

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 897

Short Title: Ed. Oversight Study/Student-Athlete Stipends. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Pierce (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

April 15, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT
3 COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF WHETHER STUDENT-ATHLETES
4 SHOULD BE PAID STIPENDS OR OTHERWISE BE ALLOWED TO SHARE IN
5 SPORTS REVENUES COLLECTED BY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee may study the
8 issue of whether student-athletes should be paid stipends or otherwise be allowed to share in
9 the various types of sports revenues generated by institutions of higher education, including
10 revenues generated through all of the following: commercialization of a student-athlete's name,
11 image, or likeness; ticket sales; television rights; merchandise; and licensing agreements. In its
12 study the Committee may consider all of the following:

- 13 (1) The amount and type of revenue generated by intercollegiate sports and how
14 those revenues are used by the institutions of higher education.
15 (2) The current policies regarding the recruitment and retention of
16 student-athletes.
17 (3) The academic eligibility requirements for and the quality of educational
18 services provided to student-athletes.
19 (4) The opportunities provided by collegiate sports for student-athletes to
20 become professional athletes and the number of students-athletes that
21 successfully take advantage of those opportunities.
22 (5) The recent decision of *Edward O'Bannon v. NCAA* and any appellate
23 decisions rendered regarding that case.
24 (6) Any other issue the Committee deems relevant to the study.

25 **SECTION 2.** The Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee may report on
26 its findings, including any recommended legislation, to the 2016 Session of the 2015 General
27 Assembly.

28 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

