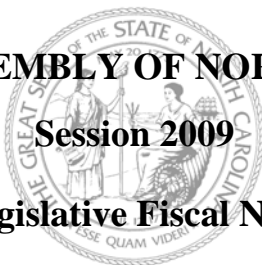


GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2009

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 1533 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: No Tuition Surcharge/Military or Disability

SPONSOR(S): Representative Barnhart

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes ()	No (X)	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2009-10</u>	<u>FY 2010-11</u>	<u>FY 2011-12</u>	<u>FY 2012-13</u>	<u>FY 2013-14</u>
REVENUES					
General Fund					
	See Assumptions and Methodology				
EXPENDITURES					
POSITIONS (cumulative):					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:	University of North Carolina (UNC)				
EFFECTIVE DATE:	Effective July 1, 2009				

BILL SUMMARY:

The bill allows the UNC Board of Governors to waive the tuition surcharge for a maximum of two semesters, or summer session equivalents, if a student’s undergraduate studies have been significantly interrupted or delayed due to either (1) a short term or long term disability or (2) a call to active duty in the military service of the US armed forces or of the armed forces or militias of any of the several US states.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

While the University of North Carolina has no data on the characteristics of students paying the tuition surcharge each year, it is unlikely that this bill will have a fiscal impact on tuition surcharge revenues. The tuition surcharge is based on the number of credit hours completed not on the number of semesters enrolled in school. The tuition surcharge is imposed after 140 credit hours are taken for a four year degree or after 110% of the credit hours are taken for a five year degree. (A standard four year baccalaureate degree requires 120 credit hours.) So, if a student completes her sophomore year with 60 credit hours, then her unit is called to active duty for two years, upon her return she can enroll in up to 80 credit hours to complete her degree without a tuition penalty.

SOURCES OF DATA: University of North Carolina General Administration

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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