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HOUSE DRH80357-LHf-82 (02/08)

Short Title: UNC Graduation Incentive Act.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Folwell and Goforth (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE FOR STUDENTS IN THE UNIVERSITY
3 SYSTEM TO GRADUATE ON TIME.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 14 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended
6 by adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 116-143.7. Tuition surcharge.**

8 The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall ensure that
9 procedures are established that are necessary to impose a one hundred percent (100%)
10 tuition surcharge on students who take more than 140 degree credit hours to complete a
11 baccalaureate degree in a four-year program or more than one hundred ten percent
12 (110%) of the credit hours necessary to complete a baccalaureate degree in any program
13 officially designated by the Board of Governors as a five-year program. The calculation
14 of these credit hours taken at a constituent institution or accepted for transfer shall
15 exclude hours earned through the College Board's Advanced Placement or CLEP
16 examinations, through institutional advanced placement or course validation, or through
17 summer term or extension programs. No surcharge shall be imposed on any student who
18 exceeds the degree credit hour limits within the equivalent of four academic years of
19 regular term enrollment, or within five academic years of regular term enrollment in a
20 degree program officially designated by the Board of Governors as a five-year
21 program."

22 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to all
23 new undergraduates seeking a baccalaureate degree at a constituent institution.