




Legislative Agenda “Success Card”
 2009 Session
 North Carolina General Assembly

	<h2>Exiting Military</h2>		
Requested Action:	Comments:	Progress:	Result:
<p>Pass legislation that will allow North Carolina to recognize military trade and licensure certifications for similar positions in the private sector.</p>	<p>A strong workforce is key to attracting and expanding businesses. Civilian employers recognize the value of military trade/licensure certifications.</p>	<p><i>HB 271/SB 423:</i> Waives CDL skills test, for exiting military personnel, if certain criteria are met.</p> <p><i>HB 99:</i> Allows a study to determine whether military personnel who have completed military police training should be permitted to receive credit toward completion of basic law enforcement training.</p> <p><i>HB 58:</i> Appropriates funds for the operation of the North Carolina Military Business Center.</p>	



K-12 Education

Requested Actions:	Comments:	Progress:	Result:
<p>Pass a statute that will redefine the term “dropout” to exclude students who leave the public schools to attend Community College or to obtain a GED.</p>	<p>The term “dropout” as currently defined, does not accurately reflect the true dropout rate. The current definition also makes it difficult to assess school performance and to compare schools and school systems.</p>	<p><i>H.B. 470:</i> Clarifies the calculation of the dropout rate to exclude students who transfer to a community college, college, or university before graduation if they are enrolled in a program leading to a GED, high school diploma, or adult high school diploma. A student is a dropout when the student voluntarily withdraws from school or is expelled from school and does not finish at another school.</p> <p><i>H.B. 308:</i> Appropriates funds to continue the North Carolina PTA Parent Involvement/Dropout Prevention Initiative.</p>	
<p>Maintain current levels of funding for More-at-Four and Smart Start Programs.</p>	<p>High quality early childhood education is needed to prepare children for success in school. Experiences, skills, and characteristics developed during the preschool years are important factors in later success in school.</p>		



Community Colleges

Requested Action:	Comments:	Progress:	Result:
<p>Provide \$60 million of funding, in the current legislative session, for the NC Community College System's "Creating Success" campaign.</p>	<p>We support the "Creating Success" campaign that will target critical areas such as: faculty and staff salaries; technology and equipment; critical careers in healthcare, industry, construction, engineering and transportation; customized training programs.</p>	<p><i>H.B. 419/S.B. 442:</i> Appropriates funds to the Community College System for training programs to assist new and existing business and industry to remain productive, profitable, and within the State.</p> <p><i>H.B. 420/S.B. 445:</i> Appropriates funds to the Community College System to implement a six to seven year replacement schedule for community college technology and equipment.</p> <p><i>H.B. 198/S.B. 443:</i> Appropriates funds to provide for differentiated funding of community college allied health programs.</p> <p><i>H.B. 199/S.B. 444:</i> Appropriates funds to increase the salaries of full-time community college faculty and professional staff.</p>	

		<p><i>H.B. 217/S.B. 446:</i> Appropriates funds to re-establish and place a renewed emphasis on technical education programs in the North Carolina Community College System and to provide for differentiated funding of community college technical education programs.</p> <p><i>S.B. 592:</i> Establishes the Community Colleges Instructional Equipment Trust Fund as a special revenue fund. The fund will enable community colleges to use modern equipment in training the workforce.</p>	
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Highways

Requested Action:	Comments:	Progress:	Result:
Maintain the current DOT Strategic Highway Corridor Plan and give it priority for available funding from State and Federal funds.	The Strategic Highway Corridor Plan is vital to enhancing passenger and freight mobility and expanding economic opportunities throughout the region and state.		