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HOUSE BILL 1603*

Short Title: UNC Am. Ind. Scholarship Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Sutton; Beall, Hensley, and Warner.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 25, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
2 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO ESTABLISH AN INCENTIVE
3 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR NATIVE AMERICANS WHO ARE
4 RESIDENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA.
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6 Whereas, disproportionately low percentages of Native American graduates
7 from high schools in North Carolina who are qualified for higher education apply for
8 admission to and enroll in the constituent institutions of The University of North
9 Carolina; and

10 Whereas, past State policies that created educational institutions especially
11 designed to accommodate Native American students continue to influence the
12 perceptions of Native Americans about the accessibility of other public institutions of
13 higher education; and

14 Whereas, the absence of representative numbers of Native American students
15 within the constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina detracts from the
16 natural and wholesome cultural and ethnic diversity that should obtain within the
17 student populations at such institutions; and

18 Whereas, augmenting scholarship resources available to Native Americans
19 who need financial assistance to attend constituent institutions of The University of
20 North Carolina will increase their participation throughout the public system of higher
21 education in North Carolina; Now, therefore,
22 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

23 Section 1. The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall
24 establish the Incentive Scholarship Program for Native Americans to provide

1 opportunities for Native Americans who are residents of North Carolina to attend
2 constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina under rules adopted by the
3 Board of Governors. Scholarships awarded under the program shall carry a maximum
4 value of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per recipient per academic year, reduced by any
5 amount of need-based aid that the recipient may receive from Pell Grants, North
6 Carolina Student Incentive Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, or
7 the American Indian Student Legislative Grant Program. To be eligible for such a
8 scholarship, a student shall be a Native American, defined as an individual who
9 maintains cultural identification as a Native American through membership in an Indian
10 tribe recognized by the United States or by the State of North Carolina or through other
11 tribal affiliation or community recognition.

12 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
13 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of three hundred thirty-three
14 thousand dollars (\$333,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year to underwrite the cost of
15 awarding these scholarships, under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, for the
16 benefit of students enrolled in the 1994-95 academic year. It is the intent of this act that
17 the funds required to fund fully the program shall be included in the continuation budget
18 in subsequent fiscal years.

19 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.