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HOUSE BILL DRH10549-MTa-246

Short Title: HBCU/HMSI Omnibus.

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Sponsors: Representative Hawkins.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS AND MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS  
3 TO SUPPORT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND  
4 UNIVERSITIES AND HISTORICALLY MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTIONS IN  
5 NORTH CAROLINA.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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8 **PART I. PERMANENT COMPLETION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

9 **SECTION 1.(a)** Article 1 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by  
10 adding the following new section to read:

11 "**§ 116-44.9. Completion Assistance Programs.**

12 (a) Definition. – For purposes of this section, the term "eligible constituent institutions"  
13 refers to the following constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina:

- 14 (1) Elizabeth City State University.  
15 (2) Fayetteville State University.  
16 (3) North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.  
17 (4) North Carolina Central University.  
18 (5) The University of North Carolina at Asheville.  
19 (6) The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.  
20 (7) The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.  
21 (8) Winston-Salem State University.

22 (b) Program. – To the extent funds are provided for this purpose, the Board of Governors  
23 of The University of North Carolina shall establish a Completion Assistance Program (Program)  
24 at each eligible constituent institution. At a minimum, each Program shall meet the following  
25 criteria:

- 26 (1) A student enrolled in a Program established by this section may receive up to  
27 one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per academic year under that Program to pay  
28 for the costs of continuing attendance and earning necessary credit hours at  
29 the eligible constituent institution.  
30 (2) A student shall be eligible to receive funds under a Program if the student  
31 meets at least the following requirements:  
32 a. Needs financial assistance to remain enrolled at the eligible constituent  
33 institution and earn credits necessary to graduate on time.  
34 b. Is a resident for tuition purposes, as provided in G.S. 116-143.1.  
35 c. Meets satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the Board.



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- 1           d.     Has completed or is on track to complete at least 60 academic credit  
2           hours by the end of the semester in which the funds are provided.  
3           e.     Has completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)  
4           for the academic year in which the funds are provided.  
5           f.     Has an unpaid balance with the eligible constituent institution. This  
6           may include an unpaid balance for tuition, fees, room, board, or other  
7           expenses of attendance.

8           (c)   Report. – The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall report  
9           on each Completion Assistance Program established pursuant to this section to the Joint  
10           Legislative Education Oversight Committee no later than March 15 of each year. The report shall  
11           include, at a minimum, an analysis of the impact of each Program on the following:

- 12           (1)   On-time graduation rates.  
13           (2)   Student debt at graduation.

14           (d)   Allocation of Funds. – The Board shall allocate funds provided for the Program to  
15           each eligible constituent institution of The University of North Carolina proportional to the  
16           number of undergraduate students enrolled at each eligible constituent institution who are  
17           residents of North Carolina and recipients of a federal Pell Grant."

18           **SECTION 1.(b)** Section 8.3 of S.L. 2023-134 is repealed.

19           **SECTION 1.(c)** Notwithstanding the Committee Report described in Section 43.2  
20 of S.L. 2023-134, the two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in nonrecurring funds allocated for the  
21 Completion Assistance Programs enacted in Section 8.3 of S.L. 2023-134 shall instead be used  
22 for the Completion Assistance Programs authorized by this section.

23           **SECTION 1.(d)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of  
24 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of eight million five hundred thousand  
25 dollars (\$8,500,000) in recurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year for the Completion  
26 Assistance Programs established pursuant to G.S. 116-44.9, as enacted by this section.

## 27 28 **PART II. JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE AT** 29 **HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

30           **SECTION 2.(a)** There is created the Joint Legislative Study Committee (Committee)  
31 on Infrastructure at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

32           **SECTION 2.(b)** The Committee shall consist of nine members of the Senate  
33 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and nine members of the House of  
34 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The President Pro  
35 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint a  
36 cochair of the Committee from among its membership. These appointments shall be made no  
37 later than September 1, 2024.

38           It is expected that the makeup of the Committee reflect geographic and urban/rural  
39 diversity. At least one member of the House of Representatives and at least one member of the  
40 Senate shall be from the minority party of their respective chambers.

41           **SECTION 2.(c)** In consultation with the Board of Governors of The University of  
42 North Carolina and the president or equivalent officer of each HBCU in this State, the Committee  
43 shall study all of the following related to buildings on HBCU campuses in the State:

- 44           (1)   Threats posed to HBCUs by the proximity of certain facilities to toxic sites.  
45           (2)   Vulnerability of facilities to natural disasters and environmental risks.  
46           (3)   Age of facilities.  
47           (4)   Student enrollment in relation to classroom capacity.  
48           (5)   The condition of major systems, including heating, ventilation, air  
49           conditioning, electrical, water, and sewer.  
50           (6)   The condition of exterior components of facilities, including roofing,  
51           windows, and doors.

- 1 (7) Critical health of and other safety conditions of campus buildings.
- 2 (8) Facilities in significant disrepair and any deferred maintenance on those
- 3 facilities.
- 4 (9) Any other issue the Committee considers relevant.

5 **SECTION 2.(d)** The Committee shall meet upon the call of its cochairs. A quorum  
6 of the Committee is a majority of its members. No action may be taken except by a majority vote  
7 at a meeting at which a quorum is present. The Committee, while in the discharge of its official  
8 duties, may exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through  
9 G.S. 120-19.4. The Committee may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services, as  
10 provided by G.S. 120-32.02. If the Committee hires a consultant, the consultant shall not be a  
11 State employee or a person currently under contract with the State to provide services. Members  
12 of the Committee shall receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowance as provided in  
13 G.S. 120-3.1. The expenses of the Committee shall be considered expenses incurred for the joint  
14 operation of the General Assembly.

15 **SECTION 2.(e)** The Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and  
16 clerical staff to assist the Committee in its work. The Director of Legislative Assistants of the  
17 House of Representatives and the Director of Legislative Assistants of the Senate shall assign  
18 clerical support to the Committee.

19 **SECTION 2.(f)** Meetings of the Committee shall begin no later than August 15,  
20 2024. The Committee shall submit a final report on the results of its study and development,  
21 including proposed legislation, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on or  
22 before January 1, 2025, by filing a copy of the report with the Office of the President Pro Tempore  
23 of the Senate, the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Joint Legislative  
24 Education Oversight Committee, and the Legislative Library. The Committee shall terminate on  
25 January 1, 2025, or upon the filing of its final report, whichever comes first.

### 26 27 **PART III. INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR CERTAIN HISTORICALLY** 28 **BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

29 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors  
30 of The University of North Carolina the following sums in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025  
31 fiscal year:

- 32 (1) To be allocated to Winston-Salem State University:
  - 33 a. Five million one hundred thousand dollars (\$5,100,000) for
  - 34 renovations to Hauser Hall.
  - 35 b. Eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for
  - 36 emergency steam room repairs.
  - 37 c. Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to repair and replace the
  - 38 campus-wide steam distribution system.
- 39 (2) To be allocated to Fayetteville State University:
  - 40 a. Three million thirty-seven thousand five hundred eighty-five dollars
  - 41 (\$3,037,585) to renovate the A.B. Rosenthal Building.
  - 42 b. Two million seven hundred sixty-eight thousand three hundred
  - 43 eighty-five dollars (\$2,768,385) to renovate the H.T. Chick building.
  - 44 c. Three million two hundred thousand dollars (\$3,200,000) to improve
  - 45 residence hall card access.
- 46 (3) To be allocated to Elizabeth City State University:
  - 47 a. Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for a sky bridge.
  - 48 b. Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for a campus-wide
  - 49 lockdown system.
  - 50 c. Two million two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$2,240,000) for
  - 51 emergency generator power.

- 1 (4) Five million three hundred forty-six thousand three hundred fifty dollars  
2 (\$5,346,350) to be allocated to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical  
3 State University for a boiler replacement.  
4 (5) Four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to be allocated to North Carolina Central  
5 University to repair and replace steam, sewer, and stormwater systems.  
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7 **PART IV. NURSING FELLOWS PILOT PROGRAM AT WINSTON-SALEM STATE**  
8 **UNIVERSITY**

9 **SECTION 4.(a)** Article 23 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by  
10 adding the following new Part to read:

11 "Part 3A. North Carolina Nursing Fellows Program.

12 **"§ 116-209.64. Definitions.**

13 The following definitions apply in this Part:

- 14 (1) Commission. – The North Carolina Nursing Fellows Commission.  
15 (2) Director. – The Director of the North Carolina Nursing Fellows Program.  
16 (3) Eligible nursing program. – Any educational program in North Carolina  
17 leading to a bachelor of science in nursing that is offered by Winston-Salem  
18 State University and meant to prepare a person to meet the educational  
19 requirements for licensure under Article 9A of Chapter 90 of the General  
20 Statutes.  
21 (4) Forgivable loan. – A forgivable loan made under the Program.  
22 (5) Program. – The North Carolina Nursing Fellows Program.  
23 (6) Qualifying nurse. – A nurse who meets the following criteria:  
24 a. Received a forgivable loan.  
25 b. Graduated within 10 years from an eligible nursing program,  
26 excluding any authorized deferment for extenuating circumstances.  
27 c. Is licensed and employed as a registered nurse in this State.  
28 (7) Trust Fund. – The North Carolina Nursing Fellows Program Trust Fund.

29 **"§ 116-209.65. North Carolina Nursing Fellows Commission established; membership.**

30 (a) Commission Established. – There is established the North Carolina Nursing Fellows  
31 Commission. The Commission shall determine program and forgivable loan recipient selection  
32 criteria and selection procedures and shall select the recipients to receive forgivable loans under  
33 the North Carolina Nursing Fellows Program in accordance with the requirements of this Part.  
34 The Director of the North Carolina Nursing Fellows Program shall appoint staff to the  
35 Commission.

36 (b) Membership. – The Commission shall consist of 14 members who shall be appointed  
37 or serve as ex officio members as follows:

- 38 (1) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall appoint  
39 four members to the Commission in even-numbered years as follows:  
40 a. Two deans of schools of nursing at postsecondary constituent  
41 institutions of The University of North Carolina.  
42 b. The president of a North Carolina community college.  
43 c. A nurse who graduated from a school of nursing located in the State  
44 within three years of appointment to serve on the Commission.  
45 (2) The General Assembly shall appoint two members to the Commission in  
46 odd-numbered years in accordance with G.S. 120-121 as follows:  
47 a. One dean of a school of nursing at a private postsecondary institution  
48 operating in the State upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the  
49 House of Representatives.

- 1                    b. One dean of a school of nursing at a private postsecondary institution  
2                    operating in the State upon the recommendation of the President Pro  
3                    Tempore of the Senate.
- 4            (3)    The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall appoint a representative of  
5            the Office of Rural Health of the Department of Health and Human Services.
- 6            (4)    The following seven members shall serve as ex officio members to the  
7            Commission:
- 8            a. The chair of the Board of the State Education Assistance Authority, or  
9            the chair's designee.
- 10           b. The Director of the North Carolina Nursing Fellows Program.
- 11           c. The President of the Winston-Salem State National Alumni  
12           Association, or the President's designee.
- 13           d. The chair of the Board of Nursing, or the chair's designee.
- 14           e. The chair of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Health Care  
15           Facilities Association, or the chair's designee.
- 16           f. The Secretary of Health and Human Services, or his or her designee.
- 17           g. The State Treasurer in his or her capacity as Chair of the State Health  
18           Plan, or a designee of the State Treasurer who represents the State  
19           Health Plan.
- 20           (c)    Terms of Office. – Appointments to the Commission shall be for two-year terms,  
21           beginning July 1 and expiring June 30.
- 22           (d)    Vacancies. – Except as otherwise provided, if a vacancy occurs in the membership of  
23           the Commission, the appointing authority shall appoint another person meeting the same  
24           qualifications to serve for the balance of the unexpired term.
- 25           (e)    Chair; Meetings. – The Director of the Program shall call the first meeting of the  
26           Commission. The Commission members shall elect a chair and a vice-chair from the membership  
27           of the Commission to serve one-year terms. The Commission shall meet regularly at times and  
28           places deemed necessary by the chair or, in the absence of the chair, by the vice-chair.
- 29           (f)    Conflict of Interest. – A member of the Commission shall abstain from voting on the  
30           selection of a postsecondary constituent institution of The University of North Carolina or a  
31           private postsecondary institution operating in the State under G.S. 116-209.62(f) if the member  
32           is an officer or employee of the institution or sits as a member of the institution's board of  
33           directors.
- 34           (g)    Expenses. – Commission members shall receive per diem, subsistence, and travel  
35           allowances in accordance with G.S. 138-5 or G.S. 138-6, as appropriate.
- 36           **§ 116-209.66. North Carolina Nursing Fellows Program established; administration.**
- 37           (a)    Program. – There is established the North Carolina Nursing Fellows Program to be  
38           administered by the System Office of The University of North Carolina, in conjunction with the  
39           Authority and the Commission. The purpose of the Program is to recruit, prepare, and support  
40           students enrolled in eligible nursing programs for preparation as highly effective registered  
41           nurses in the State. The Program shall be used to provide a forgivable loan to individuals  
42           interested in preparing to become registered nurses in the State.
- 43           (b)    Trust Fund. – There is established the North Carolina Nursing Fellows Program Trust  
44           Fund to be administered by the Authority, in conjunction with the System Office of The  
45           University of North Carolina. All funds (i) appropriated to, or otherwise received by, the Program  
46           for forgivable loans and other Program purposes, (ii) received as repayment of forgivable loans,  
47           and (iii) earned as interest on these funds shall be placed in the Trust Fund. The purpose of the  
48           Trust Fund is to provide financial assistance to qualified students for completion of eligible  
49           nursing programs to fill needed positions for registered nurses in State.
- 50           (c)    Uses of Monies in the Trust Fund. – The monies in the Trust Fund may be used only  
51           for (i) forgivable loans granted under the Program, (ii) administrative costs associated with the

1 Program, including recruitment and recovery of funds advanced under the Program, (iii)  
2 mentoring and coaching support to forgivable loan recipients, and (iv) extracurricular  
3 enhancement activities of the Program in accordance with the following:

4 (1) The Authority shall transfer the greater of six hundred thousand dollars  
5 (\$600,000) or ten percent (10%) of the available funds from the Trust Fund to  
6 The University of North Carolina System Office at the beginning of each  
7 fiscal year for the Program's administrative costs, the salary of the Director of  
8 the Program and other Program staff, expenses of the Commission, and to  
9 provide the Commission with funds to use for the extracurricular enhancement  
10 activities of the Program.

11 (2) The Authority may use the greater of two hundred fifty thousand dollars  
12 (\$250,000) or four percent (4%) of the funds appropriated to the Trust Fund  
13 each fiscal year for administrative costs associated with the Program.

14 (3) The Authority shall provide the Commission with up to six hundred thousand  
15 dollars (\$600,000) from the Trust Fund in each fiscal year for the Commission  
16 to provide mentoring and coaching support to forgivable loan recipients in an  
17 amount of up to two thousand two hundred dollars (\$2,200) for each Program  
18 recipient.

19 (d) Director of the Program. – The Board of Governors of The University of North  
20 Carolina shall appoint a Director of the Program. The Director shall appoint staff to the  
21 Commission and shall be responsible for recruitment and coordination of the Program, including  
22 proactive, aggressive, and strategic recruitment of potential recipients. Recruitment activities  
23 shall include (i) targeting regions of the State with the highest nursing attrition rates and nurse  
24 recruitment challenges, (ii) actively engaging with registered nurses, business leaders, experts in  
25 human resources, elected officials, and other community leaders throughout the State, and (iii)  
26 attracting candidates to the Program. The Director shall report to the President of The University  
27 of North Carolina. The Authority shall provide office space and clerical support staff, as  
28 necessary, to the Director for the Program.

29 (e) Student Selection Criteria for Forgivable Loans. – The Commission shall adopt  
30 stringent standards for awarding forgivable loans based on multiple measures to ensure that only  
31 the strongest applicants receive them, including the following:

32 (1) Grade point averages.

33 (2) Performance on relevant assessments.

34 (3) Experience, accomplishments, and other criteria demonstrating qualities  
35 positively correlated with highly effective registered nurses, including  
36 excellent verbal and communication skills.

37 (4) Demonstrated commitment to serve in North Carolina.

38 (f) Program Administration. – The Authority shall administer the Program in cooperation  
39 with Winston-Salem State University.

40 (g) Awards of Forgivable Loans. – The Program shall provide forgivable loans to selected  
41 students to be used at Winston-Salem State University for completion of an eligible nursing  
42 program, as follows:

43 (1) North Carolina high school seniors. – Forgivable loans of up to five thousand  
44 dollars (\$5,000) per semester for up to eight semesters.

45 (2) Students applying for transfer to Winston-Salem State University. –  
46 Forgivable loans of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per semester for up  
47 to six semesters.

48 (3) Individuals currently holding a bachelor's degree seeking preparation to  
49 become a registered nurse. – Forgivable loans of up to five thousand dollars  
50 (\$5,000) per semester for up to four semesters.

1           (4) Students matriculating at Winston-Salem State University who are changing  
2 to a program of study leading to a bachelor of science in nursing at a selected  
3 institution of higher education. – Forgivable loans of up to five thousand  
4 dollars (\$5,000) per semester for up to four semesters.

5           Forgivable loans may be used for tuition, fees, the cost of books, and expenses related to  
6 obtaining licensure.

7           (h) Administration of Forgivable Loan Awards. – Upon the naming of recipients of the  
8 forgivable loans by the Commission, the Commission shall transfer to the Authority its decisions.  
9 The Authority, in coordination with the Director, shall perform all of the administrative functions  
10 necessary to implement this Part, which functions shall include rulemaking, disseminating  
11 information, acting as a liaison with participating institutions of higher education, implementing  
12 forgivable loan agreements, loan monitoring, loan cancelling through service and collection,  
13 determining the acceptability of service repayment agreements, enforcing the agreements, and  
14 all other functions necessary for the execution, payment, and enforcement of promissory notes  
15 required under this Part.

16           (i) Annual Report. – The Commission, in coordination with the Authority, the North  
17 Carolina Board of Nursing, and Winston-Salem State University, shall report no later than  
18 January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee  
19 regarding the following:

20           (1) Forgivable loans awarded from the Trust Fund, including the following:

21           a. Demographic information regarding recipients.

22           b. Number of recipients by institution of higher education.

23           (2) Placement and repayment rates, including the following:

24           a. Number of graduates who have been employed as a registered nurse  
25 in the State within two years of graduation.

26           b. Number of graduates who have elected to do loan repayment and their  
27 years of service, if any, prior to beginning loan repayment.

28           (3) Mentoring and coaching support, including the number of forgivable loan  
29 recipients who received mentoring and coaching support.

30           (4) Selected nurse employer outcomes, including the following:

31           a. Turnover rate for forgivable loan graduates, including the turnover rate  
32 for graduates who also received mentoring and coaching support.

33           b. Fulfillment rate of forgivable loan graduates.

34 **"§ 116-209.67. Terms of forgivable loans; receipt and disbursement of funds.**

35           (a) Notes. – All forgivable loans shall be evidenced by notes made payable to the  
36 Authority that bear interest at a rate not to exceed ten percent (10%) per year as set by the  
37 Authority and beginning on the first day of September after completion of the eligible nursing  
38 program or 90 days after graduation, whichever is later. If a forgivable loan is terminated, the  
39 note shall be made payable to the Authority 90 days after termination of the forgivable loan. The  
40 forgivable loan may be terminated upon the recipient's withdrawal from the Program or by the  
41 recipient's failure to meet the standards set by the Commission.

42           (b) Forgiveness. – For every year a qualifying nurse remains a qualifying nurse, the  
43 Authority shall forgive the loan amount received over one year of enrollment in an eligible  
44 nursing program and any interest accrued on that amount. The Authority shall also forgive the  
45 loan if it finds that it is impossible for the recipient to work for up to eight years, within 10 years  
46 after completion of the eligible nursing program, as a nurse in the State because of the death or  
47 permanent disability of the recipient. If the recipient repays the forgivable loan by cash payments,  
48 all indebtedness shall be repaid within 10 years after completion of the eligible nursing program  
49 supported by the forgivable loan. If the recipient completes an eligible nursing program, payment  
50 of principal and interest shall begin no later than the first day of September after the completion

1 of the program. Should a recipient present extenuating circumstances, the Authority may extend  
2 the period to repay the loan in cash to no more than a total of 12 years."

3 SECTION 4.(b) G.S. 116-204 reads as rewritten:

4 "§ 116-204. Powers of Authority.

5 The Authority is hereby authorized and empowered:

6 ...

7 (9) To collect loan repayments for loans awarded under the ~~Teaching Fellows~~  
8 ~~Program pursuant to G.S. 115C-363.23A following programs~~ if the loan  
9 repayment is outstanding for more than 30 ~~days~~ days:

10 a. The Teaching Fellows Program pursuant to Part 3 of Article 23 of  
11 Chapter 116 of the General Statutes.

12 b. The Nursing Fellows Program pursuant to Part 3A of Article 23 of  
13 Chapter 116 of the General Statutes.

14 ...."

15 SECTION 4.(c) Initial appointments to the North Carolina Nursing Fellows  
16 Commission shall be made no later than August 15, 2025. Initial appointments to the Commission  
17 shall expire July 1, 2027.

18 SECTION 4.(d) The Commission shall select recipients and award the initial  
19 forgivable loans for the 2025-2026 academic year no later than April 1, 2025.

20 SECTION 4.(e) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of  
21 Governors of The University of North Carolina for the 2024-2025 fiscal year the sum of two  
22 million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) in recurring funds to be allocated to the State  
23 Education Assistance Authority to develop and administer the Nursing Fellows Program  
24 established in Part 3A of Article 23 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes, as enacted by this  
25 section.

26 SECTION 4.(f) This section becomes effective July 1, 2024, and applies beginning  
27 with applications for enrollment in the Nursing Fellows Program in the 2025-2026 academic  
28 year.

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30 **PART V. EXPAND CHEATHAM-WHITE SCHOLARSHIP AND INCLUDE**  
31 **WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY**

32 SECTION 5.(a) Article 35 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes reads as rewritten:  
33 "Article 35.

34 "Cheatham-White Scholarships.

35 "§ 116-290. Cheatham-White Scholarships; establishment and purpose; benefits.

36 (a) Scholarships Established; Purpose. – The Cheatham-White Scholarships are  
37 established as a merit scholarship program at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State  
38 ~~University—University, Winston-Salem State University,~~ and at North Carolina Central  
39 University. The purpose of the scholarships is to provide an outstanding educational experience  
40 for students who are exceptional scholars, versatile and well-rounded individuals with a broad  
41 range of interests, and who are accomplished and proficient in areas of both the arts and the  
42 sciences. They must also demonstrate leadership potential and a strong commitment to service.

43 ...

44 (c) Number of Scholarships Awarded. – Up to 50 scholarships, 40 for resident students  
45 and 10 for nonresident students, may be awarded each academic year to students admitted to  
46 North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. Up to 50 scholarships, 40 for  
47 resident students and 10 for nonresident students, may be awarded each academic year to students  
48 admitted to Winston-Salem State University. Up to 50 scholarships, 40 for resident students and  
49 10 for nonresident students, may be awarded each academic year to students admitted to North  
50 Carolina Central University.

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1 **"§ 116-292. Cheatham-White Scholarships; eligibility and selection criteria.**

2 (a) Eligibility. – To be eligible to be nominated as a potential candidate for a  
3 Cheatham-White Scholarship, a person must satisfy all of the following criteria:

4 (1) Be a competitive applicant for admission as a freshman in the fall semester  
5 into a baccalaureate program at ~~either~~–North Carolina Agricultural and  
6 Technical State ~~University–University, Winston-Salem State University, or~~  
7 North Carolina Central University.

8 (2) Be a United States citizen or permanent resident.

9 (3) Be on course to graduate from high school in the spring semester prior to  
10 college admission.

11 (b) Selection Criteria. – Candidates for Cheatham-White Scholarships shall be selected  
12 on the basis of academic merit, honorable character, outstanding leadership potential, and a  
13 demonstrable commitment to service. Financial need shall not be a consideration.

14 ...

15 **"§ 116-294. Cheatham-White Scholarships; administration of scholarships.**

16 The University of North Carolina System Office shall administer the Cheatham-White  
17 Scholarships, in consultation and collaboration with North Carolina Agricultural and Technical  
18 State ~~University–University, Winston-Salem State University, and North Carolina Central~~  
19 University, pursuant to policies adopted by the Board of Trustees of ~~both constituent institutions.~~  
20 each constituent institution. As part of its administrative responsibilities, The University of North  
21 Carolina System Office, in consultation and collaboration with North Carolina Agricultural and  
22 Technical State ~~University–University, Winston-Salem State University, and North Carolina~~  
23 Central University, shall do all of the following:

24 ...."

25 **SECTION 5.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of  
26 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of six million dollars (\$6,000,000) in  
27 recurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to add Winston-Salem State University as a  
28 participating school in the Cheatham-White Scholarship and expand opportunities for all students  
29 to receive the Cheatham-White Scholarship.

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31 **PART VI. FUNDS FOR ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY**

32 **SECTION 6.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors  
33 of The University of North Carolina the following sums in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025  
34 fiscal year to be allocated to Elizabeth City State University:

35 (1) Sixty-six million dollars (\$66,000,000) to expand the aviation science  
36 program.

37 (2) Thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) to renovate the Roebuck Stadium.

38 (3) Forty-five million dollars (\$45,000,000) for a residence hall.

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40 **PART VII. CHANGES TO LAW AND POLICY FOR NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL**  
41 **UNIVERSITY**

42 **SECTION 7.(a)** No later than August 15, 2024, the Board of Governors of The  
43 University of North Carolina shall revise its Policy on Non-Resident Undergraduate Enrollment  
44 so that the maximum percentage of students at North Carolina Central University who are not  
45 classified as residents for tuition purposes in the first-time Fall undergraduate class is fifty percent  
46 (50%).

47 **SECTION 7.(b)** G.S. 116-143.1 is amended by adding the following new  
48 subsections to read:

49 "(n) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a person who meets all of the  
50 following qualifications shall be eligible to be charged the in-State tuition rate:

(1) The person graduated and received a high school diploma from a school within North Carolina or received a high school equivalency diploma within North Carolina.

(2) The person attended North Carolina schools for a minimum of two consecutive years immediately prior to completing high school.

(3) If the person does not have lawful immigration status, the person submits an affidavit to the State Education Assistance Authority through the coordinated and centralized residency determination process within 60 days of enrollment asserting that, to the extent permitted under federal law, he or she has filed an application to legalize his or her status or he or she intends to file an application to legalize his or her status upon becoming eligible to do so.

(4) The person enrolled in a constituent institution.

(o) Any information obtained as part of the process of applying for in-State tuition pursuant to subsection (n) of this section shall be confidential and is not a public record."

**SECTION 7.(c)** Subsection (b) of this section applies beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year only to persons enrolled in North Carolina Central University.

**PART VIII. FUNDS FOR JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY**

**SECTION 8.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management the following sums for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to be allocated to Johnson C. Smith University:

(1) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in nonrecurring funds as a directed grant for capital improvements.

(2) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in recurring funds to support academic programs, including health professional preparedness programs.

(3) Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in nonrecurring funds as a directed grant for the following transformative initiatives:

- a. To develop a consortium with other universities.
- b. To support shared services and other resources across higher education institutions.
- c. To increase student retention, completion, and success with wrap-around academic and non-academic support services.
- d. To prioritize recruitment, retention, and graduation of high-performing students through scholarships and internships.
- e. To align aspects of the Charlotte Mayor's Racial Equity Initiative (MREI) with a transformative University and Community framework (West End) for Black Economic Development and Educational Opportunities (BEDEO).

**PART IX. FUNDS FOR SHAW UNIVERSITY**

**SECTION 9.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management the following sums for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to be allocated to Shaw University:

(1) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in nonrecurring funds as a directed grant for capital improvements.

(2) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in recurring funds to support the teacher preparation program.

**PART X. FUNDS FOR BARBA-SCOTIA COLLEGE**

1           **SECTION 10.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State  
2 Budget and Management the following sums for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to be allocated to  
3 Barba-Scotia College:

- 4           (1) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in nonrecurring funds as a directed grant for  
5 capital improvements, including renovation of historical buildings on campus.
- 6           (2) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in recurring funds for workforce  
7 development initiatives.

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9 **PART XI. FUNDS FOR NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS**  
10 **ATTENDING PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

11           **SECTION 11.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of  
12 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in  
13 recurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to be allocated to the State Education Assistance  
14 Authority to increase need-based scholarships for students attending private institutions of higher  
15 education in accordance with Article 34 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes.

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17 **PART XII. FUNDS FOR NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL**  
18 **STATE UNIVERSITY**

19           **SECTION 12.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of  
20 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of ten million six hundred sixty thousand  
21 six hundred sixty-one dollars (\$10,660,661) in recurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to  
22 be allocated to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University for its agriculture  
23 research and extension programs.

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25 **PART XIII. FUNDS FOR BENNETT COLLEGE**

26           **SECTION 13.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State  
27 Budget and Management the following sums in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year  
28 to be allocated to Bennett College:

- 29           (1) The sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) as a directed grant for deferred  
30 facility maintenance needs, including maintenance of residence halls.
- 31           (2) The sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to support  
32 the education degree program at that private postsecondary institution.

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34 **PART XIV. FUNDS FOR LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE**

35           **SECTION 14.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State  
36 Budget and Management the following sums in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year  
37 to be allocated to Livingstone College:

- 38           (1) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to support the college.
- 39           (2) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the Livingstone College Center for  
40 Aging Out to support students aging out of foster care.

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42 **PART XV. FUNDS FOR SAINT AUGUSTINE'S UNIVERSITY**

43           **SECTION 15.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State  
44 Budget and Management the following sums in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year  
45 to be allocated to Saint Augustine's University:

- 46           (1) Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for a completion assistance grant program  
47 to address gaps in degree completion rates for students.
- 48           (2) Twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) for the construction of a new  
49 academic building for collaborative learning and innovation.

1           **SECTION 15.(b)** It is the intent of the General Assembly to annually appropriate a  
2 portion of available funds in the Education Lottery Fund in G.S. 18C-164(a) to support  
3 scholarships for needy students enrolled at Saint Augustine's University.  
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5 **PART XVI. EFFECTIVE DATE**

6           **SECTION 16.** Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective July 1, 2024.