HOUSE BILL 1422

Short Title:	UNC Tuition Surcharge Exemption.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives Martin; Hughes and Lucas.	
Referred to:	Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Education.	

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CREATE A LIMITED EXCEPTION TO THE POLICY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA THAT REQUIRES THAT A TUITION SURCHARGE BE IMPOSED ON ANY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT WHO EXCEEDS THE LIMIT OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY CREDIT HOURS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Subsection (b) of Section 89 of Chapter 321 of the 1993 Session Laws, as amended by Section 17.10 of Chapter 769 of the 1993 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

"(b) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall ensure that procedures are established that are necessary to impose a twenty-five percent (25%) tuition surcharge on students who take more than 140 degree credit hours to complete a baccalaureate degree in a four-year program or more than one hundred ten percent (110%) of the credit hours necessary to complete a baccalaureate degree in any program officially designated by the Board of Governors as a five-year program. The calculation of these credit hours taken at a constituent institution or accepted for transfer shall exclude hours earned through the College Board's Advanced Placement or CLEP examinations, through institutional advanced placement or course validation, or through summer term or extension programs. No surcharge shall be imposed on any student who exceeds the degree credit hour limits within the equivalent of four academic years of regular term enrollment, or within five academic years of regular term enrollment in a degree program officially designated by the Board of Governors as a five-year program. <u>The Board of Governors may establish a policy that provides for an exemption to the tuition surcharge for students who demonstrate military deployment, serious medical debilitation, or other extraordinary hardship that has substantially disrupted or interrupted the pursuit of a degree.</u> The Board shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by April 1, 1994, on its recommendations for implementing this surcharge."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.