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## 2022 North Carolina General Assembly Candidate Questionnaire

**Name:** Billy Martin

**District:** Senate District 46

**Party Affiliation:** Democrat

**Current Occupation:** Retired

**1. What are your views on the needs of young children (prenatal to age 5) and what specific steps would you take to address these needs?**

Affordable Healthcare. Immediate passage of Medicaid Expansion. Raising the minimum wage here in NC.

**2. What steps would you take to ensure that children birth to age five have access to high-quality and affordable early learning programs?**

Increased funding of Early Childhood Education.

**3. What steps would you take to stabilize and sustain North Carolina's early education system and child care workforce as we approach the end of the federal child care relief funding?**

To all in need of assistance, devise pathways to meet the shortfalls experienced by parents as a result of a decade or more of underfunding public schools.

**4. What are your views on how to provide all children with access to a sound, basic education beginning in early childhood?**

Implementation of recommendations set forth in the "Leandro Case".