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*Effectiveness Rankings for
Members of the
North Carolina General Assembly*



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The N.C. Center for Public Policy Research conducted its legislative survey during the fall of 1997, after adjournment of the regular session. All state Senators and Representatives, 308 legislative liaisons and lobbyists based in North Carolina, and 28 capital news correspondents were asked to rate the "effectiveness" of each member of the North Carolina General Assembly on a scale of 1 to 10. Senators were only asked to rate other Senators, and Representatives only rated fellow Representatives.

Ninety-one of the 120 House members (76%) responded to the Center's survey, as did 39 of the 50 Senators (78%), 147 of 308 legislative liaisons and registered lobbyists based in North Carolina (48%), and eight of 28 capital news correspondents (29%). The overall rate of response was 56%, an increase from the 51% response rate in 1995.

The survey's purpose was to identify the most effective legislators in the General Assembly. The Center asked respondents to base their ratings on legislators' participation in committee work, their skill at guiding bills through floor debate, their general knowledge and expertise in specific fields, the respect they command from peers, the enthusiasm with which they execute various legislative responsibilities, the political power they hold (either by virtue of office, longevity, or personal attributes), their ability to sway the opinion of fellow legislators, and their aptitude for the overall legislative process. Respondents were asked to use these criteria, as well as their own personal knowledge of the General Assembly and personal perceptions of those who serve there, in replying to the Center's questionnaire.

The following pages list the effectiveness rankings for the 1997 North Carolina Senate and House of Representatives and include rankings from previous legislative sessions where applicable.

Effectiveness Rankings for Members of the 1997 General Assembly N.C. Senate

<u>Name of Senator</u>	<u>Effectiveness Ranking in</u>	<u>Previous Effectiveness Rankings</u> (Where Applicable)								
	<u>1997</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1979</u>
BASNIGHT, MARC (D-Dare)	1	1	1	2	4	16	34	NA	NA	NA
COOPER, ROY A., III (D-Nash)	2	4	6	23 (tie)	13*	45*	NA	NA	NA	NA
RAND, ANTHONY E. (TONY) (D-Cumberland)	3	2	NA	NA	NA	3	3 (tie)	13	NA	NA
PLYLER, AARON W. (D-Union)	4	3	3	6	14	4	3 (tie)	25	18*	28 (tie)*
PERDUE, BEVERLY M. (D-Craven)	5	6	12	20	44*	70 (tie)*	NA	NA	NA	NA
HOYLE, DAVID W. (D-Gaston)	6	9	36	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
ODOM, T.L. (FOUNTAIN) (D-Mecklenburg)	7	8	10	21	41	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
WINNER, LESLIE J. (D-Mecklenburg)	8	14	21	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
KERR, JOHN H., III (D-Wayne)	9	10	15	16*	24*	62*	NA	NA	NA	NA
SOLES, R.C., JR. (D-Columbus)	10	12	14	7	11	10	10	17	14	25 (tie)
BALLANCE, FRANK W., JR. (D-Warren)	11	15	11	37	42	NA	41*	73 (tie)*	NA	NA
COCHRANE, BETSY L. (R-Davie)	12	5	24	19	24 (tie)	16 (tie)*	22*	103*	95*	NA
LEE, HOWARD N. (D-Orange)	13	NA	9	18	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
CONDER, J. RICHARD (D-Richmond)	14	7	7	11	17	21	35 (tie)	NA	NA	NA
GULLEY, WIB (D-Durham)	15	17	41	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
MARTIN, WILLIAM N. (BILL) (D-Guilford)	16	16	17	25	26	27	25	43	NA	NA
HARTSELL, FLETCHER L., JR. (R-Cabarrus)	17	20	43	46	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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MARTIN, ROBERT L. (BOB) (D-Pitt)	18	22	27	32 (tie)	36	38	39	NA	NA	NA
HORTON, HAMILTON C., JR. (R-Forsyth)	19	30	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
ALBERTSON, CHARLES W. (D-Duplin)	20	18	37	82 (tie)*	109*	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
SHAW, ROBERT G. (R-Guilford)	21	24	32	35	39	44	47	NA	NA	NA
McDANIEL, JAMES MARK (R-Forsyth)	22	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
LUCAS, JEANNE HOPKINS (D-Durham)	23	32	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
REEVES, ERIC MILLER (D-Wake)	24	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
BALLANTINE, PATRICK J. (R-New Hanover)	25	35	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
FORRESTER, JAMES S. (R-Gaston)	26	28	40	47	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
WARREN, EDWARD N. (D-Pitt)	27	25	34	40	48 (tie)*	22*	23*	52*	90 (tie)*	NA
MILLER, BRAD (D-Wake)	28	NA	41*	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PHILLIPS, JIM (D-Davidson)	29	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
DALTON, WALTER H. (D-Rutherford)	30	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
WELLONS, ALLEN H. (D-Johnston)	31	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
WEINSTEIN, DAVID F. (D-Robeson)	32	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
JENKINS, THOMAS K. (TOMMY) (D-Macon)	33	NA	97*	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
FOXX, VIRGINIA ANN (R-Watauga)	34	40	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
KINCAID, DONALD R. (R-Caldwell)	35	27	35	27	34	41	30	39	33	38

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DANNELLY, CHARLIE SMITH (D-Mecklenburg)	36	41	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
JORDAN, LUTHER HENRY, JR. (D-New Hanover)	37	42	49	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
CARPENTER, ROBERT C. (R-Macon)	38	38	46	44	49	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
RUCHO, ROBERT A. (R-Mecklenburg)	39	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
ALLRAN, AUSTIN M. (R-Catawba)	40	33	47	43	47	48	89*	118*	117*	NA
SHAW, LARRY (D-Cumberland)	41	108*	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
KINNAIRD, ELLIE (D-Orange)	42	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
WEBSTER, HUGH (R-Caswell)	43	43	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
GARWOOD, JOHN A. (R-Wilkes)	44	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
EAST, DON W. (R-Surry)	45	46	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PAGE, DANIEL E. (R-Harnett)	46	48	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
BLUST, JOHN M. (R-Guilford)	47	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
CARRINGTON, JOHN H. (R-Wake)	48	45	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
LEDBETTER, JESSE INGRAM (R-Buncombe)	49	47	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
CLARK, R L (R-Buncombe)	50	49	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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MORGAN, RICHARD T. (R-Moore)	1	3	84	96	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
DAUGHTRY, N. LEO (R-Johnston)	2	2	43	39*	46*	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
BRUBAKER, HAROLD J. (R-Randolph)	3	1	31	37	35	50	39 (tie)	56 (tie)	57 (tie)	85 (tie)
HOLMES, GEORGE M. (R-Yadkin)	4	4	49	51	39 (tie)	68	67	101	92	100 (tie)
GRAY, LYONS (R-Forsyth)	5	6	37	76	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NEELY, CHARLES B. (CHUCK) (R-Wake)	6	5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
McMAHAN, WILLIAM EDWIN (ED) (R-Mecklenburg)	7	63	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
HACKNEY, JOE (D-Orange)	8	16	4	5	9	7	10	15	60	NA
RUSSELL, CAROLYN B. (R-Wayne)	9	8	45	97 (tie)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
BLACK, JAMES B. (D-Mecklenburg)	10	14	14	65 (tie)	NA	NA	NA	55	72	NA
ESPOSITO, THERESA H. (R-Forsyth)	11	9	39	46 (tie)	53	100	101	NA	NA	NA
BLUE, DANIEL T., JR. (D-Wake)	12	26	1	1	6	6	7	8	30	NA
CANSLER, LANIER M. (R-Buncombe)	13	42	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
ARNOLD, GENE GREY (R-Nash)	14	12	88	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
CREECH, BILLY J. (R-Johnston)	15	7	60	89 (tie)	97	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
BOWIE, JOANNE W. (JONI) (R-Guilford)	16	21	50	74	93	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
HOWARD, JULIA CRAVEN (R-Davie)	17	18	87	99	106	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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REDWINE, E. DAVID (D-Brunswick)	18	22	11	17	18	28	44	NA	NA	NA
RAMSEY, LISTON B. (D-Madison)	19	23	9	12	11	1	1	1	1	3
NESBITT, MARTIN L., JR. (D-Buncombe)	20	NA	2	4	12	5	13	21 (tie)	65	NA
BERRY, CHERIE KILLIAN (R-Catawba)	21	15	96	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
BADDOUR, PHILIP A., JR. (D-Wayne)	22	NA	25 (tie)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
McCOMAS, DANIEL F. (R-New Hanover)	23	77	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
WILSON, CONSTANCE K. (CONNIE) (R-Mecklenburg)	24	19	73	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
JUSTUS, LARRY T. (R-Henderson)	25	17	67	68	64 (tie)	106	112 (tie)	NA	NA	NA
GRADY, W. ROBERT (R-Onslow)	26	11	54	89 (tie)	100	115	NA	NA	NA	NA
MITCHELL, W. FRANKLIN (R-Iredell)	27	55	116	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
DICKSON, WALTER W. (DUB) (R-Gaston)	28	35	32	73	105	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PRESTON, JEAN R. (R-Carteret)	29	30	99	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
DOCKHAM, JERRY C. (R-Davidson)	30	37	85	111 (tie)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
HENSLEY, ROBERT J., JR. (D-Wake)	31	31	15	61 (tie)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
MILLER, GEORGE W., JR. (D-Durham)	32	33	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	9
CLARY, DEBBIE A. (R-Cleveland)	33	70	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
HUNTER, ROBERT C. (D-McDowell)	34	34	12	11	10	11	20	25	56	NA
MINER, DAVID (R-Wake)	35	60	105	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
GARDNER, CHARLOTTE A. (R-Rowan)	36	28	71	91	88	105	107	NA	NA	NA

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THOMPSON, GREGORY J. (R-Mitchell)	37	39	111	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
MICHAUX, H.M., JR. (MICKEY) (D-Durham)	38	40	7	9	15	15	24	NA	NA	NA
SHERRILL, WILMA M. (R-Buncombe)	39	57	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
CULPEPPER, WILLIAM T., III (D-Chowan)	40	44	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
EASTERLING, RUTH M. (D-Mecklenburg)	41	49	16	34	46	49	39 (tie)	50	71	94 (tie)
FITCH, MILTON F., JR. (TOBY) (D-Wilson)	42	29	5	8	23	56 (tie)	79	NA	NA	NA
HUNTER, HOWARD J., JR. (D-Northampton)	43	64	17	32	81	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
REYNOLDS, DENNIS ALAN (R-Alamance)	44	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
KISER, JOE L. (R-Lincoln)	45	92	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
ALEXANDER, MARTHA B. (D-Mecklenburg)	46	47	58	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
ROGERS, RICHARD EUGENE (GENE) (D-Martin)	47	52	28	46 (tie)	80	95	NA	NA	NA	NA
OWENS, WILLIAM C., JR. (D-Pasquotank)	48	71	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
HURLEY, JOHN W. (BILL) (D-Cumberland)	49	65	NA	50	71	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
CRAWFORD, JAMES W., JR. (D-Granville)	50	43	NA	24	22	36	33 (tie)	85 (tie)	NA	NA
IVES, WILLIAM M. (R-Transylvania)	51	53	102	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
WILKINS, MICHAEL S. (D-Person)	52	50	75	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
SUTTON, RONNIE N. (D-Robeson)	53	67	79	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
WATSON, CYNTHIA B. (R-Duplin)	54	105	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
FOX, STANLEY H. (D-Granville)	55	75	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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SHUBERT, FERN HAYWOOD (R-Union)	56	48	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
MERCER, LINWOOD E. (D-Pitt)	57	69	82	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
WRIGHT, THOMAS E. (D-New Hanover)	58	83	66	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
HILL, DEWEY L. (D-Columbus)	59	79	93	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NYE, EDD (D-Bladen)	60	56	29	29	48 (tie)	32	56	NA	26 (tie)	41 (tie)
WILSON, W. EUGENE (GENE) (R-Watauga)	61	62	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NICHOLS, JOHN M. (R-Craven)	62	10	98	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
WEATHERLY, JOHN HUGH (R-Cleveland)	63	66	91	NA	113	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
COLE, E. NELSON (D-Rockingham)	64	NA	77	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
SEXTON, P. WAYNE (R-Rockingham)	65	81	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
MORRIS, MIA (R-Cumberland)	66	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
CARPENTER, JAMES C. (R-Macon)	67	96	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
CULP, ARLIE F. (R-Randolph)	68	58	104	114	116	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
McCOMBS, WILLARD EUGENE (GENE) (R-Rowan)	69	94	117	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
McCRARY, PAUL R. (JAYBIRD) (D-Davidson)	70	76	86	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
HIATT, WILLIAM S. (R-Surry)	71	78	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	99	NA
BUCHANAN, C.F. (MONROE) (R-Mitchell)	72	88	NA	92 (tie)	94	85	102	NA	NA	NA
BAKER, REX L. (R-Stokes)	73	109	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
MOORE, RICHARD (D-Cabarrus)	74	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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TALLET, TIMOTHY N. (R-Cabarrus)	75	61	100	109 (tie)	108	110	112 (tie)	NA	NA	NA
SMITH, RONALD L. (D-Carteret)	76	NA	70	107	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
LUEBKE, PAUL (D-Durham)	77	80	36	58	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
EDDINS, RICK L. (R-Wake)	78	86	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
GAMBLE, JOHN R., JR. (D-Lincoln)	79	51	27	57	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	7
ELLIS, JAMES SAMUEL (SAM) (R-Wake)	80	38	115	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
BROWN, JOHN W. (R-Wilkes)	81	27	83	97 (tie)	82	92	85	113 (tie)	110	113 (tie)
WOOD, STEPHEN W. (R-Guilford)	82	32	94	100 (tie)	114	NA	108 (tie)	NA	NA	NA
YONGUE, DOUGLAS Y. (D-Scotland)	83	102	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
JARRELL, MARY L. (D-Guilford)	84	NA	35	71	NA	63	NA	91	NA	NA
BRAWLEY, C. ROBERT (R-Iredell)	85	25	46	55	59	78	77	112	114	NA
RAYFIELD, JOHN M. (R-Gaston)	86	106	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
CHURCH, WALTER G., SR. (D-Burke)	87	93	101	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
WARNER, ALEX (D-Cumberland)	88	85	47	53	63	93	NA	NA	NA	NA
GOODWIN, WAYNE (D-Richmond)	89	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
MOSLEY, JANE HURLEY (D-Wake)	90	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
CUNNINGHAM, W. PETE (D-Mecklenburg)	91	95	52	87	95 (tie)	91	NA	NA	NA	NA
WAINWRIGHT, WILLIAM L. (D-Craven)	92	98	61	103 (tie)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
TOLSON, JOE P. (D-Edgecombe)	93	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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SAUNDERS, DREW (D-Mecklenburg)	94	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
BRASWELL, JERRY (D-Wayne)	95	101	74	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
JEFFUS, MARGARET M. (D-Guilford)	96	NA	62	106	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
HARDAWAY, THOMAS C. (D-Halifax)	97	NA	NA	21	39	82	NA	NA	NA	NA
HALL, BOBBY RAY (R-Lee)	98	NA	92	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
HIGHTOWER, FOYLE R., JR. (D-Anson)	99	90	51	80	NA	41	53	38	73	73 (tie)
BARBEE, BOBBY HAROLD, SR. (R-Stanly)	100	72	109	113	115	113 (tie)	NA	NA	NA	NA
CAPPS, J. RUSSELL (R-Wake)	101	84	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
EARLE, BEVERLY M. (D-Mecklenburg)	102	115	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
BEALL, CHARLES M. (D-Haywood)	103	89	64	61 (tie)	64 (tie)	31	37	58	NA	NA
WARWICK, NURHAM O. (D-Sampson)	104	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
DEDMON, ANDREW (D-Cleveland)	105	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
ALLRED, CARY D. (R-Alamance)	106	114	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	49*	50*	NA
McALLISTER, MARY E. (D-Cumberland)	107	112	78	102	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
OLDHAM, WARREN C. (PETE) (D-Forsyth)	108	103	76	109 (tie)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
DECKER, MICHAEL P. (R-Forsyth)	109	68	118	119	117	119	119	NA	NA	NA
GULLEY, JIM (R-Mecklenburg)	110	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
BOYD-McINTYRE, FLOSSIE (D-Guilford)	111	116	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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STARNES, EDGAR V. (R-Caldwell)	112	NA	NA	NA	NA	120	NA	NA	NA	NA
WOMBLE, LARRY W. (D-Forsyth)	113	107	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
INSKO, VERLA C. (D-Orange)	114	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
BONNER, DONALD ALLEN (D-Robeson)	115	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
ADAMS, ALMA S. (D-Guilford)	116	97	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
KINNEY, THEODORE J. (D-Cumberland)	117	NA	114	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
DAVIS, DONALD SPENCER (R-Harnett)	118	99	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
ALDRIDGE, M.W. (HENRY) (R-Pitt)	119	118	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
HARDY, EDWIN M. (SANDY) (R-Beaufort)	120	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA



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