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Spring is here and I am looking forward to warmer, sunnier weather that welcomes us to get outside and enjoy God's beautiful creation. As we look forward to celebrating Easter, may we remember with much gratitude the sacrifice of our Savior Jesus Christ. Here are a few legislative highlights I am pleased to share: HB 40 Prevent Rioting and Civil Disorder was passed by the Senate and sent to the Governor for his signature. This bill increases penalties for rioting and creates a new felony that will apply to rioting. The bill also requires a 'cooling off' period following an arrest for the accused, until a judge decides if the accused needs to be held or released on a bond. I had the honor of adding my name to the ratified bill before it went over to the Governor. This bill has bipartisan sponsorship and bipartisan support in both chambers, and I am glad to report that instead of issuing a veto, the Governor allowed HB 40 to become law without his signature and it will go into effect on December 1, 2023. I have also sponsored 2 bills dealing with the safety and security of our elections. These are SB 88 Election Day Integrity Act and SB 89 Prohibit Private Money in Election Administration.

My office is continuing to consider applications for the 2023 Senate Page Program. If you are a 10-12th grader in Burke, McDowell, or eastern Buncombe counties and are interested in serving as a Senate Page in 2023, please send me an email. I will use your email address to send you a personalized link to the online application. The selection process for this program is highly competitive, as each Senator has a limited allotment of students.

If you would like to continue to follow the actions of SB 88/89 or any other bills or examine the voting record of your NC House or Senate member, the General Assembly website is an invaluable resource. Check out NCLeg.gov.

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