

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1967 SESSION

CHAPTER 1038  
SENATE BILL 563

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES.

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3 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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5 **Section 1.** There is enacted as a part of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes a new  
6 Article, which shall be designated "Article 1A" and shall read as follows:

7 "ARTICLE 1A

8 "Regional Universities.

9 "**§ 116-44.10. Regional Universities.** (a) There shall be, in addition to The University of North  
10 Carolina as provided for in Article 1 of this Chapter, one or more regional universities, which  
11 shall be so designated by or pursuant to this Article.

12 "(b) The primary purpose of each regional university shall be the preparation of young  
13 men and women as teachers, supervisors, and administrators for the public schools of North  
14 Carolina, including the preparation of such persons for the master's degree. Said institutions  
15 may also offer instruction in the liberal arts and sciences including the preparation for the  
16 master's degree, may conduct programs of research that will increase their abilities to carry out  
17 and enlarge their stated responsibilities, extend their influence and usefulness as far as possible  
18 to persons of the area provided by the institutions who are unable to avail themselves of their  
19 advantages as resident students, to extension courses, by lectures, and by such other means as  
20 may seem to them most effective, and such other programs as are deemed necessary to meet the  
21 needs of their constituencies and of the State and as shall be approved by the North Carolina  
22 Board of Higher Education, consistent with appropriations made therefor.

23 "(c) Each regional university shall have a board of trustees, president, and endowment  
24 fund which shall in all respects correspond to the board of trustees, president, and endowment  
25 fund as provided for in G.S. 116-46, with the substitution of the word 'university' for the word  
26 'college' where appropriate.

27 "(d) The provisions of G.S. 116-46.2 shall apply to each regional university.

28 "(e) Upon the effective date of the re-designation of any college as a regional university  
29 by or pursuant to this Article:

30 "(1) The members of the board of trustees and the officers of the institution shall  
31 continue in office for the remainder of their unexpired terms;

32 "(2) All references to that institution in statutes, contracts, and other legal  
33 documents, are amended to incorporate the new name of the institution;

34 "(3) Title to all assets and the duties imposed by all obligations of the institution  
35 under its former name shall continue unimpaired as assets and obligations of  
36 the re-designated institution.

37 "**§ 116-44.11. East Carolina University.** Effective July 1, 1967:

38 "(1) East Carolina College is re-designated 'East Carolina University', subject to  
39 the provisions of § 116-44.10 as herein set forth.

40 "(2) The caption of Article 2 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes, line one, and  
41 G.S. 116-45(1), lines 1 and 2, are amended by striking therefrom the words  
42 and punctuation ', East Carolina College,'.

1           "(3) G.S. 116-46.3 is amended by striking from lines 2 and 3 thereof the words  
2 and punctuation 'East Carolina College,'

3           "(4) In all other statutes, the words 'East Carolina College' are amended to read  
4 'East Carolina University'.

5 **"§ 116-44.12. Appalachian State University.** Effective July 1, 1967:

6           "(1) Appalachian State Teachers College is re-designated 'Appalachian State  
7 University', subject to the provisions of § 116-44.10 as herein set forth.

8           "(2) The caption of Article 2 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes, lines 1 and  
9 2, and G.S. § 116-45(1), line 2, are amended by striking therefrom the words  
10 'Appalachian State Teachers College'.

11           "(3) G.S. § 116-46.3 is amended by striking from line 3 thereof the words and  
12 punctuation ', Appalachian State Teachers College,' and substituting in lieu  
13 thereof 'Appalachian State University'.

14           "(4) In all other statutes, the words 'Appalachian State Teachers College' are  
15 amended to read 'Appalachian State University'.

16 **"§ 116-44.13. Western Carolina University.** Effective July 1, 1967:

17           "(1) Western Carolina College is re-designated 'Western Carolina University',  
18 subject to the provisions of Section 116-44.10 as herein set forth.

19           "(2) The caption of Article 2 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes, line 1, and  
20 G.S. § 116-45(1), line 1, are amended by striking therefrom the words and  
21 punctuation 'Western Carolina College,'.

22           "(3) G.S. § 116-46.3 is amended by striking from line four thereof the words and  
23 punctuation 'Western Carolina College' and substituting in lieu thereof  
24 'Western Carolina University'.

25           "(4) In all other statutes, the words 'Western Carolina College' are amended to  
26 read 'Western Carolina University'.

27 **"§ 116-44.14. North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.** Effective July  
28 1, 1967:

29           "(1) Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina is re-designated 'North  
30 Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University', subject to the  
31 provision of § 116-44.10 as herein set forth.

32           "(2) G.S. §116-46.3 is amended by adding after the words 'North Carolina  
33 College in Durham' in line 5 of said Section the words 'North Carolina  
34 Agricultural and Technical State University,'.

35           "(3) In all other statutes and captions thereof, the words "Agricultural and  
36 Technical College of North Carolina' are amended to read 'North Carolina  
37 Agricultural and Technical State University'.

38 **"§ 116-44.15. Designation of Additional Regional Universities.** The Board of trustees of any  
39 college that operates under the provisions of Article 2 of this Chapter and that for at least 10  
40 years has been authorized to grant the master's degree, and is also subject to the provisions of  
41 G.S. 116-46.3, may apply to the Board of Higher Education, requesting the redesignation of  
42 that college as a regional university pursuant to this Act. After making such study as it may find  
43 necessary, the Board of Higher Education shall make a report to the next regular Session of the  
44 General Assembly, setting forth its findings and recommendations on the requested re-  
45 designation. The General Assembly thereupon shall make such disposition of the matter as it  
46 shall deem appropriate; provided, however, that this Section shall not prevent any college  
47 designated under Article 2 of this Chapter from applying for any program of affiliation, change  
48 in status or other reorganization program, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

49 **"§ 116-44.16. Future Policy With Respect to Regional Universities.** Not later than July 1,  
50 1972, the State Board of Higher Education pursuant to this Article shall study the effectiveness  
51 of the Regional Universities and their proper future role and status in the State System of Public

1 Higher Education, and shall make a report to the General Assembly setting forth its findings  
2 and recommendations on that subject. The study shall include, but not be limited to,  
3 consideration of the continuation of the existing arrangements, the establishment of a single  
4 board of trustees for all regional universities, and the conversion of one or more of the regional  
5 universities into campuses of the University of North Carolina."

6 **Sec. 2.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

7 **Sec. 3.** Except as otherwise specified in this Act, this Act shall take effect upon its  
8 ratification.

9 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 30th day of June,  
10 1967.