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**SENATE BILL 393**

Short Title: GPAC/UNC Bd. of Gov. Review/Plan.

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Sponsors: Senator Martin of Guilford.

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Referred to: Government Performance Audit.

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February 24, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNMENT  
2 PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR A UNIVERSITY OF NORTH  
3 CAROLINA PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW AND A PLAN FOR THE  
4 CONTINUED AND EXPANDED AVAILABILITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
5 FOR ALL CITIZENS.  
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 Section 1. The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall  
9 review all academic programs, research activities, extension activities, public service  
10 activities, and administration and support functions to identify those programs and  
11 activities that are of low productivity or low priority, or are unnecessarily redundant.  
12 The Board shall develop specific criteria for this one-time review of academic program  
13 productivity, and shall develop criteria to review other programs and activities. The  
14 Board's review shall have as its top priority the potential elimination of nonproductive  
15 or redundant graduate, professional, or doctoral programs and the identification of  
16 resources and programs that will strengthen undergraduate education.

17 This review shall be completed by December 31, 1995. The Board shall  
18 report to the General Assembly and to the Joint Education Oversight Committee by  
19 February 1, 1996, on its findings. The report shall include a plan for program  
20 eliminations or reductions and for proposed reallocations of savings.

21 Sec. 2. G.S. 116-11(3) reads as rewritten:

22 "(3) The Board shall determine the functions, educational activities and  
23 academic programs of the constituent institutions. The Board shall also  
24 determine the types of degrees to be awarded. The powers herein given

1 to the Board shall not be restricted by any provision of law assigning  
2 specific functions or responsibilities to designated institutions, the  
3 powers herein given superseding any such provisions of law. The  
4 Board, after adequate notice and after affording the institutional board  
5 of trustees an opportunity to be heard, shall have authority to withdraw  
6 approval of any existing program if it appears that the program is  
7 unproductive, excessively costly or unnecessarily duplicative. The  
8 Board shall review the productivity of programs every two years, using  
9 criteria specifically developed to determine program productivity."

10 Sec. 3. The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall  
11 develop a plan for the continued and expanded availability of higher education for all  
12 citizens, focusing on the availability of opportunities in underserved areas by means  
13 other than the establishment of additional degree programs. The expanded use of video  
14 and audio distance learning technology, the expanded use of graduate centers to avoid  
15 program duplication, the potential for expanded funding of extension instruction, and  
16 increased cooperative programs with the community college system should all be  
17 considered in developing the plan. The plan shall include proposals for the allocation  
18 and funding of students taught by more than one institution of higher education. The  
19 plan shall be developed in conjunction with the Education Cabinet and shall be  
20 approved by the Cabinet. The plan shall include projected costs, benefits, and a  
21 schedule for implementation. The plan shall be provided to the General Assembly by  
22 May 1, 1994.

23 Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.