



From the Desk of **Representative**

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Proudly Serving Southern Wake County!

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

This week the House reconvened for a voting session. The House passed the conference report to House Bill 10, "Require ICE Cooperation & Budget Adjustments." This bill provides for many necessary budget adjustments including Medicaid rebase funding, \$159 million in ADM enrollment growth which goes directly to NC public schools and community colleges, rural broadband expansion, funding for the opportunity scholarship waitlist which the General Assembly committed to last year, and a provision to strengthen public safety by requiring NC sheriffs to cooperate with ICE detainer requests for illegal immigrants charged with serious crimes.

The House also voted to override the Governor's veto of SB166 "2024 Bldg. Code Regulatory Reform" - a regulatory reform bill regarding amending various developmental regulations and state building codes.

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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General Assembly Passes the Conference Report to HB 10 "Require ICE Cooperation & Budget Adjustments"

The Great Seal of the State of North Carolina, featuring two female figures holding a shield with a star, surrounded by the text "THE SEAL OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA" and "MAY 20, 1775".

N.C. LEGISLATURE PASSES HOUSE BILL 10

- REQUIRE SHERIFFS TO COOPERATE WITH ICE
- PUBLIC SCHOOL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE FUNDING INCREASE
- MEDICAID REBASE FUNDING
- FULLY FUNDS THE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
- RURAL BROADBAND EXPANSION

"THIS MINI-BUDGET AGREEMENT WILL FUND OUR K-12 AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENROLLMENT GROWTH & CLEAR THE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP WAITLIST TO EXPAND SCHOOL CHOICE TO ALL NC FAMILIES. WE ARE ALSO REINFORCING THE RULE OF LAW CURRENTLY IGNORED BY THE BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION BY REQUIRING SHERIFFS TO COOPERATE WITH ICE."



— N.C. HOUSE SPEAKER TIM MOORE

NC HOUSE REPUBLICANS

Details of the Conference Report to HB 10 That Passed the General Assembly Last Week



HOUSE BILL 10

SECURING LAW & ORDER

- **REQUIRES N.C. SHERIFFS TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES.**

“IT’S SAD THAT A SMALL NUMBER OF WOKE SHERIFFS ARE ACTIVELY CHOOSING TO PLACE POLITICS ABOVE PUBLIC SAFETY. COOPERATING WITH ICE ABOUT ILLEGAL ALIENS CHARGED WITH SERIOUS CRIMES IN OUR STATE SHOULD BE COMMON-SENSE.”

— **REP. DESTIN HALL**

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HOUSE BILL 10

EDUCATION FUNDING

- \$248 MILLION NONRECURRING TO CLEAR THE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP WAITLIST
- \$64 MILLION RECURRING FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENROLLMENT GROWTH
- \$95 MILLION RECURRING FOR K-12 ENROLLMENT GROWTH TO ENSURE SCHOOLS HAVE THE NECESSARY OPERATING EXPENSES TO SUPPORT STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

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HOUSE BILL 10

CONNECTING N.C.

- THIS BUDGET AUTHORIZES FURTHER EXPANSION OF NORTH CAROLINA'S RURAL BROADBAND NETWORK.
- HB10 WILL BRING HIGH SPEED INTERNET TO RURAL AREAS OF OUR STATE THAT DO NOT HAVE STRONG INTERNET ACCESS.

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Rep. Paré Explains Lesser Known Details About the Opportunity Scholarship Program

Rep. Paré has received several questions about the opportunity scholarship pulling money from public schools. This is important.

Simply put - the state saves money when a student chooses to leave the public school system and uses a voucher to attend a private school. Current law says the state will reinvest those savings into public schools even if the student isn't in the public school anymore.

Explanation: There is a hold harmless intent provision in state law, which was passed last year, that says,

"It is the intent of the General Assembly to reinvest in the public schools any savings realized by the State each year, beginning in the 2025-2026 school year." (Section 7.82 of the 2023 Appropriation Act)

Since the average Opportunity Scholarship award is less than the per pupil public school spending, there will be a realized savings to the state if a student leaves the public school system and switches to a private school using a voucher, which is a fraction of the cost to the state than if the student remained in public school.

This language currently in law indicates the General Assembly's intent to reinvest that savings back in to the public school system even though the child has left the system.

The Department of Public Instruction is required to calculate those savings.

Another fact regarding opportunity scholarships that rarely gets mentioned in public discourse, and this involves accountability:

Did you know that state law requires that any nonpublic school must administer a nationally standardized test to their students starting in 3rd grade who are opportunity scholarship recipients every year just like public school students, AND, the Superintendent of Public Instruction by law is charged with picking a nationally standardized test for all 3rd and 8th graders who receive a voucher, AND, that those test results need to be submitted to the NCSEAA by July 15 of each year, and to parents of the student?

To read more about rules of the program visit: <https://www.ncseaa.edu/psr/k12-programs/>

NC Free Enterprise Foundation Award



In August, Rep. Paré was honored to receive the NC Free Enterprise Foundation (NCFREE) 2024 Free Enterprise Champion Top 5 House Legislator Award.

Paré said, "I am proud of my pro-business record and look forward to continuing to promote free enterprise values in the General Assembly."

NC HOUSE CHAMBER

2023-2024 LBR SCORES

District	Home County	Name	Party	Objective	2023-24 LBR Score
87	Caldwell	Destin Hall	R	100.0	99.7
97	Lincoln	Jason Saine	R	100.0	99.7
98	Mecklenburg	John R. Bradford, III	R	100.0	99.4
37	Wake	Erin Pare	R	100.0	99.0
7	Franklin	Matthew Winslow	R	100.0	99.0
55	Union	Mark Brody	R	100.0	98.9
64	Alamance	Dennis Riddell	R	100.0	98.9
10	Wayne	John R. Bell, IV	R	100.0	98.9
74	Forsyth	Jeff Zenger	R	100.0	98.9
69	Union	Dean Arp	R	100.0	98.8

Americans for Prosperity Event



Rep. Paré joined Americans for Prosperity for a community discussion at The Mill in Fuquay-Varina on Monday. The productive conversation covered the work of the General Assembly over the last session to promote economic growth through low taxes and smart regulatory reform, improve education outcomes through educational freedom, and several other topics.

"What a fantastic night with Americans for Prosperity at The Mill! It was a great turnout, with delicious food and a productive conversation. I really loved visiting with so many great supporters and District 37 constituents." Paré said afterward.

NC Youth Legislative Assembly

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

N.C. YOUTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (YLA)



**THE YLA IS A THREE-DAY PROGRAM THAT
ALLOWS STUDENTS TO DRAFT, DEBATE AND
VOTE ON MOCK LEGISLATIVE BILLS WHILE
DEVELOPING SKILLS IN RESEARCH, INTERVIEWING,
GROUP FACILITATION AND POLICY WRITING. THE
CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD MARCH 7-9, 2025.**

**APPLY AT
NCLEG.GOV/YLA**



If you have a high school student, this is a great opportunity for them. Applications will be out in September. If you need any information please contact Erica Gallion at erica.gallion@ncleg.gov or 919-301-1372.

2024 House Pages

During the short session, Rep. Paré was able to sponsor three House Pages. The House Page Program offers young men and women the opportunity to learn about, and participate in, the legislative process of our state. It is a four-day-long experience that allows high school students who are currently in grades ten, eleven, or twelve to observe firsthand how our laws are made. It provides them the unique privilege of working in the House Chamber during legislative action.

Thank you to our 2024 Pages: Calvin Hughes, Victoria Sawyer, and Graham Adcock.

2023-2024 General Assembly Sessions

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

Introduced bills:

HB 3 "UNC Report on Computer Science Credit."
HB 4 "Increasing Engagement in STEM Grant Program."
HB 5 "Fuquay Varina Deannexation."
HB 8 "Various Statutory Changes.**"
HB 56 "Safe Firearm Storage/Sales Tax Exemption."
HB 99 "Wake County Board of Commissioners Elections."*
HB 267 "Holly Springs Deannexation/Leland Annexation Moratorium."*
HB 594 "Disabled Veteran Homestead Exclusion Prequalification."
HB 624 "Red Light Camera Delay Interval."
HB 717 "Study Metropolitan Planning Organizations."
HB 900 "Certain CIHS Partners/Regulate Tobacco Prod."*
HB 909 "Various Local Provisions I."*
HB 1056 "PA Licensure Interstate Compact."

Sponsored bills:

HB 11 "School for the Deaf and Blind."*
HB 29 "Support Private Property Rights."
HB 35 "Expand Definition of Opioid Antagonist."
HB 77 "Drivers License Designation/Autism."
HB 146 "Taxpayer Protection Act."
HB 363 "The Gabe Torres Act."
HB 442 "UI Drug Testing Requirements/Funds."
HB 497 "Funds for NC Arts Council."
HB 498 "K-5 Arts and Music."
HB 535 "Solar Capacity Limit Increase."
HB 574 "Fairness in Women's Sports Act."*
HB 576 "Health Care Practitioner Transparency Act."
HB 603 "Temporary Event Venues."
HB 640 "Career Path Options Transparency Act."
HB 747 "No Work Requirement Exemptions for Food and Nutrition Services Benefits."
HB 819 "Medical Ethics Defense (MED) Act."
HR 897 "Support for Israel."*
HB 903 "Add Tianeptine to Controlled Substance List."
HB 942 "SHALOM Act."*

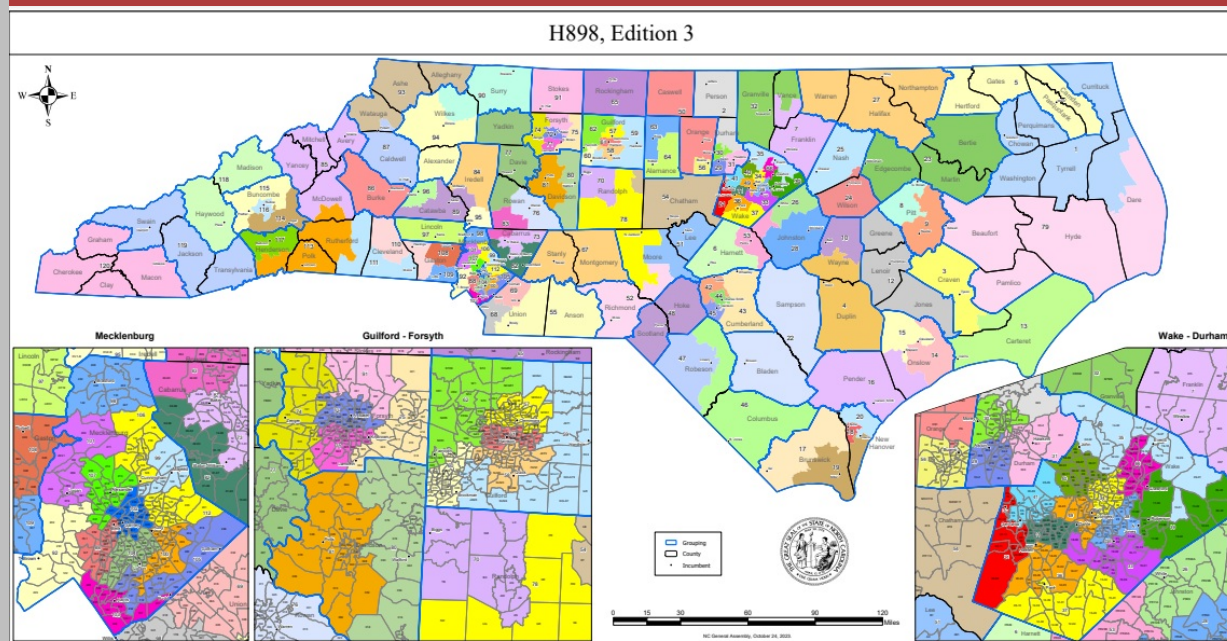
Co-Sponsored Bills:

HB 6 "Uniform Heroes Voting Act."
HB 10 "Require ICE Cooperation & Budget Adjustments."
HB 39 "Kayla's Act: Protecting Domestic Violence Victims."
HB 40 "Preventing Rioting and Civil Disorder."*
HB 86 "School Calendar Flexibility/Statewide."
HB 210 "Reduce Barriers to State Employment."
HB 214 "Add Members to NC Training Standards Commission."
HB 261 "Limited Provisional License Modification."
HB 346 "Reorganization and Economic Development Act."*
HB 347 "Sports Wagering/Horse Racing Wagering."*
HB 426 "Various Environmental Amendments."
HB 440 "Direct Care Work Wage Increases/Innovation Waiver."
HB 447 "Clarify Motor Vehicle Dealer Laws."*
HB 463 "NC Farmland and Military Protection Act."
HB 478 "Support Students with Disabilities Act."
HB 562 "Addressing the Workforce Housing Crisis."

HB 580 "Expand Day/Employment Options/IDD."
 HB 583 "Support and Expand Workforce IDD Options."
 HB 597 "25-Year Retirement for First Responders."
 HB 614 "Amend NC Constitution to Guarantee the Right to Work."
 HB 688 "Increase Access for Small Employers' Insurance."
 HB 704 "Repeal Giglio Notifications."
 HB 823 "Choose Your School, Choose Your Future."
 HB 852 "The Rep. Becky Carney Cardiac Arrest Act."
 HB 882 "Nonprofit Sales Tax Exemption."
 HB 905 "Disabled Veteran Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption."
 HB 966 "Expedited Removal of Unauthorized Persons."
 HB 971 "Human Trafficking Changes."^{1*}
 HB 984 "Removal of Squatters from Private Property."
 HB 1003 "Jt Caucus for IDD/Omnibus."
 HB 1029 "Right To Try Individualized Treatments."
 HB 1044 "County Tier Designation Study Bill."
 HB 1074 "Constitutional Amendment/Citizens-Only Voting."^{1*}

* = Bills that have been passed and signed into NC law.

2024 House, Senate and Congressional District Maps



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

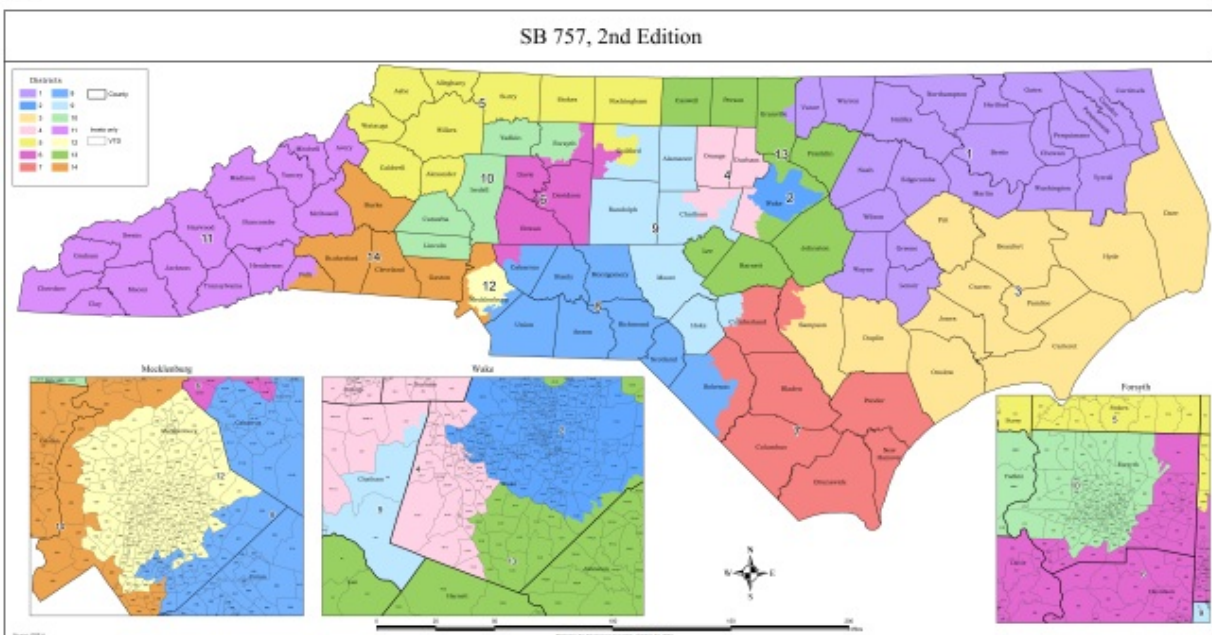
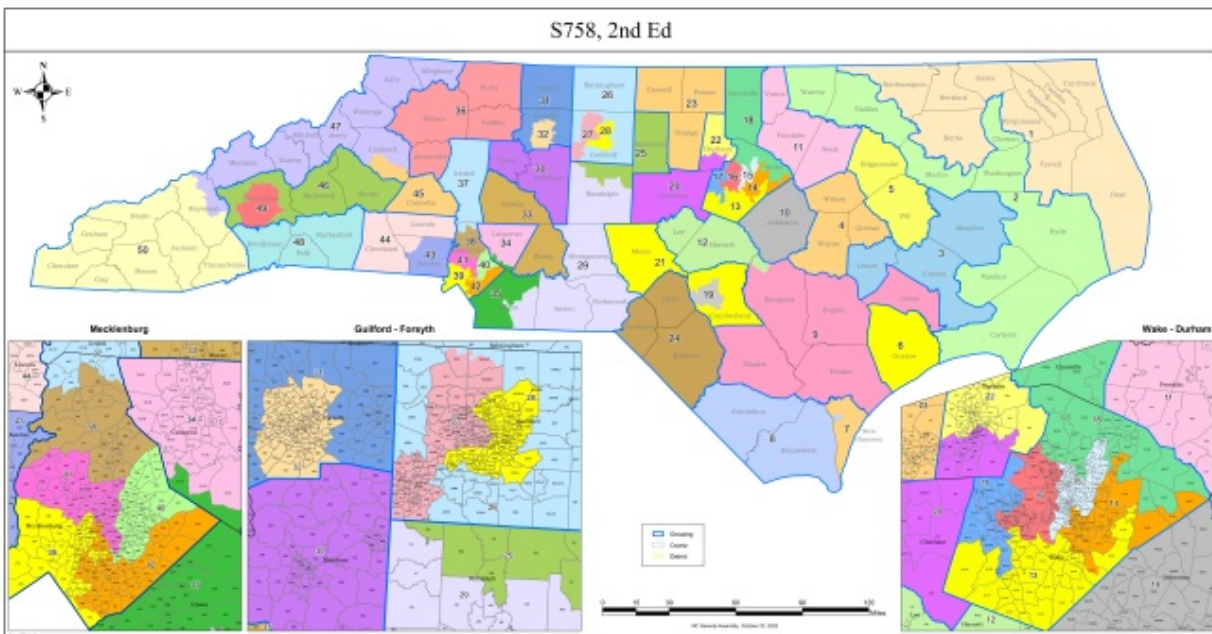
[SB 758](#): Realign NC Senate Districts 2023/SB758,2 Ed.

[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."

Click [here](#) to check your 2024 voting districts by name.

Click [here](#) to check your current and 2024 districts by address .



News Clips

[NC lawmakers approve voucher expansion, target sheriffs who won't work with ICE - WRAL](#)

[Building code legislation becomes law – The Center Square](#)

[NCDOT announces special train stops to State Fair and other fall events-
www.cbs17.com](#)

[NC school test scores move closer to pre-pandemic levels. How far behind are they? – Yahoo! \(Charlotte Observer\)](#)

[Tourism revenue on the rise in North Carolina – MyFox8](#)

[NC communities call for Advanced Nuclear sooner, rather than later– Carolina Journal](#)

[National Park Tourism in North Carolina Contributes \\$4.1 Billion to State Economy – nps.gov](#)

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