



**2023-2024**

# North Carolina State Legislative Scorecard

See how Members of North Carolina's General Assembly are voting on economic growth issues.



Club for Growth Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization focused on educating the public about the value of free markets, pro-growth policies, and economic prosperity.

State Scorecards are created by the Club for Growth Foundation to educate the public about the voting records of the legislators who serve in state legislatures. This is part of a larger scorecard project that the Club for Growth Foundation has created to educate the public about the economic positions taken by legislators in states across the country.

# Our Mission

THE FOUNDATION EDUCATES THE PUBLIC ABOUT PRO-GROWTH POLICIES.

THE FOUNDATION CONDUCTS COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS OF VOTING RECORDS.

THE FOUNDATION'S GOAL IS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC AND BRING AWARENESS TO LAWMAKERS.

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Club for Growth Foundation publishes the scorecard study so the public can monitor the actions and the voting behavior of North Carolina’s elected state lawmakers on economic growth issues.

The Foundation conducted a comprehensive examination of each lawmaker’s record on votes related to pro-growth policies and computed an Economic Growth Score on a scale of 0 to 100. A score of 100 indicates the highest support for pro-growth policies.

**The Foundation examines legislative votes related to the Club’s immediate pro-economic growth policy goals, including:**

- Reducing or eliminating tax rates and enacting tax reform
- Limiting government through limited spending and budget reform
- Regulatory reform and deregulation
- Ending abusive lawsuits through medical malpractice and tort reform
- Expanding school choice
- Implementing Term Limits

Not all of these policy goals will come up for a vote in each legislative session.

The Foundation also examines votes on bills that would directly harm these goals.

This scorecard is based on selected votes of importance to the Foundation and does not include the complete voting record of any legislator. There are inherent limitations in judging the overall qualifications of any legislator based on a selected voting record, and the Foundation does not endorse or oppose any legislator for public office.

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The Foundation’s study examined over 1,400 floor votes and, in the end, included 16 North Carolina House votes and 12 North Carolina Senate votes.

### COMPUTATION

Scores are computed on a scale of 0 to 100. Each vote or action in the rating is assigned a certain number of points depending on its relative importance. If a lawmaker casts a correct vote, the scorecard will denote it with that number. If a lawmaker casts an incorrect vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with a hyphen (-). Absences are not counted – signified as an “X” on the scorecard – though the Foundation reserves the right to do so if, in its judgment, a lawmaker’s position was otherwise discernible. If a lawmaker was not officially sworn into office at the time of a vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with an “I”.

To provide some additional guidance concerning the scores, each lawmaker was ranked. Aside from ties, lawmakers with 0%

scores are, by default, ranked #120 in the House and #50 in the Senate if all lawmakers are present. Scores and ranks cannot be directly compared between the House and Senate, as different votes were taken in each chamber. If applicable, the study also records a “Lifetime Score” for each lawmaker. This is a simple average of the scores from 2023-2024 and all previous years where the lawmaker earned a score.

In some cases, a lawmaker was not present for enough votes for a meaningful score or ranking to be computed. In such cases, “n.a.” for “not applicable” appears. In computing lifetime scores, years with “n.a.” listed instead of a score are not included. Comparing such scores to other members without “n.a.” years may be misleading.

### ADDITIONAL FACTORS

A study of roll call votes on the floor of the North Carolina House and North Carolina Senate and legislative actions is just that. It cannot account for a lawmaker’s work in committee, advocacy in his party’s caucus meetings, and effectiveness as a leader in advocating pro-growth policies.

“Through the release of this series, the Club for Growth Foundation is looking at how state legislatures perform in terms of pro-growth policies. We believe that this scorecard will help inform citizens and entrepreneurs about who supports the policies that are good for economic prosperity.”

**- DAVID McINTOSH**  
PRESIDENT, CLUB FOR GROWTH FOUNDATION

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# North Carolina Senate Snapshot

30 Republicans

20 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 51%

Average Democrat Score: 9%

## HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICANS

Norman Sanderson (SD-1) | 73%

Eddie Settle (SD-36) | 73%

## LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Jim Perry (SD-2) | 27%

## HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRATS

Paul Lowe (SD-32) | 20%

Julie Mayfield (SD-49) | 20%

## LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRATS

Gale Adcock (SD-16) | 0%

Kandie Smith (SD-5) | 0%

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<b>PRO-GROWTH POSITION</b>					N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	
<b>POINTS</b>					3	25	12	12	5	6	6	6	8	5	6	6	
Adcock, Gale	SD-16	D	0%	14%	X	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	49
Alexander, Ted	SD-44	R	49%	47%	X	-	12	12	X	6	X	6	-	-	-	6	10
Applewhite, Val	SD-19	D	8%	8%	3	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41
Barnes, Lisa	SD-11	R	48%	49%	-	-	12	12	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	11
Batch, Sydney	SD-17	D	10%	19%	3	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	35
Berger, Phil	SD-26	R	48%	52%	-	-	12	12	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	11
Blue, Dan	SD-14	D	8%	16%	3	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41
Bode, Mary Wills	SD-18	D	8%	8%	3	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41
Brinson, Bob	SD-02	R	n/a	n/a	-	I	I	I	I	I	6	I	I	I	I	I	
Britt, Danny Earl	SD-24	R	47%	47%	-	-	12	12	X	6	6	X	-	-	-	6	27
Burgin, Jim	SD-12	R	48%	50%	-	-	12	12	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	11
Chaudhuri, Jay	SD-15	D	9%	15%	3	-	-	-	5	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Corbin, Kevin	SD-50	R	52%	52%	-	-	12	12	-	6	6	6	X	-	-	6	6
Craven, David	SD-29	R	48%	50%	-	-	12	12	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	11
Daniel, Warren	SD-46	R	51%	51%	-	-	12	12	X	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	8
Ford, Carl	SD-33	R	48%	50%	-	-	12	12	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	11
Galey, Amy	SD-25	R	48%	52%	-	-	12	12	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	11
Garrett, Michael	SD-27	D	10%	24%	3	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	-	X	X	X	35
Grafstein, Lisa	SD-13	D	8%	8%	3	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41
Hanig, Bobby	SD-03	R	64%	46%	-	X	12	12	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	3
Hise, Ralph	SD-47	R	48%	52%	-	-	12	12	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	11

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<b>POINTS</b>					3	25	12	12	5	6	6	6	8	5	6	6	
Hunt, Rachel	SD-42	D	7%	12%	X	-	-	-	5	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	47
Jackson, Brent	SD-09	R	46%	50%	X	-	12	12	-	6	X	6	-	-	-	6	28
Jarvis, Steve	SD-30	R	64%	57%	-	X	12	12	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	3
Johnson, Todd	SD-35	R	48%	50%	-	-	12	12	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	11
Krawiec, Joyce	SD-31	R	48%	50%	-	-	12	12	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	11
Lazzara, Michael	SD-06	R	46%	52%	X	-	12	12	-	6	X	6	-	-	-	6	28
Lee, Michael	SD-07	R	48%	50%	-	-	12	12	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	11
Lowe, Paul	SD-32	D	20%	26%	3	-	12	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
Marcus, Natasha	SD-41	D	10%	18%	3	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	35
Mayfield, Julie	SD-49	D	20%	27%	3	-	12	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
McInnis, Tom	SD-21	R	48%	48%	-	-	12	12	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	11
Meyer, Graig	SD-23	D	11%	13%	3	X	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
Moffitt, Timothy	SD-48	R	64%	53%	-	X	12	12	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	3
Mohammed, Mujtaba	SD-38	D	10%	13%	3	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	35
Murdock, Natalie	SD-20	D	8%	13%	3	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41
Newton, Buck	SD-04	R	48%	48%	-	-	12	12	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	11
Newton, Paul	SD-34	R	48%	50%	-	-	12	12	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	11
Overcash, Brad	SD-43	R	48%	48%	-	-	12	12	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	11
Perry, Jim	SD-02	R	27%	43%	I	-	X	X	-	6	I	6	-	-	-	6	30
Proctor, H. Dean	SD-45	R	51%	51%	-	-	12	12	X	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	8
Rabon, Bill	SD-08	R	52%	52%	-	-	12	12	-	6	6	6	X	-	-	6	6

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<b>POINTS</b>					3	25	12	12	5	6	6	6	8	5	6	6	
Robinson, Gladys	SD-28	D	16%	18%	3	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	6	-	33
Salvador, DeAndrea	SD-39	D	4%	13%	3	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	48
Sanderson, Norman	SD-01	R	73%	62%	-	25	12	12	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	1
Sawrey, Benton	SD-10	R	48%	48%	-	-	12	12	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	11
Sawyer, Vickie	SD-37	R	48%	50%	-	-	12	12	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	11
Settle, Eddie	SD-36	R	73%	73%	-	25	12	12	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	6	1
Smith, Kandie	SD-05	D	0%	18%	X	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	X	49
Waddell, Joyce	SD-40	D	8%	13%	3	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41
Woodard, Mike	SD-22	D	9%	13%	3	-	-	-	5	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	39

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## HB 10

### SIGNIFICANTLY MUDDLED APPROPRIATIONS PACKAGE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates funding for numerous programs and projects. Specifically, the legislation allocates more than \$460 million for the Opportunity Scholarship Program over the next two years to eliminate the existing backlog and provide more than 55,000 waitlisted students with the ability to attend a school of their family's choice. The program provides households with an income-adjusted per-pupil allocation for education-related expenses such as books, tuition, and tutoring. Unfortunately, the bill appropriates \$277 million for the state Medicaid program to accommodate the catastrophic expansion to healthy adults under Obamacare and perpetuates an ongoing subsidized broadband boondoggle. Lawmakers should not logroll massive expansions of welfare programs with school choice policies that empower parents over teachers' unions.

The North Carolina House passed the bill, 67-43, on September 11, 2024. The North Carolina Senate passed it, 27-17, on September 9, 2024.

## HB 76

### EXPANDING MEDICAID TO HEALTHY ADULTS (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill implements the budget-devouring Medicaid expansion to able-bodied adults under Obamacare. Specifically, the legislation expands the fraudulent Medicaid program to healthy, work-capable adults with income up to 133 percent of the federal poverty level, utilizes federal ARPA funds to temporarily buffer the existing Medicaid population, and implements a massive new provider tax scheme to lock in Obamacare's expanded Federal Medical Assistance Program (FMAP). FMAP funnels federal cost-sharing dollars to Medicaid, paying up to 90 percent of the costs for the new enrollment population. Estimates suggest nearly 600,000 North Carolinians will be enrolled in

a welfare program that devours state budgets and facilitates poor health outcomes for its enrollees. Further, Medicaid spending in North Carolina is estimated to increase by nearly \$2 billion over the biennium—a number guaranteed to skyrocket. This is one of the most fiscally destructive bills ever enacted in the state. The North Carolina House passed the bill, 87-24, on March 23, 2023. The North Carolina Senate passed it, 44-2, on March 15, 2023.

## HB 259 AMDT A7

### GRAFSTEIN AMENDMENT BLOCKING CORPORATE INCOME TAX PHASEOUT (CFGF OPPOSES)

This amendment to the FY2023-FY2025 biennial budget agreement blocks the existing statutory corporate income tax phaseout, slated for complete elimination by 2030, and locks in a permanent corporate tax rate of 2.5 percent. This provision will significantly hamper economic growth and opportunity for households and small businesses. The North

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Carolina Senate rejected the amendment, 18-31, on May 17, 2023. The North Carolina House did not take it up.

### HB 259 AMDT A20

#### TABLING MASSIVE CORPORATE WELFARE GRANTS

**(CFGF SUPPORTS)**

This amendment to the FY2023-FY2025 biennial budget agreement authorizes the new crony SelectSite Readiness Program. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$100 million to the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina to reward hand-selected businesses with taxpayer-subsidized grants to develop infrastructure in partnership with municipalities. This amendment rewards well-connected special interests in specific government-preferred industries at the expense of hardworking North Carolinians and centrally plans the state's economic growth. The North Carolina Senate tabled the amendment, 29-20, on May 17, 2023. The North Carolina House did not take it up.

### HB 259

#### MIXED BAG BUDGET AGREEMENT

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill appropriates funding for the biennial budget. Specifically, the legislation allocates \$60.5 billion in General Fund spending for the FY2023-FY2025 biennium, a 15.7 percent increase compared to the previous biennial budget agreement. The bill includes significant income tax reforms, accelerating previous rate reductions and lowering the existing 4.75 percent rate down to 2.49 percent by 2029 if certain revenue triggers are met. Additionally, the bill repeals the privilege tax on numerous professions, caps the franchise tax at \$500 for the first \$1 million of a business' tax base, prohibits utilities from participating in destructive cap-and-trade schemes regulating carbon emissions, and locks in a significant eligibility expansion for the state's Opportunity Scholarship Program to all households utilizing an income-adjusted per-pupil allocation. Unfortunately, the budget also implements the massive new budget-devouring Medicaid expansion that is estimated to increase Medicaid spending by at least \$2 billion over the

biennium, authorizes \$2 billion in off-budget corporate welfare spending, and hides nearly \$6 billion in additional spending through reserve fund gimmicks. The North Carolina House passed the bill, 70-40, on September 22, 2023. The North Carolina Senate passed it, 26-17, on the same day.

### HB 600

#### VETO OVERRIDE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY REFORMS

**(CFGF SUPPORTS)**

This override reverses the governor's veto of a bill that institutes numerous regulatory reforms. Specifically, the legislation expedites natural gas pipeline permitting, constrains the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) from imposing onerous regulations on water projects, and prohibits DEQ from denying approval for certain farm and agriculture projects on dubious civil rights grounds. These regulatory rollbacks prioritize economic opportunity and growth over radical environmental policies. The North Carolina House overrode the veto, 77-38, on October 10, 2023. The North Carolina Senate overrode it, 30-18, on the same day.

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### HB 690

#### VETO OVERRIDE OF CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY PROHIBITION (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This override reverses the governor’s veto of a bill that prohibits the use of a prospective central bank digital currency (CBDC). Specifically, the legislation prohibits a digital currency issued by the Federal Reserve or other related entity from being recognized, used, or issued as currency in North Carolina. Further, the bill prohibits state agencies from accepting or requiring payments using CBDC mechanisms or from participating in the testing of CBDC by any Federal Reserve branch. This is an important protection for families, workers, and consumers, as a central digital currency would, in effect, give the federal government control over every citizen’s bank account in a massive reorganization of the relationship between citizens and government. The North Carolina House overrode the veto, 73-41, on July 31, 2024. The North Carolina Senate overrode it, 27-17, on September 9, 2024.

### HB 750

#### VETO OVERRIDE OF PROHIBITION ON TAXPAYER-FINANCED ESG INVESTMENTS (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This override reverses the governor’s veto of a bill that prevents entities responsible for managing the portfolios of taxpayer-funded pensions from abandoning their fiduciary duty in favor of a political agenda. Specifically, the legislation requires the state Treasurer, charged with overseeing the nearly \$127 billion in North Carolina’s pension system, to make investment decisions with the sole purpose of maximizing shareholder value as opposed to prioritizing woke Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices. The North Carolina House overrode the veto, 72-46, on June 27, 2023. The North Carolina Senate overrode it, 29-16, on the same day.

### SB 154

#### MASSIVE MUNICIPAL TAX INCREASE PACKAGE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This omnibus municipal tax package authorizes myriad new tax increases across North Carolina.

Specifically, the legislation greenlights 20 municipal occupancy tax increases, ranging from 1 percent to 6 percent, throughout the state. These tax increases are designated to fund government-approved travel promotion, crony economic development handouts, and beach nourishment. Additionally, the bill extends the 1 percent Mecklenburg County sales tax on food and the 2 percent NASCAR museum occupancy tax through 2060. The imposition of new occupancy taxes, which will largely harm middle-class families, benefits local government bureaucrats by promoting activities better reserved for the private sector. The North Carolina House passed the bill, 93-6, on October 25, 2023. The North Carolina Senate passed it, 45-0, on the same day.

### SB 332

#### MERITLESS GOVERNMENT WORKER PAY INCREASES (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill enacts new pay raises for select government employees. Specifically, the legislation provides a 3 percent across-the-

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board salary increase for teachers, principals, non-certified school personnel, and central office employees. Additionally, the bill authorizes bonuses for principals based on relative performance improvements compared to other state school districts. Regardless, taxpayers should not be footing the bill for meritless salary increases for K-12 government employees when student performance has deteriorated or stagnated in several key areas, including reading proficiency, over the last five years. The North Carolina House passed the bill, 113-0, on June 26, 2024. The North Carolina Senate passed it, 44-0, on June 27, 2024.

### SB 357

#### EMERGENCY SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE SPENDING

#### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill authorizes emergency spending for a government childcare program and extends nonrecurring appropriations through the end of the 2024 calendar year. Specifically, the legislation taps into \$32.8 million in additional federal ARPA funds to keep the Childcare

Stabilization Grant program operating, which doles out grants to approved daycare and pre-K programs. In total, the bill appropriates \$67.5 million in state appropriations and federal ARPA funds to continue the “one-time” subsidized child care program implemented in 2021 as part of the COVID spending splurge. Federal money is not “free,” and now state spending baselines are increasing to permanently accommodate a federally funded welfare program that is drying up. The North Carolina House passed the bill, 115-0, on June 26, 2024. The North Carolina Senate passed it, 43-1, on June 27, 2024.

### SB 630

#### INSTITUTING LOWER INCOME TAX CEILING

#### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill facilitates a constitutional amendment that lowers the state’s maximum income tax rate. Specifically, the legislation implements a ballot initiative that modifies the state constitution to prohibit the individual income tax rate from exceeding 5 percent. This is lower than the existing 7 percent constitutional cap, but higher than the current 4.5 percent individual rate enacted

through statutory changes. While the bill is hardly transformative, it does institute a new structural impediment for future legislatures to increase income taxes beyond 5 percent, thereby providing some future protections for hardworking families and entrepreneurs. The North Carolina Senate passed the bill, 30-13, on June 27, 2024. The North Carolina House did not take it up.

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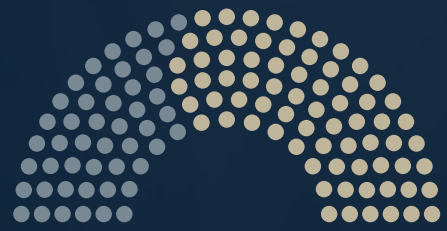
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# North Carolina House Snapshot

72 Republicans

48 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 50%

Average Democrat Score: 15%

## HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

George Cleveland (HD-14) | 81%

## LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Frank Iler (HD-17) | 26%

## HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

B. Ray Jeffers (HD-2) | 29%

## LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Rosa Gill (HD-33) | 7%

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<b>POINTS</b>					3	25	4	6	10	5	2	8	5	5	5	4	3	6	4	5	
Adams, Jay	HD-096	R	66%	44%	-	25	X	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	14
Ager, Eric	HD-114	D	17%	17%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	81
Alexander, Kelly	HD-107	D	n/a	0%	1	X	X	-	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	4	X	X	X	X	
Alston, Vernetta	HD-029	D	12%	13%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	100
Arp, Dean	HD-069	R	38%	33%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
Autry, Johnnie	HD-100	D	12%	13%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	100
Baker, Amber	HD-072	D	10%	16%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	X	-	-	X	X	-	X	-	-	115
Baker, Kristin	HD-082	R	38%	38%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
Balkcom, Jennifer	HD-117	R	71%	71%	-	25	-	6	10	-	-	8	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	5
Ball, Cynthia	HD-049	D	13%	15%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	X	4	-	X	-	-	95
Belk, Mary	HD-088	D	17%	20%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	81
Bell IV, John R.	HD-010	R	67%	46%	-	X	-	6	10	-	-	8	5	5	5	4	3	X	-	-	11
Biggs, Brian	HD-070	R	71%	71%	-	25	-	6	10	-	-	8	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	5
Blackwell, Hugh	HD-086	R	75%	60%	-	25	-	6	10	X	-	8	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	3
Bradford III, John	HD-098	R	37%	33%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	X	4	3	X	-	-	70
Branson, Jerry	HD-059	R	n/a	n/a	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	-	-	
Brisson, William	HD-022	R	38%	33%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
Brockman, Cecil	HD-060	D	12%	12%	3	X	X	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	-	4	-	-	-	-	100
Brody, Mark	HD-055	R	63%	61%	-	25	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	17
Brown, Gloristine	HD-008	D	12%	12%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	100
Brown, Kanika	HD-071	D	19%	19%	3	-	-	X	-	5	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	X	-	79

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					N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N			
<b>PRO-GROWTH POSITION</b>					N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	
<b>POINTS</b>					3	25	4	6	10	5	2	8	5	5	5	4	3	6	4	5	
Brown, Terry	HD-092	D	18%	19%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	X	-	-	80
Buansi, Allen	HD-056	D	12%	17%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	100
Budd, Laura	HD-103	D	12%	12%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	100
Butler, Deb	HD-018	D	8%	17%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	116
Cairns, Celeste	HD-013	R	63%	63%	-	25	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	17
Carney, Becky	HD-102	D	17%	14%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	81
Cervania, Maria	HD-041	D	17%	17%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	81
Chesser, Allen	HD-025	R	38%	38%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
Clampitt, Mike	HD-119	R	38%	33%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
Clark, Tracy	HD-057	D	n/a	n/a	3	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	
Clemmons, Ashton	HD-057	D	14%	10%	I	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	90
Cleveland, George	HD-014	R	81%	81%	-	25	-	6	10	X	-	8	5	5	5	4	3	6	-	-	1
Cotham, Tricia	HD-112	R	55%	55%	-	X	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	X	-	-	26
Crawford, Sarah	HD-066	D	12%	33%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	100
Crutchfield, Kevin	HD-083	R	39%	39%	X	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	43
Cunningham, Carla	HD-106	D	16%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	4	-	X	X	-	89
Dahle, Allison	HD-011	D	22%	24%	3	-	4	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	6	-	-	78
Davis Jr., Ted	HD-020	R	38%	34%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
Dixon, Jimmy	HD-004	R	38%	35%	-	-	-	6	10	-	X	-	X	5	5	4	3	X	-	-	46
Elmore, Jeffrey	HD-094	R	63%	50%	-	25	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	17
Everitt, Terence	HD-035	D	12%	19%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	100

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					N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N		
<b>PRO-GROWTH POSITION</b>					N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	
<b>POINTS</b>					3	25	4	6	10	5	2	8	5	5	5	4	3	6	4	5	
Faircloth, John	HD-062	R	41%	35%	1	-	X	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	39
Fontenot, Kenneth	HD-024	R	45%	45%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	X	X	X	33
Gill, Rosa	HD-033	D	7%	22%	3	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	119
Gillespie, Karl	HD-120	R	38%	32%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
Goodwin, Edward	HD-001	R	38%	36%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
Greene, Dudley	HD-085	R	38%	33%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
Hall, Destin	HD-087	R	45%	41%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	X	X	X	33
Hall, Kyle	HD-091	R	44%	41%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	6	-	-	35
Hardister, Jon	HD-059	R	40%	35%	1	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	1	4	3	-	1	1	42
Harris, Wesley	HD-105	D	17%	13%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	81
Harrison, Pricey	HD-061	D	14%	22%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	90
Hastings, Kelly	HD-110	R	76%	55%	-	25	-	X	X	X	-	8	X	5	5	4	3	6	-	-	2
Hawkins, Zack	HD-031	D	14%	20%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	90
Howard, Julia	HD-077	R	73%	54%	-	25	-	6	10	X	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	X	X	4
Humphrey, Chris	HD-012	R	44%	35%	X	-	X	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	X	-	-	35
Iler, Frank	HD-017	R	26%	29%	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	75
Jackson, Frances	HD-045	D	17%	17%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	81
Jackson, Neal	HD-078	R	71%	71%	-	25	-	6	10	-	-	8	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	5
Jeffers, B. Ray	HD-002	D	29%	29%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	8	5	X	-	4	X	X	-	-	72
John, Joe	HD-040	D	17%	16%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	81
Johnson, Jake	HD-113	R	65%	48%	X	25	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	15

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<b>PRO-GROWTH POSITION</b>					N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	
<b>POINTS</b>					3	25	4	6	10	5	2	8	5	5	5	4	3	6	4	5	
Jones, Abe	HD-038	D	12%	22%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	100
Jones, Brenden	HD-046	R	44%	35%	X	-	X	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	X	-	-	35
Kidwell, Keith	HD-079	R	67%	73%	-	25	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	X	-	-	11
Lambeth, Donny	HD-075	R	41%	36%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	X	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	39
Liu, Ya	HD-021	D	17%	17%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	81
Loftis, Donnie	HD-109	R	63%	50%	-	25	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	17
Lofton, Brandon	HD-104	D	12%	12%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	100
Logan, Carolyn	HD-101	D	8%	21%	3	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	X	X	116
Longest, Tim	HD-034	D	12%	12%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	100
Lowery, Jarrod	HD-047	R	51%	51%	-	X	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	30
Lucas, Marvin	HD-042	D	14%	15%	3	-	-	X	X	5	X	X	X	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	90
Majeed, Nasif	HD-099	D	23%	24%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	5	X	4	-	-	-	-	77
McNeely, Jeffrey	HD-084	R	71%	50%	X	25	-	6	10	-	-	X	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	5
Miller, Charles	HD-019	R	38%	33%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
Mills, Grey	HD-095	R	51%	44%	-	X	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	30
Moore, Tim	HD-111	R	41%	37%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	X	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	39
Morey, Marcia	HD-030	D	8%	16%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	116
Moss, Ben	HD-052	R	62%	42%	-	25	-	6	10	-	X	-	X	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	25
Pare, Erin	HD-037	R	38%	33%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
Penny, Howard	HD-053	R	38%	33%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
Pickett, Ray	HD-093	R	39%	35%	X	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	43

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<b>PRO-GROWTH POSITION</b>					N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	
<b>POINTS</b>					3	25	4	6	10	5	2	8	5	5	5	4	3	6	4	5	
Pierce, Garland	HD-048	D	14%	14%	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	4	-	-	-	-	90
Pike, Joseph	HD-006	R	38%	38%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
Pless, Mark	HD-118	R	39%	40%	X	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	43
Potts, Larry	HD-081	R	38%	33%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
Prather, Lindsey	HD-115	D	12%	12%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	100
Price, Renee	HD-050	D	27%	27%	3	-	-	-	10	5	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	73
Pyrtle, A. Reece	HD-065	R	38%	31%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
Quick III, Amos	HD-058	D	13%	17%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	X	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	95
Reeder, Timothy	HD-009	R	35%	35%	-	-	-	6	10	-	X	-	X	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	71
Reives II, Robert	HD-054	D	12%	10%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	100
Rhyne, Heather	HD-097	R	n/a	n/a	-	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	
Riddell, Dennis	HD-064	R	63%	56%	-	25	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	17
Roberson, James	HD-039	D	13%	17%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	X	-	4	-	-	-	-	95
Ross, Stephen	HD-063	R	38%	38%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
Rudow, Caleb	HD-116	D	13%	18%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	X	X	4	-	-	-	-	95
Saine, Jason	HD-097	R	65%	45%	I	25	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	15
Sasser, Wayne	HD-067	R	38%	33%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
Sauls, John	HD-051	R	38%	33%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
Setzer, Mitchell	HD-089	R	63%	59%	-	25	-	X	X	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	6	-	-	17
Shepard, Phil	HD-015	R	46%	37%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	8	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	32
Smith, Carson	HD-016	R	67%	58%	-	25	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	X	-	-	11

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<b>PRO-GROWTH POSITION</b>					N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	
<b>POINTS</b>					3	25	4	6	10	5	2	8	5	5	5	4	3	6	4	5	
Smith, Charles	HD-044	D	12%	12%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	100
Sossamon, Frank	HD-032	R	52%	52%	-	X	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	X	3	X	-	-	29
Staton-Williams, Diamond	HD-073	D	13%	13%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	X	-	-	95
Stevens, Sarah	HD-090	R	54%	48%	-	X	-	6	10	X	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	27
Strickland, Larry	HD-028	R	38%	33%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
Torbett, John	HD-108	R	63%	56%	-	25	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	17
Tyson, Steve	HD-003	R	38%	40%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
von Haefen, Julie	HD-036	D	12%	15%	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	100
Ward, Bill	HD-005	R	38%	38%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
Warren, Harry	HD-076	R	71%	48%	-	25	-	6	10	-	-	8	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	5
Watford, Sam	HD-080	R	54%	38%	-	X	-	6	10	X	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	27
Wheatley, Diane	HD-043	R	38%	33%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
White, Donna	HD-026	R	38%	33%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	46
Willingham, Shelly	HD-023	D	27%	23%	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	-	X	-	-	73
Willis, David	HD-068	R	69%	45%	-	25	X	6	10	X	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	10
Winslow, Matthew	HD-007	R	44%	43%	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	X	5	5	5	4	3	X	-	-	35
Wray, Michael	HD-027	D	25%	22%	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	-	-	-	-	76
Zenger, Jeff	HD-074	R	63%	44%	-	25	-	6	10	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	-	-	-	17

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## HB 10

### SIGNIFICANTLY MUDDLED APPROPRIATIONS PACKAGE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates funding for numerous programs and projects. Specifically, the legislation allocates more than \$460 million for the Opportunity Scholarship Program over the next two years to eliminate the existing backlog and provide more than 55,000 waitlisted students with the ability to attend a school of their family's choice. The program provides households with an income-adjusted per-pupil allocation for education-related expenses such as books, tuition, and tutoring. Unfortunately, the bill appropriates \$277 million for the state Medicaid program to accommodate the catastrophic expansion to healthy adults under Obamacare and perpetuates an ongoing subsidized broadband boondoggle. Lawmakers should not logroll massive expansions of welfare programs with school choice policies that empower parents over teachers' unions.

The North Carolina House passed the bill, 67-43, on September 11, 2024. The North Carolina Senate passed it, 27-17, on September 9, 2024.

## HB 76

### EXPANDING MEDICAID TO HEALTHY ADULTS (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill implements the budget-devouring Medicaid expansion to able-bodied adults under Obamacare. Specifically, the legislation expands the fraudulent Medicaid program to healthy, work-capable adults with income up to 133 percent of the federal poverty level, utilizes federal ARPA funds to temporarily buffer the existing Medicaid population, and implements a massive new provider tax scheme to lock in Obamacare's expanded Federal Medical Assistance Program (FMAP). FMAP funnels federal cost-sharing dollars to Medicaid, paying up to 90 percent of the costs for the new enrollment population. Estimates suggest nearly 600,000 North Carolinians will be

enrolled in a welfare program that devours state budgets and facilitates poor health outcomes for its enrollees. Further, Medicaid spending in North Carolina is estimated to increase by nearly \$2 billion over the biennium—a number guaranteed to skyrocket. This is one of the most fiscally destructive bills ever enacted in the state. The North Carolina House passed the bill, 87-24, on March 23, 2023. The North Carolina Senate passed it, 44-2, on March 15, 2023.

## HB 197

### EXPANDING COSTLY BROADBAND BOONDOGGLES (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill further entrenches North Carolina into costly, subsidized broadband projects. Specifically, the legislation expands grant eligibility under the Digital Equity program to include government facilities and “community anchor” organizations. Additionally, the bill authorizes existing federal grants under the

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Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program to develop and submit broadband development grant funding requests to federal agencies. As North Carolina families and households struggle with persistent inflation, lawmakers should cease actions that wrongly view federal funds as “free money.” These federal funds come with regulatory strings attached, drive inflation, and inevitably increase future state spending baselines to maintain the broadband infrastructure after the federal spigot runs dry. The North Carolina House passed the bill, 112-1, on June 28, 2023. The North Carolina Senate did not take it up.

### HB 259 AMDT A4

#### AGER AMENDMENT STRIPPING GREEN NEW DEAL PROHIBITIONS

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This amendment to the FY2023-FY2025 biennial budget agreement eliminates provisions protecting taxpayers from costly and destructive climate change regulations. Specifically, the legislation strikes language prohibiting the Governor, state agencies, and

public utilities from imposing cap-and-trade carbon emission regulations on hardworking North Carolinians. Additionally, the amendment strikes prohibitions expressly forbidding North Carolina from entering into an agreement with other states to participate in a carbon emission regulation scheme. The North Carolina House rejected the amendment, 44-71, on April 5, 2023. The North Carolina Senate did not take it up.

### HB 259 AMDT A23

#### BUDD AMENDMENT REPEALING SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This amendment to the FY2023-FY2025 biennial budget agreement repeals the Opportunity Scholarship Program. Specifically, the legislation eliminates scholarship eligibility for North Carolina students without disabilities and strips all funding for the state’s primary school choice program. The North Carolina House rejected the amendment, 46-70, on April 6, 2023. The North Carolina Senate did not take it up.

### HB 259

#### MIXED BAG BUDGET AGREEMENT

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill appropriates funding for the biennial budget. Specifically, the legislation allocates \$60.5 billion in General Fund spending for the FY2023-FY2025 biennium, a 15.7 percent increase compared to the previous biennial budget agreement. The bill includes significant income tax reforms, accelerating previous rate reductions and lowering the existing 4.75 percent rate down to 2.49 percent by 2029 if certain revenue triggers are met. Additionally, the bill repeals the privilege tax on numerous professions, caps the franchise tax at \$500 for the first \$1 million of a business’ tax base, prohibits utilities from participating in destructive cap-and-trade schemes regulating carbon emissions, and locks in a significant eligibility expansion for the state’s Opportunity Scholarship Program to all households utilizing an income-adjusted per-pupil allocation. Unfortunately, the budget also implements the massive new budget-devouring Medicaid expansion that is estimated to increase Medicaid spending by at least \$2 billion over

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the biennium, authorizes \$2 billion in off-budget corporate welfare spending, and hides nearly \$6 billion in additional spending through reserve fund gimmicks. The North Carolina House passed the bill, 70-40, on September 22, 2023. The North Carolina Senate passed it, 26-17, on the same day.

### HB 377

#### NEW DAIRY CHECKOFF PROGRAM

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill authorizes the North Carolina Dairy Producers Association to consider creating a new marketing promotion tax among its members. Specifically, the legislation authorizes a referendum among dairy producers to determine whether a new tax, capped at 5 cents per hundredweight, should be imposed on association members in a financing scheme that marginalizes smaller dairy producing operations. If a majority of members support the new tax, the association may implement it upon notification to the Department of Agriculture. Further, the association may increase the tax each year, up to its maximum

rate, without approval from members. Checkoff programs allow hand-picked interests in a particular agricultural industry to collude with the government to force their competitors to fund the promotion of their products. These programs serve as government-mandated taxes on smaller businesses and should be abolished. The North Carolina House passed the bill, 114-0, on April 27, 2023. The North Carolina Senate did not take it up.

### HB 535

#### INCREASING GREEN ENERGY RELIANCE

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill significantly expands unreliable and costly solar energy capacity for utilities in North Carolina. Specifically, the legislation imposes a 900 percent increase in the allowed capacity of all leased solar facilities from the existing 1 percent to 10 percent of the previous five-year average of the state's contribution to a utility's peak demand. The increased green energy threshold is a gift to Duke Energy Progress and Duke Energy Carolinas, the only two utilities in the state that meet the eligibility criteria. The bill not

only threatens the stability of the grid through the expansion of costly and unreliable solar energy as a larger source of families' energy needs, but also perpetuates a paradigm for utilities to seek ever-increasing subsidies to prop up green energy boondoggles in service to a radical climate change agenda. The North Carolina House passed the bill, 103-10, on May 3, 2023. The North Carolina Senate did not take it up.

### HB 551

#### PROPERTY OWNER PROTECTION MEASURE

**(CFGF SUPPORTS)**

This bill preempts municipalities from imposing restrictions on property owners. Specifically, the legislation prohibits political subdivisions from enacting any ordinances or resolutions that bar landlords from considering sources of income when making rental or lease determinations, specifically for prospective tenants whose income includes federal housing welfare payments. This bill provides property owners with the ability to reject applicants whose income relies on Section 8 housing

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welfare, thereby protecting landlords from being forced to engage in financially risky lease agreements. The North Carolina House passed the bill, 87-26, on April 27, 2023. The North Carolina Senate did not take it up.

### HB 600

#### VETO OVERRIDE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY REFORMS (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This override reverses the governor’s veto of a bill that institutes numerous regulatory reforms. Specifically, the legislation expedites natural gas pipeline permitting, constrains the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) from imposing onerous regulations on water projects, and prohibits DEQ from denying approval for certain farm and agriculture projects on dubious civil rights grounds. These regulatory rollbacks prioritize economic opportunity and growth over radical environmental policies. The North Carolina House overrode the veto, 77-38, on October 10, 2023. The North Carolina Senate overrode it, 30-18, on the same day.

### HB 690

#### VETO OVERRIDE OF CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY PROHIBITION (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This override reverses the governor’s veto of a bill that prohibits the use of a prospective central bank digital currency (CBDC). Specifically, the legislation prohibits a digital currency issued by the Federal Reserve or other related entity from being recognized, used, or issued as currency in North Carolina. Further, the bill prohibits state agencies from accepting or requiring payments using CBDC mechanisms or from participating in the testing of CBDC by any Federal Reserve branch. This is an important protection for families, workers, and consumers, as a central digital currency would, in effect, give the federal government control over every citizen’s bank account in a massive reorganization of the relationship between citizens and government. The North Carolina House overrode the veto, 73-41, on July 31, 2024. The North Carolina Senate overrode it, 27-17, on September 9, 2024.

### HB 747

#### STRENGTHENED FOOD STAMP REFORMS (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements common-sense reforms to the administration of the state’s food stamp program. Specifically, the legislation prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from seeking waivers and exemptions for work requirements in the food stamp program. Further, the bill implements mandatory work training for all able-bodied adults between the ages of 17 and 59 enrolled in food stamps who are not employed at least 30 hours per week. While the bill carves out some exceptions for heads of household responsible for providing care to disabled individuals and those enrolled in rehabilitation programs, in general, the bill requires good cause for exemptions to its work requirement. These reforms are critical for increasing opportunity and transitioning welfare recipients back into the workforce. The North Carolina House passed the bill, 113-3, on May 2, 2023. The North Carolina Senate killed it in committee.

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### HB 750

#### VETO OVERRIDE OF PROHIBITION ON TAXPAYER-FINANCED ESG INVESTMENTS (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This override reverses the governor's veto of a bill that prevents entities responsible for managing the portfolios of taxpayer-funded pensions from abandoning their fiduciary duty in favor of a political agenda. Specifically, the legislation requires the state Treasurer, charged with overseeing the nearly \$127 billion in North Carolina's pension system, to make investment decisions with the sole purpose of maximizing shareholder value as opposed to prioritizing woke Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices. The North Carolina House overrode the veto, 72-46, on June 27, 2023. The North Carolina Senate overrode it, 29-16, on the same day.

### SB 154

#### MASSIVE MUNICIPAL TAX INCREASE PACKAGE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This omnibus municipal tax package authorizes myriad new tax increases across North Carolina.

Specifically, the legislation greenlights 20 municipal occupancy tax increases, ranging from 1 percent to 6 percent, throughout the state. These tax increases are designated to fund government-approved travel promotion, crony economic development handouts, and beach nourishment. Additionally, the bill extends the 1 percent Mecklenburg County sales tax on food and the 2 percent NASCAR museum occupancy tax through 2060. The imposition of new occupancy taxes, which will largely harm middle-class families, benefits local government bureaucrats by promoting activities better reserved for the private sector. The North Carolina House passed the bill, 93-6, on October 25, 2023. The North Carolina Senate passed it, 45-0, on the same day.

### SB 332

#### MERITLESS GOVERNMENT WORKER PAY INCREASES (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill enacts new pay raises for select government employees. Specifically, the legislation provides a 3 percent across-the-

board salary increase for teachers, principals, non certified school personnel, and central office employees. Additionally, the bill authorizes bonuses for principals based on relative performance improvements compared to other state school districts. Regardless, taxpayers should not be footing the bill for meritless salary increases for K-12 government employees when student performance has deteriorated or stagnated in several key areas, including reading proficiency, over the last five years. The North Carolina House passed the bill, 113-0, on June 26, 2024. The North Carolina Senate passed it, 44-0, on June 27, 2024.

### SB 357

#### EMERGENCY SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE SPENDING (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill authorizes emergency spending for a government childcare program and extends nonrecurring appropriations through the end of the 2024 calendar year. Specifically, the legislation taps into \$32.8 million in additional federal ARPA funds to keep the Childcare

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Stabilization Grant program operating, which doles out grants to approved daycare and pre-K programs. In total, the bill appropriates \$67.5 million in state appropriations and federal ARPA funds to continue the “one-time” subsidized child care program implemented in 2021 as part of the COVID spending splurge. Federal money is not “free,” and now state spending baselines are increasing to permanently accommodate a federally funded welfare program that is drying up. The North Carolina House passed the bill, 115-0, on June 26, 2024. The North Carolina Senate passed it, 43-1, on June 27, 2024.

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