

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1164**

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Sponsors: Representative Gamble.

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Referred to: Rules, Appointments and Calendar.

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION URGING THAT A TOLL-FREE STATE NUMBER BE  
2 ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION FOR  
3 PROSPECTIVE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION STUDENTS, THAT A  
4 SINGLE APPLICATION BE DEVELOPED FOR ALL STATE-ADMINISTERED  
5 OR FINANCED STUDENT FINANCIAL AID, AND THAT THE STATE  
6 EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY TAKE THE LEAD IN ACHIEVING  
7 THESE OBJECTIVES.

8       Whereas, the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is being  
9 considered by the 102nd Congress of the United States; and

10       Whereas, this act will contain important provisions related to student  
11 financial aid, including funds that will subsequently be available to students in North  
12 Carolina; and

13       Whereas, the State of North Carolina also provides substantial financial aid to  
14 students attending postsecondary education institutions; and

15       Whereas, there are eight major statewide entities administering State funds  
16 for students who plan to attend or who are attending postsecondary education  
17 institutions; and

18       Whereas, making applications for student financial aid is a time-consuming  
19 and involved process as various State agencies and nonprofit organizations manage the  
20 various State funds that are available to students who plan to attend postsecondary  
21 education institutions in this State;

22 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

1           Section 1. The General Assembly urges the State Education Assistance  
2 Authority to convene all of the State-administered program officers, be they  
3 governmental or nongovernmental, provided the nongovernmental entity must be  
4 administering State or federal funds to be included, to:

- 5           (1) Establish or utilize a toll-free telephone number for prospective  
6 postsecondary education students to call for information about student  
7 financial aid;
- 8           (2) Develop a single application form for all State-administered student  
9 financial aid with the expectation that all entities that administer State  
10 funds will review each student's application before an application is  
11 finally acted upon; and
- 12           (3) Establish a "clearing house" for information about student financial aid  
13 that is funded by the State of North Carolina.

14           Sec. 2. The General Assembly urges the State Education Assistance  
15 Authority to report its progress to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on  
16 Education every 60 days until subsections (a), (b), and (c) of Section 2 are achieved or  
17 until the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Education is satisfied with the  
18 results of these objectives.

19           Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
20 to the State Education Assistance Authority and to each member of the North Carolina  
21 Congressional Delegation.

22           Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.