

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 805**

Short Title: Study Establishment of New Optometry Schools. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hise, Curtis (Primary Sponsors); Daniel and McLaurin.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

May 20, 2014

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT REQUIRING THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
2 NORTH CAROLINA, AND ENCOURAGING THE NORTH CAROLINA  
3 INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, INC., TO STUDY AND REPORT  
4 TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND  
5 HUMAN SERVICES ON THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN AFFILIATED  
6 SCHOOL OF OPTOMETRY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE  
7 RESEARCH COMMISSION STUDY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE PROVIDER  
8 PRACTICE SUSTAINABILITY AND TRAINING/ADDITIONAL TRANSPARENCY IN  
9 HEALTH CARE.  
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11 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

12 **SECTION 1.(a)** By December 1, 2014, the Board of Governors of The University  
13 of North Carolina shall evaluate and report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on  
14 Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division on the feasibility of establishing a  
15 school of optometry at one or more of the following constituent institutions:

- 16 (1) The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- 17 (2) East Carolina University.
- 18 (3) Elizabeth City State University.
- 19 (4) Fayetteville State University.
- 20 (5) North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.
- 21 (6) North Carolina Central University.
- 22 (7) Winston-Salem State University.

23 **SECTION 1.(b)** The report shall include at least all of the following:

- 24 (1) A breakdown of any projected capital, operational, or other expenditures  
25 necessary for establishing and operating a school of optometry affiliated  
26 with the institution.
- 27 (2) A breakdown of all funds available to assist the institution with these  
28 expenses.
- 29 (3) A projected number of applicants for the affiliated school of optometry.

30 **SECTION 2.** The North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, Inc.,  
31 (NCICU) is encouraged to examine and report by December 1, 2014, to the Joint Legislative  
32 Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division on the  
33 feasibility of establishing a school of optometry affiliated with an NCICU college or university.  
34 The report should include at least all of the following:



- 1           (1)    A breakdown of any projected capital, operational, or other expenditures  
2                    necessary for establishing and operating a school of optometry affiliated  
3                    with the institution.  
4           (2)    A breakdown of all funds available to assist the institution with these  
5                    expenses.  
6           (3)    A projected number of applicants for the affiliated school of optometry.  
7           **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.