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Short Title: UNC/Good Neighbor Tuition Policy.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative C. Graham.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
3 NORTH CAROLINA MAY, IN ITS DISCRETION, FIX A DISCOUNTED TUITION  
4 RATE FOR NONRESIDENT STUDENTS WHO ENROLL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
5 NORTH CAROLINA AT PEMBROKE.

6 Whereas, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke has worked diligently to  
7 establish itself as a university of choice; and

8 Whereas, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke offers a college experience  
9 unlike that of any other constituent university, with an extraordinarily high rate of diversity—  
10 both racial and otherwise—and an entirely unique history as a Native American-serving  
11 institution; and

12 Whereas, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke has redefined its brand over  
13 the last five years, serves a distinct region, appeals to a particular audience, and offers courses  
14 of study that are specific to this area; and

15 Whereas, truly, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke cannot be compared  
16 with or considered alongside any other institution—either in the State of North Carolina or  
17 beyond; Now, therefore,

18 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

19 SECTION 1. G.S. 116-144 reads as rewritten:

20 "§ 116-144. Higher tuition to be charged ~~nonresidents~~nonresidents; discounted tuition  
21 for certain nonresidents.

22 (a) The Board of Governors shall fix the tuition and required fees charged nonresidents  
23 of North Carolina who attend the institutions enumerated in G.S. 116-4 at rates higher than the  
24 rates charged residents of North Carolina and comparable to the rates charged nonresident  
25 students by comparable public institutions nationwide, ~~except that a~~ except as provided  
26 otherwise by this section.

27 (b) A person who serves as a graduate teaching assistant or graduate research assistant  
28 or in a similar instructional or research assignment and is at the same time enrolled as a  
29 graduate student in the same institution may, in the discretion of the Board of Governors, be  
30 charged a lower rate fixed by the Board, provided the rate is not lower than the North Carolina  
31 resident rate.

32 (c) The Board of Governors may, in its discretion, fix a lower tuition rate for a person  
33 who is a nonresident of North Carolina who enrolls as an undergraduate at the University of  
34 North Carolina at Pembroke, provided the rate is not lower than the North Carolina resident  
35 rate, and the person satisfies all of the following criteria:



- 1           (1)   The person resides in a county that is adjacent to the border of North  
2                    Carolina.
- 3           (2)   The person resides within a certain distance of the University of North  
4                    Carolina at Pembroke, as determined by the Board of Governors."

5           **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to a person  
6 enrolling in the 2015-2016 Fall academic semester and any subsequent academic semester.