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District 113



**Legislative Update Two – Short Session
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Brevard, North Carolina – I want to take the opportunity this week to talk about a few local bills that I have sponsored and update you about the budget situation in Raleigh. Things are fairly hectic right now in the General Assembly as we work to try and address a whole host of serious issues facing North Carolina in a very short amount of time.

Acknowledging that we are a district full of history and heritage, I sponsored House Bill 1789 which honors Tryon's 125th Anniversary and House Bill 1790 which honors Transylvania County's 150th Anniversary. I am also happy to report that I have filed a bill, House Bill 1663, which seeks to appropriate multi-campus funds for Blue Ridge Community College. These funds, if approved, will total approximately \$371,400 and go to support Blue Ridge Community College's efforts in Transylvania County. After talking with educational and summer camp leaders I have filed House Bill 1896. This piece of legislation seeks to give local school districts flexibility in the event of inclement weather. It states that school districts will have the option of scheduling either 180 instructional days or 1,000 hours of instructional time in the event of inclement weather. It also places the decision making ability on this issue with local school boards. Additionally, I have filed a local bill, House Bill 1664, which seeks to amend the Brevard charter and allow the City Manager to appoint the City Clerk and set the pay rate for this position. There is a companion bill for this piece of legislation in the North Carolina Senate which was filed by Senator Snow.

I have filed two pieces of legislation in this short session that seek to disapprove acts that happened previously and impact our local communities. First, House Bill 1677 seeks to disapprove the reclassification of Boylston Creek. This piece of legislation has support from members of the Henderson County and Transylvania County legislative delegations. Senate Bill 1259 seeks to do the same and has been filed as a companion bill to this piece of legislation in the North Carolina Senate. House Bill 1672 has been filed and seeks to disapprove the ruling by the State Board of Community Colleges which allows for the admittance of illegal immigrants into our community college system. Again, there has been a companion bill filed in the North Carolina Senate.

The North Carolina Senate passed their version of the budget last week and we will begin discussing the budget within our committees this week in the House. There are several different opinions of the upcoming fiscal year's budget. The general consensus is that we are once again facing a major shortfall in North Carolina. There still exists a need to prioritize our concerns as a state and make funding decisions based on those priorities. The people of North Carolina deserve our very best efforts and rushing through a budgeting process is not the way to do it. We must take our time, discuss these issues thoroughly and make decisions based on the priorities that have been established.

I will keep you posted throughout the coming weeks on the budget discussions as well as the progress of these pieces of legislation that will potentially impact our local communities. Please continue to contact my office with any questions or concerns. I enjoy hearing from each of you and it is my goal to ensure that the voice of the people is always heard throughout our state government. Please visit my website, www.davidguice.com, and learn more about me and our efforts. I am proud to announce that we have unveiled our new website. It has some new features and we are going to keep it updated regularly. Thank you again for the humbling experience to serve you, the people of District 113, in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

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