

NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE (MARCH 2011)

EDUCATION

HB 7 (Cleveland) COMM. COLLEGES/OPT OUT OF FED'L LOAN PROGRAM would allow community colleges' trustees to opt their schools out of having a counselor to inform students about federal loan programs.

HB 11 (Cleveland) NO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION/ ILLEGAL ALIENS: would prohibit undocumented immigrants from attending community colleges in NC

SB 8 (Stevens, R.) NO CAP ON NUMBER OF CHARTER SCHOOLS would eliminate the current cap of 100 charter schools in the state.

HB 41 (Stam) TAX FAIRNESS IN EDUCATION would allow tax credits for parents who choose not to send their children to public schools and would authorize counties to provide funds to children in non-public schools.

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

HB 93 (Howard) MODIFY REFUNDABILITY OF EITC would eliminate refunds of the Earned Income Tax Credit

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

SB 73 (Daniel) "CHOOSE LIFE" SPECIAL PLATE would authorize the Dept. of Motor Vehicles to issue a "Choose Life" license plate

CIVIL RIGHTS

SB 106 (Forrester) DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE would amend the constitution to provide marriage between a man and woman as the only domestic legal union that is valid or recognized in North Carolina

HEALTHY FAMILIES AND WORKPLACES

HB 223 (Adams) would provide that all workers have paid sick days to address their own health needs and the health needs of others.

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National Organization for Women

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