

North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus Legislative Priorities Framework- 2017

NCLBC Framework Priorities were discussed and prioritized as outlined below:

I. Education

A. Pre-K/Child Care Subsidy- Governor's Budget

Bill	Bill Description	Sponsor(s)
S439	AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO ELIMINATE THE WAITLIST FOR THE NC PRE-KINDERGARTEN (NC PRE-K) PROGRAM STATEWIDE.	Senators Waddell, Woodard, and Van Duyn
H93	AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO CERTAIN BOARDS OF EDUCATION IN ADOPTING THEIR SCHOOL CALENDARS	Representative L. Bell
H556	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	Representatives Horn, Hurley, Lucas, and L. Bell
H136	AN ACT TO LOWER THE AGE WHEN A CHILD IS COMPELLED TO BEGIN ATTENDING SCHOOL FROM SEVEN YEARS TO SIX YEARS.	Representatives Lambeth, Dobson, Hanes, and Horn
S149	AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CALCULATION OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADES AND 2 TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO STUDY POTENTIAL 3 FACTORS TO INCLUDE IN THE CALCULATION OF GRADES.	Senators Waddell, J. Jackson, and McKissick

B. HBCU Funding/Support (NC Promise/NCGAP/Community Colleges)- Governor's Budget; UNC-GA Budget Requests; Community College Proposals

S519	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MINIMUM HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE AS AN ADMISSION REQUIREMENT FOR THE UNC SYSTEM, TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA GRADUATION RATE ACCELERATION DOUBLE ENROLLMENT (NCGRADE) PROGRAM, TO ESTABLISH THE NCGRADE GRANT PROGRAM, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE NCGRADE PROGRAM. Oppose (Repeal and Replace NCGAP)	Senators Curtis, Brown, and McInnis
S315	AN ACT TO DIRECT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO IMPLEMENT THE UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE COMPLETION IMPROVEMENT PLAN.	Senators Barefoot, Curtis, and Tarte
S627	AN ACT TO CREATE THE HISTORICALLY MINORITY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ADVISORY BOARD.	Senators D. Davis, Bryant, and Robinson
H427	AN ACT TO LIMIT COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION FOR REENROLLING ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS SO THAT THE MAXIMUM RATE SHALL NOT EXCEED AVAILABLE FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE.	Representatives Hanes, Horn, Floyd, and Blackwell

H246	AN ACT TO PROVIDE MULTICAMPUS FUNDING FOR THE FORSYTH TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY CENTER.	Representatives Conrad, Lambeth, Hanes, and Terry
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C. Minority Male Mentoring Programs

Continue level of funding in continuation budget.

D. Unfunded mandates (Support H13- Flexibility with K-3 Class Size)

H13	AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MAXIMUM AVERAGE CLASS SIZE REQUIREMENTS AND INDIVIDUAL CLASS SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THIRD GRADE.	Representatives McGrady, Elmore, and Malone
H210	AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.	Representatives Quick, Harrison, and Brockman

E. Eliminate Disparate Impacts on Children of Color (i.e. Oppose excessive suspension and expulsion; support raising compulsory age- starts at age 6, GAP Achievement,; oppose overrepresentation in special education)- Education Task Force (Programs)

H638	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE A PORTION OF LOTTERY REVENUES FOR K-12 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BASED UPON COUNTY NEED AND ABILITY TO PAY FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND TO MAKE CHANGES TO ADVERTISING COST LIMITATIONS IN THE NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY.	Representatives Corbin, Garrison, Hunter, and Potts
H634	AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPROVE CERTAIN QUALIFYING ALTERNATIVE LATERAL ENTRY TEACHER EDUCATION PREPARATION PROGRAMS.	Representatives Hardister, Blackwell, Elmore, and Quick

II. Economics

A. Minimum wage increase and gender wage equity

S210=H289	AN ACT INCREASING THE STATE'S MINIMUM WAGE IN PHASES UNTIL 2022 WHEN THE WAGE SHALL BE ADJUSTED AUTOMATICALLY EACH YEAR BY INCREASES IN THE COST OF LIVING.	Senators Bryant, Waddell, and McKissick Reps. Fisher, Farmer-Butterfield, Harrison and Jackson
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H474	AN ACT TO INCREASE THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE, TO SET WAGE RATES BASED UPON THE SIZE OF THE EMPLOYER, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENTS TO REFLECT INCREASES IN THE COST OF LIVING.	Representatives Cunningham
S537	AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN THE PAYMENT OF WAGES ON THE BASIS OF THE GENDER OF THE EMPLOYEE.	Senators McKissick, Van Duyn, and Bryant
S535	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LABOR LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA TO REDUCE THE 2 AMOUNT OF TIPS THAT MAY BE COUNTED AS WAGES OF TIPPED SERVICE 3 WORKERS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019, AND REQUIRING SUBSEQUENTLY 4 THAT NO TIPS MAY BE COUNTED AS WAGES BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020	Senators Smith-Ingram, Ford, and Lowe
H543	AN ACT AMENDING THE LABOR LAWS TO PROVIDE RELIEF FOR CAREGIVERS IN THIS STATE.	Representatives Fisher, Farmer-Butterfield, Cunningham, and Insko
H238=S174	THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE IN PHASES TO FIFTEEN DOLLARS PER HOUR OVER FIVE YEARS, MANDATING EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK, REQUIRING PAID SICK LEAVE AND FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE, INCREASING THE TIPPED MINIMUM WAGE, ENDING WAGE THEFT, REQUIRING THE FAIR ASSESSMENT OF PERSONS WITH CRIMINAL HISTORIES BY "BANNING THE BOX," REPEALING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RESTRICTIONS, AND REENACTING THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT AND TAX CREDITS FOR CHILD CARE AND CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT-RELATED EXPENSES.	Representatives Harrison, Fisher, B. Richardson, and Holley Senators Bryant, Foushee, VanDuyn
S85=H102	AN ACT TO RATIFY THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RELATING TO EQUAL RIGHTS FOR MEN AND WOMEN.	Senators McKissick, Bryant and Van Duyn Reps. Cunningham, Fisher, Terry and Ager
S332 S35 S93 H78	House Bill 2 Repealed. – S.L. 2016-99 and S.L. 2016-3 are repealed AN ACT TO PROTECT ALL NORTH CAROLINIANS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN 2 ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR CERTAIN 3 CRIMES THAT INVOLVE SEXUAL ASSAULTS.	Senator Ford; Senators Bryant, McKissick, Jackson Senator Blue Representative Brockman

B. Prioritization of Tier 1 areas and inner cities for housing, community and economic development

S143	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS FOR SCATTERED SITE HOUSING.	Senators Clark and Bryant
H401	A HOUSE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A STATE GOAL OF ONE HUNDRED PERCENT CLEAN ENERGY BY 2050 AND THE CREATION OF GREEN JOBS.	Representatives Harrison, Autry, Fisher, and Farmer- Butterfield

H232	AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MAIN STREET SOLUTIONS FUND MONEYS FOR THE MOST ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED COUNTIES IN THE STATE.	Representative Pierce
H410	AN ACT CREATING A STATEWIDE POVERTY TASK FORCE, ESTABLISHING TWO NEW PERSONNEL POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEDICATED TO POVERTY REDUCTION AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THOSE PURPOSES.	Representative Pierce
S484	AN ACT TO ADJUST LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION TRUST FUND BASED ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TIER STATUS OF THE RECEIVING COUNTY	Senator Smith-Ingram
S580	AN ACT TO RAISE THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF WEEKS OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS, MODIFY THE CALCULATION FOR DETERMINING THE DURATION OF BENEFITS TO ACCOUNT FOR REGIONAL VARIATION IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, AND PROVIDE STATE FUNDING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS WHEN EMPLOYERS ARE SUBJECT TO A SURTAX.	Senators Clark and Ford

C. Matthew Relief- Convene update meetings with Emergency Management and Local Leaders to track funding access, adequacy and utilization.

S674=S661	AN ACT TO HOLD HARMLESS LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS THAT WERE IMPACTED BY HURRICANE MATTHEW FOR PURPOSES OF AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP AND THE BUDGET RATING USED TO CALCULATE THE ALLOTMENT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS.	Senators Smith-Ingram, Britt, and Pate Senators Smith-Ingram and Britt
S640	AN ACT TO HOLD HARMLESS LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS THAT WERE IMPACTED BY HURRICANE MATTHEW FOR PURPOSES OF AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP AND THE BUDGET RATING USED TO CALCULATE THE ALLOTMENT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS.	Senator Smith-Ingram
H606	AN ACT DIRECTING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT 2 COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE EFFECT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE U.S. 3 HIGHWAY 64 BYPASS HAD ON THE FLOODING THAT OCCURRED IN THE 4 TOWN OF PRINCEVILLE FROM HURRICANE MATTHEW AND TRANSFERRING 5 HB2 LEGAL DEFENSE FUNDS TO THE HURRICANE MATTHEW RESILIENCY 6 PLANNING FUND.	Representative Willingham

III. Equal Justice:

A. Raising Juvenile Justice Age

S146 H280	AN ACT TO RAISE THE AGE OF JUVENILE JURISDICTION TO INCLUDE SIXTEEN- AND SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLDS, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF CERTAIN FELONIES; TO PROVIDE A VICTIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST REVIEW OF DECISION NOT TO FILE A PETITION; TO INCREASE THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON JUVENILES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FOR COURT PROCEEDINGS; TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL-JUSTICE PARTNERSHIPS STATEWIDE TO REDUCE SCHOOL-BASED REFERRALS TO THE JUVENILE COURT SYSTEM; TO REQUIRE REGULAR JUVENILE JUSTICE TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; AND TO ESTABLISH THE JUVENILE JURISDICTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE..	Senators Lowe and Ford Representative McGrady
S173	AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN SHOULD NOT BE HOUSED IN A LOCAL CONFINEMENT FACILITY OCCUPIED BY PERSONS AGE EIGHTEEN AND OLDER UNLESS A SIGHT AND SOUND BARRIER EXISTS BETWEEN THE PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN AND THE OLDER PERSONS.	Senators Robinson, McKissick, and Lowe
H621	AN ACT TO STANDARDIZE THE FILING PROCEDURES FOR EXPUNGEMENTS, TO AUTHORIZE PROSECUTORS ACCESS TO CERTAIN RECORDS OF EXPUNGEMENT, TO ALLOW CERTAIN EXPUNGED CRIMINAL ACTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CALCULATING PRIOR RECORD LEVELS DURING SENTENCING FOR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES, AND TO MAKE OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE EXPUNGEMENT PROCESS.	Representatives Faircloth, Stevens, and McGrady

B. Redistricting/Voting Rights

S554	AN ACT TO CREATE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON FAIR REDISTRICTING AND TO PROVIDE THAT ABSENTEE BALLOTS RECEIVED BY A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BY MAIL ON THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTION THAT ARE NOT POSTMARKED ARE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE ELECTION DAY UPON VERIFICATION OF RECEIPT BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.	Senators Bryant, McKissick, and Robinson
S646	AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION AT DRIVERS LICENSE OFFICES, PUBLIC AGENCIES, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND REQUIRING THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO IMPLEMENT AN OUTREACH CAMPAIGN INFORMING CITIZENS ABOUT AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION.	Senators Woodard, Clark, and Lowe
H303	AN ACT REGARDING THE REQUIRED PROOF SUFFICIENT TO CHALLENGE A PERSON'S ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE.	Representative Pierce
S675	AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ABSENTEE BALLOTS RECEIVED BY A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BY MAIL ON THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTION THAT ARE NOT POSTMARKED ARE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE ELECTION DAY UPON VERIFICATION OF RECEIPT BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS	Senators Bryant, Tarte, and D. Davis
H177	AN ACT TO ELIMINATE SECOND PRIMARIES	Representatives Floyd, Jordan, Michaux, and C. Graham
H714	AN ACT TO CREATE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON FAIR 2 REDISTRICTING.	Representative Farmer-Butterfield

S209	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING PROCESS	Senators J. Jackson, Woodard, and Chaudhuri
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C. Offender Re-entry/Expunction

S445	AN ACT TO STANDARDIZE THE FILING PROCEDURES FOR EXPUNGEMENTS, TO AUTHORIZE PROSECUTORS ACCESS TO CERTAIN RECORDS OF EXPUNGEMENT, TO ALLOW CERTAIN EXPUNGED CRIMINAL ACTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CALCULATING PRIOR RECORD LEVELS DURING SENTENCING FOR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES, AND TO MAKE OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE EXPUNGEMENT PROCESS	Senators Tucker, Bryant, and McKissick
S455	AN ACT TO EXPAND THE AVAILABILITY OF CERTIFICATES OF RELIEF TO CERTAIN OFFENDERS	Senators McKissick, Britt, and Daniel
H237	AN ACT TO ALLOW A ONE-TIME EXPUNCTION OF MULTIPLE CRIMINAL OFFENSES.	Representatives Floyd, C. Graham, Duane Hall, and Hanes
H137	AN ACT TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION TO SEEK EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION DEFERRAL STATUS AS A FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE AGENCY.	Representative Floyd
HB 178	AN ACT TO DIRECT THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION TO SEEK EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY STATUS AS A FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE AGENCY PURSUANT TO TITLE VII OF THE FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964	Representative Floyd
Budget	Secure full funding for Existing (\$425,000 recurring(2017-19) and Expanding Re-entry Councils - \$1mil (17-18) and \$1.7 mil (18-19) (15 counties) The councils coordinate re-entry services in their communities and assist with reducing recidivism for offenders with criminal records and released from prison.	

III. Equitable Health Care:

A. Medicaid Expansion

S290/H858	AN ACT TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR THE MEDICAID PROGRAM TO INCLUDE ALL PEOPLE UNDER AGE SIXTY-FIVE WHO HAVE INCOMES EQUAL TO OR BELOW ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXPANSION, TO ACCOUNT FOR THE SAVINGS TO OTHER STATE PROGRAMS AS A RESULT OF THE EXPANSION, AND TO HAVE THE STATE SHARE OF COSTS OF THE EXPANSION FUNDED BY HOSPITAL PROVIDERS	Senators Clark and Bryant Representatives Farmer-Butterfield, Earle, Autry, B. Richardson
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B. Mental Health/Substance Abuse Reform/Expansion

H479	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM TO TRAIN FUTURE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS TO MEET NORTH CAROLINA'S HEALTH CARE NEEDS	Representatives Farmer-Butterfield, Cunningham, Howard, and Adcock
H725	AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO STUDY FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.	Representatives B. Turner, Dobson, Dollar, and Cunningham
H139	AN ACT TO ENACT THE MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS' BILL OF RIGHTS.	Representative L. Bell
H441	AN ACT ENACTING THE CAREGIVER ADVISE, RECORD, AND ENABLE (CARE) ACT.	Representatives Cunningham, Lambeth, White, and Holley

C. FQHC/Public Health Funding

S498= H387	AN ACT TO ENACT THE CORNER STORE INITIATIVE ACT TO ASSIST HEALTHY FOOD SMALL RETAILERS.	Senators D. Davis and Pate Representative Holley
H479	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM TO TRAIN FUTURE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS TO MEET NORTH CAROLINA'S HEALTH CARE NEEDS	Representatives Farmer-Butterfield, Cunningham, Howard, and Adcock
H594=S639	AN ACT TO ENSURE HEALTHY PREGNANCIES FOR FEMALE PRISONERS AND DETAINEES.	Representatives Fisher, Cunningham, and Insko Senators Smith-Ingram, Van Duyn, and Foushee
H607	AN ACT DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AS MARROW DONATION AWARENESS MONTH AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT BONE MARROW DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION AND TO IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS TO JOIN A BONE MARROW DONATION REGISTRY.	Representative Willingham