



From the Desk of **Representative**

Erin Paré

District 37

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

This past Monday was Memorial Day, a day that we honor and remember our brave service members who over countless generations made the ultimate sacrifice so that you and I can live with freedom and liberty in the greatest country in the world. May their sacrifice inspire in us an attitude of service above self. May their memory motivate us to act with integrity, patriotism, and gratitude. Please say a prayer for the Gold Star spouses and family members who carry with them every day the heavy pain of loss.

Although it was a somewhat shorter work week at the General Assembly, two important bills of mine made progress in the Senate!

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



-Representative Erin Paré

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HB 99 "Wake County Commission Elections"



A message from Representative Erin Paré:

Great news! HB 99 "Wake County Commission Elections" passed the Senate Elections Committee on Wednesday. We are one step closer to righting a major wrong that has gone on too long here in Wake County.

When the bill passes the Senate, it will be law that the people living in each of the 7 Commission districts in Wake County will be able to elect who represents them on the Wake County Board of Commissioners.

What we have now is all at-large elections, where the entire county of 1.2 million people votes for who represents your part of the county on the Board of Commissioners, even if they don't live there. This is wrong and is akin to taxation without representation.

In a county that is now larger in population than 8 states, where 55% of the electorate resides in Raleigh and Cary, this bill will bring much-needed

representation to the more suburban and rural areas of the county. This is very important.

HB 8 “Computer Science Graduation Requirement”



On Thursday Rep. Paré presented HB 8 “Computer Science Graduation Requirement” to the NC Senate Rules Committee for consideration for a favorable report. This bill would require the State Board of Education to establish a high school computer science graduation requirement. It would also require public school units to offer computer science instruction to students in middle and high school.

The bill passed and now heads to the Senate floor for a vote. The bill passed the House near unanimously last month.

70% of future jobs in the next 10 years will require a baseline knowledge in computer science. Women who take CS in high school are 10x more likely to major in it. African American and Latino students are 7x more likely.

Rep. Paré appreciated working with Superintendent of Public Instruction Catherine Truitt on this bill. It is much needed to prepare our students with the tools they need to compete in the modern-day workforce.



Weekly Recap

- ✔ *Prevent state agencies from requiring **job applicants to endorse political or social beliefs*** (SB 364)
- ✔ *Bring greater **balance and accountability** to **unelected government** boards and commissions* (SB 512)
- ✔ *Add **Haw River Trail** to State Parks System* (SB 100)
- ✔ *Improve **star rating system** for child care facilities* (SB 291)

News Clips

[Tens of thousands of young drivers in NC can now avoid a trip to a DMV license office – News & Observer](#)

[Cancer survivor and powerful NC lawmaker says medical marijuana saved him – News & Observer](#)

[North Carolina Zoo opens new baboon habitat - The Courier-Tribune](#)

[‘Cheers to that!’: Report shows beer is a billion-dollar industry in N.C.– Spectrum News](#)

[NCDOT receives good news in latest audit – North State Journal](#)

[North Carolina House tells Senate no thanks for changes to its state budget– Fox 8](#)

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