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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT
PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR A UNIVERSITY OF NORTH
CAROLINA PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW AND A PLAN FOR THE
CONTINUED AND EXPANDED AVAILABILITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION
FOR ALL CITIZENS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall review all academic degree programs and research and public service activities to identify those programs and activities that are of low productivity or low priority, or are unnecessarily redundant. The Board shall develop specific criteria for these reviews, and shall develop a process to review academic degree program productivity biennially. The Board's review shall emphasize identification of processes and resources to strengthen programs that are or can reasonably be made productive. With regard to those programs that are not and cannot be made productive, if any, the Board shall consider eliminating those programs in a manner that does not negatively impact upon the availability of educational opportunities for North Carolina citizens. In making its determination, the Board shall give consideration to the value of maintaining racial and geographic diversity and to assuring reasonable access for students who live off campus.

1 The review of academic degree programs shall be completed by December
2 31, 1995. The Board shall report to the General Assembly and to the Joint Legislative
3 Education Oversight Committee by February 1, 1996, on its findings. The review of
4 research and public service activities shall be completed by December 1, 1996. The
5 Board shall report the results of this review to the General Assembly and to the Joint
6 Legislative Education Oversight Committee by February 1, 1997. The reports shall
7 include plans for program improvement, elimination, consolidation, or other
8 modification, and for proposed reallocations of any savings.

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

10 "(3) The Board shall determine the functions, educational activities and
11 academic programs of the constituent institutions. The Board shall also
12 determine the types of degrees to be awarded. The powers herein given
13 to the Board shall not be restricted by any provision of law assigning
14 specific functions or responsibilities to designated institutions, the
15 powers herein given superseding any such provisions of law. The
16 Board, after adequate notice and after affording the institutional board
17 of trustees an opportunity to be heard, shall have authority to withdraw
18 approval of any existing program if it appears that the program is
19 unproductive, excessively costly or unnecessarily duplicative. The
20 Board shall review the productivity of academic degree programs
21 every two years, using criteria specifically developed to determine
22 program productivity."

23 Sec. 3. The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall
24 develop a plan for the continued and expanded availability of higher education for all
25 citizens, focusing on the availability of opportunities in underserved areas by means
26 other than the establishment of additional degree programs. The expanded use of video
27 and audio distance learning technology, the expanded use of graduate centers to avoid
28 program duplication, the potential for expanded funding of extension instruction, and
29 increased cooperative programs with the North Carolina Community College System
30 and the public school system should all be considered in developing the plan. The
31 Board shall present to the General Assembly by February 1994 a schedule for
32 development and submission of this plan.

33 Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.