

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: August 1, 2022

SUBJECT: NCACC 2023-2024 Legislative Goals

PRESENTER: Board of Commissioners

ATTACHMENTS: No

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The NCACC is soliciting input and proposals from all counties and has invited counties to submit their legislative proposals to the Association. Every two years, in the months preceding the long session of the North Carolina General Assembly, the NCACC begins a grassroots process to develop the Association's legislative goals, which guides their advocacy efforts at the state and federal levels of government. The process is designed to maximize participation by counties, build consensus among counties, and achieve a unified message on county priorities.

The submission deadline for 2023-2024 proposals is early September, 2022. Proposed goals received prior to the deadline will be referred to the appropriate steering committee for review and consideration.

The NCACC Legislative Goals Conference will be held in November and the NCACC legislative agenda will be finalized by early December, in advance of the 2023 short session.

The Board is requested to discuss submission of the following goals, and any others as requested.

1. Provide supplemental pay for childcare workers.
2. Increase the availability of 4-K (4 - year old Kindergarten) to all interested parents. Currently, the state only provides funding for 35% of 4 year olds and those spots are offered first to those with financial needs.
3. Extend the legal high school drop-out age to 17 (currently 16) to keep more youth in school and help them with planning for future.
4. Provide more and improved mental health facilities; clinics and hospitals.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to discuss these and any other legislative goals it wishes to submit to the NCACC, and direct staff accordingly.

Suggested Motion:

No motion suggested.