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SENATE BILL 536

Short Title: Students Know Before You Go. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Barefoot (Primary Sponsor); Krawiec and Waddell.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 30, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE DATA TO STUDENTS ON  
3 POSTSECONDARY STUDENT RETENTION, GRADUATION, AND EARNINGS  
4 OUTCOMES AT NORTH CAROLINA POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. Article 23 of Chapter 16 of the General Statutes is amended by  
7 adding a new section to read:

8 "§ 116-209.16A. Information on career and major options.

9 (a) The Authority shall provide information on its Web site to students and parents on  
10 projected employment needs in the labor economy and associated salary ranges for those areas  
11 of employment, college majors which may fulfill those needs, and institutions which may  
12 provide those majors. The Authority may use existing sources of public information, such as  
13 the employment projections produced by the federal Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor  
14 Statistics, to develop this information.

15 (b) The Authority shall, as data is made available through the North Carolina  
16 Longitudinal Data System or other sources, provide on its Web site information based on  
17 aggregate data on outcomes of public and private institutions of higher education in North  
18 Carolina to provide further information to students and parents. Outcome information shall  
19 include, but is not limited to, the following:

- 20 (1) Completion rates within the expected numbers of semesters for the degree  
21 sought.  
22 (2) Transfer rates of students to other institutions.  
23 (3) Percentage of students receiving financial aid, by type of aid.  
24 (4) Average amount of loan debt upon student graduation.  
25 (5) Average salary by type of major.  
26 (6) Percentage of graduates employed within six months of graduation."

27 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

