

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2013**

**HOUSE BILL 255
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN COURSES AND ACADEMIC CREDIT HOURS TRANSFERRED TO A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION SHALL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE CALCULATION OF CREDIT HOURS FOR PURPOSES OF THE TUITION SURCHARGE AND TO REQUIRE THAT UNIFORM PROCEDURES BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE ADVANCE NOTICE TO A STUDENT WHEN THE STUDENT IS APPROACHING THE CREDIT HOUR LIMIT REGARDING THE TUITION SURCHARGE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 116-143.7 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(d) Each constituent institution shall implement procedures to notify students and parents regarding the tuition surcharge and to provide appropriate advance notice to a student when the student is approaching the credit hour limit regarding the tuition surcharge. The procedures shall comply with the tuition surcharge notification principles established by the Board of Governors."

SECTION 2. G.S. 116-11 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(7a) The Board of Governors shall develop a uniform core set of notification principles regarding the tuition surcharge, including a process for each campus to notify students and parents at orientation and through each semester's tuition statements, and a process to provide appropriate advance notification to a student when the student is approaching the credit hour limit regarding the tuition surcharge. The Board of Governors shall direct each constituent institution to implement these procedures."

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding G.S. 116-143.7, courses and credit hours transferred from an institution of higher education that is not a constituent institution or a community college established pursuant to G.S. 115D-4 that are accepted by a constituent institution prior to August 15, 2013, shall not count toward the tuition surcharge under G.S. 116-143.7. The General Administration of The University of North Carolina shall report by March 1, 2014, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the number of courses exempted from the tuition surcharge pursuant to this section.



SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law. Sections 1 and 2 of this act apply to the 2013 fall academic semester and to each subsequent academic semester.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 15th day of July, 2013.

s/ Daniel J. Forest
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Pat McCrory
Governor

Approved _____ .m. this _____ day of _____, 2013