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HOUSE BILL 2819

Short Title: Science & Math School/Free Tuition If Teach. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Luebke, Weiss (Primary Sponsors); B. Allen, Bell, Bordsen, Capps, Carney, Coleman, Dickson, Earle, England, Farmer-Butterfield, Fisher, Folwell, Glazier, Goforth, Goodwin, Grady, Hackney, Harrison, Holliman, Howard, Insko, Justice, Lucas, Martin, McAllister, Miller, Owens, Preston, Rapp, Stam, Sutton, Wainwright, Womble, and Yongue.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 30, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FREE COLLEGE TUITION TO GRADUATES FROM THE
2 NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS WHO ARE
3 NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS, ENROLL IN A CONSTITUENT
4 UNIVERSITY, AND WHO TEACH SCIENCE OR MATHEMATICS FOR
5 THREE YEARS IN THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM OR AT A
6 SCHOOL IN THIS STATE OPERATED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.
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8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 116-238.1 reads as rewritten:

10 "**§ 116-238.1. Full tuition ~~grant~~ loan for graduates who attend a State university.**

11 (a) There is ~~granted~~ awarded to each State resident who graduates from the North
12 Carolina School of Science and ~~Mathematics and who Mathematics,~~ enrolls as a
13 full-time student in a constituent institution of The University of North ~~Carolina~~
14 Carolina, and is interested in teaching math or science in the public schools of the State
15 a sum to be determined by the General Assembly as a tuition ~~grant~~ loan. The tuition
16 ~~grant~~ loan shall be for four consecutive academic years and shall cover the tuition cost
17 at the constituent institution in which the student is enrolled. The tuition ~~grant~~ loan shall
18 be distributed to the student as provided by this section.

19 (b) The tuition ~~grants~~ loans provided for in this section shall be administered by
20 the State Education Assistance Authority pursuant to rules adopted by the State
21 Education Assistance Authority not inconsistent with this section. The State Education
22 Assistance Authority shall not approve any ~~grant~~ loan until it receives proper
23 certification from the appropriate constituent institution that the student applying for the
24 ~~grant~~ loan is an eligible student. Upon receipt of the certification, the State Education

1 Assistance Authority shall remit at the times it prescribes the ~~grant-loan~~ to the
2 constituent institution on behalf, and to the credit, of the student.

3 (c) In the event a student on whose behalf a ~~grant-loan~~ has been paid is not
4 enrolled and carrying a minimum academic load as of the tenth classroom day following
5 the beginning of the school term for which the ~~grant-loan~~ was paid, the institution shall
6 refund the full amount of the ~~grant-loan~~ to the State Education Assistance Authority.

7 (d) In the event there are not sufficient funds to provide each eligible student
8 with a full ~~grant-loan~~:

9 (1) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, with the
10 approval of the Office of State Budget and Management, may transfer
11 available funds to meet the needs of the programs provided by
12 subsections (a) and (b) of this section; and

13 (2) Each eligible student shall receive a pro rata share of funds then
14 available for the remainder of the academic year within the fiscal
15 period covered by the current appropriation.

16 (e) Any remaining funds shall revert to the General Fund.

17 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no tuition ~~grant-loan~~
18 awarded to a student under this section shall exceed the cost of attendance at the
19 constituent institution at which the student is enrolled. If a student, who is eligible for a
20 tuition ~~grant-loan~~ under this subsection, also receives a scholarship or other ~~grant-loan~~
21 covering the cost of attendance at the constituent institution for which the tuition ~~grant~~
22 ~~loan~~ is awarded, then the amount of the tuition ~~grant-loan~~ shall be reduced by an
23 appropriate amount determined by the State Education Assistance Authority. The State
24 Education Assistance Authority shall reduce the amount of the tuition ~~grant-loan~~ so that
25 the sum of all ~~grants-loans~~ and scholarship aid covering the cost of attendance received
26 by the student, including the tuition ~~grant-loan~~ under this section, shall not exceed the
27 cost of attendance for the constituent institution at which the student is enrolled. The
28 cost of attendance, as used in this subsection, shall be determined by the State Education
29 Assistance Authority for each constituent institution.

30 (g) The State Education Assistance Authority shall forgive the loan if, within
31 seven years after graduation, the recipient teaches science or mathematics for three
32 years at a North Carolina public school or at a school operated by the United States
33 government in North Carolina. The State Education Assistance Authority shall also
34 forgive the loan if, within seven years after graduation, the recipient teaches science or
35 mathematics for three consecutive years, unless the recipient takes an approved leave of
36 absence, at a North Carolina public school in a local school administrative unit that, at
37 the time the recipient accepts employment with the unit, is a low-performing school
38 system identified in accordance with Article 6A of this Chapter or is on warning status
39 as defined by the State Board of Education. The State Education Assistance Authority
40 shall also forgive the loan if it finds that it is impossible for the recipient to teach
41 science or mathematics for three years, within seven years after graduation, at a North
42 Carolina public school or at a school operated by the United States government in North
43 Carolina, because of the death or permanent disability of the recipient."

1 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006, and applies to
2 students enrolled in the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics for the
3 2007-2008 academic year, and each subsequent academic year.