

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1138

Short Title: UNC Tuition & Fees/Set by Legislature.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Arnold.

Referred to: Education.

April 12, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL FIX THE
RATE OF TUITION FOR THE STATE'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 116-143 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 116-143. State-supported institutions of higher education required to charge
tuition and fees.**

(a) ~~The Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina General~~
~~Assembly shall fix the tuition and fees, not inconsistent with actions of the General~~
~~Assembly, fees~~ at the institutions enumerated in G.S. 116-4 in such amount or amounts
as it may deem best, taking into consideration the nature of each institution and program
of study and the cost of equipment and maintenance; and each institution shall charge
and collect from each student, at the beginning of each semester or quarter, tuition, fees,
and an amount sufficient to pay other expenses for the term.

In the event that said students are unable to pay the cost of tuition and required
academic fees as the same may become due, in cash, the said several boards of trustees
are hereby authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to accept the obligation of the
student or students together with such collateral or security as they may deem necessary
and proper, it being the purpose of this Article that all students in State institutions of
higher learning shall be required to pay tuition, and that free tuition is hereby abolished.

Inasmuch as the giving of tuition and fee waivers, or especially reduced rates,
represent in effect a variety of scholarship awards, the said practice is hereby prohibited
except when expressly authorized by statute or by the ~~Board of Governors of the~~
~~University of North Carolina; General Assembly~~ and, furthermore, it is hereby directed
and required that all budgeted funds expended for scholarships of any type must be
clearly identified in budget reports.

Notwithstanding the above provision relating to the abolition of free tuition, the
Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina may, in its discretion, provide

1 regulations under which a full-time faculty member of the rank of full-time instructor or
2 above, and any full-time staff member of the University of North Carolina may during
3 the period of normal employment enroll for not more than one course per semester in
4 the University of North Carolina free of charge for tuition, provided such enrollment
5 does not interfere with normal employment obligations and further provided that such
6 enrollments are not counted for the purpose of receiving general fund appropriations."

7 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.