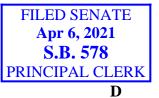
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2021



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SENATE BILL DRS45318-MKa-134

Short Title:	Study on Fixed In-State Tuition Plan for UNC.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Murdock, Waddell, and Crawford (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED	
2	AN ACT TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF ESTABLISHING A REDUCED FIX	ΈD
3	FOUR-YEAR TUITION PLAN FOR CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF T	
4	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS	ТО
5	CONDUCT THE STUDY.	
6	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:	
7	SECTION 1.(a) The Friday Institute for Educational Innovation at North Carol	lina
8	State University (the Friday Institute) shall conduct a study of the impact of establishing	; an
9	in-State tuition rate for undergraduate students at the constituent institutions of The Univer	sity
10	of North Carolina, other than the institutions participating in the NC Promise Tuition F	'lan
11	established pursuant to G.S. 116-143.11, at a fixed rate of two thousand five hundred dol	lars
12	(\$2,500) per semester for four academic years of continuous student enrollment. The Fri	day
13	Institute shall consider in its study at least all of the following:	
14	(1) The amount of time in which The University of North Carolina could feasi	ibly
15	transition to a reduced fixed rate tuition plan for in-State undergradu	ıate
16	students, including whether the reduced fixed rate tuition plan could be	egin
17	with the 2022-2023 academic year.	
18	(2) The economic impact on families and undergraduate students to have	
19	opportunity to attend a constituent institution under the plan, includ	ling
20	reduction of student loan debt and long-term financial benefits.	
21	(3) The economic impact on enrollment at constituent institutions by e	
22	institution and the corresponding effect on the budgets of those institution	
23	(4) The sustainable cost for campuses that are already near or at the tuition rate	
24	two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per semester for a four-y	/ear
25	period.	
26	(5) Projected obligations for State appropriations to cover the costs of redu	.ced
27	tuition receipts and enrollment changes under the plan.	
28	(6) The financial impact of a fixed fee policy where student fees remain the sa	
29	throughout a student's four years of enrollment at an institution on cam	pus
30	projects and programs.	
31	(7) The extent to which fees may be raised to support student services	on
32	campuses.	
33	SECTION 1.(b) By February 1, 2022, the Friday Institute shall report to the Ser	
34	Appropriations Committee on Education/Higher Education, the House Appropriati	
35	Committee on Education, the Fiscal Research Division, and the Joint Legislative Educat	ion
36	Oversight Committee on the results of the study required by subsection (a) of this section.	



General Assembly Of North Carolina

1 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors 2 of The University of North Carolina the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in 3 nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to be allocated to the Friday Institute for 4 Educational Innovation at North Carolina State University to conduct the study required by 5 Section 1 of this act.

6 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.