

## Latest Updates from the NCGA



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## NC Senate District 41 Newsletter

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### Updates on Noteworthy Votes



Below are the noteworthy bills I voted on over the past few weeks. You can find a complete list of bills I voted on [here](#).

**Key bills on which I voted YES:**

- **[SB319, Insurance Rev/Online Auctions/Firefighters](#)**. While part of this bill creates a special tax carve out for out-of-state captive insurance companies, and I believe they should have to pay the same tax as NC-based companies, another portion of this bill makes cancer benefits for firefighters permanent. In this case, my support for firefighters outweighed the negative parts of this bill. Learn more [here](#).
- **[SB425, Health and Human Services Omnibus](#)**. Clarifies the manner of service of petition and notice of hearing on disabled adults, amends the definition of family child care home to be between two and eleven children, modernizes local health director qualifications to include those with a combined bachelor's degree and years of experience in the field, extends unlicensed kinship care to half-siblings of relative children, allows the application to a court for limited custody of a surrendered infant upon initiation of notice by publication, updates guidelines for trauma-informed standardized assessments to ensure parental consent is obtained when required for each juvenile who is included in any Medicaid children and families specialty plan, and updates the Hospital Violence Prevention Act to require all hospitals that have an emergency department to conduct a security risk assessment and implement a security plan to ensure at least one law enforcement officer ("LEO") is always present.
- **[SB802, C-PACE Program](#)**. Establishes the commercial property assessed capital expenditure program ("C-PACE Program") to be administered by the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina ("EDPNC") under the supervision of the Department of Commerce. Under the C-PACE Program, owners of qualifying commercial property could apply to EDPNC to be approved for long-term financing provided by private lenders to pay for property improvements that would include **energy efficiency, water conservation, renewable energy, and resilience measures**. I am a co-sponsor of this bill. Learn more [here](#).
- **[HB97, Various Education Changes](#)**. Requires the State Board of Community Colleges to create a program to provide mathematics, reading, and English remediation to high school seniors. Allows students to receive the remediation during the summer prior to their senior year. Increases the number of classroom hours required for massage therapy licensure from 500 to 650. Changes the requirements of proprietary schools regarding student protections and tuition to be in line with federal requirements, and increases the catastrophic loss amount of the Student Protection Fund from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 and the cap amount from \$1,500,00 to \$2,000,000. This fund is used to compensate students enrolled in a proprietary school when it ceases operation. Changes the counties participating in the Special Needs Pilot Program created by the 2023 Appropriations Act and requires an interim report on the program to be submitted.
- **[HB199, DMV Proposed Legislative Changes](#)**. Authorizes and studies issuance of a digital version of a drivers license that can be displayed on a mobile device as a supplement to a traditional drivers license. Requires ignition interlock as a condition for restoration of a drivers license when revocation was based on a conviction of death by motor vehicle when impaired driving is an element of the offense. Updates statutory odometer disclosure, all headlamps modified or installed on a motor vehicle, and statutes related to commercial drivers licensing to conform to federal standards. Increases the penalties for littering. Modernizes a variety of other registration and transaction-based statutes involving vehicles to account for changing technologies. Requires the development of a highway work zone safety training course. Learn more [here](#).
- **[HB563, Hemp-Derived Consumables/Con Sub Changes](#)**. Prohibits the sale to and purchase of hemp and hemp-derived products by people under 21 years old. Requires sellers to have a license to sell and for manufacturers to test products before distribution. Adds child-resistant and labeling requirements to packaging for these products, among other regulations. Adds kratom, xylazine, and tianeptine to North Carolina's list of controlled substances. While this bill was on the floor, an amendment was introduced and passed to allow for the use of medical marijuana. Learn more [here](#).

**Key bills on which I voted NO:**

- **[SB166, 2024 Building Code Regulatory Reform](#)**. This bill is designed to further weaken North Carolina building codes by prohibiting public water utilities and operators from requiring back-flow preventers, prohibiting the state from requiring elevation of hot water heaters to decrease the potential for damage in a flood event, changing the requirements for insulation in some homes, mandating short timelines for inspections and the approval process for permit reviews, restricting the access building code inspectors have to construction sites, allowing the automatic approval of sewer system permits, and eliminating the two positions on the Building Code Council that are held by architects. In addition, the bill limits options for energy efficiency and electric vehicles. All of these changes are designed to push the cost from home builders onto consumers. Learn more [here](#).
- **[SB912, Elections Changes for Watauga Education & County Boards](#)**. Redraws

electoral districts for the Watauga County Board of Education to eliminate all at-large members and instead have districts that align with the County Board of Commissioners' districts. Prohibits the Watauga County Board of Commissioners from changing its method of election or electoral districts before the return of the next federal decennial census. This change will give a partisan advantage to Republicans and was done without the input of the locally elected Board. Watauga County voters have let me know that they oppose this bill, and I raised issues during the committee meeting. But it's a local bill, so the NCGA will defer to that county's legislators.

- **HB317, Adjustments to the 2023 Appropriations Act.** The Senate budget fails to account for the teacher raises agreed to for the 2024-25 school year in last year's budget, does not include raises for state employees, and instead fully funds the waitlist of Opportunity Scholarship Program applicants. While this bill would provide an additional \$136.5 million in one-time childcare funding to address the loss of federal COVID-19 pandemic relief aid at the end of June, that's just over a third of what experts have said would be required to avoid the widespread closure of childcare centers. Funding for early childcare is crucial; we're about to go over the cliff without state help to support childcare facilities in our state. Beyond the obvious flaws in this version of the budget, the Senate majority was unwilling to support critical amendments, such as the two that I introduced that would [require a voter referendum to approve a toll on the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge in Wilmington and except locals from having to pay to use ferries to get to work and school](#), and [provide necessary, recurring funding for the State Board of Elections](#) so the Board can adequately adhere to the number of elections law changes that have passed in the last year. For these reasons, I couldn't support this version of the budget. Learn more [here](#) and [here](#).
- **HB1064, Various Local Provisions III.** The most concerning provision in this bill is one that changes Forsyth County's local elections from nonpartisan to partisan. While in the Senate Rules Committee, notice of this bill's discussion was made with little time prior to the committee meeting, which did not allow time for many Forsyth local officials to attend the committee or make comments on the bill. Those who were able to attend the meeting, such as Lewisville Mayor Michael Horn and Lewisville Town Council member Monte Long, expressed a great deal of concern with the bill and worried that many unaffiliated candidates would be ruled out as a result of the change. Learn more [here](#).

## Governor's Vetoes and Overrides



Over the past few weeks, Governor Cooper vetoed the following bills. So far, the NCGA has overridden three:

- **[SB166](#), 2024 Building Code Regulatory Reform.** I voted "NO" when this bill was on the floor (see section "Updates on Noteworthy Votes") and will vote to uphold the Governor's veto if a vote to override it is held. This bill shifts a number of costs from home builders to homeowners and removes experts from the board meant to ensure that buildings are designed safely. Learn more [here](#).
- **[SB445](#), Recording of Court-Filed Documents.** (unanimous motion to concur with this bill in the final Senate vote and the second reading, but it seems to be similar to HB556 , which is later on this list) Should an override vote be held, I will vote to sustain the Governor's veto of this bill. This bill creates legal ambiguity as to when eviction orders become effective and makes it more difficult for low-income families to appeal evictions in small claims court. It makes housing less accessible for our most vulnerable populations, which is why I support the Governor's veto.
- **[HB155](#), Titles for Off-Road Vehicles/Low Speed Vehicle Inspections.** If an override vote is held, I will vote to uphold the veto of this piece of legislation. This bill would allow certain off-road vehicles to operate on four-lane highways at speeds up to 55 MPH. I voted "NO" when this bill was on the floor because these vehicles lack many of the safety features of the vehicles currently allowed to operate and unnecessarily increase risk for motorists. Learn more [here](#).
- **[HB198](#), DOT Legislative Changes.** I voted "NO" when the bill came to the Senate floor. Unfortunately, Governor Cooper's veto of this bill was overridden. This bill almost doubles the vegetation area that can be cut down near billboards, overrides local ordinances to save vegetation, and removes protections for North Carolina's native eastern redbud trees. In addition to these provisions, **the bill also increases the maximum total for unpaid toll processing fees** by 50%, from \$48 per year to \$72. Earlier this year, the Governor signed an executive order that set goals for protecting and restoring North Carolina's natural areas, and I support those goals. Learn more [here](#).
- **[HB237](#), Various Criminal and Election Law Changes.** I voted "NO" on this bill when it came to the Senate floor in its original version, and [my colleagues and I walked out](#) when the significantly more harmful version of the bill came back from the House. HB237 makes careful people into criminals. It does not address immunocompromised individuals, other high-risk individuals and their families, or other valid reasons for wearing a mask. Additionally, the bill empowers anti-mask activists to force people to remove their masks, which will create havoc and risk. The provisions designed to silence protestors and alter campaign finance laws are also unacceptable. Unfortunately, Governor Cooper's veto of this bill was overridden. Learn more [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).
- **[HB556](#), Tenancy in Common/E-Notary/Small Claims Changes.** I voted "NO" on this bill when it came to the Senate floor, and I will vote to uphold Governor Cooper's veto should it come to an override vote. This bill makes it more difficult for low-income families, people with disabilities, and the elderly to access housing, creates ambiguity regarding when eviction orders become effective, and prevents local governments from protecting against rent discrimination. Everyone deserves housing, and this bill makes it significantly harder for our most vulnerable populations to access affordable spaces. Learn more [here](#).
- **[HB690](#), No Central Bank Digital Currency Payments to State.** I voted in favor of the bill and the final vote was 39 - 5. Nevertheless, Governor Cooper has advised that North Carolina wait to see how standards and regulations at the federal level work to protect consumers before prohibiting digital transactions and monetary decisions that have not yet taken place.
- **[HB834](#), Juvenile Justice Modifications.** Governor Cooper's veto was overridden. This bill modifies the definition of "delinquent juvenile" related to juveniles who are 16 and 17 years old to exclude any offense punishable as a Class A, B1, B2, C, D, or E felony if committed by an adult, modifies the transfer process for juvenile cases from juvenile to superior court by creating a new indictment return appearance, modifies certain laws to create a new process for removal of a case from superior court to juvenile court, modifies the laws regarding notification of a delinquent juvenile's school and how the school can use that information, and increases the punishment for an adult who solicits a minor to commit a crime. It also increases the time period a victim has to advocate against a juvenile's deferral from the court process. This bill essentially reverses the "Raise the Age" bill of 2017. It makes it significantly more difficult for children to be tried as children, even when the severity of the crime does not indicate a need for the child to be tried as an adult. Learn more [here](#) and [here](#).

**Short Session Is Over**



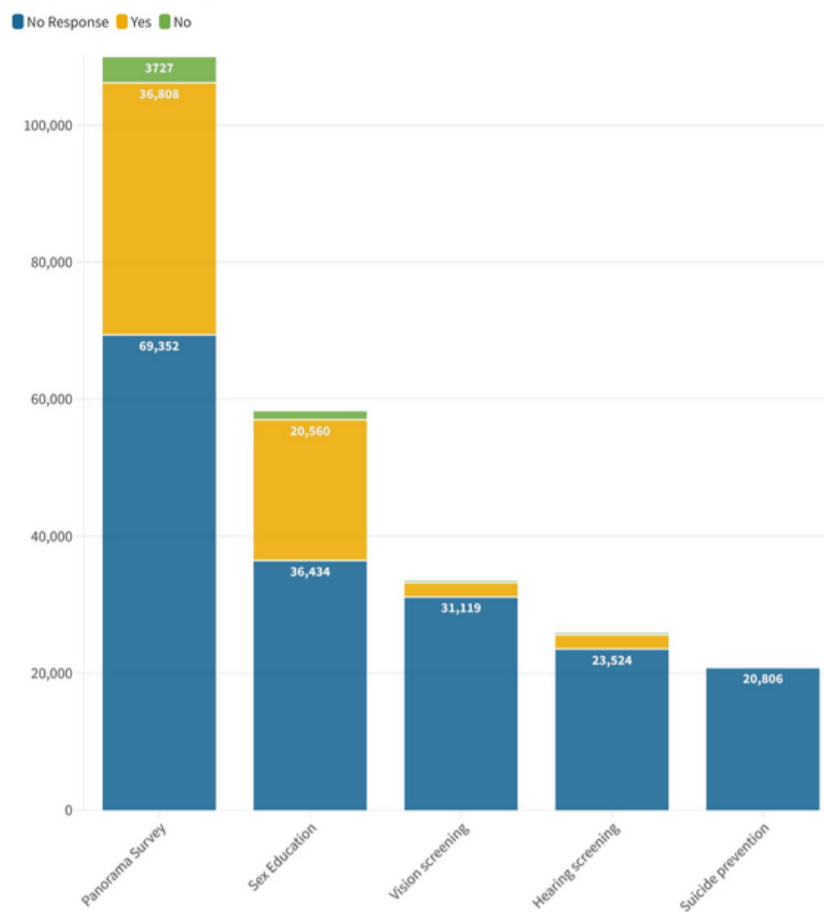
The last week of June marked the end of the official 2023-2024 Short Session, and with that came 33 votes rushed through on the last day of voting by Senate leadership. Notably, **legislative leadership failed to pass a budget this session**. Among the bills passed in the final days were:

- **SB332, 2023 Appropriations Act Changes.** This bill implements the raises teachers were promised in last year's budget for the 2024-25 school year. Learn more [here](#).
- **SB355, North Carolina Farm Act of 2024.** With the passage of this bill, agricultural areas would be exempt from municipal stormwater fees, and the Land Conservation Tax Credit for land donations aimed at protecting forestland, farmland, fish, wildlife, floodplains, historic landscapes, and public trails will be re-enacted. Additional changes include a study on communication lines that fall below minimum height requirements and their impact on agriculture and forestry, the creation of a permanent prescribed burn cost-share program to support prescribed burns on privately owned forest lands that will maximize the benefits of prescribed burning, and many other changes.
- **SB357, Adjustments to the 2023 Appropriations Act.** Authorizes \$67.5 million in state spending on childcare subsidies. While this is only a fraction of what we will lose due to the expiration of the federal government's childcare subsidies, it will hopefully give legislators time to work on a more permanent solution. Learn more [here](#).
- **SB425, Health and Human Services Omnibus.** See section "*Updates on Noteworthy Votes.*"
- **HB199, DMV Proposed Legislative Changes.** See section "*Updates on Noteworthy Votes.*"
- **HB900, Certain Cooperative Innovative High School Partners/Regulate Tobacco Product.** Requires the state's Department of Revenue to create a "directory" of certified vapor products and consumable products eligible for sale. Retailers that sell products not listed in the directory will face a mandatory inspection, followed by fines and license suspensions. Learn more [here](#).
- **HB909, Various Local Provisions I.** This bill contains similar language to **HB5**, which removes hundreds of acres of land from Summerfield, a Greensboro suburb. This version of the bill was not vetted through any committee in the House of Representatives, and residents of Summerfield have been incredibly vocal regarding their opposition to it. Learn more [here](#).
- **HB942, SHALOM Act.** This bill adds the working definition of antisemitism adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance to state law. Learn more [here](#).
- **HB1074, Constitutional Amendment/Citizens-Only Voting.** While this bill does not technically change who can and cannot vote in North Carolina, it changes the Constitution's language in a way that may be cause for concern. Currently, the North Carolina State Constitution says that "every person born in the United States and every person who has been naturalized, who is 18 years of age," is eligible to vote in North Carolina. This amendment would alter that language to "only a citizen of the United States, who is 18 years of age." The language in this bill is a dog whistle meant to energize anti-immigration voters. It could also reflect a desire to change who counts as a United States citizen by removing naturalized citizens from the definition. Learn more [here](#).

## **SB49: Problems Caused At Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools**

### Opt-ins limit participation in CMS programs

In response to state parent rights legislation, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools started requiring parents to complete online permission forms to participate in sex education, health screenings and wellbeing surveys. Most parents have not responded.



Jennifer Lang And Layna Hong/WFAE / Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Data

Suicide prevention screenings include 159 'yes' and 26 'no' responses.

**SB49**, the Parents' Bill of Rights, has caused innumerable administrative and personal problems for both students and staff of school systems across the state. However, some less well-known problems have been caused at Charlotte Mecklenburg schools. The opt-in and opt-out rules created by SB49 have created unintended consequences for health screenings that have been going on for at least 50 years, and in the case of vision screening, 125 years. [According to Charlie Jeter](#), under SB49, "no student in a public school may have any of these screenings unless a parent opts in to them. This is a significant change for the longstanding rule on these screenings, which allowed parents to opt out of them." As a result, Jeter reports that vision screenings have declined by 65%, dental screenings have declined by 82%, and hearing screenings have comparably declined among CMS students in the last two years. I agree with Jeter's call on the General Assembly to fix this bill, as the unintended consequences of this piece of legislation will keep children from succeeding in school. Learn more [here](#).

## Senate Appropriations/Base Budget Committee Updates



The following noteworthy bills were discussed in the Senate Appropriations/Base Budget Committee over the past two weeks:

- **HB317, Adjustments to the 2023 Appropriations Act.** See section "**Updates on Noteworthy Votes.**"

## Senate Elections/Redistricting Committee Updates



The following noteworthy bills were discussed in the Senate Appropriations/Base Budget Committee over the past two weeks:

- **SB88, Election Day Integrity Act.** This bill requires county boards to challenge ballots of ineligible voters due to death or felony conviction, prematurely institutes a signature-matching program for mail-in ballots starting in 2025 before the pilot program has run its course, gives the state legislature broad powers to change how local city and county government boards are elected, and creates penalties for failing to disclose the use of AI in a political ad. This bill did not cross the end-of-session finish line. Still, other versions of it may be seen in future sessions. Learn more [here](#).
- **SB630, Constitutional Amendment/Citizens-Only Voting.** See sister bill, HB1074, in section "*Short Session is Over.*"

## Senate Judiciary Committee Updates



The following noteworthy bills were discussed in the Senate Judiciary Committee over the past two weeks:

- **HB385, Various Energy/Environmental Changes.** This bill makes many changes to energy and environmental law, many of which are cause for concern. Some of the more problematic provisions include preventing local governments from adhering to any restrictions related to land development or land use unless the restriction is noted in law and rushing the Department of Environmental Quality's review process of applications for water distribution systems.
- **HB556, Tenancy in Common/E-Notary/Small Claims Changes.** See section "*Governor's Vetoes and Overrides.*"
- **HB563, Hemp-Derived Consumables/Con Sub Changes.** See section "*Updates on Noteworthy Votes.*"
- **HB900, Certain Cooperative Innovative High School Partners/Regulate Tobacco Product.** See section "*Short Session is Over.*"
- **HB971, Human Trafficking Changes.** Increases the punishment for soliciting a sex worker to felony charges and requires hotels and other lodging establishments to develop human trafficking awareness training.

## Senate Commerce and Insurance Committee Updates



The following noteworthy bills were discussed in the Senate Commerce and Insurance Committee over the past two weeks:

- **SB166, Building Code Regulatory Reform.** See section "*Updates on Noteworthy Votes.*"

## Senate Education Committee Updates





The following noteworthy bills were discussed in the Senate Education Committee over the past two weeks:

- **HB38, Education Omnibus Changes.** Establishes a rule for high school interscholastic athletic activities to require cash to be accepted as a form of payment for admission to any activity where an admissions fee is charged. Permits students enrolled in the 2023-2024 academic year in a program of study leading to licensure in elementary education, as well as students who were enrolled in the 2023-2024 academic year in an educator preparation program that becomes a selected educator preparation program in the 2024-2025 academic year and who remain enrolled in the program, to participate in the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program. Allows funding not used for administrative costs of the Opportunity Scholarship Program to be instead used by the Personal Education Student Accounts for Children with Disabilities Program for administrative costs.

## Senator Marcus in Raleigh and the Community



I sponsored a Senate Page for the week, Della Michael Scott of Davidson. Della is interested in going to school for Political Science and eventually attending law school, and has a particular interest in attending college in Washington, DC.



I visited the Charlotte Museum of History historic Siloam School, which recently reopened after an eight-year restoration effort. Learn more [here](#).



I met with Stephanie Schweickert of the NC Conservation Network and Fire Captain Vinnie Messina. Captain Messina has a personal story related to PFAS “forever chemicals” and firefighting, and has been working to protect firefighter health across the state.



I met with members of the Novant Health Family Medicine Residency Program in Cornelius, where I toured the facility and spoke with residents about the legislative process. We discussed issues such as access to healthcare, Medicaid expansion, medical marijuana, reproductive rights, education, and how important it is for people to communicate with your legislators about your views on legislation. Thank you to Dr. Haga for inviting me and facilitating the visit!

## July 25 and September 19: Town of Davidson Police Hosts Dog Walker Watch Training Sessions

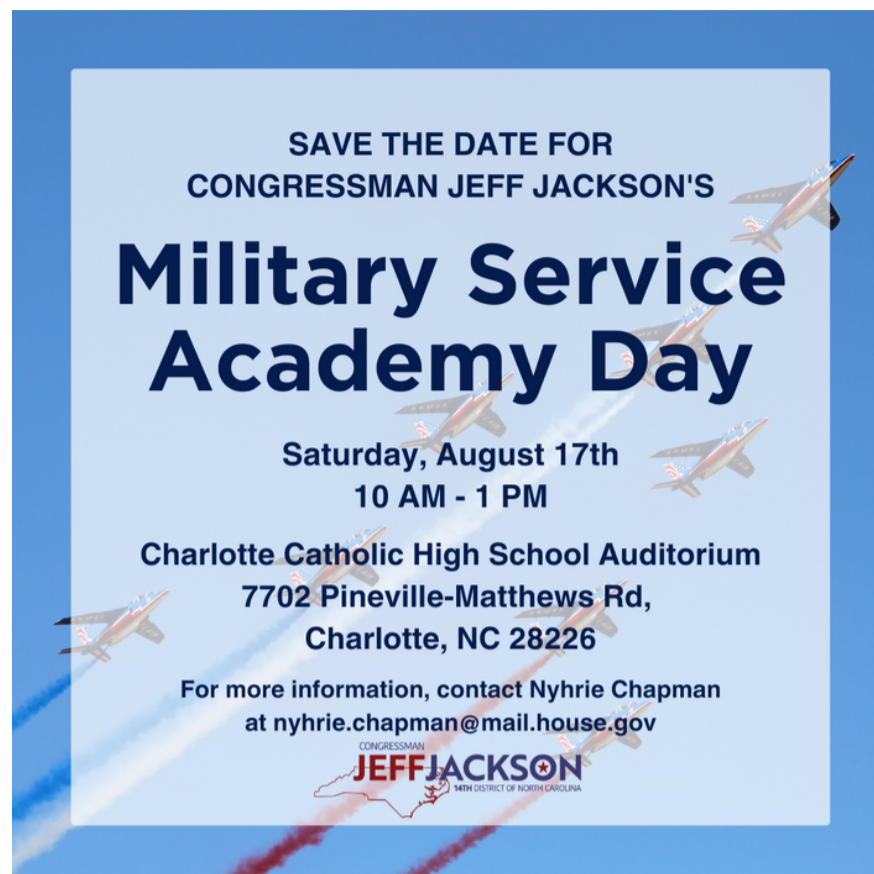


Davidson's Dog Walker Watch program strengthens ties between local law enforcement and residents while providing members of the community with the skills necessary to increase awareness of their surroundings while out in their neighborhoods. Davidson residents are invited to attend either of the Dog Walker Watch training sessions scheduled for July 25 and September 19. The sessions will be held in the Briefing Room of the Davidson Public Safety Building (**216 Main St, Davidson, NC, 28036**), beginning at 6:00 PM. Registration is required, and the training session is open only to the first 25 Davidson residents who register.

**The deadline to register for the July session is Monday, July 22, at 5:00 PM. The deadline to register for the September session is Monday, September 16, at 5:00 PM.** Registration for either session may be completed [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Community Engagement Officer Mike Prather via email at [DPDCommunityEngagement@townof davidson.org](mailto:DPDCommunityEngagement@townof davidson.org) for more information.

**August 17:**  
**Military Service Academy Day Event in Charlotte**



On **Saturday, August 17, from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**, Congressman Jeff Jackson will host a Military Service Academy Day event at Charlotte Catholic High School (**7702 Pineville-Matthews Rd, Charlotte, NC 28226**). High school students who may have an interest in one or more of the U.S. Military Service Academies are encouraged to attend and explore their options in service. For more information, email Nyhrie Chapman at [nyhrie.chapman@mail.house.gov](mailto:nyhrie.chapman@mail.house.gov).

**North Carolina Summer Meals Programs for Kids**



More than 900,000 North Carolina students rely on the nutritious meals and snacks served during the school year through the School Breakfast, School Lunch and Afterschool Snack Programs. When school is out, those low-income children lose access to meals. Summer Meals Programs provide nutritious meals at no cost for children and adolescents ages 18 and younger to help close that gap.

To find nutritious summer meals at no-cost near you for kids and teens:

- Text "Food" to 304-304 for information in English or "COMIDA" to 304-304 for information in Spanish.
- Use the [N.C. Site Finder Map](#)
- Check your local school district website, social media or other communications.
- Learn more [here](#).

As part of these programs, there will be fitness, fun, and farm-to-summer activities across the state that encourage program operators to serve local food as part of meals and snacks and teach about agriculture. Learn more and sign up for the Farm to Summer challenge [here](#).

## Sun Bucks Update

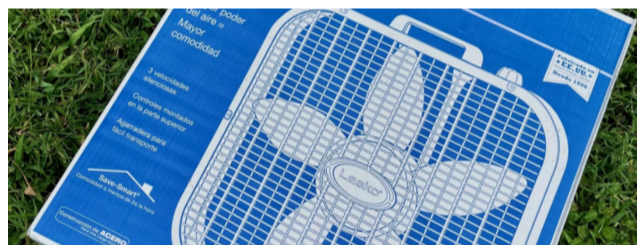


The USDA has launched a permanent program to provide food assistance to children and families during the summer. SUN Bucks will provide grocery-buying benefits to qualifying families with school-aged children during the summer months when schools are on summer break. SUN Bucks will be issued to EBT cards that families can use to purchase nutritious food. Beginning in summer 2024, families will receive \$120 per eligible child for the summer period. Some families will have to apply for the program, but many students will automatically qualify. Children will automatically qualify if they already participate in any of the following programs:

- Free or Reduced-Price (FRP) meals at school because they have an approved FRP application at school, or
- Food and Nutrition Services (FNS, food stamps), or
- Work First (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), cash assistance), or
- Medicaid with household income below 185% of the federal poverty level, or
- Foster care.

Families will be able to use their EBT cards to buy food at grocery stores, farmers' markets, and [some online retailers](#). Find out if your child automatically qualifies or if you will need to apply for the program [here](#). View the Sun Bucks FAQ [here](#). Learn more [here](#), and receive information on the program as it becomes available [here](#).

## Fans Available for Seniors and Adults who Receive Disability Income (Registration Required)



Seniors (60+) and adults 18-59 who receive disability income in Mecklenburg County may receive box fans for free by registering [online](#) or calling one of the eight pickup locations listed below:

- Albemarle Road Recreation Center (5027 Idlewild Road North in Charlotte) 980-314-1101
- **David B. Waymer Recreation Center (14008 Holbrooks Road in Huntersville) 980-314-1127**
- Eastway Regional Recreation Center (3150 Eastway Park Drive in Charlotte) 980-314-3772
- **Northern Regional Recreation Center (18121 Old Statesville Road in Cornelius) (980) 314-6772**
- **Southview Recreation Center (1720 Vilma Street in Charlotte) 980-314-1105**
- Sugaw Creek Recreation Center (943 W. Sugaw Creek Road in Charlotte) 980-314-1124
- Tyvola Senior Center (2225 Tyvola Road in Charlotte) 980-314-1320
- **West Charlotte Recreation Center (2401 Kendall Drive in Charlotte) 980-314-1120**

Fans are limited to one per person. When picking up a fan, you must show a valid ID providing proof of age and a current Mecklenburg County address. Pre-registration is required, and walk-up requests will not be accepted. Learn more [here](#).

## Financial Update on the State's General Fund

<b>Beginning Cash, Friday, June 28</b>	<b>13,263,736,751.24</b>
<b>Add Receipts:</b>	
Tax and Non-Tax Receipts	273,053,341.31
Coronavirus Relief Receipts	0.00
Other Receipts	2,088,379,737.68
<b>Less Disbursements:</b>	
Payroll	155,197,334.30
State Aid	6,495,582.40
Medicaid/Other Provider Payments	2,024,307.37
Tax Refunds/Distributions	47,920,091.61
Debt Service	0.00
Coronavirus Relief Transfers Out	0.00
General Operating	2,809,331,253.11
<b>Ending Cash, Friday, July 05</b>	<b>12,604,201,261.44</b>
<b>Less Reserved Cash:</b>	
Due to Local Governments – Sales and Use Tax Payable	941,231,016.78
Other Reserves	0.00
American Recovery Plan Act Reserve	38,860,806.99
Carry Forward Reserve	228,154,871.68
Clean Water Drinking Water Reserve	0.00
Coronavirus Capital Projects Reserve	0.00
Coronavirus Relief Reserve	0.00
Earthquake Disaster Recovery Reserve	0.00
Economic Development Project Reserve	735,832,000.00
Federal Infrastructure Match Reserve	121,758,723.00
Housing Reserve	0.00
Hurricane Florence Disaster Recovery Reserve	55,897,900.22
Information Technology Reserve	410,307,521.00
Local Fiscal Recovery Reserve-ARPA	0.00
Local Govt Coronavirus Relief Reserve	0.00
Local Project Reserve	0.00
Medicaid Contingency Reserve	726,512,736.00
Medicaid Transformation Reserve	60,642,170.00
NC GREAT Reserve	0.00
NC Innovation Reserve	0.00
Opioid Abatement Reserve	35,030,248.56
Public School Contingency Reserve	0.00
Public School Need Based Capital Reserve	0.00
Reg Economic Dev Reserve	4,650,000.00
Repairs and Renovations Reserve	0.00
Retiree Supplement Reserve	0.00
SCIF General Fund Reserve	0.00
Savings Reserve	4,750,001,113.98
Stabilization and Inflation Reserve	1,000,000,000.00
State Emergency Response/Disaster Reserve	669,362,475.46
Transportation Reserve	0.00
Unfunded Liability Solvency Reserve	0.00
Wilmington Harbor Enhancements Reserve	283,800,000.00
World University Games Reserve	0.00
<b>Unreserved Cash Balance, Friday, July 05</b>	<b>2,542,159,677.77</b>

The Office of the State Controller (OSC) released the General Fund Cash Watch numbers for the week ending Friday, July 5. OSC provides a weekly update on the State's General Fund cash position, which can be found at [osc.nc.gov](https://osc.nc.gov). **The current unreserved cash balance in state coffers is \$2.542 billion.**

The State Controller is North Carolina's chief fiscal officer and serves as an independent resource to ensure the financial integrity of the State.

### Links to Helpful Information

**Domestic Violence Hotline:** If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence or partner abuse, please call [Safe Alliance](#) at **704-332-2513** and they can help you.

**Free Property Tax Assistance Services:** Do you need help with your property taxes? The [Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy](#) is providing free assistance to help homeowners prepare their NC property tax relief applications. Call **980-256-7952** or visit their website to learn more [here](#).

**Mecklenburg's County Bar website** provides a list of pro bono resources for those unable to afford legal counsel.

**Mecklenburg's Department of Community Resources** provides individuals and families with [immediate access](#) to a diverse range of Mecklenburg County Health and Human Services programs and community partner services in Community Resources Centers throughout the County.

**Mecklenburg's Energy Assistance Programs:** Do you need help paying your heating or cooling bills? Mecklenburg offers [two different programs](#) to help eligible low-income households with their energy needs.

**Property Tax values and histories in Mecklenburg County** can be searched on [this site](#) that includes links to Polaris and information about past assessments. You can find more detailed information on real estate values on the [Mecklenburg](#) site.

**Suicide Prevention:** If you have thoughts of harming yourself, **please call or text 988**, the Suicide Prevention Hotline for help.

**Unclaimed Cash!** Visit [NCCash.com](#) today to see if you have unclaimed property under the supervision of the NC Treasurer's office. More info [here](#).

**Voter Information:** You can find your current information on the [NC Voter Lookup page](#).

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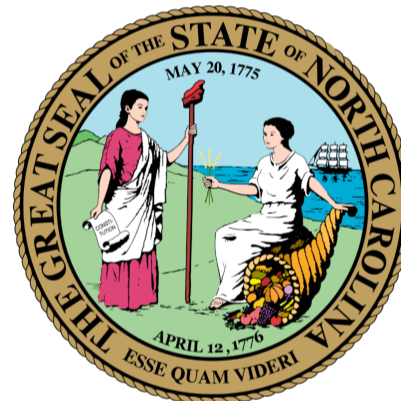
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