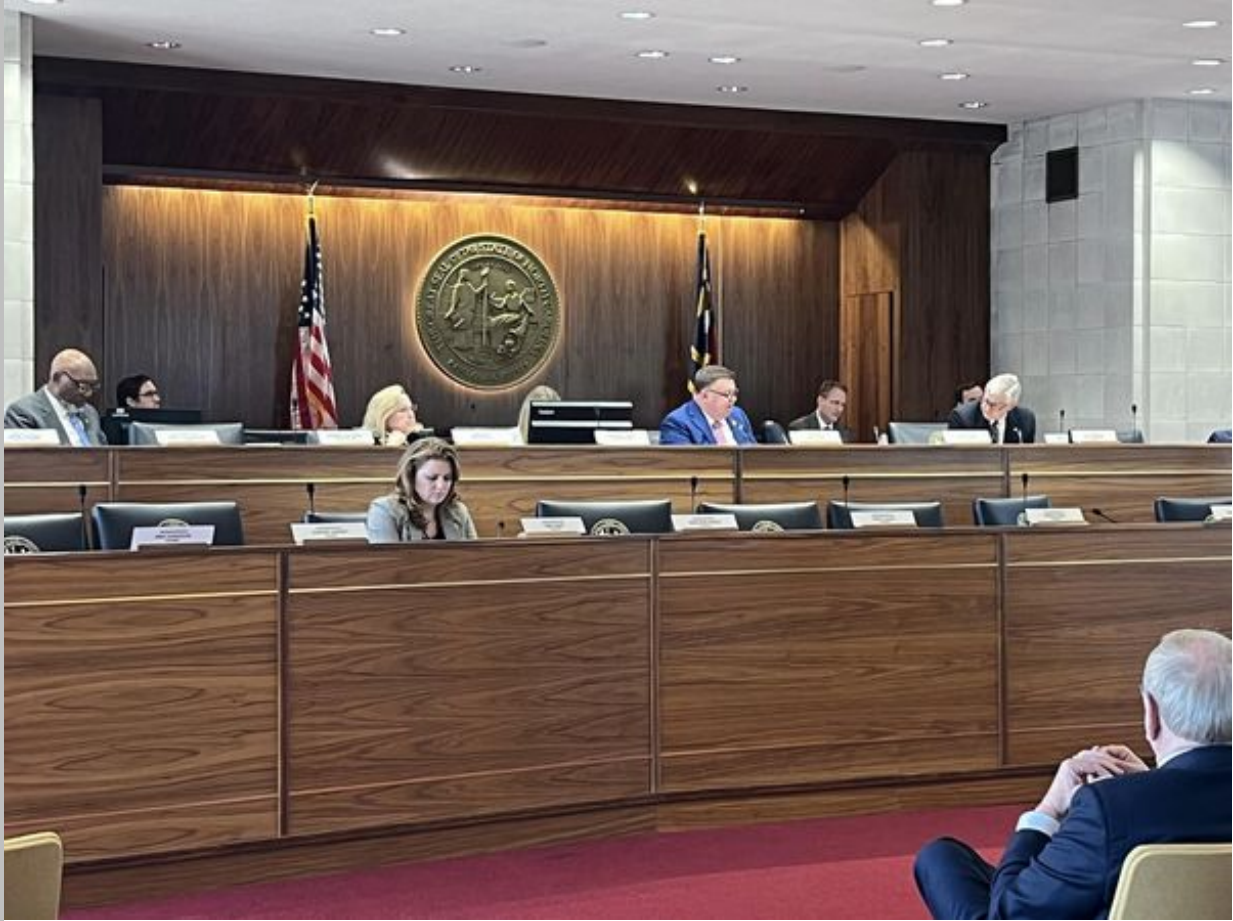


Rep. Paré said, "School safety is top priority for me as it is for all parents with children in school. I'm very proud of the funding the General Assembly dedicated to school safety in the budget. Wake County schools received over \$1.7M in school safety funding. This includes both tradition public schools and public charter schools in Wake County and District 37."

The Department of Public Instruction's Center for Safer Schools (CFSS) recently announced a total of \$35 million in school safety grants. The funding will be used for safety equipment, training, and services for students in crisis.

A full list of allocations can be found here:
<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/.../2023.../open>.

Interim Committees at Work



Last week, the Joint Legislative Economic Development and Global Engagement Oversight Committee (EDGE) met to hear an overview of economic development in NC and discuss the county tier system.

"The presentations were informative. I look forward to continuing our work. I have some ideas and issues of interest to explore through this committee going forward." remarked Rep. Paré.

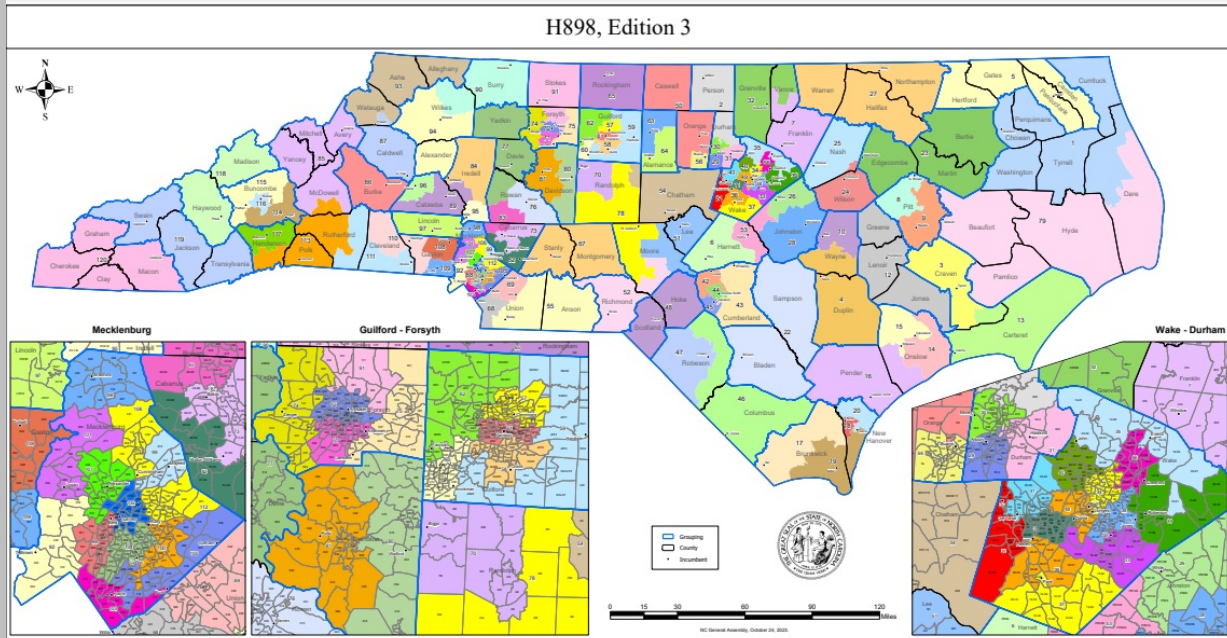
Below: The first meeting of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services.

Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services



The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services received comments from Kody Kinsley, DHHS Secretary, and a Department of Social Services update. The Committee discussed child welfare issues and the implementation of policies recently enacted by the General Assembly. The Committee also received a status report of childcare in NC which includes availability, access, staffing and funding. Committee work and follow-ups with staff will continue.

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.

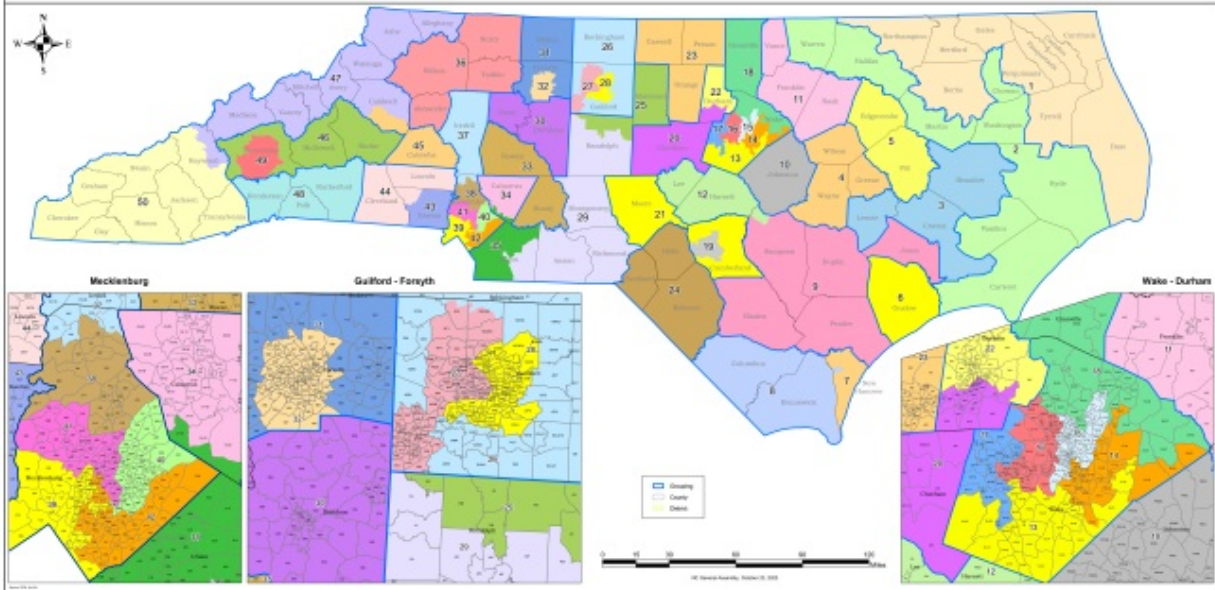
[SB 757](#): Realign Congressional Districts 2023/CST-4.

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

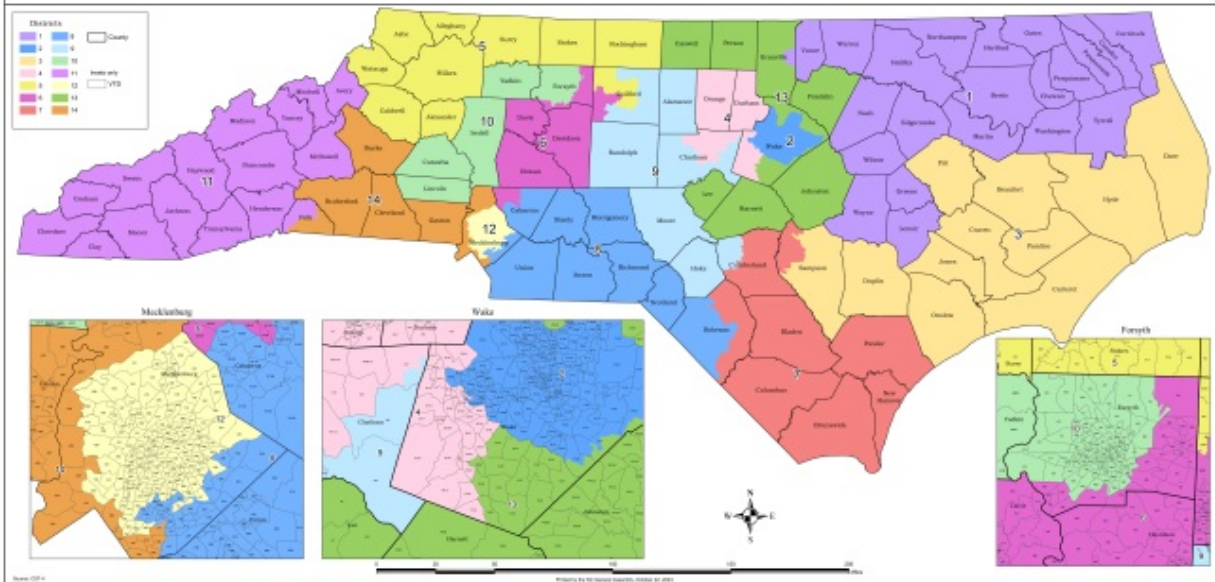
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Click [here](#) to check your current and 2024 districts by address .

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SB 757, 2nd Edition



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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**



News Clips

[A looming threat to Greater Boston's biotech dominance, 700 miles away- The Boston Globe](#)

[Demand for Opportunity Scholarships sets record in first week- Carolina Journal](#)

[NASA selects UNC graduate to head to space - abc11.com](#)

[More NC students attain CTE credentials last school year- www.carolinajournal.com](#)

[North Carolina Students Set State Record for CTE Credential Attainment- DPI](#)

[Troxler: NC farms under threat from rapid growth - WRAL](#)

[North Carolina governor asked to take action supporting Texas- The Center Square](#)

[Nantahala National Forest, Conservation Landmark. - www.dncr.nc.gov](#)

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