

2008 Session Results

House Democratic Caucus Legislative Agenda
2008 Session
The Results - July 31, 2008

Priority:

Help Families Make Ends Meet by Protecting Homeowners, Expanding Job Opportunities and Increasing Incomes

Results:

HB 2623 - Emergency Foreclosure Reduction Program
HB 2463 - Regulate Mortgage Servicers
HB 2188 - Earlier Notification of Mortgage Service Fee
HB 2436 - \$3 million – Home Protection Program
HB 2436 - \$2 million – Housing Trust Fund
HB 2436 - Earned Income Tax Credit Increase to 5%, Effective Jan 1, 2009
HB 2436 - Extend Small Business Tax Credits, e.g., R&D, Health Insurance, State Ports
HB 2436 - 2.75% or \$1,100 State Employee Pay Raise
HB 2436 - 2.2% increase for Retirees
HB 2436 - \$3.5 million – One NC Small Business Fund
HB 2436 - \$5 million – One NC Fund
HB 2436 - \$15 million – Job Development Investment Grants
HB 2436 - \$1 million – Expand Community College Technical Education Programs
HB 2436 - \$4 million – Expand Community College Allied Health Programs

Priority:

Improve Education by Reducing the Dropout Rate, Raising Teacher Pay and Increasing Access to Higher Education

Results:

HB 2436 Section 7.14(a) – Re-establish Committee on Drop-out Prevention
HB 2436- \$15 million – Drop-out Prevention Grants
HB 2436 - \$3.5 million – Learn and Earn High Schools
HB 2436 - 3% Teacher Pay Increase
HB 2436 - \$34.6 million – University System Enrollment Growth
HB 2436- \$23.7 million – Community College System Enrollment Growth

Priority:

Expand Access to Health Care by Improving the Public Mental Health System, Increasing Health Insurance Coverage for Children, Improving Minority Health Outcomes and Studying Ways to Provide Health Insurance to North Carolina's Residents

Results:

HB 2436 Section 10.12 – Expand Health Choice/Kid's Care
HB 2436 - \$1 million – Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative

HB 2431 Part XXXI – NC Institute of Medicine to Study Issues Relating to Access to Health Care

HB 2436 - \$43 million – Expand and improve community and institution based mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse services

HB 2436 - \$7 million – Housing Assistance for Persons with Disabilities

HB 2436 Section 10.4 – Mental Health Changes

Priority:

Support Our Military by Providing Educational Opportunities for Children of Eligible Veterans, Property Tax Relief for Disabled Veterans and Supplemental Funding for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injuries

Results:

HB 2436 Section 28.11(b) – Property Tax Exclusion for Disabled Veterans

HB 2436 - \$326,500 – Increase Scholarships for Children of War Veterans

HB 2436 - \$1 million – Traumatic Brain Injury Services

Priority:

Results:

HB 2499 - Drought/Water Management Recommendations

HB 2436 - \$2.1 million – Drought Response/Reserve

HB 2436 Section 28.12(a) – Sales Tax Holiday for Certain Energy Star Appliances

HB 2498 - Underground Storage Tank Amendments

HB 2436 - \$4 million – Farmland Preservation Trust

HB 2436 - \$100 million – Clean Water Management Trust Fund

HB 2436 - \$50 million – Land for Tomorrow

Priority:

Ensure Prosperous and Safe Communities by Reducing Gang Activity, Combating Illegal Immigration, Reducing Domestic Violence and Juvenile Crime and Improving the Criminal Justice System

Results:

HB 2436 - \$22.6 million – Restore JCPC Funding

HB 2436 - \$500,000 – Expand JCPC Funding

HB 2436 - \$600,000 – Illegal Immigration Project

HB 274 - Street Gang Prevention Act

HB 2436 - \$10 million – Gang Prevention Grants

HB 44 - Domestic Violence Order/Repeat Violator

HB 2436 - \$100,000 – Expand DOP Domestic Violence Rehab Program

HB 2189 - Domestic Violence Victim Assistance

HB 2436 - Increase Domestic Violence Center Funds/Divorce Filing Fee Increase

HB 2436 - \$2.5 million – Reserve for Probation Supervision

HB 2436 - \$5 million – Criminal Justice Data Integration Pilot

HB 2105 - Compensation for the Erroneously Convicted

Priority:

Improve Transportation by Implementing Certain Recommendations of the 21st Century Transportation Committee

Results:

HB 2436 - \$25million – Reduction in Amount Transferred from the Highway Trust Fund

HB 2436 - \$25 million – NC Turnpike Authority

Priority:

Strengthen Confidence In Government by Enhancing the Enforcement Capacity of the Ethics Commission and the State Board of Elections.

Results:

HB 2436 - \$326,034 – Ethics Commission

HB 2542 - Clarify Ethics and Lobbying Laws