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Greetings:

At the General Assembly
For the Week

Last week the Rules & Operations of the Senate, Education, and Finance committees met to determine whether to advance bills to the Senate floor.

Joyce Waddell



O.E.L. Scholarship

Senator Waddell presents funding for a scholarship to an eligible student during OEL's Grandparent Scholarship Foundation 2nd annual scholarship presentation.

Suspension Rules

State lawmakers are advancing changes in North Carolina law in response to a high school student who was suspended for saying that "illegal aliens" need green cards.

The N.C. Senate Education Committee on Wednesday approved legislation that would require public schools to allow high school students to appeal short-term suspensions of five days or more. The bill would also let high school students get short-term suspensions expunged from their records if they meet conditions such as not being suspended again that same school year.

State law only requires appeals for long-term suspensions, which are for longer than 10 days.



Siloam School

Senator Waddell participates in the grand opening of the Siloam School which is an Educator Institute that offers educators of all backgrounds a space to delve into Charlotte's Black history.

NIL Money

The N.C. State Board of Education has slammed the door shut on the state's public high school athletes having access to their name, image and likeness rights. During a meeting on June 6, the BOE adopted a policy that will "set forth limitations of activities by student-athletes designed to maintain the amateur nature of interscholastic athletics."

The policy will prohibit student-athletes from entering into agreements to use their NIL in any of the following ways:

- Public appearances or commercials.
- Autograph signings.
- Athletic camps and clinics.
- Sale of non-fungible tokens or "NFTs."
- Product or service endorsements.
- Promotional activities, including in-person events and social media advertisements.

The new policy leaves North Carolina's high school athletes operating under two sets of rules. Beginning this fall, the state's private school athletes will be able to profit off of their name, image and likeness. The N.C. Independent Schools Athletic Association adopted its policy in January.

In addition to laying out what student-athletes at public schools cannot do, the new state board policy also says that a student-athlete may not participate in interscholastic athletics after any of the following:

- Graduation from high school, with the exception to play spring sports playoffs and state championships after graduation.
- Signing a pro contract, though students will be allowed to play a sport in which they've not signed a contract for.
- Being paid as a participant in an athletic contest, with an exception to receive "a gift, merchandise, or other thing of value" that does not exceed \$250 per student per season; the item is totally consumable and nontransferable; or is labeled in a permanent manner, like an engraving or monogram; or the item is approved by the student's principal and local superintendent.
- Participating on an all-star team or in a bowl game not sanctioned by the school's governing body (violation would mean that the student is ineligible in that sport).



Juneteenth Parade

Senator Waddell and fellow Mecklenburg Legislators participate in the Third Annual Queen City Parade and Juneteenth Cultural Festival.

NC General Assembly

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