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HOUSE BILL 657

Short Title: UNC-Fixed Tuition.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CREATE A FIXED TUITION PROGRAM AS A PAYMENT OPTION AT THE
3 CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 1 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by
6 adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 116-11.3. Fixed tuition payment option.**

8 (a) Subject to G.S. 116-11(7), the Board shall develop and implement a fixed tuition
9 payment program that will be offered to freshmen undergraduate students. The program shall
10 be available at all the constituent institutions, although the rate of the fixed tuition may vary
11 according to the institution. The program shall have all of the following components:

12 (1) A guaranty that the cost of tuition, not including any increase or decrease
13 enacted by the General Assembly, will remain constant during the tuition
14 period.

15 (2) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the tuition period shall
16 be 12 consecutive semesters, including any summer sessions.

17 (3) The student must remain in good standing during the entire tuition period.

18 (4) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the student must remain
19 enrolled continuously at the constituent institution during the entire tuition
20 period.

21 (5) At the end of the tuition period, the cost of tuition, including any surcharge
22 under G.S. 116-143.7 if applicable, reverts to the current tuition for that
23 constituent institution.

24 (b) The tuition period may be tolled if the student is able to demonstrate a substantial
25 disruption or interruption in the student's pursuit of a degree as provided in G.S. 116-143.7(c).

26 (c) Fees charged to a student participating in the fixed tuition program shall be the same
27 as those charged to other similarly situated students at the constituent institution."

28 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to academic
29 years commencing on or after July 1, 2016.



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