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Where will the legislative budget leave North Caroline in national rankings on teacher pay? Has the state made progress in public education in the past 20 years or has it not been going anywhere? The Public Forum's new President and Executive Director Jo Ann Norris tells host Barlow Herget that the budget bill jeopardizes the progress North Carolina has made over the past 20 years in education. Norris notes the state's big improvement in graduation rates, now over 70 percent. She predicts the bill could set back public schools with such provisions as abolishing the productive and popular Teaching Fellows program.