GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 803

Short Title:	Encourage Teacher Ed./Active Military.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Forrester; Carpenter, Cunningham, Garwood, Hoyle, and Martin of Guilford.	
Referred to:	Education/Higher Education.	

April 3, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO WORK COOPERATIVELY TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL TO TAKE TEACHER EDUCATION CLASSES PRIOR TO DISCHARGE FROM THE MILITARY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, the State Board of Community Colleges, and the Department of Public Instruction shall work cooperatively to expand the opportunities for military personnel to enroll in and complete teacher education programs prior to discharge from the military. The cooperative effort shall include the expansion, as feasible, of teacher education classes and programs on military bases and at alternate nearby sites, through Internet-based course offerings, and through cooperative education programs. The cooperative effort shall also focus on the educational needs unique to active military personnel who are potential teachers or teacher assistants and ways to make the necessary classes and programs more accessible to them. A special effort shall also be made to communicate with and inform military personnel of the educational opportunities available on military bases, at alternate sites near military bases, through long-distance education, and through cooperative education.

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