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HOUSE BILL 193

Short Title: Freshmen Schol. Prog. Funds.

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Sponsors: Representatives Colton; Burton, Crawford, and Wainwright.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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February 14, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE FRESHMEN SCHOLARS  
2 PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO EFFECT  
3 LONG-TERM CRIME PREVENTION BY ENCOURAGING NORTH  
4 CAROLINIANS TO COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL, ATTEND COLLEGE, AND  
5 BECOME PRODUCTIVE AND RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.  
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7 Whereas, students who complete high school are less likely to commit crimes  
8 and be imprisoned; and

9 Whereas, individuals who receive some college education have median  
10 family incomes almost double the income of high school dropouts; and

11 Whereas, two barriers to college attendance for at-risk students are the cost of  
12 college and the lack of knowledge about how to obtain financial aid; Now, therefore,  
13 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

14 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of  
15 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of two million six hundred  
16 thousand dollars (\$2,600,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for expansion of the pilot  
17 Freshmen Scholars Program established by Section 46 of Chapter 561 of the 1993  
18 Session Laws. This is a nonrecurring appropriation.

19 Of these funds, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) shall be  
20 provided to each of the five constituent institutions funded in the 1993-94 fiscal year  
21 and three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) shall be allocated to each of the  
22 following seven additional constituent institutions: Elizabeth City State University, the  
23 University of North Carolina at Asheville, Appalachian State University, East Carolina

1 University, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the University of North  
2 Carolina at Wilmington, and Western Carolina University.

3 Sec. 2. Effective July 1, 1994, Section 46 of Chapter 561 of the 1993 Session  
4 Laws reads as rewritten:

5 **"FRESHMEN SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

6 Sec. 46. Of the funds appropriated to the Board of Governors of The  
7 University of North Carolina in this act, Carolina, one million dollars (\$1,000,000) two  
8 million six hundred thousand dollars (\$2,600,000) shall be allocated in the ~~1993-94~~  
9 1994-95 fiscal year ~~equally among five~~ 12 constituent institutions for a ~~the~~ pilot  
10 Freshmen Scholars Program. The ~~five~~ 12 constituent institutions to receive funds are  
11 Fayetteville State University, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State  
12 University, North Carolina Central University, Pembroke State University, ~~and~~  
13 ~~Winston-Salem State University.~~ University, Elizabeth City State University, the  
14 University of North Carolina at Asheville, Appalachian State University, East Carolina  
15 University, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the University of North  
16 Carolina at Wilmington, and Western Carolina University.

17 These funds shall not revert and are to be used by the campuses in recruiting new  
18 students to enroll in the future who might not be able to attend college without this  
19 incentive. The funds shall be placed in trust funds accounts, with the investment  
20 earnings to be used for this program as well.

21 The funds shall be used to guarantee high school and middle school students tuition,  
22 fees, and books for their freshman year of college. Students shall be eligible if they  
23 meet the standards established by each campus; the standards shall include minimum  
24 grade point average, minimum admission standards, additional coursework required by  
25 the campus, and behavioral guidelines.

26 The seven additional institutions receiving these funds for the 1994-95 fiscal year  
27 shall establish standards for eligibility by September 30, 1993, 1994, and shall recruit  
28 students in regional high schools. high schools and middle schools. The scholarship  
29 guarantees are for one year only, and may be combined with other financial aid when  
30 the students enroll in college. Once students are selected to participate, the campuses  
31 shall maintain frequent contact with these students until their high school graduation.

32 The ~~five~~ 12 campuses receiving these grants shall report to the General Assembly by  
33 February 1, 1995, on their guidelines for receiving these scholarship ~~funds and the~~  
34 ~~progress of students in this pilot program.~~ funds. The success of these pilot efforts in  
35 attracting students who otherwise might not have enrolled at each campus or in any  
36 higher education institution shall be evaluated by the Board of Governors of The  
37 University of North Carolina, with a report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight  
38 Committee by May 15, 1996."

39 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.