Legislative Agenda
2026-2027 Biennium of NCGA

Intergovernmental Affairs

Legislative Agenda Process

- November 5: Briefing presentation
  - Full draft included for your review
- November 17: Regular meeting
- January 25: Legislative meeting at East Asheville Library

Observed Trends and Patterns

Five broad categories emerged during department director and board member engagement:

- Mental health
- Criminal justice
- Tax & regulatory items
- Economic recovery
- Disaster preparedness

Draft Agenda: Highlights

- Support the County's eligibility for the Supplement Funds for Teacher Compensation program (PRC 071)
- Seek reimbursement for Local School Consolidation Study Mandated by S.L. 2023-128.
- Increase funding for the NC Innovation Waiver program to address the County's waiting list.
- Expand NC's non-law enforcement IVC transport pilot to WNC.
- Encourage legislation to facilitate the use of surplus State property for economic recovery.
- Seek funding support for the purchase and installation of storm gauges targeted towards waterways to inform decisions regarding evacuations and the deployment of emergency responders.

Priorities for 26-27' Biennium NCGA

- Top Priorities
  - Increase NC Innovation Waivers
  - Create a permanent solution for PRC 071
  - Seek legislation to use state surplus property to advance affordable housing and/or economic development goals

Remaining Next Steps

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