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Short Title: Student-Athlete Stipends & Trust Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives B. Brown and Saine (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES THAT ARE NCAA DIVISION I SCHOOLS TO PAY STUDENT-ATHLETES STIPENDS AND HOLD CERTAIN FUNDS IN TRUST FOR THE FBS FOOTBALL AND DIVISION I BASKETBALL STUDENT-ATHLETES ENROLLED AT THOSE UNIVERSITIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall adopt policies that require the constituent institutions that are NCAA Division I schools and participate in Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) football or Division I basketball to use a portion of the revenue generated from the commercial use of student-athletes' names, images, and likenesses to do the following for FBS football and Division I basketball student-athletes enrolled at the constituent institution:

- (1) Award stipends to the student-athletes up to the full cost of attendance, as that term is defined in the NCAA's bylaws, to make up for any shortfall in its grants-in-aid.
- (2) Hold in trust limited and equal shares of its licensing revenue to be distributed to the student-athletes after they leave college or their eligibility expires.

SECTION 1.(b) This section shall apply only if a final judgment is made in the case of "O'Bannon vs. NCAA", and the right to appellate review has been exhausted or abandoned, that requires NCAA Division I schools to pay student-athletes stipends and to hold certain funds in trust for student-athletes who are enrolled at those schools.

SECTION 2.(a) No State funds shall be paid to any private institution of higher education that is a NCAA Division I school that participates in FBS football or Division I basketball unless the governing body of the institution adopts and implements a policy substantially similar to the policy adopted by the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina and implemented by the constituent institutions that are NCAA Division I schools.

SECTION 2.(b) This section shall apply only if a final judgment is made in the case of "O'Bannon vs. NCAA", and the right to appellate review has been exhausted or abandoned, that requires NCAA Division I schools to pay student-athletes stipends and to hold certain funds in trust for student-athletes who are enrolled at those schools.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

