



From the Desk of **Representative**

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District 37

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

"He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:6. I hope you and your family had a wonderful Easter!

Another important update for you today. Although the General Assembly is on a break this week from official business (we continue to work, however) I want to make sure you are up-to-date on last week's legislative business and District 37 news.

When we return next week, I will be very busy with my fellow budget chairs working on the House budget. I look forward to providing you with budget updates soon.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

-Representative Erin Paré



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House Passed Legislation Last Week: Key Themes

NC House Republicans This Week's **Passed** Bills:

- ✓ **Protect parental rights in schools**
- ✓ **Protect education rights of veterans**
- ✓ **Stop China from buying NC farmland**
- ✓ **Stop out of control regulations**

Working to make NC the best place to
live, work, and raise a family

That's the ***Republican Agenda.***

**Rep. Paré Leads NC Chamber Transportation
and Infrastructure Panel Discussion**



Rep. Pare was delighted to join the NC Chamber last week for a discussion about the future of NC transportation and infrastructure. The "Shaping the Future" panel with NCDOT Secretary Joey Hopkins, Vontier Corporation's Katie Rowen, and HNTB Corporation's Jay Ray, discussed how strategic investment and innovation are driving NC infrastructure forward.

Historic Fuquay-Varina Fire Department Push-In: Celebrating new Spartan Trucks and Rep. Paré State Grant

Much to my disappointment, the General Assembly schedule kept me from being able to attend this historic Push-In Event at our Fuquay-Varina Fire Department earlier this month. However, I'm so happy for Fuquay-Varina and I'm very proud to have been able to deliver for our FV Fire Department with a state grant of \$856,000 - a major chunk of this \$3.89M investment in four new Spartan fire trucks. Big thanks to Mayor Massengill for the shout-out and for his leadership! I'm committed to continuing to look out for the people of Fuquay-Varina in order to meet the demands of growth. Public safety is my number one priority!





NC Farmland and Military Protection Act Passes House

Last week, the House passed HB133 "NC Farmland and Military Protection Act" in a unanimous vote. Rep. Paré is a co-sponsor of the bill. The bill bans hostile foreign governments, like China and Russia, from buying agricultural land and property surrounding military bases.

Rep. Paré commented, "It is important that we are strategic about protecting our military bases from foreign adversaries attempting to buy land adjacent to our bases. This bill is how we do it."



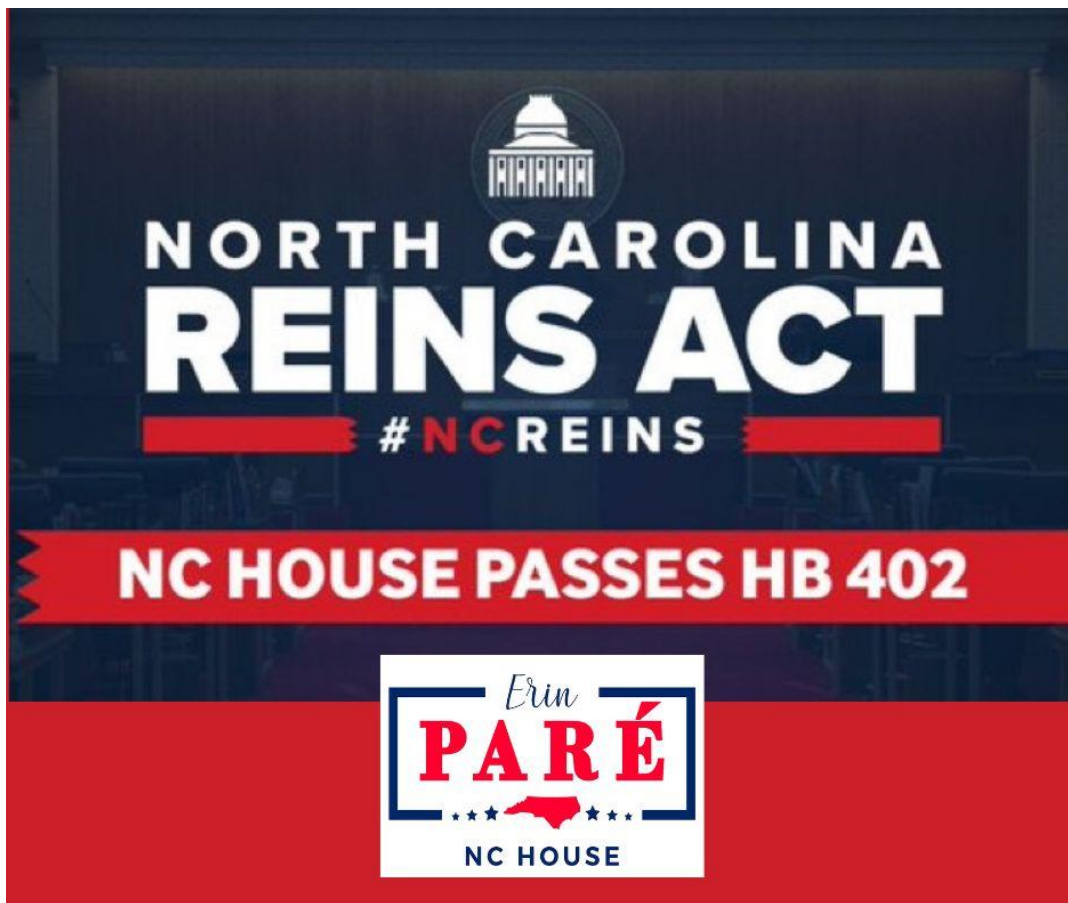
HB636 "Promoting Wholesome Content for Students" Passes the House

Last week, HB 636 "Promoting Wholesome Content for Students" passed the NC House. The bill protects the rights of parents in public schools by directing local public school units to adopt policies for reviewing library media to ensure it is age-appropriate, has literary value, and complies with laws like the Children's Internet Protection Act.

The bill calls for the creation of a community library advisory committee, composed of parents and school personnel. The bill also directs the State Board of Education to maintain a publicly accessible database of library media rejected by local school units.

To read more about the bill, visit <https://www.carolinajournal.com/nc-house-passes-bill-to-ban-pornography-from-school-libraries/>

HB 402 "NC REINS Act" Passes the House



Last week the House passed HB 402, the "Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act." The passage of this bill is a significant step forward aimed at increasing legislative oversight of state agency rulemaking.

Under the bill, if a regulation created by officials in the executive branch has significant economic impacts upward of \$1 million, then the North Carolina General Assembly would have a statutory role in approving the proposed rule.

The House passed the NC REINS Act on Wednesday in a 68-44 vote, with all Republicans and one Democrat supporting the legislation. A companion bill awaits action in the North Carolina Senate.

Rep. Paré is a cosponsor of the bill.

Read more HERE: <https://www.carolinajournal.com/reins-act-clears-nc-house-requiring-legislative-oversight-for-costly-rules/>

Rep. Paré files HB 672 "Physician Assist. Omnibus/Team-based/Compact

HB 672 "Physician Assist. Omnibus/Team-based/Compact" would ensure that North Carolina remains the best place to practice as a Physician Assistant. Optimal Team Practice will keep Physician Assistants accountable for the care

they provide and will keep team-based, collaborative care at the center of patient care and medical decision-making. This is a great step forward to increasing the availability of healthcare in NC and making sure NC is a top state for Physician Assistants to practice.

Rep. Paré Files HB 896 "Jesse's Law"

Rep. Paré introduced HB 896 "Jesse's Law" which is a bill to ensure that individuals involved in child custody proceedings receive the proper training. The bill aims to better protect children and survivors of abuse within the family court system in North Carolina. The bill is named after a 3-year-old boy who was murdered by his father in 2012 in retaliation for the boy's mother seeking a divorce. The bill has bipartisan support; it has been introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2.

Opportunity for High School Students

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beginning **Monday, January 6, 2025**. 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 5 Page appointments** during the 2025 Long Session.
- **Current sophomore, junior, and senior high school students will be eligible to apply.**
- Check the House Page website for participant eligibility requirements and available dates to serve as a House Page.
- House Pages are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- House Page applications are accepted until all weeks are full.

2025-2026 General Assembly Biennium

Rep. Paré introduced, sponsored, or co-sponsored the following bills. [Please find links to all of these bills here.](#)

Introduced bills:

HB 14 "Gambling Losses Tax Deduction"
HB 56 "Publish Central Office Employment Information"
HB 59 "Expand Elderly/Disabled Homestead Exclusion"
HB 94 "Dis. Veteran Homestead Excl. Prequalification"
HB151 "SchCalFlex/Wake/CC"
HB156 "Increase Access for Small Employers/Insurance"
HB 173 "Wake County ETJ"
HB 189 "Red Light Camera Interval"
HB 192 "Raise Teacher Pay & Dollar Allotment Study"
HB 352 "Modify Water and Sewage Project Bid Req."
HB 571 "Funds for PTSD Treatment for Police Officers"
HB 672 "Physician Assist. Omnibus/Team based/Compact"
HB 811 "Taxpayer Transparency Act"
HB 837 "Study Alternative Methods for Highway Funding"
HB 896 "Jesse's Law"

Sponsored bills:

HB 4 "Sam's Law"
HB11 "No Tax on Tips, Overtime, Bonus Pay"
HB 15 "Support Private Property Rights"
HB 46 "Make Health care Affordable"
HB 76 "Protect Access to In Vitro Fertilization"
HB124 "Adopt Official State Cookie"
HB125 "Adopt Official State Star"
HB137 "Gabe Torres Act"
HB 35 "Establish Military Appreciation Month"
HB 39 "Disabled Veteran Motor Vehicle Tax Exclusion"
HB 67 "Interstate Medical Licensure Compact"

HB118 "Disabled Veterans Tax Relief Bill"
HB133 "NC Farmland and Military Protection Act"
HB 137 "Gabe Torres Act"
HB 186 "Stars and Stripes Commitment Act"
HB 309 "Bldg. Code Fam. Child Care Home Class"
HB 364 "STIP Grant Anticipation Notes"
HJR 379 "Application for a Convention of States"
HB 389 "Child Care Workforce Pilot Program/Funds"
HB 402 "NC REINS Act"
HB 406 "Clarify Motor Vehicle Dealer Laws"
HB 412 "Child Care Regulatory Reforms"
HB 418 "K-5 Performing and Visual Arts Requirement"
HB 465 "Waive Renewal Fee/Military Drivers Licenses"
HB 480 "Medical Board Licensing Efficiency Act"
HB 488 "Modify School Performance Grades"
HB 523 "School Social Workers/Master's Pay"
HB 542 "Child Care Mental and Behavioral Services/Funds"
HB 581 "Career Pathways Transparency Act"
HB 588 "School Psychologist Omnibus"
HB 610 "Study Year-Round School"
HB 611 "Increase AP's in Public School"
HB 794 "Study Highway Patrol Staffing/Salary Scale"
HB 800 "Review Effectiveness & Delivery of Child Care"
HB 814 "Power Infrastructure Resiliency & Eff. (PIRE)"
HB 854 "Require Licensure of Educational Interpreters"
HB 877 "Childcare Pilot"
HB 912 "The Hometown Opp. for Mentoring Educators Act"

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