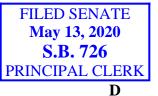
## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2019



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## SENATE BILL DRS45391-RQza-5A\*

Short Title:	PED Report/Student Financial Assistance.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators D. Davis, Waddell, and Ford (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED		
2	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS TO ENSURE STATE FUNDS FOR		
23	POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS ARE FULLY		
3 4	EXPENDED AND TO GAUGE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THOSE PROGRAMS, AS		
5	RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM EVALUATION		
6	OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.		
7	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:		
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9	"(j) Report to the General Assembly. – The Authority shall report no later than December		
10	1, 2013, and annually thereafter to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee		
10	regarding the Fund and loans awarded from the Fund.Fund, including the total number of loan		
12	recipients by year who either (i) have met employment service requirements for loan forgiveness		
12	or (ii) elect cash loan repayment, including when years of employment are credited towards loan		
14	forgiveness prior to beginning cash repayment. The individual records used to generate this report		
15	shall be retained for a period of five years."		
16	<b>SECTION 1.(b)</b> Notwithstanding G.S. 116-209.45(j), as amended by this section,		
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19	than December 1, 2022. This initial information on the loan recipients shall also include the		
20	recipients' field of work.		
21	<b>SECTION 1.(c)</b> The Authority shall develop and maintain a record-keeping system		
22	to track the repayment methods utilized by the recipients of State-funded educational loans that		
23	are eligible for forgiveness based on meeting individual program employment service		
24	requirements. The record-keeping system shall facilitate meeting data reporting requirements on		
25	State-funded educational loan programs, including for (i) the North Carolina Teaching Fellows		
26	Program under G.S. 116-209.62(j)(2) and (ii) the Forgivable Education Loans for Service		
27	Program under G.S. 116-209.45(j), and inform whether such programs are meeting the		
28	employment needs of the State. The Authority shall report on its progress in implementing the		
29	record-keeping system required by this section to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight		
30	Committee and the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee by January 1,		
31	2021.		
32	SECTION 2.(a) G.S. 116-209.14 reads as rewritten:		
33	"§ 116-209.14. Annual-Strategic plan; reports.		
34	(a) <u>Strategic Plan. – The Authority shall biennially develop and maintain a strategic plan</u>		

34 (a) Strategic Plan. – The Authority shall biennially develop and maintain a strategic plan
35 that sets forth the performance goals of the Authority in administering State-funded financial
36 assistance for postsecondary programs in accordance with State law. The strategic plan shall



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include comprehensive performance measures in order to track and evaluate	the Authority's
effectiveness and progress towards meeting the performance goals established	•
plan. The Authority shall make the most recent strategic plan publicly available	
each year.	
(b) Annual Reports. – The Authority shall, following the close of each fise	cal year, publish
an annual report of the implementation of its strategic plan and its activities for	or the preceding
year to the Governor and the General Assembly. Each report shall set forth inc	
following information:	
(1) The strategic plan adopted by the Authority pursuant to subse	ection (a) of this
section.	
(2) $\overline{a A}$ complete operating and financial statement covering the c	operations of the
Authority during the year.	•
(3) Data metrics on the administration of State-funded finan	ncial assistance
programs and recipients of financial assistance, including the	
a. Information for each postsecondary institution en	
using State-funded financial assistance, including	
financial assistance used by students for each progra	
by the Authority.	
b. Demographic information on students who received	ve State-funded
financial assistance, including socioeconomic profil	
and dependency status for that fiscal year.	
(c) <u>Oversight. – The operations of the Authority shall be subject to the</u>	oversight of the
State Auditor pursuant to Article 5A of Chapter 147 of the General Statutes."	
SECTION 2.(b) By January 1, 2021, the Authority shall repo	ort to the Joint
Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative Prog	ram Evaluation
Oversight Committee on its progress in meeting the requirements set forth in s	ubsection (a) of
this section.	
<b>SECTION 2.(c)</b> Subsection (a) of this section is effective July 1, 20	21.
<b>SECTION 3.</b> Effective July 1, 2020, there is appropriated from the	General Fund to
the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of up to	seven hundred
thousand dollars (\$700,000) in recurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to	be allocated to
the State Education Assistance Authority each fiscal year to cover administrative	costs associated
with The University of North Carolina Need-Based Financial Aid Program (Prog	gram).
SECTION 4. The Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM	(I) shall develop
recommendations on increasing transparency in administrative cost reporting for	
Scholarships for Students Attending Private Institutions of Higher Educ	cation Program
established under Article 34 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes. The recomm	
include a method for reporting program funding received by the Authority	
statements. OSBM shall report on the recommendations, including a time line for	
of proposed changes and any required legislative modifications, to the Jo	-
Education Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation	ation Oversight
Committee by June 30, 2020.	
<b>SECTION 5.</b> Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective w	when it becomes

44 law.