



# From the Desk of **Representative**

*Erin Paré*

**District 37**

**Proudly Serving Southern Wake County!**

**October 5, 2023**

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

The newsletter this week includes highlights of the recently passed budget, details about significant funding for critical infrastructure in House District 37, as well as recent bills passed by the General Assembly, bills signed into law, and vetoes by the Governor.

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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**This Week's Budget Highlight: Healthcare**

# INVESTING IN A HEALTHIER NORTH CAROLINA

## **\$400 Million**

New or expanded behavioral and mental health programs

## **\$80 Million**

To provide support for families caring for children with behavioral health or special needs

## **\$70 Million**

Rural health initiatives

## **\$50 Million**

Expand loan repayments and incentives for doctors and nurses to serve in rural areas

## **\$40 Million**

Recruitment and retention bonuses to stabilize staffing at healthcare facilities



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**Rep. Paré Secures Nearly \$50 Million for  
Southern Wake County**

## Representative Erin Paré Secures Nearly \$30 Million in State Budget for Fuquay-Varina

**\$28,600,000**

Town of Fuquay-Varina  
Water & Sewer Conveyance  
Line Project

**\$856,000**

Town of Fuquay-Varina  
for a new fire engine

**\$315,000**

Town of Fuquay-Varina  
for School Resource Officers



## Representative Erin Paré Secures Nearly \$16 Million in State Budget for Holly Springs

**\$15,400,000**

Town of Holly Springs  
Water & Sewer Conveyance  
Line Project

**\$400,000**

Town of Holly Springs for  
the police department  
emergency communication  
center



## Representative Paré Secures More Than \$3M in State Budget for Wake County Non-Profits



**\$1,500,000**

YMCA of the Triangle  
supporting at-risk youth

**\$750,000**

US Veterans Corps

**\$750,000**

Military Missions in Action

**\$50,000**

Meg's Smile Foundation

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## HB 8 Computer Science Graduation Requirement Becomes Law



**NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OFFICE OF REP. ERIN PARÉ  
DISTRICT 37 – WAKE COUNTY**

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## HB8 Computer Science Graduation Requirement Signed Into Law By Governor Cooper

RALEIGH – House Bill 8, "Computer Sci. Grad. Requirement" has been signed into law by Governor Cooper. Upon the bill becoming law, North Carolina public schools will now require the successful completion of a computer science course for high school graduation, making North Carolina the eighth state to make computer science a high school graduation requirement.

**"Over 70% of future jobs will require a baseline knowledge in computer science, and this new high school graduation requirement will help equip our students with the tools they need to compete in the future job market,"** remarked Rep. Erin Paré.

The bill passed the House and Senate with two amendments from the Senate regarding community college accreditation and protecting children from harmful material on the internet, leading HB8 to be retitled "Various Statutory Changes."

Rep. Paré continued, **"I have appreciated working with Superintendent Catherine Truitt on this bill since the Select Committee on Advancing Women In STEM concluded its work in late 2022. Incorporating computer science as a course requirement in high school has been a priority for the Superintendent for some time, and a legislative priority for me this session. This makes sense for North Carolina."**

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**New Laws That Took Effect October 1st**

# NEW LAWS

Starting Oct. 1st

- ✓ Provide regulatory relief and certainty for farmers (SB 582)
- ✓ Expand access to caring homes for foster care children (HB 815)
- ✓ Remove barriers to recruiting childcare workers (SB 722)
- ✓ Make it harder for violent offenders to bond out of jail (HB 813)
- ✓ Prevent costly new home building energy regulations (HB 488)
- ✓ Improve laws regarding the safe surrender of an infant (SB 20)
- ✓ Reduce red tape for charitable organizations (SB 429)



## Bills Vetoed By the Governor

This week, Governor Cooper vetoed the following bills passed by the General Assembly:

- SB 749 - [No Partisan Advantage in Elections](#)
- HB 600 - [Regulatory Reform Act of 2023](#)
- SB 678 - [Clean Energy/Other Changes](#).

SB 749 would end political interference in election administration.

HB 600 would reduce unnecessary government regulations.

SB 678 would remove regulatory barriers to utilize nuclear energy.

## Recap of Bills Passed in September by the General Assembly

# Monthly Recap

- ✓ Approve fiscally-sound budget with historic investments (HB 259)
- ✓ Strengthen and improve state adoption laws (SB 615)
- ✓ End political interference in election administration (SB 749)
- ✓ Ensure greater public access to voting records (HB 770)
- ✓ Enhance efforts to combat fentanyl and overdose epidemic (SB 189)
- ✓ Stiffen penalties for vehicle break-ins (SB 409)
- ✓ Regulate hemp products and ban from school grounds (HB 563)
- ✓ Enhance hospital security and safety plans (HB 125)
- ✓ Reduce unnecessary government regulations (HB 600)
- ✓ Increase transparency at NC High School Athletic Association (SB 452)
- ✓ Toughen penalties for exposing minors to adult entertainment (SB 579)
- ✓ Remove regulatory barriers to utilize nuclear energy (SB 678)
- ✓ Require age verification for pornographic websites (HB 8)
- ✓ Protect students from sexual crimes and unreported assaults (HB 142)
- ✓ Enhance state reporting on support for people with disabilities (HB 361)
- ✓ Streamline concealed carry for probation and parole officers (SB 492)
- ✓ Make it easier for educators to become principals (HB 432)
- ✓ Reduce red tape for charitable organizations (SB 429)



## News Clips

[Teacher misconduct and computer science graduation requirement bills become NC law – Yahoo! News](#)

[Budget: Tax Foundation says North Carolina should remain among most](#)

[competitive](#) - [The Center Square](#)

[HBOT for Vets gets half-million in assistance from state budget- The Center Square](#)

[Federal student loan payments restart in October– Spectrum News](#)

[North Carolina budget includes pathways to increase teacher recruitment and retention – WCNC](#)

[UNC System enters 8th year of in-state tuition rate freeze– North State Journal](#)

[The Children Win in North Carolina – The Wall Street Journal](#)

[North Carolina receives over \\$4 million to strengthen maternal health care- WFDD](#)

[North Carolina Muscadine Grapes Shine Globally: A Fruitful Story of Quality and Dedication – Bladen Online](#)

[North Carolina Legislature Cracks Down on Pornography Sites With New Age Verification Requirements – US News & World Report](#)

[North Carolina passes universal education savings accounts - likely nation's second largest program - The 74](#)

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