



North Carolina
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HOW THEY

VOTED

WHERE LEGISLATORS STOOD ON
NORTH CAROLINA'S JOBS AGENDA

2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY



The 2017 legislative session of the North Carolina General Assembly yielded positive results for the statewide business community. In *How They Voted*, we describe the bills – and we count the votes. When given the opportunity to improve North Carolina’s competitive footing, where did our elected officials stand? *How They Voted* examines each

legislator’s votes on these critical bills – and honors the Jobs Champions who fought for pro-growth policies at the General Assembly.

The bills described here, which represent the state’s Jobs Agenda for the 2017 legislative session, are based on *North Carolina Vision 2030 – A Plan for Accelerating Job Growth and Securing North Carolina’s Future*. *North Carolina Vision 2030* is a plan that provides focused economic growth strategies to drive economic recovery and create good jobs for North Carolinians. As we fight for pro-jobs legislation in Raleigh, our team uses *North Carolina Vision 2030* as a lens to ensure each bill is based around strengthening the Four Pillars of a Secure Future:

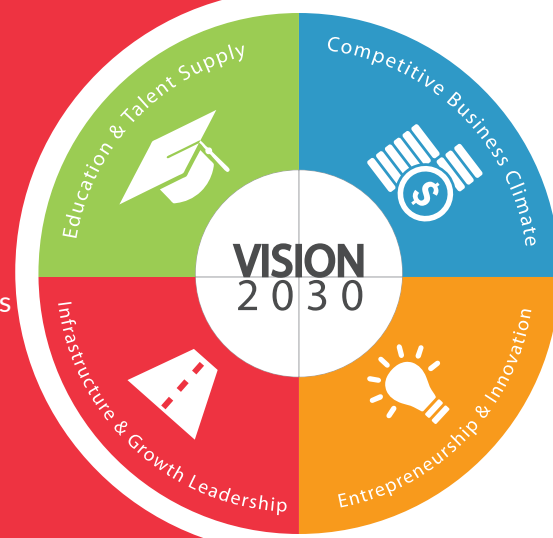
1. Education and Talent Supply
2. Competitive Business Climate
3. Entrepreneurship and Innovation
4. Infrastructure and Growth Leadership

With the strong support and unified voice of the business community, the North Carolina Chamber was successful in driving the Jobs Agenda and securing numerous legislative victories. *How They Voted* gives you the unvarnished facts on where legislators stood on the business community’s most important issues. For additional information on *North Carolina Vision 2030*, how our state compares to others in the race for jobs and what we are working on for the 2018 legislative session and beyond, please visit www.ncchamber.net.

Lew Ebert
President & CEO, North Carolina Chamber

North Carolina has built one of the country’s strongest business climates over the past two decades, fueled by low business costs, incentives and a young, educated workforce, many of whom have been trained at the strong universities in the state and Research Triangle Park. Migration rates into the state are among the highest in the U.S. annually. The Tar Heel State is the only one to rank among the top five on FORBES’ Best States for Business for 12 straight years, but it never reached the top rung until now.

- Forbes, Nov. 28, 2017



PROCESS & METHODOLOGY

1. North Carolina Vision 2030 Development and Refinement

Annually, the NC Chamber Voter Education Program produces *How They Voted*, the legislative scorecard on the statewide business agenda. The process of building the report begins years in advance, with the development and continual refinement of *North Carolina Vision 2030*, the long-term blueprint for economic vibrancy in North Carolina.

2. Jobs Agenda Development

NC Chamber volunteer leadership and committees develop the Jobs Agenda using *Vision 2030* as a guidepost. Elected leaders are briefed on the Jobs Agenda prior to each legislative session, with the Chamber’s government affairs team explaining the top priorities for the year.

3. Government Affairs Team Action

During session, the Government Affairs team regularly communicates with legislators on business-related bills – in person, by phone and through email. Bills and votes are tracked throughout the session. When the legislature adjourns, the GA team consults NC Chamber members to ensure that the most representative bills affecting the statewide business community are included and the votes counted.

4. How They Voted Is Released

Finally, *How They Voted* is released internally to key stakeholders: Voter Education supporters, Cornerstone members, and ultimately, to legislators. The Voter Education Program compares the voting records in *How They Voted* with demographic and public information in all 170 legislative districts to determine if a legislator matches the pro-business proclivity of his or her voters.

5. Jobs Champions Are Chosen

Primary bill sponsors are given one positive vote for each pro-business bill in the report and one negative vote for each anti-growth bill. Many bills have more than one recorded vote included. If a legislator misses a vote, he or she is not rewarded or penalized, but simply has one fewer vote. Each legislator’s voting percentage is thus calculated “pro-business votes divided by total votes.” Jobs Champions are chosen for voting records exceeding 80 percent and for exemplary focus and legislative success on key business issues.

58 BILLS INCLUDED

SEVENTY-ONE
VOTES COUNTED

39
PRO-JOBS
BILLS

SIGNED
INTO LAW
13

ANTI-JOBS
BILLS
19

0
SIGNED
INTO LAW

AVERAGE VOTING %
EIGHTY

LEGISLATORS
AT 90%+ **82**

EDUCATION & TALENT SUPPLY

North Carolina must develop and maintain a first-rate, leading talent pipeline by aligning education and workforce development systems that are effective, agile, accountable and flexible, and that consistently produce a competitive, diverse, world-class workforce.

KEY BILLS

HB 450 Future Student Act of 2017

House Bill 450 established Business Advisory Councils for each local education agency to assist in the development of demand-driven career and technical education and work-based learning opportunities, including job shadowing, internships, pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeships.

HB 600 School Construction Flexibility

House Bill 600 provided additional flexibility to local boards of education to enter into leases for school buildings and other facilities, while also revising the procedures for qualified zone academy bonds.

2017 EDUCATION & TALENT SUPPLY BILLS

HB 6/SB 9 Education Finance Reform Task Force

HB 556 Study Early Childhood Education

HB 751 Career and College Ready/High School Grads

SB 234 Needs-Based Public School Capital Funding

COMPETITIVE BUSINESS CLIMATE

While North Carolina is appearing at or near the top of an increasing number of noteworthy business climate rankings, we cannot be complacent as other states are constantly working to be more competitive. North Carolina must continually strive to position its business climate more competitively in order to attract new investment and create and retain more good jobs for North Carolinians.

KEY BILLS

HB 26 Worker's Compensation

After the North Carolina Supreme Court expanded employer liability through the *Wilkes vs. City of Greenville* ruling, House Bill 26 clarified the 2011 reforms. This legislative fix saved the 2011 reforms from decimation, which restored balance to a no-fault system, made sure workers received timely access to benefits, and drove costs down.

HB 356 Tax Reduction

House Bill 356 increased the standard deduction, repealed the mill machinery tax and simplified the franchise tax calculation – key priorities included in the NC Chamber's 2017 Jobs Agenda.

SB 325 Personal Income Tax Rate Cut

Senate Bill 325 reduced the personal income tax rate cut from 5.499% to 5.25% and raised the standard deduction/zero tax bracket from \$17,500 to \$20,000.

SB 470 Personal Injury Bankruptcy Claims

Senate Bill 470 would amend Rule 26 of North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedures regarding civil discovery in asbestos personal injury cases, necessitating trust claims be filed prior to trial instead of after. As claims would become admissible evidence, this bill will stop bad-acting personal injury attorneys from gaming North Carolina's legal system when filing asbestos bankruptcy trust claims.

JOBS CHAMPIONS



Representative
Holly Grange



Representative
Ken Goodman



Senator
Michael V. Lee



Senator
Trudy Wade

2017 COMPETITIVE BUSINESS CLIMATE BILLS

HB 56 Amend Environmental Laws

HB 61 Small Business Income Tax Relief

HB 142 Reset of S.L. 2016-3

HB 243 STOP Act

HB 374 Business Freedom Act

HB 467 Agriculture and Forestry Nuisance Remedies

HB 507 Land-Use Regulatory Changes

HB 795 Economic Development Incentives Modifications

HB 819/SB 632 Protect North Carolina Right to Work
Constitutional Amend

HB 847 Exempt Manufacturing Equipment from Tax

SB 16 Business Regulatory Reform Act of 2017

SB 131 Regulatory Reform Act of 2017

SB 155 ABC Omnibus Legislation

SB 434 Amend Environmental Laws 2

SB 563 Business Court Changes

SB 615 North Carolina Farm Act

SB 621 Business Contracts/Choice of Law and Forum

SB 622 Business Corporation Act Revisions

INFRASTRUCTURE & GROWTH LEADERSHIP

North Carolina must identify ways to continue investing in the development and maintenance of sound physical infrastructure, including transportation (roads, railroads and ports), water and sewer, energy and broadband/advanced communications to meet the demands of population and economic growth.

KEY BILLS

HB 56 Amend Environmental Laws

House Bill 56 eliminated local government monopolies in waste disposal by changing flow restrictions. Flow control restrictions gave local governments an unfair advantage when competing with the private sector and created a hidden tax through tipping fees, which makes waste disposal more expensive for residents and businesses.

HB 310 Wireless Communications Infrastructure Siting

House Bill 310 reformed wireless communications infrastructure licensing and permitting to advance economic opportunity across the state. Specifically, the bill established an improved permitting process to help wireless providers extend service across North Carolina using small wireless facilities that rely on collocation and access to public-owned right-of-way.

HB 589 Competitive Energy Solutions for North Carolina

House Bill 589 updated the antiquated Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA), instituting fair and balanced policies that will foster competitive rates, greater reliability and a fair rate of return for third party facilities. Had the 40-year-old law not been reformed, it could have cost North Carolina businesses and energy consumers. Now, North Carolina consumers will save \$800 million over the next 10 years.

SB 16 Business Regulatory Reform Act

Senate Bill 16 reduced many regulatory burdens stifling growth for businesses across North Carolina by amending state laws regarding storm water, administrative procedures for rulemaking, landfill permitting, various studies and more.

2017 INFRASTRUCTURE & GROWTH LEADERSHIP BILLS

HB 95 Truck Deliveries to Port/Night Travel

HB 110 DOT/DMV Changes - Megaproject Funding

HB 220 State Infrastructure Bank Revisions

HB 351/SB 339 Utilities/Rate Base/Fair Value Determination

HB 352/SB 340 Rate Marking/Water/Wastewater/Public Utilities

HB 501 DOT Surveying Information in Plans

HB 583 Pay-As-You-Go Capital & Infrastructure Fund

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INNOVATION

North Carolina must consistently foster innovation and entrepreneurship that leads to capital formation, investment, employment and good jobs. Creating the culture of innovation and entrepreneurship necessary to be a world-class jobs leader will require a high degree of economic freedom with minimum government interference, regulation and taxes.

2017 ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INNOVATION BILLS

HB 68 Bright Futures Act

House Bill 68 establishes a number of measures intended to broaden access to digital infrastructure for economic development and key “BRIGHT markets.” These markets include broadband, health care, training and education services, the power grid and others. This bill also clarifies rules regarding Rural Economic Development Grants and would bolster economic growth in non-urban areas.

HB 867 Coastal Fisheries Conservation/Economic Development

House Bill 867 will revise our fisheries management laws to prioritize resource growth and streamline regulatory decision making, transforming North Carolina’s fishing economy. Without action to preserve and grow North Carolina’s coastal fisheries, this valuable resource will continue to see a decline in production, ultimately costing the region jobs and jeopardizing its competitive future.

JOBS CHAMPIONS



Representative
Pat McElraft



Representative
Edward Hanes, Jr.



Senator
Paul Newton



Senator
Tamara Barringer

2017 BAD BILLS

HB 35 Protect North Carolina Workers Act

HB 238/SB 174 Economic Security Act of 2017

HB 266 Terminate Agreement for Tolling of I-77

HB 289/SB 210 Living Wage by 2022

HB 306 E-Verify Required - All Government Contracts

HB 366 Retail Workers’ Bill of Rights

HB 417 Actually Get Rid of Common Core Act

HB 435 Raise Minimum Age to Access Tobacco Products

HB 474 Up Minimum Wage/Set Rates/COLA

HB 543/SB 463 Caregiver Relief Act

HB 544/SB 556 Healthy Families & Workplace/Paid Sick Days

HB 640/SB 324 Repeal Certificate of Need Laws

HB 652 Freeze New Toll Contracts

HB 663 Right to Repair Act

HB 687 Amend Various Coal Ash Provisions

HB 721 Omnibus Act Regarding Coal-Based Energy

SB 428 Chiropractor Parity & Preceptorships

SB 537 North Carolina Equal Pay Act

SB 580 UI for High Unemployment Areas/State Funding

NC SENATE

2017 HOW THEY VOTED

Legislator	District	Hometown	Votes for Jobs	Votes Against Jobs	2017 Percentage	Lifetime Percentage
John Alexander, Jr.	SD-15	Raleigh	27	0	100%	95%
Deanna Ballard	SD-45	Blowing Rock	26	0	100%	95%
Chad Barefoot	SD-18	Wake Forest	27	0	100%	96%
Tamara Barringer	SD-17	Cary	27	4	87%	87%
Phil Berger	SD-26	Eden	28	0	100%	96%
Dan Bishop	SD-39	Charlotte	29	1	97%	97%
Dan Blue	SD-14	Raleigh	14	15	48%	60%
Danny Britt, Jr.	SD-13	Lumberton	27	0	100%	100%
Andrew Brock*	SD-34	Mocksville	26	3	90%	93%
Harry Brown	SD-6	Jacksonville	30	0	100%	97%
Angela Bryant	SD-4	Rocky Mount	13	19	41%	56%
Jay Chaudhuri	SD-16	Raleigh	6	13	32%	56%
Ben Clark	SD-21	Raeford	17	12	59%	79%
Bill Cook	SD-1	Chocowinity	29	2	94%	94%
David Curtis	SD-44	Denver	29	0	100%	96%
Warren Daniel	SD-46	Morganton	25	4	86%	87%
Don Davis	SD-5	Snow Hill	13	15	46%	55%
Jim Davis	SD-50	Franklin	20	1	95%	95%
Cathy Dunn	SD-33	Southmont	28	0	100%	100%
Chuck Edwards	SD-48	Hendersonville	30	0	100%	100%
Joel Ford	SD-38	Charlotte	5	9	36%	75%
Valerie Foushee	SD-23	Chapel Hill	12	19	39%	56%
Rick Gunn	SD-24	Burlington	31	0	100%	97%
Kathy Harrington	SD-43	Gastonia	28	2	93%	95%
Ralph Hise	SD-47	Spruce Pine	25	5	83%	89%

* = Resigned

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Rick Horner	SD-11	Wilson	25	3	89%	89%
Brent Jackson	SD-10	Autryville	33	0	100%	97%
Jeff Jackson	SD-37	Charlotte	11	12	48%	59%
Joyce Krawiec	SD-31	Kernersville	30	1	97%	96%
Michael Lee	SD-9	Wilmington	30	0	100%	94%
Paul Lowe, Jr.	SD-32	Winston-Salem	12	14	46%	57%
Tom McInnis	SD-25	Rockingham	31	0	100%	100%
Floyd McKissick, Jr.	SD-20	Durham	12	14	46%	64%
Wesley Meredith	SD-19	Fayetteville	22	5	81%	89%
Paul Newton	SD-36	Mount Pleasant	30	0	100%	100%
Louis Pate	SD-7	Mount Olive	27	1	96%	95%
Ronald Rabin	SD-12	Spring Lake	28	1	97%	95%
Bill Rabon	SD-8	Southport	31	0	100%	96%
Shirley Randleman	SD-30	Wilkesboro	26	3	90%	92%
Gladys Robinson	SD-28	Greensboro	7	13	35%	51%
Norman Sanderson	SD-2	Arapahoe	29	3	91%	92%
Erica Smith-Ingram	SD-3	Gaston	13	15	46%	57%
Jeff Tarte	SD-41	Cornelius	22	2	92%	90%
Jerry Tillman	SD-29	Archdale	28	0	100%	95%
Tommy Tucker	SD-35	Waxhaw	27	2	93%	95%
Terry Van Duyn	SD-49	Asheville	11	19	37%	55%
Joyce Waddell	SD-40	Charlotte	15	15	50%	60%
Trudy Wade	SD-27	Greensboro	29	1	97%	96%
Andy Wells	SD-42	Hickory	30	2	94%	91%
Mike Woodard	SD-22	Durham	8	13	38%	61%

NC HOUSE

2017 HOW THEY VOTED

Legislator	District	Hometown	Votes for Jobs	Votes Against Jobs	2017 Percentage	Lifetime Percentage
Jay Adams	HD-96	Hickory	40	4	91%	93%
Gale Adcock	HD-41	Cary	29	13	69%	73%
John Ager	HD-115	Fairview	26	20	57%	60%
Kelly Alexander, Jr.	HD-107	Charlotte	28	11	72%	72%
Dean Arp	HD-69	Monroe	40	4	91%	91%
John Autry	HD-100	Charlotte	21	24	47%	47%
Cynthia Ball	HD-49	Raleigh	26	18	59%	59%
Chaz Beasley	HD-92	Charlotte	29	17	63%	63%
Mary Belk	HD-88	Charlotte	26	18	59%	59%
John Bell, IV	HD-10	Goldsboro	47	1	98%	94%
Larry Bell	HD-21	Clinton	32	13	71%	69%
Mary Ann Black	HD-29	Durham	22	22	50%	50%
Hugh Blackwell	HD-86	Valdese	31	11	74%	75%
John Blust	HD-62	Greensboro	31	12	72%	76%
James Boles, Jr.	HD-52	Southern Pines	37	4	90%	88%
Beverly Boswell	HD-6	Kill Devil Hills	38	9	81%	81%
John Bradford, III	HD-98	Cronelius	34	8	81%	84%
William Brawley	HD-103	Matthews	43	1	98%	94%
William Brisson	HD-22	Dublin	36	4	90%	88%
Cecil Brockman	HD-60	High Point	27	15	64%	68%
Mark Brody	HD-55	Monroe	36	8	82%	87%
Dana Bumgardner	HD-109	Gastonia	31	10	76%	81%
Justin Burr	HD-67	Albemarle	37	5	88%	84%
Deb Butler	HD-18	Wilmington	23	20	53%	53%
Becky Carney	HD-102	Charlotte	28	11	72%	71%
Mike Clampitt	HD-119	Bryson City	42	2	95%	95%
George Cleveland	HD-14	Jacksonville	31	12	72%	77%
Jeff Collins	HD-25	Rocky Mount	34	12	74%	80%
Debra Conrad	HD-74	Winson-Salem	37	7	84%	87%
Kevin Corbin	HD-120	Franklin	36	2	95%	95%

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Carla Cunningham	HD-106	Charlotte	28	14	67%	56%
Ted Davis, Jr.	HD-19	Wilmington	47	1	98%	95%
Jimmy Dixon	HD-4	Mount Olive	39	5	89%	92%
Josh Dobson	HD-85	Nebo	34	5	87%	85%
Nelson Dollar	HD-36	Cary	40	4	91%	89%
Andy Dulin	HD-104	Charlotte	43	1	98%	98%
Beverly Earle	HD-101	Charlotte	31	13	70%	64%
Jeffrey Elmore	HD-94	N. Wilkesboro	31	3	91%	90%
John Faircloth	HD-61	High Point	43	1	98%	94%
Jean Farmer-Butterfield	HD-24	Wilson	24	15	62%	57%
Susan C. Fisher	HD-114	Asheville	22	27	45%	44%
Elmer Floyd	HD-43	Fayetteville	27	16	63%	67%
Carl Ford	HD-76	China Grove	34	10	77%	83%
John Fraley	HD-95	Mooresville	43	2	96%	96%
Terry Garrison	HD-32	Henderson	28	16	64%	64%
Rosa Gill	HD-33	Raleigh	27	15	64%	58%
Ken Goodman	HD-66	Rockingham	39	4	91%	92%
Charles Graham	HD-47	Lumberton	25	11	69%	71%
George Graham	HD-12	Kinston	30	11	73%	66%
Holly Grange	HD-20	Wilmington	39	2	95%	95%
Destin Hall	HD-87	Lenoir	37	8	82%	82%
Duane Hall	HD-11	Raleigh	27	18	60%	58%
Kyle Hall	HD-91	King	40	5	89%	87%
Edward Hanes, Jr.	HD-72	Winston-Salem	36	4	90%	82%
Jon Hardister	HD-59	Greensboro	43	2	96%	89%
Pricey Harrison	HD-57	Greensboro	20	29	41%	43%
Kelly E. Hastings	HD-110	Cherryville	39	3	93%	89%
Cody Henson	HD-113	Brevard	35	8	81%	81%
Yvonne Holley	HD-38	Raleigh	25	18	58%	56%
Craig Horn	HD-68	Weddington	46	1	98%	92%

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Julia Howard	HD-79	Mocksville	37	8	82%	82%
Howard Hunter, III	HD-5	Ahoskie	35	9	80%	75%
Pat Hurley	HD-70	Asheboro	42	4	91%	91%
Frank Iler	HD-17	Oak Island	37	4	90%	91%
Verla Insko	HD-56	Chapel Hill	20	24	45%	48%
Darren Jackson	HD-39	Raleigh	26	19	58%	61%
Joe John	HD-40	Raleigh	25	18	58%	58%
Linda Johnson	HD-83	Kannapolis	46	1	98%	94%
Bert Jones	HD-65	Reidsville	31	5	86%	83%
Brenden Jones	HD-46	Tabor City	36	1	97%	97%
Jonathan Jordan	HD-93	West Jefferson	40	4	91%	80%
Donny Lambeth	HD-75	Winston-Salem	40	3	93%	90%
David Lewis	HD-53	Dunn	43	1	98%	92%
Marvin Lucas	HD-42	Spring Lake	34	9	79%	75%
Chris Malone	HD-35	Wake Forest	40	4	91%	86%
Grier Martin	HD-34	Raleigh	24	16	60%	60%
Susan Martin	HD-8	Wilson	46	1	98%	93%
Pat McElraft	HD-13	Emerald Isle	42	3	93%	92%
Chuck McGrady	HD-117	Hendersonville	36	9	80%	80%
Allen McNeill	HD-78	Asheboro	40	4	91%	93%
Graig Meyer	HD-50	Chapel Hill	26	18	59%	60%
Henry Michaux, Jr.	HD-31	Durham	23	17	58%	57%
Chris Millis	HD-16	Hampstead	32	13	71%	75%
Rodney Moore	HD-99	Charlotte	26	6	81%	82%
Tim Moore	HD-111	Kings Mountain	40	1	98%	95%
Marcia Morey	HD-30	Durham	21	18	54%	54%
Greg Murphy	HD-9	Greenville	36	2	95%	88%
Garland Pierce	HD-48	Wagram	28	16	64%	64%
Larry Pittman	HD-82	Concord	34	11	76%	78%
Larry Potts	HD-81	Lexington	39	5	89%	89%

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Michelle Presnell	HD-118	Burnsville	43	3	93%	92%
Amos Quick	HD-58	Greensboro	20	22	48%	48%
Robert Reives, II	HD-54	Sanford	25	19	57%	63%
Bobbie Richardson	HD-7	Louisburg	24	19	56%	55%
Billy Richardson	HD-44	Fayetteville	28	17	62%	71%
Dennis Riddell	HD-64	Snow Camp	41	3	93%	92%
David Rogers	HD-112	Rutherfordton	36	4	90%	90%
Stephen Ross	HD-63	Burlington	45	1	98%	94%
Jason Saine	HD-97	Lincolnton	43	1	98%	91%
John Sauls	HD-51	Sanford	41	2	95%	95%
Mitchell Setzer	HD-89	Catawba	35	8	81%	77%
Phil Shepard	HD-15	Jacksonville	41	3	93%	90%
Michael Speciale	HD-03	New Bern	31	13	70%	74%
Bob Steinburg	HD-1	Edenton	32	3	91%	92%
Sarah Stevens	HD-90	Mount Airy	41	1	98%	94%
Scott Stone	HD-105	Charlotte	43	1	98%	98%
Larry Strickland	HD-28	Pine Level	40	4	91%	91%
John Szoka	HD-45	Fayetteville	45	1	98%	95%
Evelyn Terry	HD-71	Winston-Salem	25	15	63%	54%
John Torbett	HD-108	Stanley	44	3	94%	92%
Brian Turner	HD-116	Asheville	28	16	64%	70%
Rena Turner	HD-84	Olin	41	2	95%	91%
Harry Warren	HD-77	Salisbury	36	8	82%	85%
Sam Watford	HD-80	Thomasville	47	1	98%	97%
Linda Hunt Williams	HD-37	Holly Springs	42	1	98%	98%
Donna White	HD-26	Clayton	39	4	91%	91%
Shelly Willingham	HD-23	Rocky Mount	28	16	64%	60%
Michael Wray	HD-27	Gaston	37	6	86%	79%
Larry Yarborough	HD-2	Roxboro	39	1	98%	96%
Lee Zachary	HD-73	Yadkinville	42	1	98%	96%

2017 JOBS CHAMPIONS

Legislators who earned the title of Jobs Champion voted for the Jobs Agenda at least 80 percent of the time or led efforts to pass key pro-business bills.

Rep. Jay Adams	Rep. Bert Jones	Sen. John Alexander
Rep. Dean Arp	Rep. Brenden Jones	Sen. Deanna Ballard
Rep. John Bell	Rep. Jonathan Jordan	Sen. Chad Barefoot
Rep. James Boles	Rep. Donny Lambeth	Sen. Tamara Barringer
Rep. Beverly Boswell	Rep. David Lewis	Sen. Phil Berger
Rep. John Bradford	Rep. Chris Malone	Sen. Dan Bishop
Rep. William Brawley	Rep. Susan Martin	Sen. Danny Britt
Rep. William Brisson	Rep. Pat McElraft	Sen. Andrew Brock
Rep. Mark Brody	Rep. Chuck McGrady	Sen. Harry Brown
Rep. Justin Burr	Rep. Allen McNeill	Sen. Bill Cook
Rep. Mike Clampitt	Rep. Rodney Moore	Sen. David Curtis
Rep. Debra Conrad	Rep. Tim Moore	Sen. Warren Daniel
Rep. Kevin Corbin	Rep. Greg Murphy	Sen. Jim Davis
Rep. Ted Davis	Rep. Larry Potts	Sen. Cathy Dunn
Rep. Jimmy Dixon	Rep. Michele Presnell	Sen. Chuck Edwards
Rep. Josh Dobson	Rep. Dennis Riddell	Sen. Rick Gunn
Rep. Nelson Dollar	Rep. David Rogers	Sen. Kathy Harrington
Rep. Andy Dulin	Rep. Stephen Ross	Sen. Ralph Hise
Rep. Jeffrey Elmore	Rep. Jason Saine	Sen. Rick Horner
Rep. John Faircloth	Rep. John Sauls	Sen. Brent Jackson
Rep. John Fraley	Rep. Mitchell Setzer	Sen. Joyce Krawiec
Rep. Ken Goodman	Rep. Phil Shepard	Sen. Michael Lee
Rep. Holly Grange	Rep. Bob Steinburg	Sen. Tom McInnis
Rep. Destin Hall	Rep. Sarah Stevens	Sen. Wesley Meredith
Rep. Kyle Hall	Rep. Scott Stone	Sen. Paul Newton
Rep. Edward Hanes	Rep. Larry Strickland	Sen. Louis Pate
Rep. Jon Hardister	Rep. John Szoka	Sen. Ronald Rabin
Rep. Kelly Hastings	Rep. John Torbett	Sen. Bill Rabon
Rep. Cody Henson	Rep. Rena Turner	Sen. Shirley Randleman
Rep. Craig Horn	Rep. Harry Warren	Sen. Norman Sanderson
Rep. Julia Howard	Rep. Sam Watford	Sen. Jeff Tarte
Rep. Howard Hunter	Rep. Donna White	Sen. Jerry Tillman
Rep. Pat Hurley	Rep. Linda Hunt Williams	Sen. Tommy Tucker
Rep. Frank Iler	Rep. Michael Wray	Sen. Trudy Wade
Rep. Linda Johnson	Rep. Larry Yarborough	Sen. Andy Wells
	Rep. Lee Zachary	

2018 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Pillar 1: Education & Talent Supply

As a follow-up to maintaining HIRE Standards and a transparent school grading system, the NC Chamber will advocate for an accountable, transparent and collaborative processes in turning around low-performing schools.

The NC Chamber will push for measures that increase awareness of and facilitate accessibility to robust workplace learning initiatives, including apprenticeships.

The NC Chamber will monitor the Education Finance Reform Task Force.

Pillar 2: Competitive Business Climate

The NC Chamber will closely monitor Senate Bill 81: Sales Tax Economic Nexus for Remote as it would establish an “economic nexus” as the basis for sales tax collections on remote sellers, effectively ensuring that North Carolina retailers would only be taxed for sales occurring in-state.

The NC Chamber will continue the business community’s opposition to additional health insurance mandates.

The NC Chamber will continue fighting for passage of Senate Bill 470, which includes measures that will stop bad-acting personal injury attorneys from gaming North Carolina’s legal system when filing asbestos bankruptcy claims.

Pillar 3: Entrepreneurship & Innovation

The NC Chamber will advocate for the establishment of a research and development grant program for early stage and start-up companies.

The NC Chamber will promote establishing a system-wide Office of Technology Transfer at the system level charged with establishing a uniform technology transfer policy across the 17 campuses of the N.C. University System.

The NC Chamber will support increased awareness of and key policies that promote the growth of food manufacturing processing and agribusiness industries in North Carolina.

Pillar 4: Infrastructure & Growth Leadership

The NC Chamber will advocate for House Bill 374, Business Freedom Act, as it will make technical, conforming, and other changes to the labor laws of North Carolina, while also streamlining permitting and revamping the contest case process.

The NC Chamber will advance policies that streamline the permitting process as outlined in the NC Chamber Foundation Regulatory Competitiveness Study.

The NC Chamber will bolster policy initiatives that improve access to the adoption of broadband in non-urban areas of the state.

The NC Chamber will work with the North Carolina Department of Transportation and road contractors to remove barriers to access of the \$2.2 billion cash balance available for capital projects.



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