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## 2022 North Carolina General Assembly Candidate Questionnaire

**Name:** Bobbie Shields

**District:** Senate District 40

**Party Affiliation:** Republican

**Current Occupation:** Business owner

**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?**

Parental care and attention.

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

I would encourage local communities to address the issue.

**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?**

I would seek to better understand why the federal childcare relief funding is ending and assess the effectiveness of that effort with an eye toward supporting what works.

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

Local communities should address the issue and develop solutions - with assistance from the State to sustain effective efforts.