



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.

Busy week at the legislature this week! Committee assignments were announced, and I am thrilled to take on new leadership roles this session.

It was also National School Choice week! I was delighted to visit with charter school students this week and celebrate school choice in NC.

The Select Committee on Helene Recovery met for an informative session. Much more to come on that.

Bill filing opened as well this week. I am happy to let you know about several bills that I have filed this first week.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

-Representative Erin Paré



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Rep. Paré Appointed Chair of Appropriations Committee



REP. PARE APPOINTED CHAIR OF APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

On Wednesday, January 22, The Office of Speaker Destin Hall announced House Committee Chairs for the 2025-2026 Legislative Session. Rep. Paré was named as a Chair of the Appropriations Committee.

Rep. Paré said, "This is a tremendous honor and opportunity. I look forward to leading in this role. Thank you Speaker Hall for your confidence in me. I'm ready to get to work with my fellow Appropriations Chairs from the House and Senate."

House Speaker Names Committees for the 2025-2026 Legislative Biennium



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
REPRESENTATIVE ERIN PARÉ RECEIVES COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

RALEIGH, N.C. – Speaker of the House Destin Hall has appointed Representative Paré to the following leadership positions and committees.

- Appropriations (Chair)
- Appropriations, General Government (Vice Chair)
- Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House (Vice Chair)
- Energy and Public Utilities
- Health
- Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs
- Transportation
- House Select Committee on Helene Recovery
- Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
- Joint Legislative Economic Development and Global Engagement Oversight Committee
- Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services (Advisory Member)

"I am pleased to be named an Appropriations Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. This is a tremendous honor, opportunity, and responsibility. I am looking forward to continuing to tackle big issues on Health, Energy, Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs Committees as well as Transportation and Helene Recovery Committees. I look forward to leading in these roles," said Representative Paré.

"Thank you, Speaker Hall for your confidence in me. I'm ready to get to work with my fellow Appropriations Chairs from the House and Senate."

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**Rep. Paré Introduces HB 11 "No Tax on Tips,
Overtime, Bonus Pay"**

NO TAX



ON

**TIPS, OVERTIME
& BONUS PAY**



NC Lawmakers File Bill to End Taxes on Tips, Overtime and Bonus Pay

Raleigh, N.C. – Today, North Carolina Representatives Harry Warren, John Bell, Erin Paré and Allen Chesser introduced House Bill 11, “No Tax on Tips, Overtime and Bonus Pay.” The legislation eliminates state income taxes for tips and overtime while also providing a tax deduction for bonus pay up to \$2,500.

“This is a common-sense way to reward hardworking hourly employees who go above and beyond to support their families,” said Rep. Warren. **“It also incentivizes workers to take on extra shifts and helps employers fill vacant positions.”**

“Many hourly workers rely on tipped and overtime wages to pay their bills,” said Rep. Bell. **“By allowing these folks to keep more of their hard-earned money, this bill increases take-home pay, supports job growth and honors the value of hard work.”**

House Bill 11 would provide a tax deduction for the following:

- Any amount received as overtime compensation.
- Up to \$2,500 of “bonus pay.”
- Any amount received as tips.

"I'm proud to join my colleagues Representatives Harry Warren, John Bell and Allen Chesser in introducing HB 11 which ends taxes on tips, overtime and bonus pay." said Paré.

<https://ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2025/Hb11>

House Select Committee on Helene Recovery

1. Helene's impacts were severe and long-lasting to western North Carolina – a comprehensive recovery will be vital to addressing the need



This week, Rep. Pare and the Select Committee on Helene Recovery met for the first time this legislative session. Lawmakers received an update on FEMA housing and Federal resources.

Please click this link to view documents from the meeting:

<https://ncleg.gov/Committees/CommitteeInfo/HouseSelect/220/Documents/17914>

National School Choice Week

To celebrate School Choice Week, Rep. Paré visited Rise Charter School in Raleigh where she read to students in a kindergarten class and toured the school. Afterward, Rep. Paré said, "My favorite thing to do is visit with the kiddos! What a great National School Choice week celebrating education achievement and freedom of choice. Thank you for having me!"

Please enjoy the video below.



HB 14 "Gambling Losses Tax Deduction"

Bill filing opened on January 29th. One of the bills filed by Rep. Paré is HB 14 ["Gambling Losses Tax Deduction"](#).

This bill conforms NC law to federal law by providing for an itemized deduction of gambling losses capped at winnings. The bill makes a correction to NC tax law to prevent a tax environment where a person is required to pay tax on income they never received and may not have the wherewithal to pay. This bill is about ensuring a fair income tax environment in NC that is consistent with the NC constitution AND federal law. The NC constitution says the state should tax NET income, not GROSS income.

For example: If John Smith bets \$1000 and wins \$500, he didn't net any income, yet current state law requires him to pay taxes on that \$500, even though he never received it. Federal law doesn't do that, it allows John Smith to deduct the loss capped at what he won, so he isn't paying tax on income he never received. This bill aligns NC with federal law and prevents John Smith from paying a tax on income he never got and may not have the wherewithal to pay since he never received that income.

As many NC residents assume that NC state law conforms to federal law already in this area, this bill will prevent surprise tax bills and provides clarity for the taxpayer. I appreciate my fellow primary sponsors of the bill Rep. Keith Kidwell, Rep. Steve Tyson, and Rep. Matthew Winslow.

Gambling losses (IRS Code)

You may deduct gambling losses only if you itemize your deductions on [Schedule A \(Form 1040\)](#) and kept a record of your winnings and losses. The amount of losses you deduct can't be more than the amount of gambling income you reported on your return.

[Topic no. 419, Gambling income and losses](#)

Rep. Paré Seeks Input on Cell Phones in Schools

Please send me an email with your thoughts to erin.pare@ncleg.gov.

1. Do you think there should be a rule required by the state or school district to turn off and stow away cell phones during class?
2. Are you a parent of children currently enrolled in a public school above 5th grade?

Opportunities for High School Students

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The 2025 Long Session House Page Applications are available online 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.

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DEVELOPING SKILLS IN RESEARCH, INTERVIEWING,
GROUP FACILITATION AND POLICY WRITING. THE
CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD MARCH 7-9, 2025.**

**APPLY AT
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If you have a high school student, the NC Youth Legislative Assembly is a great opportunity for them. If you need any information please contact Erica Gallion at erica.gallion@ncleg.gov or 919-301-1372.

2025-2026 General Assembly Biennium

Rep. Pará 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"

Sponsored bills:

HB 4 "Sam's Law"

HB 11 "No Tax on Tips, Overtime, Bonus Pay"

HB 15 "Support Private Property Rights"

News Clips

[End in sight? NCORR disaster recovery labeled 'taxpayer sham' 7 years later-](#)
[The Carolina Journal](#)

[North Carolina doctors, patients, lawmakers call for health insurance reform in 2025 - wral.com](#)

[Longtime North Carolina Rep. Joe John dies days after announcing resignation - abc11.com](#)

[Trump's inaugural address previews priorities and criticizes FEMA's NC response - Carolina Journal](#)

[NC homeowners' insurance rates to rise 15% over the next two years- Carolina Journal](#)

[Winston-Salem police say information should have been released earlier in shooting of top Robinson aide - wfdd.org](#)

[For these children raised in the US, reaching 21 often means losing their country | Opinion - News & Observer](#)

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