

Wake County Legislative Goals

2018 Legislative Short Session



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Legislative Goals Review

- 2017-2018 NCACC goals adopted in January 2017
- 2017 Wake County goals adopted February 2017
- 2017 legislative session adjourned February 2018
- 2018 legislative session begins on May 16

2017 Successes!

Prevent the relaxation of environmental protections

No action was taken reducing or eliminating buffers, study on removal of buffers from tax rolls

Repeal HB2

Businesses are talking to us again, Wake County hosting NCAA events

Increase Transportation Funds & Protect STI

Budget increased STI by \$320 million, no changes to STI and \$52 million to RDU

2017 Successes!

Preserve Local Tax Revenues

No sales or property tax sources were lost or diverted

Raise the Age

Legislation increased the age of juvenile jurisdiction from 16-18 except in A-E felonies

PreK Funding

Eliminates PreK waitlist by 2020

2017 Successes!

- DOT and municipalities will fund required road system improvements for schools
- Lottery funds increased to rural school construction
- \$2 million for child-focused behavioral health facilities
- STOP Act – assisting in opioid crisis
- Funds for Wake EMS diversion program

2017 Struggles

Medicaid Expansion*

Didn't happen, not going to happen in NC Senate

Orphan Roads

House passed a convoluted bill that probably will not help, going to try again

Digital Infrastructure

Some legislators continue to push/private providers continue to block

2017 Struggles

Behavioral Health Funding

Single stream funding was reduced in both years of the budget, fund balances of LME/MCOs and Cardinal are the root causes

Fund Recovery Courts

Continued hesitancy to fund any specific courts statewide/resources used for other programs

K-3 Class Size and per pupil funding

Wins on increased funding for positions, no increases for capital

2018 Legislative “Short Session”

- Priority #1 “Budget Adjustment Session”
 - Revenues in-line with projections for FY18
 - Out years questionable, possible 2019 recession
- Health Care Reform Continues
 - Governor continues to push Carolina Cares HB 662
 - Integration of physical and behavioral health care
 - Future of delivery landscape (rural and mergers)
 - Certificates of Need



2018 Legislative “Short Session”

- Constitutional Amendments
 - Voter ID
 - Cap on income tax rates
- Education Funding
 - Teacher salaries
 - Education funding formulas
- Economic Development
 - Tier designation metrics
 - Incentive grant distribution



2018 Proposed Legislative Goals

- Continue Support of all NCACC Goals
- Keep environmental protection local goal #1
- Keep healthcare expansion local goal #2
- New local goal of common county boundary
- New goal to Reinstate NC affordable housing tax credit
- New goal to oppose splitting of school districts

Next Steps

- Review the staff proposed goals
- Suggest any recommendations to staff
- Vote on final goals on April 16th
- Share goals with Wake County delegation
- Advocate!

Questions?

