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Greetings:

At the General Assembly
For the Week

This week I participated in activities throughout District 40.

Joyce Waddell

School Name Image & Likeness (NIL)

Just over a year after N.C. lawmakers struck down a potential name, image, and likeness (NIL) policy for public school athletes, the issue is back on the table. Representatives from the NCHSAA met with the N.C. State Board of Education on Wednesday to present findings on NIL and recommend a potential statewide policy. The state board may vote on a proposal later this fall.

The NCHSAA urged the education board to consider a policy that would ensure “consistency across the state” and adhere to state regulations. They proposed a policy defining which student-athletes are eligible and what types of NIL activities, such as endorsements and personal appearances, would be allowed.

State board members asked about potential challenges in implementing an NIL policy, including the need for legal counsel, monitoring NIL deals, and educating families on regulations. “We need a policy in place to help guide and protect those families,” said a local principal, and NCHSAA board member who led the association’s NIL committee.

Sports Betting

North Carolina's public universities will share \$10.7 million in revenue from sports betting this year, more than doubling initial expectations. This windfall comes from taxes on bets placed since sports betting was legalized in the state in March.

Thirteen public universities in North Carolina will receive a share of the tax revenue. These universities include Appalachian State, East Carolina, Elizabeth City State, Fayetteville State, NC A&T, NC Central, UNC Asheville, UNC Charlotte, UNC Greensboro, UNC Pembroke, UNC Wilmington, Western Carolina, and Winston-Salem State.

University athletic directors had initially anticipated receiving around \$300,000 each from the first year of sports betting. Instead, they are set to receive approximately \$820,000 each, providing a significant financial boost to athletic departments that often struggle to support themselves.

The General Assembly projects that the UNC System will receive over \$26 million from sports betting proceeds next year, with each of the 13 schools receiving at least \$2 million each.

I am glad some of the public universities will be able to utilize proceeds from the revenue from sports betting. The dollars sent to the universities will help to improve athletic departments throughout the state.

Voting Information

Please consider obtaining your free ID now.

County board of elections can also now issue free printed acceptable forms of identification. No special documents will be needed to get these IDs. Voters will just need to provide their name, date of birth and the last four digits of their Social Security number. They will also have to submit to having their photo taken.

NC General Assembly

Visit www.ncleg.gov, the official website of the North Carolina General Assembly. Use this website as a tool to track bills, find and communicate with your state representatives, as well as follow chamber activity, meetings and issues before the General Assembly. The 2022 Short Session began on Wednesday, May 18th at 12:00 noon.

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