

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 983

Short Title: Raise Out-of-State Tuition. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Brock; and Sloan.

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Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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April 3, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT OUT-OF-STATE TUITION MUST BE SET AT A  
2 RATE EQUAL TO AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PERCENT OF THE  
3 ACADEMIC COST TO THE STATE.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 116-144 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 116-144. Higher tuition to be charged nonresidents.**

8 (a) The Board of Governors shall fix the tuition and required fees charged  
9 nonresidents of North Carolina who attend the institutions enumerated in G.S. 116-4 at  
10 rates higher than the rates charged residents of North Carolina and comparable to the  
11 rates charged nonresident students by comparable public institutions nationwide, except  
12 that North Carolina. The tuition charged nonresidents shall be set at a rate that is at least  
13 equal to one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the academic cost to the State. For  
14 purposes of this subsection, the term "academic cost to the State" means the average  
15 general and educational costs incurred by the constituent institution in its General Fund  
16 Budget Code.

17 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a person who serves as a  
18 graduate teaching assistant or graduate research assistant or in a similar instructional or  
19 research assignment and is at the same time enrolled as a graduate student in the same  
20 institution may, in the discretion of the Board of Governors, be charged a lower rate  
21 fixed by the Board, provided the rate is not lower than the North Carolina resident rate."

22 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law, and applies to  
23 academic periods beginning on or after July 1, 2003.