



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.

It has been a busy couple of weeks engaging with our community and working on important healthcare issues, including working to tackle growing substance abuse concerns among our youth.

It was a delight to see our young people honor fallen soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

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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**Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
Health and Human Services**

System Workload is More Complex

Nearly 12 people die from overdose each day in NC

- **Compared to 2016 YTD**
 - 594% increase in fentanyl positive deaths
- **Compared to 2018 YTD**
 - 63% increase in suspected overdose
 - 112% increase in fentanyl positive deaths
- **Comparing January 2023 to January 2024, 391% increase in subpoenas for forensic pathologists, MEs, and toxicologists***

**Anticipate additional drastic increase in subpoenas to coincide with new DA autopsy death by distribution autopsies to have largest impact on testifying 1-2 years after autopsy exams*

JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES | MARCH 12, 2024

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The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services met on March 12th. This is a slide that was presented at the meeting by the North Carolina Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, showing the increase in overdose and fentanyl positive deaths and the increase in medical examiners' workload. Representative Paré is the Advisory Member on the Committee.

"It is shocking to see the dramatic increase in fentanyl deaths in NC over the last several years. It is tragic to see the number of people we are losing to this crisis daily in NC. We need to come together and turn this around," said Rep. Paré.

House Select Committee on Substance Abuse



The NC House Select Committee on Substance Abuse heard reports about two extremely dangerous drugs: “Gas station heroin” and Xylazine. Both are being abused, especially by young people, with often tragic and even “gruesome” results.

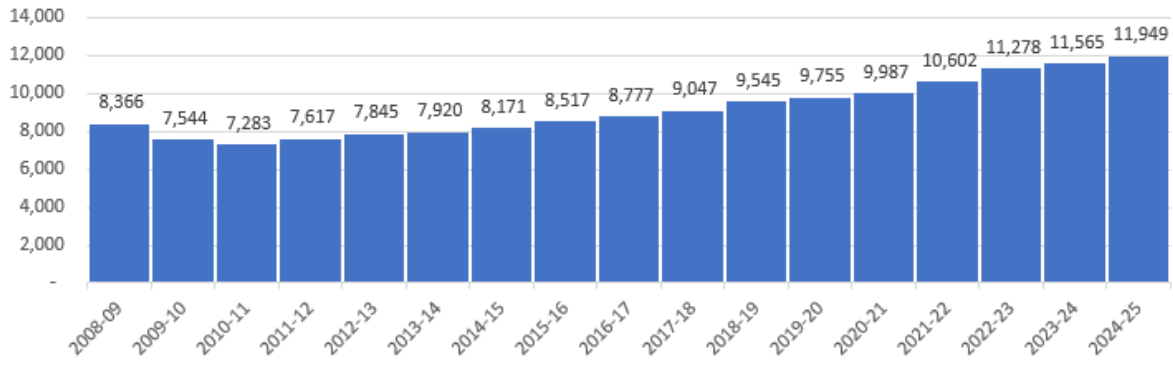
Rep. Paré joined Loretta Boniti on Capital Tonight to discuss the work of the House Select Committee on Substance Abuse in addressing the dangers of “gas station heroine” or opioid-like addictive Tianeptine formulated products available for sale to any age buyer at local convenience stores in North Carolina.

She stated, "With drug abuse rising, and parents seeing their children addicted to these products, it is important that we as legislators act."

Interesting Education Facts

K-12 Education Authorized Budget 2008-25

\$ in millions

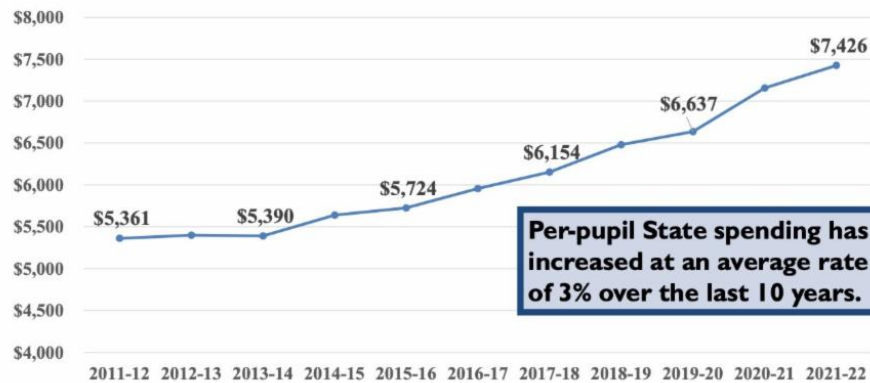


Above: This graph, provided by the Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly, shows the increase in K-12 education spending by the NC General Assembly since 2008.

Below: This slide from a committee meeting last year shows that the General Assembly has increased the per-pupil spending by an average of 3% per year for the last decade.

NC Public Schools—Structure and Key Facts

State Expenditures Per Pupil



Holly Springs Partners Breakfast



The Town of Holly Springs and the Holly Springs Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual Partners Breakfast on March 14th . According to the Holly Springs post on Facebook, "Government leaders, local businesses and community partners gathered to update each other about the latest happenings in Holly Springs, Wake County and North Carolina."

Rep. Paré was delighted to attend. She is pictured above with Holly Springs Mayor Sean Mayefskie and Town Council Member Danielle Hewetson.

Rep. Paré said, "It is always nice to attend this event and network with other community and business leaders who make Holly Springs a great place to live, work, and raise a family. I was happy to provide a legislative update to the group."



**Holly Ridge Middle School at Arlington
National Ceremony in Washington, DC**



Eighth-grade students from Holly Ridge Middle School in Holly Springs, on a class trip to Washington, DC, had an opportunity to participate in the wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. Rep. Paré's son and husband were both able to take part.

Wake GOP Convention



Rep. Paré was a featured speaker at the Wake County Republican Party Annual Convention on Tuesday, March 19th. She shared the stage with special guests Congressman Mark Green and Sen. David Perdue as well as Mark Robinson, the Republican Nominee for Governor.

"My speech outlined the successes of the NC House Republican supermajority in enacting among the largest of tax cuts in NC history, record expansion of education opportunity for students and families, and game-changing investment in critical infrastructure throughout the state, to name a few of many victories," said Rep. Paré.

"I look forward to the start of the short session and delivering more wins for Wake County and North Carolina."

TROSA and Museum of Life and Science Visits



Rep. Paré toured Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers, Inc. (TROSA), a residential recovery program, and the Museum of Life and Science, both in Durham. Rep. Paré is pictured above with Museum Executive Director Carrie Heinonen.

"TROSA is doing excellent work helping people on their path to recovery and forging a path ahead to become productive members of society while achieving their dreams and living a healthy life," said Rep. Paré. "I was thrilled to meet participants of the program and learn about their successes."

"I was equally impressed with the Museum of Life and Science and the work they do in STEM education for children."

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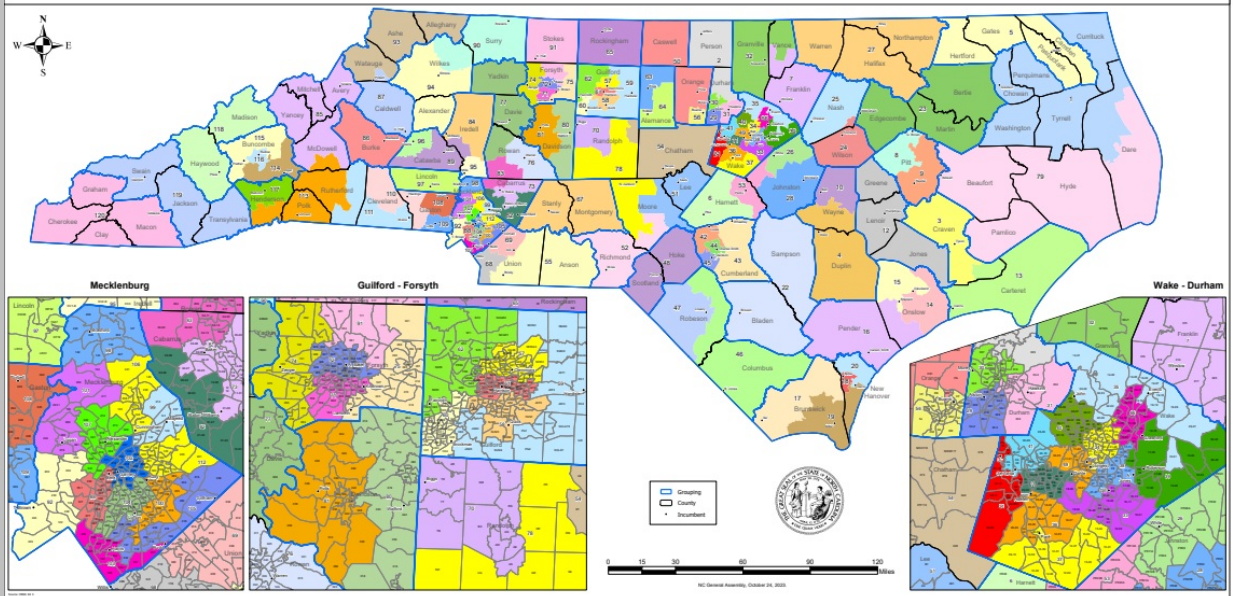
The Page website can be accessed by visiting the following: <https://www.ncleg.gov/House/PageProgram>.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Pages may only serve one time in the House.
- Each Representative is allotted up to 2 Page appointments during the 2024 Short Session.

Sophomore, junior and senior high school students will be eligible to apply.

2024 House, Senate and Congressional District Maps



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

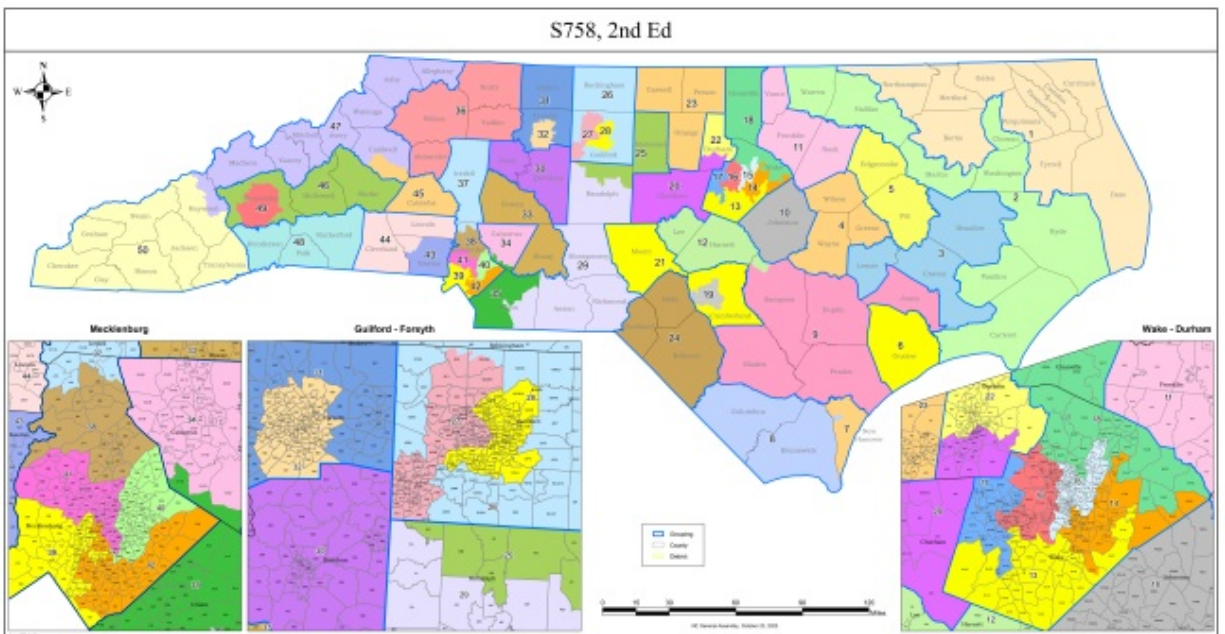
[SB 758](#): Realign NC Senate Districts 2023/SB758,2 Ed.

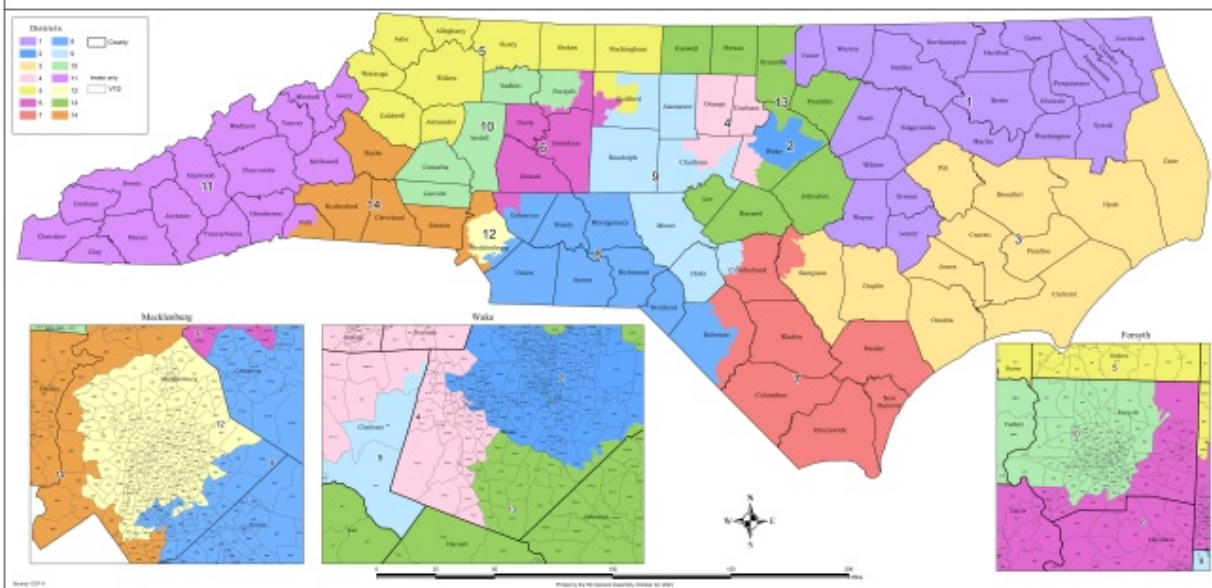
[SB 757](#): Realign Congressional Districts 2023/CST-4.

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

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News Clips

[NC community colleges seek \\$100 million more to revamp training](#)– **WRAL**

[County health leaders looking for creative ways to help kids stop vaping](#)- **WCNC**

[7 NC restaurants make 'Top 100 Seafood Spots' in America, according to Yelp](#) - **www.cbs17.com**

[NC Zoo ranks No. 3 for Best Zoo 2024 in 10Best- USA Today](#)

[Former N.C. State swimmer Alons, Kentucky's Gaines, 14 others sue NCAA](#)– **The Center Square**

[National Association of Realtors to cut commissions to settle lawsuits. Here's the financial impact.](#) – **CBS News**

[State employee raises, anti-Semitism bill possible this year, NC House speaker says](#) – **WUNC**

[Report: North Carolina Habitat & Farm Loss Mostly Due to Population Growth](#) – **PR Newswire**

[College decisions delayed while financial aid sits in limbo amid FAFSA fiasco](#)– **WRAL**

[Xylazine emerging as much a threat as fentanyl, heroin](#)– **The Center Square**

[NCDMV kiosks go live Wednesday at some Harris Teeter stores](#)- **WRAL**

[North Carolina golf hub surges to top 10 in U.S. for economic strength](#) - **Triangle Business Journal** - **www.bizjournals.com**

[New businesses increasing in NC, breaking records in first months of 2024](#)

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