



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.

Today is Election Day in North Carolina! Please stop by your polling location and cast your ballot for the primary races this Super Tuesday. Don't forget to bring your photo ID. Good luck to all the candidates!

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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A Visit to the Fuquay-Varina DMV



On February 23rd, Rep. Paré visited the Fuquay-Varina DMV unannounced along with legislative staff for a first-hand look at the challenges North Carolinians have been facing with DMV services.

These are her takeaways:

1. Fuquay-Varina is supposed to have 7 employees. They are only authorized to fill 4 of those 7 positions. They have been operating with 3 out of the 7, but recently were authorized the 4th position, which was 1 of 2 new authorized positions that the district as a whole received, which encompasses 4 counties.

2. The computer systems are out of date and inefficient (They are still operating on a DOS system, even though the General Assembly appropriated \$90m for IT modernization several years ago). The credit card system crashed during the visit. The waiting area was full. Rep. Paré has asked staff for an update on that modernization effort, and she has received some positive feedback on where North Carolina is headed with that.

3. Employees are experiencing increased and varied workload requirements due to rapid population growth. The staff of this DMV are doing their best to communicate wait times with the customers and process the work.

"The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee is working on this important issue. Be kind to the DMV staff. They are doing the best they can and are working hard," according to Rep. Paré.

Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Transportation Hearing on the DMV



Thursday, February 29th, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Transportation met and discussed dissatisfaction with the DMV operations all over the state. DMV Commissioner Wayne Goodwin appeared before the committee.

Rep. Paré has been collecting constituent comments and complaints regarding the DMV, and she has sent these to the Committee staff.

Prior to the Committee meeting, Rep. Paré remarked, "I'm not a member of this particular committee, but I will be watching the meeting and following up for answers."

<https://www.wral.com/story/abysmal-in-all-caps-nc-lawmakers-grill-state-dmv-commissioner/21306713/>

Commission Meeting



The MIC3 (Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission) State Council met on February 20th for the second time since Rep. Paré has been an appointed member, serving alongside friend and colleague Rep. Donnie Loftis. Military connected students have unique challenges in education and the MIC3 works through those challenges.

"As a military spouse whose kids attended both DODEA and civilian public schools, I am grateful for the opportunity to do this work, and for the leadership and hard work of a fellow military spouse Catherine Truitt, who has the same perspective on this topic and has been a uniquely influential education leader,"

said Rep. Paré. "It was another productive session, and we have much work to do."

House Select Committee on Substance Abuse



The House Select Committee on Substance Abuse met on February 13th. Rep. Paré first learned about the dangers of tianeptine, a.k.a. "gas station heroin," from a concerned parent in her district.

"I am glad this committee is studying the dangerous effects of tianeptine products or "gas station heroin" particularly in our young people. I look forward to working with my colleague Rep. Steve Ross on this issue in the short session. We must protect our youth from dangerous and addictive substances." remarked Rep. Paré.

2024 House Page Program



The 2024 Short Session House Page Applications will be available online beginning **Monday, March 4th, 2024**. 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.

Rep. Paré met with Students at Meredith College



Rep. Paré met with Meredith College students in STEM fields of study and college President Jo Allen on February 14th.

"It was wonderful to be invited to Meredith College recently to meet with an impressive group of students who shared with me their work and projects and career aspirations in STEM fields," said Rep. Paré.

Rep. Paré also met with Meredith College President Dr. Jo Allen to hear about positive initiatives on the horizon at Meredith College to help contribute to the needs of a growing workforce in STEM professions. They discussed the success of the House Select Committee on Advancing Women in STEM, which Rep. Paré chaired last year, as well as ongoing initiatives in state government regarding workforce readiness.

Guest Speaker at Wake Technical Community College

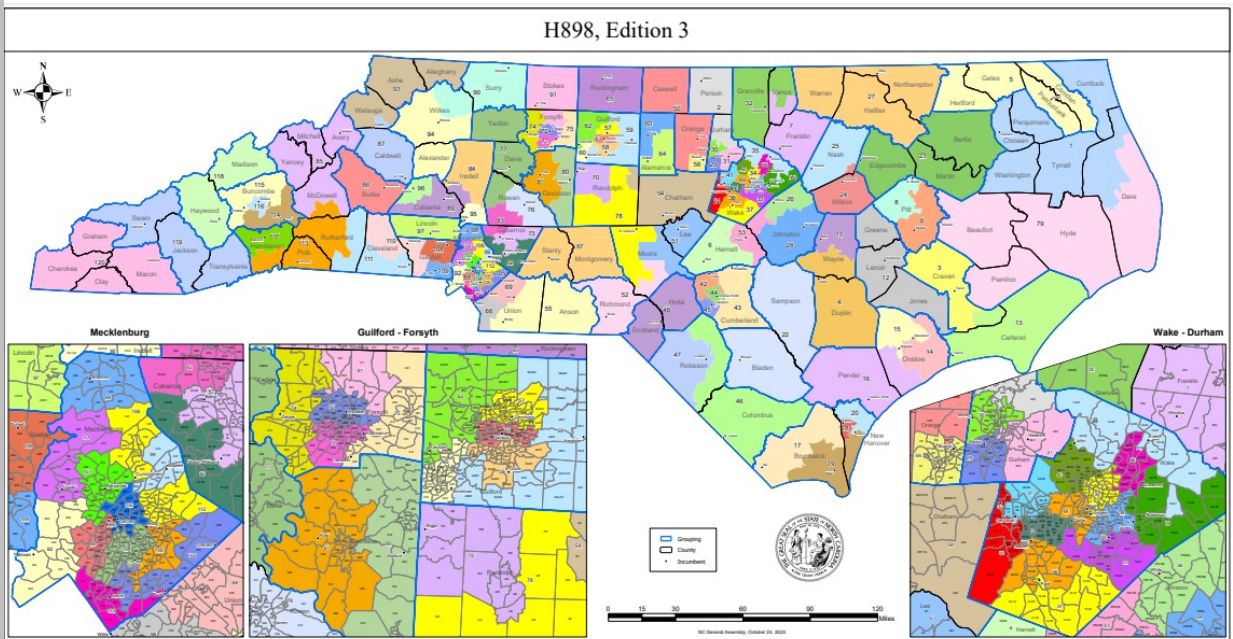


Rep. Paré had the pleasure of visiting Wake Tech Community College, which is located in her district, to speak to students in a political science class about the legislative process.

"The students had excellent questions. It was a pleasure to hear about their plans for future work in public policy," said Rep. Paré. "Wake Tech is doing an excellent job. Early college opportunities have been very successful."



2024 House, Senate and Congressional District Maps



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

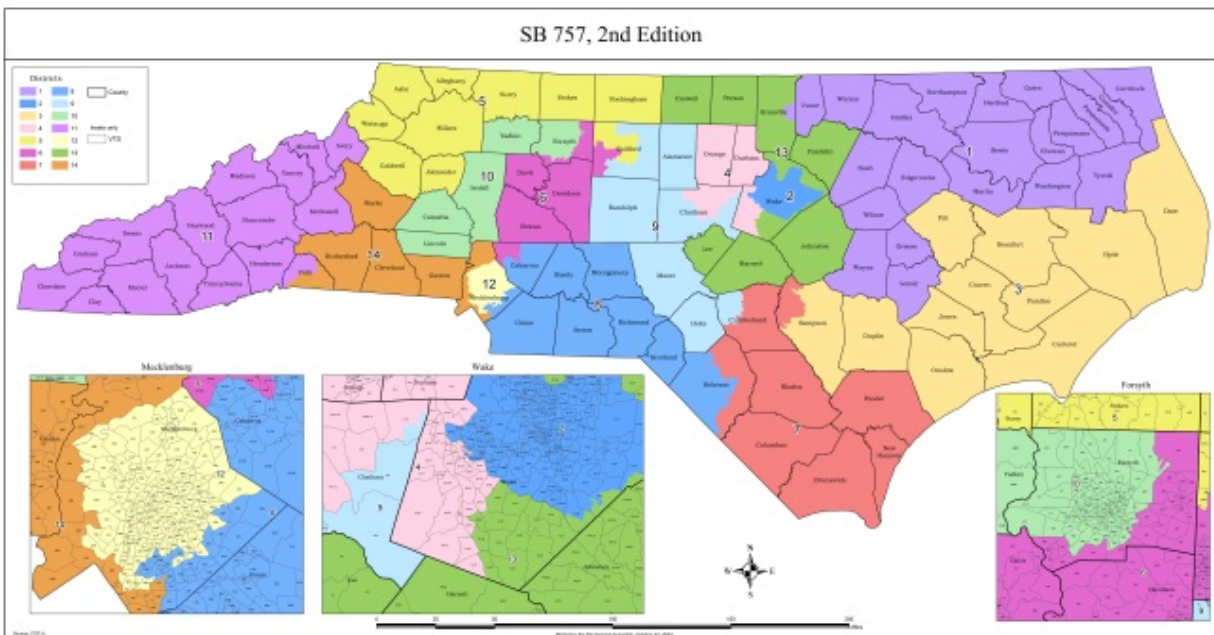
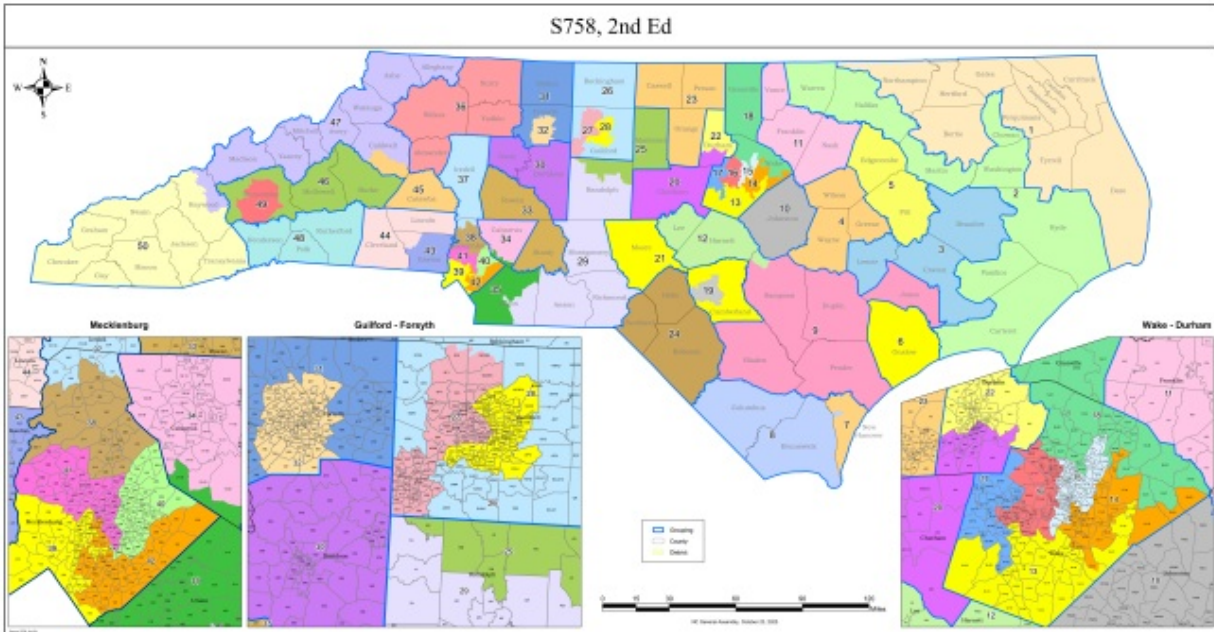
[SB 758](#): Realign NC Senate Districts 2023/SB758,2 Ed.

[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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