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SENATE BILL DRS45160-MKa-2A

Short Title: Raise Out-of-State/Lower In-State UNC Tuition.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator McInnis (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE NONRESIDENT TUITION AT CERTAIN CONSTITUENT  
3 INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO DECREASE  
4 RESIDENT TUITION AT THOSE SAME INSTITUTIONS USING ADDITIONAL  
5 NONRESIDENT TUITION RECEIPTS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 116-144 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 116-144. Higher tuition to be charged nonresidents.**

9 (a) Unless provided otherwise by law, the Board of Governors shall fix the tuition and  
10 required fees charged nonresidents of North Carolina who attend the institutions enumerated in  
11 G.S. 116-4 at rates higher than the rates charged residents of North Carolina and comparable to  
12 the rates charged nonresident students by comparable public institutions nationwide, except that  
13 tuition for nonresidents who enroll in an undergraduate degree program at North Carolina State  
14 University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill shall be set in accordance with  
15 subsection (b) of this section.

16 (b) For the 2019-2020 academic year, the tuition charged nonresidents who enroll in an  
17 undergraduate program at North Carolina State University and the University of North Carolina  
18 at Chapel Hill shall be set at a rate in an amount of at least five thousand dollars (\$5,000) greater  
19 than the tuition charged nonresidents enrolled at those constituent institutions for the 2018-2019  
20 academic year. In subsequent academic years thereafter, the Board of Governors shall fix  
21 nonresident tuition for undergraduate programs at these institutions at a rate that is equal to or  
22 greater than the amount of tuition charged nonresidents for the 2019-2020 academic year.

23 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a person who serves as a graduate  
24 teaching assistant or graduate research assistant or in a similar instructional or research  
25 assignment and is at the same time enrolled as a graduate student in the same institution may, in  
26 the discretion of the Board of Governors, be charged a lower rate fixed by the Board, provided  
27 the rate is not lower than the North Carolina resident rate."

28 **SECTION 2.** Beginning with the 2019-2020 fiscal year, additional tuition receipts  
29 generated from increasing the tuition charged nonresidents who enroll in an undergraduate  
30 program at North Carolina State University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
31 pursuant to G.S. 116-144(b), as enacted by this act, shall be used by the Board of Governors of  
32 The University of North Carolina to decrease the tuition charged for in-State students enrolled at  
33 those constituent institutions beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year and subsequent  
34 academic years thereafter. Beginning with the 2019-2020 fiscal year, additional tuition receipts  
35 generated in accordance with this act shall not be used to offset appropriations from the General  
36 Fund to these constituent institutions.



1                   **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to academic  
2 periods beginning on or after July 1, 2019.