

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 1359\*

Short Title: Amend Highlands Scholarship Fund.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senator Snow.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

May 25, 2010

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW THAT AUTHORIZED THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLANDS TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR GRADUATES OF HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY HAS MORE DISCRETION WITH REGARD TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Section 3 of S.L.1975-332 reads as rewritten:

~~"Sec. 3. The governing body shall appoint a scholarship committee, consisting of five members who shall be residents of Highlands school area. One member shall be a businessman of the area and shall serve for an initial term of three years. One member shall be a Minister of the Gospel or a church leader of the area and shall serve for an initial term of two years. One member shall be a citizen of the area who is active in community affairs and shall serve for an initial term of one year. Thereafter each of these terms shall be for three years. One member shall be the principal of Highlands High School and shall serve during his tenure as principal. One member shall be the attorney for the Town of Highlands and shall serve during his tenure as town attorney.~~

~~The town governing body shall appoint to fill any vacancy occurring in the committee some person having the same qualifications as required for the member causing the vacancy. The appointment shall be for the unexpired term.~~

~~The town board shall have the power and authority to remove any member of the scholarship committee at any time when the board determines that removal is in the best interest of the scholarship fund. The governing body of Highlands is authorized to administer a scholarship program for the benefit of graduates of Highlands High School, upon the terms it deems appropriate, subject to applicable law, including Chapter 159 of the General Statutes which is "The Local Government Finance Act".~~

**SECTION 2.** Section 4 of S.L. 1975-332 is repealed.

**SECTION 3.** Section 5.2 of the Charter of the Town of Highlands, being Chapter 519 of the Session Laws of 1991, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 5.2. **Scholarship Program.** The Town's scholarship program for graduates of Highlands High School shall continue to be administered as provided in Chapter 332, Session Laws of 1975-1975 as amended."

**SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

