GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2015

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HOUSE BILL 657 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H657-PCS20318-RQ-9

Short Title: Study UNC-Fixed Tuition.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 14, 2015

1		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT TO DIRECT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH	
3	CAROLINA TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIXED TUITION PROGRAM	
4	AS A PAYMENT OPTION AT THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE	
5	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.	
6	Whereas, over the 30-year period from 1984-1985 to 2014-2015, across the United	
7	States, the average increase for tuition and fees for in-state students at public four-year	
8	universities was 225%; and	
9	Whereas, approximately 320 colleges and universities throughout the United States	
10	offered tuition guarantees during the 2012-2013 school year which provide that students would	
11	pay a single rate for a set amount of time; and	
12	Whereas, both private and public universities are offering such tuition guarantee	
13	programs including George Washington University, the University of Kansas, and Ohio	
14	University; and	
15	Whereas, the citizens of North Carolina would benefit greatly by such tuition	
16	program guarantees at the constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina; Now,	
17	therefore,	
18	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:	
19	SECTION 1. The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall	
20	study the development and implementation of fixed tuition payment programs for the	
21	constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina. The study shall consider at least	
22	the following issues:	
23	(1)	How to make such a fixed tuition payment program available at every
24		constituent institution.
25	(2)	How long the period for the fixed tuition payment programs shall be in terms
26		of number of semesters and whether summer sessions should be included.
27		Issues of tolling the period for students under certain circumstances shall
28		also be considered.
29	(3)	Qualifications and eligibility for students to enroll in the fixed tuition
30		programs and stay enrolled.
31	(4)	Whether fees may also be part of the fixed tuition program so that they are
32		also constant for the same time period as the tuition.
33	(5)	The fiscal impact of the fixed tuition payment programs at each constituent
34		institution and how that impact would be managed.
35	(6)	The time line and implementation process of the fixed tuition payment
36		programs at each constituent institution.



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- SECTION 2. The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall 1 2 report on its findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight 3
- Committee by February 15, 2016. SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law. 4