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Short Title: GPAC-Education Continuum.

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Sponsors: (by request) Representatives Blue, Barnes, Diamont, Hackney, Hensley, H. Hunter, G. Miller, Nesbitt, and Robinson.

Referred to: Education.

February 25, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT
PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE REGARDING THE CONTINUUM OF
EDUCATION IN NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

—CONTINUUM OF EDUCATION PROG.

Section 1. (a) A new Chapter is added to the General Statutes to read:

"CHAPTER 116C.

"CONTINUUM OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

"§ 116C-1. Education Cabinet created.

(a) The Education Cabinet is created. The Education Cabinet shall be located administratively within the Office of the Governor but shall exercise its statutory powers independently of the Office of the Governor.

(b) The Education Cabinet shall consist of the Governor, who shall serve as chair, the President of The University of North Carolina, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the President of the North Carolina Community College System. The Education Cabinet shall invite representatives of private education to participate in its deliberations as adjunct members.

(c) The Education Cabinet shall be a nonvoting body that:

(1) Works to resolve issues between existing providers of education.

(2) Sets the agenda for the State Education Commission.

1 (3) Develops a strategic design for a continuum of education programs, in
2 accordance with G.S. 116C-3.

3 (4) Studies other issues referred to it by the Governor or the General
4 Assembly.

5 (d) The Office of the Governor, in coordination with the staffs of The University
6 of North Carolina, the North Carolina Community College System, and the Department
7 of Public Instruction, shall provide staff to the Education Cabinet.

8 **"§ 116C-2. State Education Commission.**

9 The State Education Commission shall consist of the Board of Governors of The
10 University of North Carolina, the State Community College Board, and the State Board
11 of Education. The Governor shall call the meetings of the State Education Commission.

12 The Commission shall be a forum for airing proposals and engaging in board-to-
13 board dialogue about issues the Education Cabinet is addressing. The agenda for
14 Commission meetings shall be set by the Education Cabinet."

15 **"§ 116C-3. Strategic design for a continuum of education programs.**

16 The Education Cabinet shall develop a strategic design for a continuum of education
17 programs. A continuum of education programs is the complement of programs
18 delivered by the State to learners at all levels.

19 The new design shall take into account issues raised by the Government
20 Performance Audit Committee of the Legislative Research Commission.

21 The design process shall:

22 (1) Include vigorous examination of all programs as if they were being
23 created for the first time.

24 (2) Compare the existing structures, funding levels, and responsibilities of
25 each system to the new design.

26 The Education Cabinet shall report to the General Assembly on the strategic design
27 it develops prior to January 1, 1995."

28 (b) This section is effective upon ratification.

29 —UNC BOARD OF GOVERNORS' APPOINTMENT PROCESS STUDY.

30 Sec. 2. (a) The Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee may study
31 the appointment process of the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina
32 to provide balanced participation of the General Assembly and the Governor. The
33 Committee may report the results of its study to the 1994 Regular Session of the 1993
34 General Assembly and to the 1995 General Assembly.

35 (b) This section is effective upon ratification.

36 —COMMUNITY COLL. GOVERNANCE.

37 Sec. 3. (a) The General Assembly finds that the North Carolina Community
38 College System may be too decentralized and that its governance structure could be
39 modified to create a better balance between central authority and local flexibility. The
40 State Board of Community Colleges shall examine this issue and report to the 1994
41 Regular Session of the 1993 General Assembly on its recommendations for modifying
42 governance structure to create a better balance between central authority and local
43 flexibility.

44 (b) This section is effective upon ratification.