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• Volunteers from all walks of life
• Currently retired or still working
• Age 60+
• Residents of the county they represent
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• Provide information about the legislative process
• Unencumbered and nonpartisan as a body
• Provide citizen involvement and education
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• Provision of increased funding for programs
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The NCSTHL meets three times a year to study issues, hear from subject matter experts and state officials, and develop legislative recommendations to present to the NC General Assembly.

Since 1993, the NCSTHL has supported the passage of 11 bills into law. It has consistently promoted increased funding for programs supporting older adults and their caregivers.

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• Assess the legislative needs of older citizens through a forum modeled after the NCGA.
• Provide information about the legislative process and matters being considered by the NCGA.
• Develop a nonpartisan forum for older North Carolinians to discuss issues concerning senior citizens.
• Promote citizen involvement and education.
• Provide information and education.