



## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING**

**Third Quarter – 2019 July 1st – September 30th**

**TALK OF THE TOWN WEEKEND IS PRESENTED IN A 28-MINUTE FORMAT AND IS BROADCAST AT 6:00AM SUNDAY.**

**CAROLINA JOURNAL RADIO IS PRESENTED IN 30-MINUTE FORMAT AND IS BROADCAST SUNDAY AT 6:30AM.**

### **JULY 6-7**

#### **CAROLINA JOURNAL RADIO**

NORTH CAROLINA HAS BEEN DEALING WITH THE LEANDRO SCHOOL FUNDING LAWSUIT FOR 25 YEARS. BUT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS SUGGEST A RESOLUTION TO THE LONG-RUNNING CASE COULD BE IN SIGHT. TERRY STOOPS, JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION VICE PRESIDENT FOR

RESEARCH AND DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION STUDIES, ANALYZES THE LATEST RECOMMENDATIONS AND COURTROOM DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LEANDRO DISPUTE. SOME STATE LAWMAKERS WANT TO GIVE SURVIVORS OF CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE MORE TIME TO TAKE THEIR ALLEGED ABUSERS TO CIVIL COURT. YOU'LL HEAR HIGHLIGHTS FROM A RECENT N.C. HOUSE DEBATE OVER A BILL THAT WOULD ALLOW AN ADULT AS OLD AS 38 TO FILE SUIT IN A CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE CASE. ONE N.C. CONGRESSMAN USED A RECENT U.S.

HOUSE DEBATE TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT, AND SANCTIONS — OR BDS — MOVEMENT AGAINST ISRAEL. REP. PATRICK MCHENRY, R-10TH DISTRICT, ASKED COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT AN AMENDMENT TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE MOVEMENT. YOU'LL HEAR HIS ARGUMENT. ONE OF THE MOST CONTENTIOUS DEBATES IN THE N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS YEAR INVOLVES FISHING. SPONSORS OF A BILL DUBBED "LET THEM SPAWN" WANT TO SET NEW SIZE RESTRICTIONS FOR CERTAIN FISH CAUGHT IN

\_\_\_\_\_ N.C. WATERS. OPPONENTS CONTEND THE MEASURE WOULD KILL THE STATE'S COMMERCIAL FISHING SECTOR. YOU'LL HEAR ARGUMENTS FROM BOTH SIDES. THE U.S. SUPREME COURT HAS CLOSED THE DOOR ON PARTISAN GERRYMANDERING CASES WITH A 5-4 DECISION IN NORTH CAROLINA'S RUCHO V. COMMON CAUSE CASE. THAT MEANS THE STATE WILL NOT BE FORCED TO REDRAW ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR 2020 CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS. BUT A SIMILAR LEGAL DISPUTE IN STATE COURT STILL COULD AFFECT THE FUTURE OF N.C. HOUSE AND SENATE ELECTION MAPS.

### **JULY 13-14**

#### **CAROLINA JOURNAL RADIO**

THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION IS MORE THAN A YEAR AWAY, BUT THERE'S PLENTY OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL. DEMOCRATIC GOV. ROY COOPER AND REPUBLICAN LT. GOV. DAN FOREST APPEAR TO BE HEADED TOWARD A CONTEST FOR THE EXECUTIVE MANSION. RICK HENDERSON, CAROLINA JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF,

ANALYZES RECENT POLLING DATA LINKED TO THE GOVERNOR'S RACE. EDUCATION REFORM REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT GOAL. BUT REFORMERS HAVE A MIXED RECORD OF SUCCESS. THAT'S THE ASSESSMENT FROM ROBERT PONDISCIO, SENIOR FELLOW AT THE THOMAS B. FORDHAM INSTITUTE. PONDISCIO EXPLAINS WHY EDUCATION REFORM MEASURES OFTEN FALL SHORT OF THEIR WORTHWHILE GOALS. HE OFFERS REFORMERS IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENT. STATE LAWMAKERS ARE PURSUING CHANGES THAT WOULD RELAX RESTRICTIONS ON NORTH CAROLINA'S CRAFT DISTILLERIES. THEIR PROPOSALS ARE ATTRACTING PRAISE FROM PETE BARGER OF SOUTHERN DISTILLING COMPANY. HE LEADS A GROUP PROMOTING STATE CRAFT DISTILLERS. ONE OF THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL BILLS IN THIS YEAR'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION HAS INVOLVED N.C. SHERIFFS AND FEDERAL IMMIGRATIONS AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, OR ICE. YOU'LL LEARN WHY SOME LAWMAKERS WANT TO COMPEL SHERIFFS TO COMPLY WITH ICE DETAINERS FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARRESTED FOR CRIMES. YOU'LL ALSO HEAR CRITICS' OBJECTIONS. A CHIEF DISPUTE IN THIS YEAR'S STATE BUDGET DEBATE INVOLVES MEDICAID EXPANSION. JORDAN ROBERTS, JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION HEALTH CARE POLICY ANALYST, OUTLINES THE DETAILS OF THE DISPUTE. HE EXPLAINS HOW RESOLUTION OF THAT DISPUTE COULD AFFECT TAXPAYERS AND HEALTH CARE CONSUMERS.

## **JULY 20-21**

### **TALK OF THE TOWN WEEKEND**

INTERVIEW WITH MICHAEL OVERTON - ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS OF THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA ALLIANCE.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA. OVERTON DISCUSSED THE GOALS OF THE THIS NEW ALLIANCE WHICH IS MADE UP OF THE GREENVILLE CITY COUNCIL, PITT-GREENVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AN THE LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 100. THIS GROUP HAS BEEN FORMED TO HIRE A RECRUITER THAT WILL BENEFIT THE ENTIRE REGION BY BRINGING IN LARGE INDUSTRY TO OUR AREA.

### **CAROLINA JOURNAL RADIO**

STATE REP. GREG MURPHY HAS WON THE REPUBLICAN RUNOFF IN THIS YEAR'S SPECIAL 3RD DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION. HE MOVES ON TO FACE DEMOCRAT ALLEN THOMAS, PLUS LIBERTARIAN AND CONSTITUTION PARTY CANDIDATES, IN THE SEPT. 10 GENERAL ELECTION. RICK HENDERSON, CAROLINA JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, ANALYZES DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CONTEST AND THE SPECIAL 9TH DISTRICT MATCHUP BETWEEN REPUBLICAN DAN BISHOP AND DEMOCRAT DAN MCCREADY. A NEW STATE LAW PLACES MORE EMPHASIS IN N.C. HIGH SCHOOLS ON ECONOMICS AND PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY. LT. GOV. DAN FOREST AND COLLEAGUES ON THE N.C. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RECENTLY DISCUSSED THE CREATION OF A MANDATORY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS ON THOSE TOPICS. YOU'LL HEAR HIGHLIGHTS FROM THEIR DISCUSSION. STATE LAWMAKERS ARE HELPING SOME SCHOOL DISTRICTS FILL TEACHING POSITIONS BY MAKING IT EASIER TO REHIRE RECENT RETIREES. LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO REMOVE BARRIERS FOR REHIRED RETIREES MOVED THROUGH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS YEAR. SOME LAWMAKERS CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR REFORM OF NORTH CAROLINA'S CERTIFICATE-OF-NEED RESTRICTIONS. YOU'LL HEAR DEBATE ON THE LATEST VERSION OF CON REFORM MOVING THROUGH THE CHAMBERS OF THE STATE HOUSE AND SENATE. FAMILIES CONTINUE TO TURN TO HOMESCHOOLING AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS AS ALTERNATIVES TO THE TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. TERRY STOOPS, JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH AND DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION STUDIES, ANALYZES THE LATEST ENROLLMENT DATA FOR BOTH FORMS OF PARENTAL SCHOOL CHOICE.

## **JULY 27-28**

### **CAROLINA JOURNAL RADIO**

ONE OF THE STICKING POINTS IN THIS YEAR'S STATE BUDGET DEBATE INVOLVES THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, OR SCIF. LEGISLATORS PROPOSE USING SCIF INSTEAD OF A STATEWIDE BOND TO FUND SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. GOV. ROY COOPER OBJECTS. JOSEPH COLETTI, JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION SENIOR FELLOW, ANALYZES THE SCIF. HE EXPLAINS HOW IT CAN WORK BETTER, FASTER, AND CHEAPER THAN A BOND PACKAGE. SOME STATE LAWMAKERS WANT TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT WHAT THEY CALL AN "OPPORTUNITY GAP" IN N.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS. YOU'LL LEARN DETAILS OF THEIR PROPOSED STUDY AND HEAR REACTION FROM TERRY STOOPS, JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH AND DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION STUDIES. A BILL DUBBED SAM'S LAW IS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE PROSPECTS OF STUDENTS WHO SUFFER A SEIZURE INSIDE A PUBLIC SCHOOL. YOU'LL HEAR HIGHLIGHTS FROM LEGISLATIVE DEBATE OF THE MEASURE. A MEASURE DUBBED THE FIRST STEP ACT WOULD GIVE JUDGES MORE DISCRETION IN SENTENCING CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH DRUG TRAFFICKING OFFENSES. SUPPORTERS SAY THE MEASURE MAKES SENSE FOR DEALING WITH DRUG ADDICTS WHO AREN'T LARGE-SCALE DRUG DEALERS. BUT THE PROPOSAL IS DRAWING

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SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION. YOU'LL HEAR PROS AND CONS FROM OPPOSING MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. EFFORTS TO IMPROVE NORTH CAROLINA'S CRIMINAL CODE CONTINUE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MIKE SCHIETZELT, JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION CRIMINAL JUSTICE FELLOW, EXPLAINS WHY THE CURRENT CODE CAUSES PROBLEMS FOR ORDINARY CITIZENS AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

## **AUGUST 3-4**

### **TALK OF THE TOWN WEEKEND**

INTERVIEW WITH MELISSA BRADSHAW, LACTATION SPECIALIST AT VIDANT MEDICAL CENTER AND ALYSSA BALLESTWERO, STAFF NURSE NEUROSCIENCES AT VIDANT MEDICAL CENTER.

VIDANT HEALTH OFFERED A SPECIAL EVENT FOR NEW MOTHERS WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH BREAST FEEDING. THE EVENT "THE BIG LATCH-ON" RECRUITED MOTHERS TO LEARN THE BENEFITS OF BREAST FEEDING FOR THEIR NEWBORNS.

### **CAROLINA JOURNAL RADIO**

NEW RESEARCH FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS QUESTIONS MEDICAID'S VALUE FOR THE PEOPLE THE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM WAS DESIGNED TO HELP. THE RESEARCH ARRIVES AS THE N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND GOV. ROY COOPER CONTINUE TO BICKER OVER COOPER'S PROPOSAL TO EXPAND MEDICAID TO SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND MORE PEOPLE IN THE STATE. JORDAN ROBERTS, JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION HEALTH CARE POLICY ANALYST, ASSESSES THE NEW RESEARCH AND ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT. THE LATEST

U.S. SUPREME COURT TERM YIELDED SEVERAL IMPORTANT RULINGS, INCLUDING TWO WITH DIRECT IMPACTS ON N.C. CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS AND THE STATE REVENUE DEPARTMENT'S TAXING AUTHORITY. ILYA SHAPIRO, DIRECTOR OF THE ROBERT A. LEVY CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL STUDIES AT THE LIBERTARIAN CATO INSTITUTE, RECAPS THOSE CASES, OTHER KEY DECISIONS, AND IMPORTANT TRENDS FROM THE NATION'S HIGHEST COURT. LEGISLATIVE SUPPORTERS OF PRESIDENT TRUMP'S LATEST TRADE DEAL WITH MEXICO AND CANADA RAN INTO TROUBLE WHEN THEY TRIED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE AGREEMENT. THE RESOLUTION INCLUDED POSITIVE COMMENTS ABOUT THE 1990S-ERA NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT.

\_\_\_\_\_ OPPONENTS OF NAFTA IN THE N.C. HOUSE REFUSED TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF ANY LEGISLATION PRAISING THAT TRADE DEAL. HOUSE LEADERS DUMPED THE RESOLUTION BACK INTO A COMMITTEE. STATE LAWMAKERS CONTINUE TO HEAR BIPARTISAN ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE SECOND CHANCE ACT. IT WOULD ALLOW MORE PEOPLE TO EXPUNGE OLD CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS FROM THEIR RECORDS. DURING A RECENT HEARING, LAWMAKERS HEARD SUPPORT FROM THE IDEA FROM DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, THE STATE'S LEADING BUSINESS GROUP, AND FORMER CRIMINAL OFFENDERS TIED TO THE SECOND CHANCE ALLIANCE. EVIDENCE CONTINUES TO MOUNT THAT FILM INCENTIVES FAIL TO LIVE UP TO THE ECONOMIC PROMISES ADVOCATES MAKE FOR THEM. JON SANDERS, JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION DIRECTOR OF REGULATORY STUDIES, OFFERS AN UPDATE ON INCENTIVES. SANDERS ALSO HIGHLIGHTS GOOD NEWS IN THE ONGOING CAMPAIGN TO RID N.C. STATE GOVERNMENT OF UNNECESSARY AND OUTDATED REGULATIONS.

## **AUGUST 10-11**

### **CAROLINA JOURNAL RADIO**

REFORM OF NORTH CAROLINA'S ALCOHOL REGULATIONS HAS TAKEN A MAJOR STEP FORWARD THIS YEAR. GOV. ROY COOPER HAS SIGNED INTO LAW MEASURES THAT EASE RESTRICTIONS ON CRAFT BREWERS AND DISTILLERS. NEW LAWS ALSO MAKE OTHER CHANGES THAT REDUCE GOVERNMENT BARRIERS FOR CONSUMERS. RICK HENDERSON, CAROLINA JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, ASSESSES THE RECENT LEGISLATIVE INTEREST IN REFORMING DECADES-OLD ALCOHOL RULES. PRESIDENT TRUMP IS SCHEDULED TO HEAD TO CHARLOTTE NEXT YEAR FOR THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION. THAT DIDN'T STOP CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL FROM VOTING RECENTLY TO CONDEMN SOME OF THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS, INCLUDING CRITICISM OF FOUR DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSWOMEN KNOWN COLLECTIVELY AS "THE SQUAD." YOU'LL HEAR HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COUNCIL'S DEBATE, INCLUDING CRITICISM FROM REPUBLICAN MEMBERS WHO DISAGREED WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES' DECISION TO INSERT THEMSELVES INTO NATIONAL POLITICS. N.C. LAWMAKERS CONTINUE TO TWEAK THE WAY THE STATE GRADES ITS PUBLIC SCHOOLS. YOU'LL HEAR HIGHLIGHTS FROM A RECENT LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION OF REFORMS. RECENT ADVANCES IN GENETIC EDITING RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW MUCH FREEDOM PARENTS SHOULD HAVE TO CHOOSE THEIR CHILDREN'S TRAITS. JONATHAN ANOMALY, PHILOSOPHY PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, DISCUSSED THAT ISSUE DURING A RECENT LECTURE AT DUKE. ANOMALY EXPLAINED HOW INTERFERENCE WITH THE NATURAL RANGE OF GENETIC TRAITS COULD LEAD TO UNINTENDED NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES. NORTH CAROLINA'S INNOVATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS SEEN RECENT LEADERSHIP CHANGES.

LAWMAKERS ALSO CONTINUE TO TINKER WITH THE RULES GOVERNING HOW STRUGGLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHOULD QUALIFY FOR INCLUSION IN THE ISD. TERRY STOOPS, JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH AND RESIDENT SCHOLAR, ANALYZES RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WITH THE SPECIAL DISTRICT DESIGNED TO HELP TURN AROUND THE STATE'S MOST CHALLENGING SCHOOLS.

## **AUGUST 17-18**

### **TALK OF THE TOWN WEEKEND**

INTERVIEW WITH JENNY BOWEN OF THE MID EAST COMMISSION.

ISSUE - JOB OPPORTUNITIES COMING TO OUR REGION. MS. BOWEN APPEARED ON THE PROGRAM TO TALK ABOUT AN EFFORT WITH AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO TRAIN WORKERS TO HANDLE A LARGE NUMBER OF NEW JOBS COMING TO THE AREA AS A RESULT OF EXPANSIONS OF INDUSTRY AND RECRUITMENT OF NEW INDUSTRY TO THE MARKET.

### **CAROLINA JOURNAL RADIO**

N.C. POLICYMAKERS RECENTLY LEARNED THAT STATE GOVERNMENT ENDED ITS LAST BUDGET YEAR IN JUNE WITH A REVENUE SURPLUS OF NEARLY \$900 MILLION. MEANWHILE, GOV. ROY COOPER WANTS THE STATE TO BORROW MORE MONEY AS IT INCREASES SPENDING IN THE NEW BUDGET YEAR AND BEYOND. JOSEPH COLETTI, JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION SENIOR FELLOW, PLACES THOSE FACTS IN THE BROADER CONTEXT OF NORTH CAROLINA'S FISCAL PICTURE. STATE TREASURER DALE FOLWELL HAS SEEN PUSHBACK FROM LARGE MEDICAL PROVIDERS AS HE HAS PROCEEDED WITH HIS CLEAR PRICING

PROJECT FOR THE STATE HEALTH PLAN. IT SERVES GOVERNMENT WORKERS AND RETIREES. FOLWELL DISCUSSES THE PROJECT AND EXPLAINS WHY IT'S NECESSARY FOR THE HEALTH PLAN'S LONG-TERM VIABILITY. NORTH CAROLINA'S READ TO ACHIEVE PROGRAM RECENTLY FACED AN ATTACK FROM N.C. HOUSE MINORITY LEADER DARREN JACKSON, D-WAKE. YOU'LL HEAR JACKSON'S COMMENTS, ALONG WITH A RESPONSE FROM A REPUBLICAN HOUSE COLLEAGUE. N.C. LAWMAKERS HAVE DEBATED THE PROS AND CONS OF LEGALIZED SMOKABLE HEMP. YOU'LL HEAR HIGHLIGHTS FROM COMMITTEE DEBATE ABOUT THE HEMP.

GROWERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERESTS CLASH OVER WHETHER LEGALIZED SMOKABLE HEMP GENERATES MORE BENEFITS THAN COSTS. MOST OF US KNOW THAT CERTAIN DRUGS ARE ILLEGAL. FAR FEWER OF US KNOW THAT NORTH CAROLINIANS ARE EXPECTED TO PAY TAXES ON THEIR ILLEGAL DRUGS. BRENEE GOFORTH, MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATE AT THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION, DISCUSSES THE STATE'S UNAUTHORIZED SUBSTANCES TAX. AUTHORITIES CAN SEIZE PROPERTY TO FORCE PEOPLE TO PAY THE TAX. IT GENERATES \$6 MILLION TO \$11 MILLION EACH YEAR FOR STATE GOVERNMENT.

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## **AUGUST 24-25**

### **CAROLINA JOURNAL RADIO**

NORTH CAROLINA'S SYSTEM FOR FUNDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS BROKEN. A MORE STUDENT-CENTERED APPROACH TO FUNDING COULD FIX THE PROBLEM. TERRY STOOPS, JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH AND RESIDENT SCHOLAR, DISCUSSES RECOMMENDATIONS FROM A NEW REPORT THAT RECOMMENDS A MAJOR

OVERHAUL OF N.C. PUBLIC EDUCATION FINANCING. WHEN MOST OF THINK ABOUT MARKETS, WE THINK OF GOODS AND SERVICES. SALIM FURTH, SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW AT THE MERCATUS CENTER AT GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY, FOCUSES HIS ATTENTION ON THE MARKET FOR NEIGHBORHOODS. FURTH DISCUSSES THE IMPLICATIONS OF APPLYING ECONOMIC

PRINCIPLES TO THE PLACES WHERE WE LIVE. THE N.C. CONSTITUTION BANS FELONS FROM SERVING AS SHERIFFS. THERE'S SOME CONFUSION ABOUT THE ELIGIBILITY OF A PERSON WHO HAS HAD A FELONY CONVICTION EXPUNGED FROM HIS RECORD. THE N.C. HOUSE RECENTLY DEBATED A MEASURE DESIGNED TO CLARIFY THE RULES FOR POTENTIAL SHERIFFS WITH CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS EXPUNGED. N.C. LAWMAKERS HAVE DEBATED FOR YEARS THE RULES RESTRICTING PLACEMENT OF BILLBOARDS BESIDE STATE ROADS. THE LATEST DEBATE INVOLVES REPLACEMENT OF BILLBOARDS THAT MUST BE TORN DOWN WHEN A LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONDEMNS THE SURROUNDING PROPERTY. SOME LEGISLATORS EMPHASIZE THE BILLBOARD OWNERS' PROPERTY RIGHTS, WHILE OTHERS WORRY ABOUT BLOCKING LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF BILLBOARD PLACEMENT. MULTIPLE DEMOCRATIC POLITICIANS CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR A GOVERNMENT-MANDATED

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15-PER-HOUR MINIMUM WAGE. JON SANDERS, JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION DIRECTOR OF REGULATORY STUDIES, HIGHLIGHTS ECONOMISTS' ASSESSMENTS OF THE IDEA. SANDERS NOTES THAT LITTLE NEWS COVERAGE OF THE \$15 WAGE INCLUDES ANALYSIS FROM ECONOMISTS, WHO TEND TO CRITICIZE THE IDEA.

## **AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 1**

### **AROLINA JOURNAL RADIO**

PRESIDENT TRUMP HOLDS SLIM LEADS — WELL WITHIN THE MARGIN OF ERROR — OVER SEVERAL MAJOR DEMOCRATIC CONTENDERS FOR THE 2020 PRESIDENTIAL RACE IN NORTH CAROLINA. THAT'S ACCORDING TO THE LATEST CIVITAS POLL. RICK HENDERSON, CAROLINA JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, ANALYZES THOSE NUMBERS AND OTHER POLL HIGHLIGHTS. AS THOUSANDS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS HEAD BACK TO CAMPUS, IT'S A GOOD TIME TO REMIND YOU ABOUT A RECENT REPORT QUESTIONING THE POLITICIZATION OF EDUCATION SCHOOLS IN NORTH CAROLINA. JAY SCHALIN, DIRECTOR OF POLICY ANALYSIS AT THE JAMES G. MARTIN CENTER FOR ACADEMIC RENEWAL, RECENTLY COMPILED A REPORT DETAILING THE PROBLEM. SCHALIN SHARES HIGHLIGHTS FROM HIS RESEARCH AND DISCUSSES POSSIBLE REMEDIES. THE N.C. HOUSE RECENTLY DEBATED A PROPOSAL TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO DEDUCT GAMBLING LOSSES FROM THEIR STATE INCOME TAXES. THE IDEA'S CHIEF PROPONENT SAYS THE CHANGE WOULD MOVE NORTH CAROLINA INTO COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL TAX LAW. CRITICS CITED THE POTENTIAL NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE STATE'S TAX SYSTEM, AS WELL AS CONCERNS ABOUT TREATING GAMBLING LOSSES LIKE BUSINESS EXPENSES. ONE OF THE KEY PLAYERS IN THE RECENT "PAPER CLASSES" SCANDAL INVOLVING ACADEMICS AND ATHLETICS AT UNC-CHAPEL HILL RECENTLY TOOK HER STORY TO CAPITOL HILL. FORMER ATHLETIC READING TUTOR MARY WILLINGHAM REVIEWED THE SCANDAL DURING A FORUM SPONSORED BY A CONGRESSMAN WHO'S SEEKING TO FEDERAL LAWS REGARDING STUDENT-ATHLETES. YOU'LL HEAR HIGHLIGHTS FROM WILLINGHAM'S REMARKS. STATE LAW FORCES MOST N.C. PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS TO WAIT UNTIL LATE AUGUST TO START THEIR ACADEMIC YEARS. BUT SOME SCHOOL SYSTEMS HAVE USED LOOPHOLES TO GET AN EARLIER START. TERRY STOOPS, JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH AND DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION STUDIES, DISCUSSES THE ONGOING DEBATE OVER THE LIMITS OF NORTH CAROLINA'S SCHOOL CALENDAR LAW.

## **SEPTEMBER 7-8**

### **TALK OF THE TOWN WEEKEND**

INTERVIEW WITH DRS. CHAPMAN AND NAZZIRI TWO LOCAL BARIATRIC SURGEONS.

ISSUE - OVERWEIGHT CITIZENS AND PROBLEMS CAUSED BY OBESITY. THE BARIATRIC SURGEONS APPEARED ON THE PROGRAM TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY OBESITY AND A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR BARIATRIC SURGERY IN THE AREA FOR PATIENTS WITHOUT INSURANCE.

### **CAROLINA JOURNAL RADIO**

PRESIDENT TRUMP HEADS BACK TO NORTH CAROLINA, ONE DAY BEFORE VOTERS HEAD TO THE POLLS IN TWO SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS. TRUMP'S TRIP TO FAYETTEVILLE IS DESIGNED TO SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN OF REPUBLICAN DAN BISHOP IN THE 9TH DISTRICT RACE. BISHOP FACES DEMOCRAT DAN MCCREADY IN A SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTING FROM ALLEGED ABSENTEE BALLOT SHENANIGANS INVOLVING A CONTRACTOR FOR PREVIOUS REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE MARK HARRIS. VOTERS IN THE 3RD DISTRICT ALSO HEAD TO THE POLLS TO CHOOSE THE SUCCESSOR TO THE LATE U.S. REP. WALTER JONES. RICK HENDERSON, CAROLINA JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, ANALYZES TRUMP'S VISIT AND ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THE SPECIAL ELECTIONS. AS NORTH CAROLINA CONSIDERS THE POSSIBILITY OF PERMITTING DENTAL THERAPY IN THIS STATE, THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION RECENTLY HOSTED AN EVENT TO FOCUS ON THE ISSUE. FEATURED SPEAKER CHRISTY JO FOGARTY IS A DENTAL THERAPIST IN MINNESOTA AND THE FIRST ADVANCED DENTAL THERAPIST IN THE UNITED STATES. FOGARTY OFFERS IDEAS TO HELP N.C. POLICYMAKERS DECIDE WHETHER TO PURSUE DENTAL THERAPY OPTIONS IN THIS STATE. AS THE STATE BUDGET IMPASSE CONTINUES, LEGISLATIVE LEADERS ARE PURSUING A PLAN TO OFFER TAX REFUNDS OF UP TO \$250 TO N.C. TAXPAYERS. STATE HOUSE SPEAKER TIM MOORE AND SENATE LEADER PHIL BERGER RECENTLY EXPLAINED THEIR PROPOSAL AND ITS LINK TO NORTH CAROLINA'S NEARLY \$900 MILLION REVENUE SURPLUS. CLASSICAL LIBERALS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROMOTING THE VIRTUES AND VALUE OF THE FREE-MARKET SYSTEM. JOHN ALLISON, FORMER HEAD OF BB&T BANK AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE LIBERTARIAN CATO INSTITUTE, DELIVERED THAT MESSAGE DURING THE RECENT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GROUP CLASSICAL LIBERALS IN THE CAROLINAS. SOME JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES USE COMPUTERIZED RISK-ASSESSMENT TOOLS TO DETERMINE HOW TO HANDLE CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS BEFORE TRIAL. BUT THOSE TOOLS HAVE COME UNDER ATTACK FROM SOME HIGH-PROFILE ACADEMICS. JON GUZE, JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION DIRECTOR OF LEGAL STUDIES, ANALYZES THE DEBATE AND ITS POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE IN NORTH CAROLINA.

## **SEPTEMBER 14-15**

### **CAROLINA JOURNAL RADIO**

GOV. ROY COOPER RECENTLY SIGNED INTO LAW SENATE BILL 584. IT MARKS THE LATEST STEP IN AN ONGOING CAMPAIGN TO FIGHT OVERCRIMINALIZATION IN NORTH CAROLINA. MIKE SCHIETZELT, JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION CRIMINAL JUSTICE FELLOW, EXPLAINS HOW

THE NEW LEGISLATION FITS WITH THE GOAL OF CLEANING UP THE STATE'S OVERLY COMPLICATED CRIMINAL CODE. OVERLY BURDENSOME OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING RULES RESTRICT ECONOMIC FREEDOM IN BOTH NORTH CAROLINA AND SOUTH CAROLINA. DURING A RECENT MEETING IN WINSTON-SALEM, THE GROUP CLASSICAL LIBERALS IN THE CAROLINAS LEARNED HOW. JON SANDERS, JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION DIRECTOR OF REGULATORY STUDIES, FOCUSED ATTENTION ON NORTH CAROLINA'S LICENSING RESTRICTIONS. JENNIFER MCDONALD, SENIOR RESEARCH ANALYST AT THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE, OFFERED DETAILS ABOUT SOUTH CAROLINA'S RULES. U.S. SEN. THOM TILLIS, R-N.C., WANTS TO DO MORE TO SPEED UP THE PACE OF GOVERNMENT HURRICANE RELIEF. BEFORE HURRICANE DORIAN APPROACHED THE N.C. COAST, TILLIS RETURNED TO RALEIGH TO DISCUSS A BILL THAT COULD HELP LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BYPASS SOME LAYERS OF RED TAPE IN SECURING FEDERAL RELIEF FUNDING. SOME STATE LAWMAKERS WANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON PHONICS IN EARLY READING INSTRUCTION. REP. LARRY PITTMAN, R- CABARRUS, TRIED TO AMEND A RECENT EDUCATION BILL TO MANDATE PHONICS INSTRUCTION IN THE EARLIEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADES. YOU'LL HEAR HIGHLIGHTS FROM N.C. HOUSE DEBATE OF PITTMAN'S PROPOSAL. WITHOUT COOPER'S SIGNATURE, THE SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH CARE ACT RECENTLY BECAME LAW IN NORTH CAROLINA. IT OPENS THE DOOR TO ASSOCIATION HEALTH PLANS FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES. JORDAN ROBERTS, JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION HEALTH CARE POLICY ANALYST, ASSESSES THE SIGNIFICANCE OF AHPS AND THEIR ROLE IN HEALTH CARE REFORM.

## **SEPTEMBER 21-22**

### **CAROLINA JOURNAL RADIO**

VOTERS IN TWO N.C. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS HEADED TO THE POLLS FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS THIS WEEK. RICK HENDERSON, CAROLINA JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, ANALYZES RESULTS FROM THE SPECIAL 3RD DISTRICT AND 9TH DISTRICT RACES. HENDERSON LOOKS AHEAD TO POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS RUNNING IN 2020. POLITICAL POLARIZATION HAS HAD MAJOR EFFECTS ON AMERICAN POLITICAL LIFE. THOMAS CUSHMAN, PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY AT WELLESLEY COLLEGE AND A 2018-19 VISITING RESEARCH FELLOW AT WAKE FOREST, EXAMINES THE IMPACT OF POLARIZATION ON SUPPORT FOR FREE SPEECH. CUSHMAN SAYS SURVEYS SHOW THAT YOUNG PEOPLE DIVIDE ON IDEOLOGICAL GROUNDS OVER WHETHER TO GIVE PRECEDENCE TO INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY OVER FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. SOME STATE LAWMAKERS WANT TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR VICTIMS OF CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE TO TAKE THEIR ALLEGED PERPETRATORS TO COURT. THE N.C. HOUSE RECENTLY DEBATED LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO ACCOMPLISH THAT TASK. YOU'LL HEAR HIGHLIGHTS. LAWMAKERS ALSO DEVOTED SOME DEBATE TIME RECENTLY TO A BILL THAT WOULD STREAMLINE THE PROCESS FOR STUDENTS SEEKING COLLEGE CREDIT FOR THEIR HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES. SOME LAWMAKERS OBJECTED TO LAUDING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM'S WORK ON THE ISSUE. THE SPECIFIC OBJECTION INVOLVED NEAR-AUTOMATIC CREDIT FOR STUDENTS SCORING A THREE OR HIGHER ON AP TESTS. YOU'LL HEAR WHAT LAWMAKERS HAD TO SAY FOR AND AGAINST THAT IDEA. THE N.C. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION HAS RELEASED ITS LATEST REPORT ON PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS' STANDARDIZED TEST PERFORMANCE. IN GENERAL, SCHOOL AND STUDENT PERFORMANCE IS UP SLIGHTLY. MEANWHILE, THE STATE GRADUATION RATE REMAINS FAIRLY CONSTANT, AND SOME

EDUCATION OFFICIALS HAVE RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT AREAS OF STAGNATION. TERRY STOOPS, JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH AND DIRECTOR OF \_\_\_\_\_ EDUCATION STUDIES, DISSECTS THE NUMBERS. STOOPS FOCUSES ON THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TRENDS.

## **SEPTEMBER 28-29**

### **TALK OF THE TOWN WEEKEND**

INTERVIEW WITH GEORGE YOUNG OF THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA FOOD BANK.

ISSUE - FOOD INSECURITY FOR PEOPLE DISPLACED BY HURRICANES IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA. MR. YOUNG DISCUSSED THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY HURRICANE FLORENCE AND HURRICANE DORIAN IN THE EASTERN AREA OF OUR STATE. THE FOOD BANK IS CURRENTLY PROMOTING SOME EVENTS TO RAISE FUNDS TO KEEP THE FOOD BANK TRUCKS ROLLING.

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CONSTITUTION DAY EARLIER THIS MONTH REMINDED US OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES' GOVERNING DOCUMENT. JON GUZE, JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION DIRECTOR OF LEGAL STUDIES, EMPHASIZES CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS THAT PROTECT THE NATION FROM DAMAGING POLICIES PUT FORWARD BY ELECTED OFFICIALS. GUZE TOUTS THE VALUE OF THESE CONSTITUTIONAL SAFEGUARDS. JESSE HELMS DEPARTED THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCENE LONG BEFORE DONALD TRUMP STARTED HIS CAMPAIGN FOR THE WHITE HOUSE. BUT AT LEAST ONE MAN WHO WORKED FOR HELMS BELIEVES THE LATE U.S. SENATOR WOULD APPRECIATE MUCH OF WHAT TRUMP IS TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH IN THE WHITE HOUSE. MARC THIESSEN FOLLOWED HIS WORK FOR HELMS BY BECOMING PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH'S CHIEF SPEECHWRITER. HE'S NOW A WASHINGTON POST COLUMNIST AND AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE FELLOW. THIESSEN EXPLAINS HOW HIS WORK WITH HELMS INFLUENCES HIS ASSESSMENT OF TRUMP. DURING AN ONGOING STATE BUDGET IMPASSE, N.C. LAWMAKERS NONETHELESS MOVED FORWARD WITH PIECES OF THE BUDGET DEALING WITH HURRICANE AND DISASTER RELIEF. YOU'LL HEAR HIGHLIGHTS FROM THEIR DEBATE. NORTH CAROLINA RANKS NO. 18 AMONG THE STATES WHEN IT COMES TO FREEDOM. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A REPORT PREPARED FOR THE LIBERTARIAN CATO INSTITUTE. FREEDOM IN THE 50 STATES CO-AUTHOR JASON SORENS RECENTLY SHARED DETAILS DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING IN WINSTON-SALEM OF CLASSICAL LIBERALS OF THE CAROLINAS. SORENS, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR ETHICS IN BUSINESS AND GOVERNANCE AT SAINT ANSELM COLLEGE, EXPLAINS WHAT N.C. POLICYMAKERS HAVE DONE WELL, ALONG WITH AREAS THAT COULD USE IMPROVEMENT. FROM THE INCEPTION OF THE N.C. STATE LOTTERY, CRITICS HAVE CONTENDED THAT STATE-RUN GAMBLING WOULD THRIVE ONLY BY RELYING ON MONEY FROM LOW-INCOME CUSTOMERS IN LOW-INCOME COUNTIES. JON SANDERS, JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION DIRECTOR OF REGULATORY STUDIES, REVIEWS RECENT DATA THAT SUGGEST CRITICS HAVE BEEN CORRECT.