



# N.C. General Assembly Votes Report – 2023

*Select Votes from the 2023 Legislative Session*

This *Special Report* contains select votes from the 2023 Legislative Session of the North Carolina General Assembly on bills of particular interest to the North Carolina Family Policy Council. We first provide a brief summary highlighting many of the significant actions taken during the 2023 “Long” Legislative Session, and then we list the recorded votes of members of the State Senate and State House on key bills considered this session. All votes are taken from official records provided on the N.C. General Assembly website at [www.ncleg.gov](http://www.ncleg.gov).

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION REVIEW

The 2023 Legislative Session of the N.C. General Assembly proved to be an incredibly busy, intense, and drama-filled session. State lawmakers returned to Raleigh on January 11, 2023, to jump-start the session by swearing in members and electing officers. Senator Phil Berger (R-Rockingham) was elected to a seventh term as President Pro Tempore of the N.C. Senate, while Rep. Tim Moore (R-Cleveland) was chosen to serve a record fifth consecutive term as House Speaker. These officer elections set the stage for a showdown on many issues between the GOP-led legislature and Democratic Governor Roy Cooper.

## VETO-PROOF SUPERMAJORITY

The N.C. Constitution requires a supermajority three-fifths vote of members present and voting in each chamber to override a gubernatorial veto. This means that if all members are present and voting, 30 votes are required in the 50-member State Senate, and 72 votes are required in the 120-member State House to override a veto. When the Regular Session began in earnest on January 25, Republicans held 30 seats in the Senate but were one seat short of a supermajority in the House. This made overrides possible in the Senate but uncertain in the House unless one or more Democrats voted to override.

That all changed in early April when Mecklenburg County Democrat Rep. Trisha Cotham switched parties and gave Republicans a 72nd seat in the House and the ability to override Gov. Cooper’s veto at will. And override they did. In fact, the GOP supermajorities overrode every veto by Governor Roy Cooper during the 2023 Legislative Session – 19 in total.

## 2023 BUDGET BILL

A major initiative every session is the passage of the state budget. While the state’s fiscal year begins July 1, the General Assembly did not approve this year’s budget bill, [HB 259—2023 Appropriations Act](#), until September 22, 2023. The 625-page budget bill appropriates just shy of \$30 billion in the 2023-24 state fiscal year and close to \$31 billion in 2024-25. As would be expected with such a voluminous piece of legislation, the 2023 Budget contains a plethora of spending items as well as a number of significant policy changes, some of which are mentioned below.

## SANCTITY OF LIFE

One of the most significant pieces of legislation enacted over the veto of the Governor was [SB 20—Care for Women, Children, and Families Act](#). This 46-page bill was sought following the U.S. Supreme Court’s historic decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, which struck down *Roe v. Wade* and returned decision-making authority about abortion to elected representatives. SB 20 reduced the legal timeframe for most abortions in N.C. from 20 weeks to 12-weeks gestation, except in cases of rape and incest, when the life of the mother is at risk, and when an unborn child has been diagnosed with what the bill defines as a “life-limiting anomaly.”

The bill also bans “partial-birth abortion,” prohibits “eugenic” abortions sought because of the race or sex of the unborn child or a diagnosis of Down syndrome, enacts the “Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act,” requires abortion clinics to be inspected annually and meet the same standards as ambulatory surgical centers, establishes more detailed informed consent requirements for surgical and chemical abortions, and makes it unlawful for abortion-inducing drugs to be provided through the mail or over the internet. SB 20 also provides millions in funding to enhance foster care, adoption, child care, and other vital services in North Carolina.

The 2023 Budget made good on the funding commitment in SB 20, by appropriating \$160 million over the next two years to protect and provide care and resources to unborn babies



and mothers facing unplanned and crisis pregnancies. The budget also appropriates \$6.5 million in each of the next two years to the Carolina Pregnancy Care Fellowship (aka LifeLink Carolina) to provide grants to pregnancy care centers to purchase durable medical equipment—including ultrasound machines—and to provide training and other services. The budget bill also provides \$1.5 million in each of the next two years to the pro-life

nonprofit organization Human Coalition to help fund its statewide Continuum of Care Program.

Furthermore, while state law already prohibits state tax dollars from being used to pay for abortions, HB 259 contains a new provision that also prohibits the state from renewing, extending, or entering into contracts “for the provision of family planning services, pregnancy prevention activities, or adolescent parenting programs with any provider that performs abortions.”

## **PARENTS’ RIGHTS & GENDER ISSUES**

Three other bills enacted by the General Assembly over the veto of the Governor are designed to honor parental rights and protect the health, safety, and welfare of children and families. [SB 49— Parents’ Bill of Rights](#) clarifies and codifies the rights of parents to direct the upbringing of their children, especially in the areas of education and healthcare, by ensuring that parents have ready access to information about what their children are being taught in school and requiring parental consent before medical services are provided to children. Of particular note, SB 49 requires that parents are notified “prior to any changes in the name or pronoun used for a student in school records or by school personnel.” The bill also prohibits instruction on “gender identity, sexual activity, or sexuality” in kindergarten through 4th grade.

[HB 574—Fairness in Women’s Sports Act](#) requires sports teams in middle school, high school, and at the collegiate level to be designated as male, female, or co-ed on the basis of biological sex and prohibits biological males from participating on female sports teams. [HB 808—Gender Transition/Minors](#) prevents the administration of puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and gender transition surgeries on minors, and it provides broad conscience protections for healthcare practitioners who do not wish to participate in these often irreversible and experimental procedures. HB 808 also prevents state taxpayer dollars from being used to pay for any of these procedures.

State lawmakers also approved a provision in [HB 8—Various Statutory Changes](#) to enact the “Pornography Age Verification Act,” or “PAVE Act,” which requires age verification for access to pornographic websites and has been effective in a number of other states in reducing the incidents of minors accessing pornographic websites. Additionally, [SB 579—Prevent Harm to Children](#) increases the scope and penalties for disseminating obscenity to minors and for the sexual exploitation of minors.

## **EDUCATION**

On the education front, a provision in the 2023 Budget Bill greatly expands the state’s Opportunity Scholarship Program to ensure that all students are eligible to participate in the school choice program, provided that funding is available. The measure directs that grant amounts are determined on a sliding scale based upon household income, and it significantly increases state funding in future years to provide grants to as many children as possible.

One education measure that passed the House but was not considered in the Senate was [HB 96—NC REACH Act](#). REACH stands for “Reclaiming College Education on America’s Constitutional Heritage.” This bill would have required three credit hours of instruction on American Government and our nation’s founding documents in order to receive a baccalaureate degree from a constituent institution of the UNC system or an associate’s degree from a community college.

## **GAMBLING**

As part of a major push to expand legalized gambling in the state, the General Assembly passed [HB 347—Sports Wagering/Horse Racing Wagering](#), which legalizes gambling on amateur, electronic, collegiate, and professional sporting events and effectively turns every computer, tablet, mobile phone, and smart TV in the state into a potential gambling device. The bill also authorizes parimutuel wagering on horse racing.

If that were not enough, one of the major items contributing to the delay in the passage of the state

budget was an effort by legislative leaders and the gambling industry to legalize four commercial gambling casinos and tens of thousands of video lottery terminals (VLTs) across the state. Fortunately, this effort was abandoned after weeks of intense lobbying when it became apparent that the votes did not exist in either the State House or State Senate to approve the budget if the gambling expansion proposal was included.

## **MARIJUANA**

Another bill that failed passage was [SB 3—NC Compassionate Care Act](#), which would have established an extensive framework for the licensing, manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, and use of marijuana as a “treatment” for a wide variety of “medical” conditions. Despite the fact that the U.S. Food & Drug Administration has not approved marijuana for medical use and the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Neurology, and the American Psychiatric Association do not support its use as medicine, proponents of the bill continued to push hard for its passage. S3 passed the State Senate in early March but was not voted on by the State House.

## **CONCLUSION**

Overall, the 2023 Legislative Session was a great success for pro-life and pro-family interests, but these exciting and important gains were somewhat overshadowed by an unprecedented push to significantly expand predatory gambling and to legalize marijuana in North Carolina. These latter issues are likely to reappear when the General Assembly reconvenes for the “Short” legislative session in April 2024, so we must remain ever vigilant!

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# N.C. SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS



Ref.	Vote Description	Vote #	Date	Vote Count
S1	<b>Senate 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading vote on <a href="#">SB 3—NC Compassionate Care Act</a></b> SB 3 would establish an extensive licensing framework in North Carolina for the growth, manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, and use of marijuana for a variety of “medical” purposes.	<a href="#">27</a>	3/1/23	36-10
S2	<b>Senate Veto Override vote on <a href="#">SB 20—Care for Women, Children, and Families Act</a></b> SB 20 reduces the time frame for most legal abortions in N.C. from 20 weeks to 12-weeks gestation, while allowing abortions up to 20 weeks for cases of rape and incest, and up to 24 weeks for a “life-limiting anomaly.” The measure bans partial birth abortion and abortions sought due to the race or sex of the unborn child, or a diagnosis of Down Syndrome. SB 20 also enacts the “Born Alive Abortion Survivors Act;” bans the sale of chemical abortion drugs over the internet and through the mail; establishes more detailed informed consent requirements for surgical and chemical abortions; requires abortion clinics to be inspected annually and meet the same standards as ambulatory surgical centers; amends the state’s “Safe Surrender of Infants” law; and makes changes to enhance foster care, adoption, child care, and other services in North Carolina.	<a href="#">215</a>	5/16/23	30-20
S3	<b>Senate 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading vote on <a href="#">SB 49—Parents’ Bill of Rights</a></b> SB 49 clarifies and codifies the rights of parents over their child’s education and health care including: enhancing access to educational resources; prohibiting instruction on “gender identity, sexual activity, or sexuality” in kindergarten through fourth grade; requiring schools to inform parents if their child requests to be referred to by a different name or pronouns at school; enabling parents to withhold consent to a child’s participation in certain activities and instruction; and requiring healthcare practitioners to obtain written parental consent before providing treatment to a minor.	<a href="#">8</a>	2/7/23	29-18
S4	<b>Senate Veto Override vote on <a href="#">SB 49—Parents’ Bill of Rights</a></b> This version of SB 49 is substantially similar to the version described above. (This vote includes votes by members who were absent or not voting on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading vote on SB 49.)	<a href="#">425</a>	8/16/23	27-18
S5	<b>Senate 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading vote on <a href="#">SB 579—Prevent Harm to Children</a></b> This version of SB 579 would increase the penalty for disseminating obscenity “knowingly in the presence of” a minor from a Class I felony to a Class H felony.	<a href="#">164</a>	5/1/23	48-0
S6	<b>Senate vote to adopt the Conference Report to <a href="#">SB 579—Prevent Harm to Children</a></b> The conference report for SB 579 increases the penalties for disseminating obscenity to a minor from a Class I felony to higher level felonies based on the age of the minor. The bill also allows for restitution in cases of sexual exploitation of a minor and expands the state’s indecent exposure law to include all minor victims under 18 years of age (was 16 years of age).	<a href="#">475</a>	9/22/23	42-0
S7	<b>Senate vote on motion to adopt Amendment 2 to <a href="#">HB 8—Various Statutory Changes</a></b> Amendment 2, by Sen. Amy Galey (R-Alamance), would require “Any commercial entity that knowingly and intentionally publishes or distributes material harmful to minors [pornography] on the internet” to “verify the age of the individuals attempting to access the material.” Allowing a minor to access such material would subject the commercial entity or the third-party age verifier to civil and other penalties.	<a href="#">465</a>	9/21/23	47-0
S8	<b>Senate vote to table Amendment 4 to <a href="#">HB 190—Dept. of Health &amp; Human Services Revisions</a></b> Amendment 4, by Sen. Natalie Murdock (D-Durham), would codify the essential holdings of <i>Roe v. Wade</i> and <i>Planned Parenthood v. Casey</i> , effectively legalizing abortion in North Carolina up to the date of fetal viability, or even later if necessary to protect the life and/or health of the mother. (If successful, the motion to table effectively defeats the amendment.)	<a href="#">337</a>	6/26/23	29-18
S9	<b>Senate 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading vote on the Conference Report to <a href="#">HB 259—2023 Appropriations Act</a></b> HB 259 is the 2023-2024 state budget bill, which appropriates almost \$30 billion for 2023-24 and \$31 billion for 2024-25. Notable provisions contained in this 625-page bill include: approximately \$160 million in funding to enhance foster care, adoption, maternity homes, and other services as directed by SB 20, the “Care for Women, Children, and Families Act;” a prohibition on indirect funding for abortions; grants for the Carolina Pregnancy Care Fellowship and the Human Coalition’s Continuum of Care program; a significant expansion of eligibility and funding for the state’s Opportunity Scholarship program; and establishment of the School of Civic Leadership at UNC Chapel Hill. The bill also includes significant funding for Medicaid expansion in North Carolina and many other measures.	<a href="#">467</a>	9/21/23	28-19
S10	<b>Senate 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading vote on <a href="#">HB 347—Sports Wagering/Horse Racing Wagering</a></b> HB 347 authorizes state-sanctioned gambling on amateur, collegiate, electronic, and professional sporting events as well as parimutuel wagering on horse racing in North Carolina.	<a href="#">252</a>	5/31/23	38-11
S11	<b>Senate 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading vote on <a href="#">HB 574—Fairness in Women’s Sports Act</a></b> HB 574 requires sports teams in middle school, high school, and at the collegiate level to be designated as male, female, or co-ed on the basis of biological sex, and prohibits biological males from participating on female sports teams.	<a href="#">279</a>	6/20/23	31-17

## N.C. SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS (continued)



- S12 Senate Veto Override vote on [HB 574—Fairness in Women’s Sports Act](#)** **432 8/16/23 27-18**  
This version of HB 574 is the same as described above. (This vote includes votes by members who were absent or not voting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.)
- S13 Senate vote on motion to table Amendment 3 to [HB 808—Gender Transitions/Minors](#)** **358 6/27/23 29-16**  
Amendment 3, by Sen. Natasha Marcus (D-Mecklenburg), would prohibit “conversion therapy,” defined in the amendment as, “Any practices or treatments that seek to change an individual’s sexual orientation or gender identity, including efforts to (i) change behaviors and gender expressions or (ii) eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same gender.” A violation of this provision would subject a licensed professional to discipline, loss of licensure, and civil penalties. The measure would also prohibit the use of state funds for such treatment. (If successful, the motion to table effectively defeats the amendment.)
- S14 Senate 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading vote on [HB 808—Gender Transitions/Minors](#)** **360 6/27/23 29-16**  
HB 808 prevents minors (with very limited exceptions) from receiving gender transition procedures including puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and gender-transition surgeries; provides broad conscience protections for health care providers who do not want to participate in these experimental procedures; and prevents state taxpayer dollars from paying for these types of “transgender treatments.”
- S15 Senate Veto Override vote on [HB 808—Gender Transitions/Minors](#)** **434 8/16/23 27-18**  
This version of HB 808 is the same as described above. (This vote includes votes by members who were absent or not voting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.)

# N.C. SENATE VOTES



N.C. Senator (Party)	District	Home County	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	S9	S10	S11	S12	S13	S14	S15
<a href="#">Gale Adcock (D)</a>	16	Wake	Y	N	N	N	Y	EA	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
<a href="#">Ted Alexander (R)</a>	44	Cleveland	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	EA	Y	EA	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Val Applewhite (D)</a>	19	Cumberland	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
<a href="#">Lisa Barnes (R)</a>	11	Nash	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	EA
<a href="#">Sydney Batch (D)</a>	17	Wake	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
<a href="#">Phil Berger (R)</a>	26	Rockingham	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Dan Blue (D)</a>	14	Wake	Y	N	N	EA	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	EA	EA	N	N	EA
<a href="#">Mary Wills Bode (D)</a>	18	Granville	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
<a href="#">Danny Earl Britt, Jr. (R)</a>	24	Robeson	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	EA	Y
<a href="#">Jim Burgin (R)</a>	12	Harnett	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Jay Chaudhuri (D)</a>	15	Wake	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
<a href="#">Kevin Corbin (R)</a>	50	Macon	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	EA
<a href="#">David Craven, Jr. (R)</a>	29	Randolph	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Warren Daniel (R)</a>	46	Burke	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Carl Ford (R)</a>	33	Rowan	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Amy Galey (R)</a>	25	Alamance	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Michael Garrett (D)</a>	27	Guilford	Y	N	EA	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	EA	EA	N
<a href="#">Lisa Grafstein (D)</a>	13	Wake	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
<a href="#">Bobby Hanig (R)</a>	3	Currituck	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Ralph Hise (R)</a>	47	Mitchell	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Rachel Hunt (D)</a>	42	Mecklenburg	Y	N	EA	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	EA	EA	N
<a href="#">Brent Jackson (R)</a>	9	Sampson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Steve Jarvis (R)</a>	30	Davidson	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Todd Johnson (R)</a>	35	Union	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Joyce Krawiec (R)</a>	31	Forsyth	N	Y	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Michael Lazzara (R)</a>	6	Onslow	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Michael Lee (R)</a>	7	New Hanover	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Paul Lowe, Jr. (D)</a>	32	Forsyth	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
<a href="#">Natasha Marcus (D)</a>	41	Mecklenburg	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
<a href="#">Julie Mayfield (D)</a>	49	Buncombe	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
<a href="#">Tom McInnis (R)</a>	21	Moore	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Graig Meyer (D)</a>	23	Orange	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	EV	N	N	N	N	N
<a href="#">Timothy Moffitt (R)</a>	48	Henderson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Mujtaba Mohammed (D)</a>	38	Mecklenburg	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
<a href="#">Natalie Murdock (D)</a>	20	Durham	Y	N	N	N	EA	Y	Y	N	N	Y	EA	N	N	N	N
<a href="#">Buck Newton (R)</a>	4	Wilson	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Paul Newton (R)</a>	34	Cabarrus	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Brad Overcash (R)</a>	43	Gaston	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Jim Perry (R)</a>	2	Lenoir	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Dean Proctor (R)</a>	45	Catawba	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	EA	EA	Y	EA	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	EA
<a href="#">Bill Rabon (R)</a>	8	Brunswick	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Gladys Robinson (D)</a>	28	Guilford	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	EA	N	Y	N	N	EA	EA	N
<a href="#">DeAndrea Salvador (D)</a>	39	Mecklenburg	EA	N	N	N	Y	EA	EA	N	EA	Y	N	N	N	N	N
<a href="#">Norman Sanderson (R)</a>	1	Pamlico	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Benton Sawrey (R)</a>	10	Johnston	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Vickie Sawyer (R)</a>	37	Iredell	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Eddie Settle (R)</a>	36	Wilkes	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Kandie Smith (D)</a>	5	Pitt	Y	N	N	EA	Y	EA	Y	EA	N	Y	N	EA	EA	EA	EA
<a href="#">Joyce Waddell (D)</a>	40	Mecklenburg	EA	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
<a href="#">Mike Woodard (D)</a>	22	Durham	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N

VOTE KEY: "Y" = Yes "N" = No "EA" = Excused Absence "EV" = Excused Vote "NV" = Not Voting



# N.C. HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS



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H1	<b>House 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading vote on <a href="#">HB 96—NC REACH Act</a></b> HB 96 would require three credit hours of instruction in American history or American government that “provides a comprehensive overview of the major events and turning points of American history and government” as a prerequisite to receiving a baccalaureate degree from a constituent institution of the UNC system or an associate degree from a community college. Among other requirements, the course would include reading the U.S. Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Emancipation Proclamation, the Federalist Papers, Dr. Martin Luther King’s letter from a Birmingham Jail, the N.C. State Constitution, and the Gettysburg Address.	<a href="#">103</a>	3/22/23	69-47
H2	<b>House vote on motion to adopt Amendment 21 to <a href="#">HB 259—2023 Appropriations Act</a></b> Amendment 21, by Rep. Julie von Haefen (D-Wake), would remove funds in the budget from the Carolina Pregnancy Care Fellowship (\$6.25 million) and the Human Coalition’s Continuum of Care program (\$5 million) and redirect those funds to the Nurse-Family Partnership.	<a href="#">196</a>	4/5/23	46-69
H3	<b>House vote on motion to adopt Amendment 23 to <a href="#">HB 259—2023 Appropriations Act</a></b> Amendment 23, by Rep. Laura Budd (D-Mecklenburg), would, among other things, completely eliminate the state’s school choice Opportunity Scholarship program.	<a href="#">200</a>	4/6/23	46-70
H4	<b>House 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading vote on the Conference Report to <a href="#">HB 259—2023 Appropriations Act</a></b> HB 259 is the 2023-2024 state budget bill, which appropriates almost \$30 billion for 2023-24 and \$31 billion for 2024-25. Notable provisions contained in this 625-page bill include: approximately \$160 million in funding to enhance foster care, adoption, maternity homes, and other services as directed by SB 20, the “Care for Women, Children, and Families Act;” a prohibition on indirect funding for abortions; grants for the Carolina Pregnancy Care Fellowship and the Human Coalition’s Continuum of Care program; a significant expansion of eligibility and funding for the state’s Opportunity Scholarship program; and establishment of the School of Civic Leadership at UNC Chapel Hill. The bill also includes significant funding for Medicaid expansion in North Carolina and many other measures.	<a href="#">589</a>	9/22/23	70-40
H5	<b>House 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading vote on <a href="#">HB 347—Sports Wagering</a></b> HB 347 would authorize state-sanctioned gambling on amateur, collegiate, electronic, and professional sporting events in N.C.	<a href="#">138</a>	3/28/23	66-45
H6	<b>House 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading vote to concur w/Senate version of <a href="#">HB 347—Sports Wagering/Horse Racing Wagering</a></b> HB 347 authorizes state-sanctioned gambling on amateur, collegiate, electronic, and professional sporting events as well as parimutuel wagering on horse racing in North Carolina.	<a href="#">406</a>	6/7/23	69-44
H7	<b>House Veto Override vote on <a href="#">HB 574—Fairness in Women’s Sports Act</a></b> HB 574 requires sports teams in middle school, high school, and at the collegiate level to be designated as male, female, or co-ed on the basis of biological sex, and prohibits biological males from participating on female sports teams.	<a href="#">507</a>	8/16/23	74-45
H8	<b>House Veto Override vote on <a href="#">HB 808—Gender Transitions/Minors</a></b> HB 808 prevents minors (with very limited exceptions) from receiving gender transition procedures including puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and gender-transition surgeries; provides broad conscience protections for health care providers who do not want to participate in these experimental procedures; and prevents state taxpayer dollars from paying for these types of “transgender treatments.”	<a href="#">509</a>	8/16/23	74-45
H9	<b>House Veto Override vote on <a href="#">SB 20—Care for Women, Children, and Families Act</a></b> SB 20 reduces the time frame for most legal abortions in N.C. from 20 weeks to 12-weeks gestation, while allowing abortions up to 20 weeks for cases of rape and incest, and up to 24 weeks for a “life-limiting anomaly.” The measure bans partial birth abortion and abortions sought due to the race or sex of the unborn child, or a diagnosis of Down Syndrome. SB 20 also enacts the “Born Alive Abortion Survivors Act;” bans the sale of chemical abortion drugs over the internet and through the mail; establishes more detailed informed consent requirements for surgical and chemical abortions; requires abortion clinics to be inspected annually and meet the same standards as ambulatory surgical centers; amends the state’s “Safe Surrender of Infants” law; and makes changes to enhance foster care, adoption, child care, and other services in North Carolina.	<a href="#">380</a>	5/16/23	72-48
H10	<b>House Veto Override vote on <a href="#">SB 49—Parents Bill of Rights</a></b> SB 49 clarifies and codifies the rights of parents over their child’s education and health care including: enhancing access to educational resources; prohibiting instruction on “gender identity, sexual activity, or sexuality” in kindergarten through fourth grade; requiring schools to inform parents if their child requests to be referred to by a different name or pronouns at school; enabling parents to withhold consent to a child’s participation in certain activities and instruction; and requiring healthcare practitioners to obtain written parental consent before providing treatment to a minor.	<a href="#">522</a>	8/16/23	72-47
H11	<b>House vote to adopt the Conference Report to <a href="#">SB 579—Prevent Harm to Children</a></b> The conference report for SB 579 increases the penalties for disseminating obscenity to a minor from a Class I felony to higher level felonies based on the age of the minor. The bill also allows for restitution in cases of sexual exploitation of a minor and expands the state’s indecent exposure law to include all minor victims under 18 years of age (was 16 years of age).	<a href="#">582</a>	9/21/23	108-2

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<a href="#">Jay Adams (R)</a>	96	Catawba	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Eric Ager (D)</a>	114	Buncombe	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Kelly M. Alexander, Jr. (D)</a>	107	Mecklenburg	N	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	EA	EA	N	EA	EA
<a href="#">Vernetta Alston (D)</a>	29	Durham	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Dean Arp (R)</a>	69	Union	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">John Autry (D)</a>	100	Mecklenburg	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
<a href="#">Amber M. Baker (D)</a>	72	Forsyth	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Kristin Baker, M.D. (R)</a>	82	Cabarrus	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Jennifer Balkcom (R)</a>	117	Henderson	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Cynthia Ball (D)</a>	49	Wake	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Mary Belk (D)</a>	88	Mecklenburg	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">John R. Bell, IV (R)</a>	10	Wayne	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Brian Biggs (R)</a>	70	Randolph	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Hugh Blackwell (R)</a>	86	Burke	Y	N	N	EA	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA
<a href="#">John R. Bradford, III (R)</a>	98	Mecklenburg	Y	N	N	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">William D. Brisson (R)</a>	22	Bladen	Y	N	N	Y	N	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Cecil Brockman (D)</a>	60	Guilford	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Mark Brody (R)</a>	55	Union	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Gloristine Brown (D)</a>	8	Pitt	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Kanika Brown (D)</a>	71	Forsyth	N	EA	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Terry M. Brown Jr. (D)</a>	92	Mecklenburg	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Allen Buansi (D)</a>	56	Orange	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Laura Budd (D)</a>	103	Mecklenburg	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Deb Butler (D)</a>	18	New Hanover	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Celeste C. Cairns (R)</a>	13	Carteret	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Becky Carney (D)</a>	102	Mecklenburg	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Maria Cervania (D)</a>	41	Wake	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Allen Chesser (R)</a>	25	Nash	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Mike Clampitt (R)</a>	119	Swain	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Ashton Wheeler Clemmons (D)</a>	57	Guilford	N	Y	Y	N	Y	EA	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">George G. Cleveland (R)</a>	14	Onslow	EA	N	N	EA	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA
<a href="#">Tricia Ann Cotham (R)</a>	112	Mecklenburg	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Sarah Crawford (D)</a>	66	Wake	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Kevin Crutchfield (R)</a>	83	Cabarrus	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Carla D. Cunningham (D)</a>	106	Mecklenburg	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Allison A. Dahle (D)</a>	11	Wake	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Ted Davis, Jr. (R)</a>	20	New Hanover	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Jimmy Dixon (R)</a>	4	Duplin	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Jeffrey Elmore (R)</a>	94	Wilkes	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Terence Everitt (D)</a>	35	Wake	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">John Faircloth (R)</a>	62	Guilford	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Ken Fontenot (R)</a>	24	Wilson	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Rosa U. Gill (D)</a>	33	Wake	N	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	EA
<a href="#">Karl E. Gillespie (R)</a>	120	Macon	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Edward C. Goodwin (R)</a>	1	Chowan	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Dudley Greene (R)</a>	85	McDowell	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Destin Hall (R)</a>	87	Caldwell	Y	N	N	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Kyle Hall (R)</a>	91	Stokes	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Jon Hardister (R)</a>	59	Guilford	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Wesley Harris, PhD (D)</a>	105	Mecklenburg	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Pricey Harrison (D)</a>	61	Guilford	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
<a href="#">Kelly E. Hastings (R)</a>	110	Gaston	Y	EA	EA	EA	EA	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA
<a href="#">Zack Hawkins (D)</a>	31	Durham	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Julia C. Howard (R)</a>	77	Davie	Y	N	N	EA	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA
<a href="#">Chris Humphrey (R)</a>	12	Lenoir	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Frank Iler (R)</a>	17	Brunswick	Y	EA	EA	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Frances Jackson, PhD (D)</a>	45	Cumberland	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Neal Jackson (R)</a>	78	Moore	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">B. Ray Jeffers (D)</a>	2	Person	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Joe John (D)</a>	40	Wake	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y

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<a href="#">Jake Johnson (R)</a>	113	Polk	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Abe Jones (D)</a>	38	Wake	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Brenden H. Jones (R)</a>	46	Columbus	Y	N	N	Y	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Keith Kidwell (R)</a>	79	Beaufort	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Donny Lambeth (R)</a>	75	Forsyth	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Ya Liu (D)</a>	21	Wake	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Donnie Loftis (R)</a>	109	Gaston	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Brandon Lofton (D)</a>	104	Mecklenburg	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Carolyn G. Logan (D)</a>	101	Mecklenburg	N	Y	Y	EA	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	EA
<a href="#">Tim Longest (D)</a>	34	Wake	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Jarrod Lowery (R)</a>	47	Robeson	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Marvin W. Lucas (D)</a>	42	Cumberland	N	EA	EA	N	NV	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Nasif Majeed (D)</a>	99	Mecklenburg	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Jeffrey C. McNeely (R)</a>	84	Iredell	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Charles W. Miller (R)</a>	19	Brunswick	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Grey Mills (R)</a>	95	Iredell	EA	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Tim Moore (R)</a>	111	Cleveland	Y	N	N	Y	EV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Marcia Morey (D)</a>	30	Durham	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Ben T. Moss, Jr. (R)</a>	52	Richmond	Y	N	N	Y	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Erin Paré (R)</a>	37	Wake	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Howard Penny, Jr. (R)</a>	53	Harnett	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Ray Pickett (R)</a>	93	Watauga	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Garland E. Pierce (D)</a>	48	Scotland	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Joseph Pike (R)</a>	6	Harnett	Y	N	N	Y	N	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Mark Pless (R)</a>	118	Haywood	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Larry W. Potts (R)</a>	81	Davidson	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Lindsey Prather (D)</a>	115	Buncombe	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Renée A. Price (D)</a>	50	Orange	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">A. Reece Pyrtle, Jr. (R)</a>	65	Rockingham	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Amos L. Quick, III (D)</a>	58	Guilford	N	Y	Y	N	NV	N	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Timothy Reeder, MD (R)</a>	9	Pitt	NV	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Robert T. Reives, II (D)</a>	54	Chatham	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Dennis Riddell (R)</a>	64	Alamance	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">James Roberson (D)</a>	39	Wake	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Stephen M. Ross (R)</a>	63	Alamance	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Caleb Rudow (D)</a>	116	Buncombe	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Jason Saine (R)</a>	97	Lincoln	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Wayne Sasser (R)</a>	67	Stanly	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">John Sauls (R)</a>	51	Lee	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Mitchell S. Setzer (R)</a>	89	Catawba	Y	EA	EA	Y	NV	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Phil Shepard (R)</a>	15	Onslow	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Carson Smith (R)</a>	16	Pender	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Charles Smith (D)</a>	44	Cumberland	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Frank Sossamon (R)</a>	32	Granville	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Diamond Staton-Williams (D)</a>	73	Cabarrus	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Sarah Stevens (R)</a>	90	Surry	EA	N	N	EA	EA	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA
<a href="#">Larry C. Strickland (R)</a>	28	Johnston	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">John A. Torbett (R)</a>	108	Gaston	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Steve Tyson (R)</a>	3	Craven	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Julie von Haefen (D)</a>	36	Wake	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Bill Ward (R)</a>	5	Pasquotank	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Harry Warren (R)</a>	76	Rowan	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Sam Watford (R)</a>	80	Davidson	Y	N	N	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA
<a href="#">Diane Wheatley (R)</a>	43	Cumberland	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Donna McDowell White (R)</a>	26	Johnston	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Shelly Willingham (D)</a>	23	Edgecombe	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
<a href="#">David Willis (R)</a>	68	Union	Y	N	N	EA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA
<a href="#">Matthew Winslow (R)</a>	7	Franklin	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<a href="#">Michael H. Wray (D)</a>	27	Northampton	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
<a href="#">Jeff Zenger (R)</a>	74	Forsyth	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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