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Short Title: Science & Math School/Free Tuition If Teach. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Luebke and Weiss (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FREE COLLEGE TUITION TO GRADUATES FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS WHO ARE NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS, ENROLL IN A CONSTITUENT UNIVERSITY, AND WHO TEACH SCIENCE OR MATHEMATICS FOR THREE YEARS IN THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM OR AT A SCHOOL IN THIS STATE OPERATED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 116-238.1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 116-238.1. Full tuition ~~grant~~ loan for graduates who attend a State university.

(a) There is ~~granted~~ awarded to each State resident who graduates from the North Carolina School of Science and ~~Mathematics and who Mathematics,~~ enrolls as a full-time student in a constituent institution of The University of North ~~Carolina~~ Carolina, and is interested in teaching math or science in the public schools of the State a sum to be determined by the General Assembly as a tuition ~~grant~~ loan. The tuition ~~grant~~ loan shall be for four consecutive academic years and shall cover the tuition cost at the constituent institution in which the student is enrolled. The tuition ~~grant~~ loan shall be distributed to the student as provided by this section.

(b) The tuition ~~grants~~ loans provided for in this section shall be administered by the State Education Assistance Authority pursuant to rules adopted by the State Education Assistance Authority not inconsistent with this section. The State Education Assistance Authority shall not approve any ~~grant~~ loan until it receives proper certification from the appropriate constituent institution that the student applying for the ~~grant~~ loan is an eligible student. Upon receipt of the certification, the State Education Assistance Authority shall remit at the times it prescribes the ~~grant~~ loan to the constituent institution on behalf, and to the credit, of the student.

1 (c) In the event a student on whose behalf a ~~grant-loan~~ has been paid is not
2 enrolled and carrying a minimum academic load as of the tenth classroom day following
3 the beginning of the school term for which the ~~grant-loan~~ was paid, the institution shall
4 refund the full amount of the ~~grant-loan~~ to the State Education Assistance Authority.

5 (d) In the event there are not sufficient funds to provide each eligible student
6 with a full ~~grant-loan~~:

7 (1) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, with the
8 approval of the Office of State Budget and Management, may transfer
9 available funds to meet the needs of the programs provided by
10 subsections (a) and (b) of this section; and

11 (2) Each eligible student shall receive a pro rata share of funds then
12 available for the remainder of the academic year within the fiscal
13 period covered by the current appropriation.

14 (e) Any remaining funds shall revert to the General Fund.

15 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no tuition ~~grant-loan~~
16 awarded to a student under this section shall exceed the cost of attendance at the
17 constituent institution at which the student is enrolled. If a student, who is eligible for a
18 tuition ~~grant-loan~~ under this subsection, also receives a scholarship or other ~~grant-loan~~
19 covering the cost of attendance at the constituent institution for which the tuition ~~grant~~
20 ~~loan~~ is awarded, then the amount of the tuition ~~grant-loan~~ shall be reduced by an
21 appropriate amount determined by the State Education Assistance Authority. The State
22 Education Assistance Authority shall reduce the amount of the tuition ~~grant-loan~~ so that
23 the sum of all ~~grants-loans~~ and scholarship aid covering the cost of attendance received
24 by the student, including the tuition ~~grant-loan~~ under this section, shall not exceed the
25 cost of attendance for the constituent institution at which the student is enrolled. The
26 cost of attendance, as used in this subsection, shall be determined by the State Education
27 Assistance Authority for each constituent institution.

28 (g) The State Education Assistance Authority shall forgive the loan if, within
29 seven years after graduation, the recipient teaches science or mathematics for three
30 years at a North Carolina public school or at a school operated by the United States
31 government in North Carolina. The State Education Assistance Authority shall also
32 forgive the loan if, within seven years after graduation, the recipient teaches science or
33 mathematics for three consecutive years, unless the recipient takes an approved leave of
34 absence, at a North Carolina public school in a local school administrative unit that, at
35 the time the recipient accepts employment with the unit, is a low-performing school
36 system identified in accordance with Article 6A of this Chapter or is on warning status
37 as defined by the State Board of Education. The State Education Assistance Authority
38 shall also forgive the loan if it finds that it is impossible for the recipient to teach
39 science or mathematics for three years, within seven years after graduation, at a North
40 Carolina public school or at a school operated by the United States government in North
41 Carolina, because of the death or permanent disability of the recipient."

42 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006, and applies to
43 students enrolled in the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics for the
44 2007-2008 academic year, and each subsequent academic year.