



Roy Cooper, Governor  
*State of North Carolina*

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

***House Bill 231, "AN ACT, CONSISTENT WITH HOUSE BILL 966 OF THE 2019 REGULAR SESSION, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED SALARY INCREASES TO EMPLOYEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM AND THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE ONE-TIME COST-OF-LIVING SUPPLEMENTS FOR RETIREES OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM."***

The General Assembly shortchanges our universities and community colleges and their employees, as well as state retirees, despite a robust economy and decent raises for other state employees. Higher education is North Carolina's best economic development tool, and we must invest in education to keep it that way.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Cooper".

Roy Cooper  
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this the 08 day of November 2019, at 10:00 am for reconsideration by that body.

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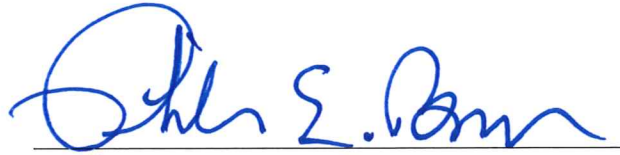
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A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "James Thibodeau".

**SECTION 6.3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2019.



Philip E. Berger  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate



Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

**VETO**



Roy Cooper  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ .m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

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