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**SENATE BILL 393**

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Short Title: GPAC/UNC Bd. of Gov. Review/Plan.

(Public)

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February 24, 1993

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT  
PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR A UNIVERSITY OF NORTH  
CAROLINA PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW AND A PLAN FOR THE  
CONTINUED AND EXPANDED AVAILABILITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
FOR ALL CITIZENS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall review all academic degree programs and research and public service activities to identify those programs and activities that are of low productivity or low priority, or are unnecessarily redundant. The Board shall develop specific criteria for these reviews, and shall develop a process to review academic degree program productivity biennially. The Board's review shall emphasize identification of processes and resources to strengthen programs that are or can reasonably be made productive. With regard to those programs that are not and cannot be made productive, if any, the Board shall consider eliminating those programs in a manner that does not negatively impact upon the availability of educational opportunities for North Carolina citizens. In making its determination, the Board shall give consideration to the value of maintaining racial and geographic diversity and to assuring reasonable access for nonresidential students.

The review of academic degree programs shall be completed by December 31, 1995. The Board shall report to the General Assembly and to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by February 1, 1996, on its findings. The review of

1 research and public service activities shall be completed by December 1, 1996. The  
2 Board shall report the results of this review to the General Assembly and to the Joint  
3 Legislative Education Oversight Committee by February 1, 1997. The reports shall  
4 include plans for program improvement, elimination, consolidation, or other  
5 modification, and for proposed reallocations of any savings.

6 Sec. 2. G.S. 116-11(3) reads as rewritten:

7 "(3) The Board shall determine the functions, educational activities and  
8 academic programs of the constituent institutions. The Board shall also  
9 determine the types of degrees to be awarded. The powers herein given  
10 to the Board shall not be restricted by any provision of law assigning  
11 specific functions or responsibilities to designated institutions, the  
12 powers herein given superseding any such provisions of law. The  
13 Board, after adequate notice and after affording the institutional board  
14 of trustees an opportunity to be heard, shall have authority to withdraw  
15 approval of any existing program if it appears that the program is  
16 unproductive, excessively costly or unnecessarily duplicative. The  
17 Board shall review the productivity of academic degree programs  
18 every two years, using criteria specifically developed to determine  
19 program productivity."

20 Sec. 3. The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall  
21 develop a plan for the continued and expanded availability of higher education for all  
22 citizens, focusing on the availability of opportunities in underserved areas by means  
23 other than the establishment of additional degree programs. The expanded use of video  
24 and audio distance learning technology, the expanded use of graduate centers to avoid  
25 program duplication, the potential for expanded funding of extension instruction, and  
26 increased cooperative programs with the North Carolina Community College System  
27 and the public school system should all be considered in developing the plan. The  
28 Board shall present to the General Assembly by February 1994 a schedule for  
29 development and submission of this plan.

30 Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.