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SENATE BILL DRS45516-MTa-202

Short Title: NCSU to Study Creation of New Vet School. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Burgin (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTH CAROLINA STATE
3 UNIVERSITY TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF
4 ESTABLISHING A NEW COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE IN NORTH
5 CAROLINA AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** The Board of Trustees of North Carolina State University (the
8 Board), in consultation with the College of Veterinary Medicine at North Carolina State
9 University, shall study the feasibility and advisability of establishing a new college of veterinary
10 medicine at another institution of higher education located in North Carolina. The Board shall
11 report the results of its study to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee no later
12 than March 15, 2027. As part of its study, the Board shall consider at least the following:

- 13 (1) The need for additional veterinarians in this State, including veterinarians who
14 specialize in treating large animals.
15 (2) The costs and benefits of establishing a new college of veterinary medicine at
16 another institution of higher education located in North Carolina, including
17 the extent to which an additional college of veterinary medicine would help
18 the State retain high-achieving residents who pursue careers as veterinarians.
19 (3) A suitable location for the new college of veterinary medicine, including the
20 following:
21 a. An appropriate institution of higher education to house the college.
22 b. Locations in the State that would be appropriate for providing
23 instruction on the treatment of large animals.

24 **SECTION 1.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
25 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of three hundred thousand dollars
26 (\$300,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2026-2027 fiscal year to be allocated to North Carolina
27 State University to conduct the study described in subsection (a) of this section.

28 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2026.



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