

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 418

Short Title: NC Teaching Fellows/HMSIs. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Lee, Ballard, and Britt (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 1, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT AT LEAST ONE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION  
3 DESIGNATED AS A HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY AND AT  
4 LEAST ONE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION DESIGNATED AS A HISTORICALLY  
5 AMERICAN INDIAN UNIVERSITY BE INCLUDED IN THE NORTH CAROLINA  
6 TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 116-209.62 reads as rewritten:

9 **"§ 116-209.62. North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program established; administration.**

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11 (f) Program Selection Criteria. – The Authority shall administer the Program in  
12 cooperation with up to ~~eight~~10 institutions of higher education with approved  
13 educator preparation programs selected by the Commission that represent a diverse  
14 selection of both postsecondary constituent institutions of The University of North  
15 Carolina and private postsecondary institutions operating in the State. The  
16 Commission shall include at least the following constituent institutions of The  
17 University of North Carolina in the Program: one institution that is designated as a  
18 Historically Black College or University (HBCU) and one institution that is  
19 designated as a Historically American Indian University. The Commission shall adopt  
20 stringent standards for selection of the most effective educator preparation programs,  
21 including the following:

- 22 (1) Demonstrates high rates of educator effectiveness on value-added models and  
23 teacher evaluations, including using performance-based, subject-specific  
24 assessment and support systems, such as edTPA or other metrics of evaluating  
25 candidate effectiveness that have predictive validity.
- 26 (2) Demonstrates measurable impact of prior graduates on student learning,  
27 including impact of graduates teaching in STEM or special education  
28 licensure areas.
- 29 (3) Demonstrates high rates of graduates passing exams required for teacher  
30 licensure.
- 31 (4) Provides curricular and co-curricular enhancements in leadership, facilitates  
32 learning for diverse learners, and promotes community engagement,  
33 classroom management, and reflection and assessment.
- 34 (5) Requires at least a minor concentration of study in the subject area that the  
35 candidate may teach.



1 (6) Provides early and frequent internship or practical experiences, including the  
2 opportunity for participants to perform practicums in diverse school  
3 environments.

4 (7) Is approved by the State Board of Education as an educator preparation  
5 program.

6 (g) Awards of Forgivable Loans. – The Program shall provide forgivable loans to selected  
7 students to be used at the ~~eight selected participating~~ institutions for completion of a program  
8 leading to initial teacher licensure as follows:

9 (1) North Carolina high school seniors. – Forgivable loans of up to four thousand  
10 one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$4,125) per semester for up to eight  
11 semesters.

12 (2) Students applying for transfer to a selected educator preparation program at  
13 an institution of higher education. – Forgivable loans of up to four thousand  
14 one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$4,125) per semester for up to six semesters.

15 (3) Individuals currently holding a bachelor's degree seeking preparation for  
16 teacher licensure. – Forgivable loans of up to four thousand one hundred  
17 twenty-five dollars (\$4,125) per semester for up to four semesters.

18 (4) Students matriculating at institutions of higher education who are changing to  
19 enrollment in a selected educator preparation program. – Forgivable loans of  
20 up to four thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$4,125) per semester for  
21 up to four semesters.

22 Forgivable loans may be used for tuition, fees, the cost of books, and expenses related to  
23 obtaining licensure.

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25 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021, and applies beginning with  
26 the 2022-2023 academic year.