

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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CHAPTER 1086
HOUSE BILL 1525

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPROVE HIGHER EDUCATION AND
ESTABLISH THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES INFORMATION CENTER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. A new subdivision is hereby added to G.S. 116-158 to read as follows:

"The Board, with the cooperation of other concerned organizations, shall establish, as a function of the Board, an Educational Opportunities Information Center to provide information and assistance to prospective college and university students and to the several institutions, both public and private, on matters regarding student admissions, transfers and enrollments. The public institutions shall cooperate with the Center by furnishing such nonconfidential information as may assist the Center in the performance of its duties. Similar cooperation shall be requested of the private institutions in the State.

An applicant for admission to an institution who is not offered admission may request that the institution send to the Center appropriate nonconfidential information concerning his application. The Center may, at its discretion and with permission of the applicant, direct the attention of the applicant to other institutions and the attention of other institutions to the applicant. The Center is authorized to conduct such studies and analyses of admissions, transfers and enrollments as may be deemed appropriate."

Sec. 2. G.S. 116-143 is amended by adding the following paragraph after the first paragraph:

"Each board of trustees shall require that each applicant for admission who is accepted by the institution remit to the institution an advance deposit of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to be applied against the student's tuition and fees for the academic term for which he has been accepted, said sum to be paid within three weeks of the mailing by the institution of the notice of acceptance; if the deposit is not paid within said period the applicant shall be assumed to have withdrawn his application. In the event of hardship, the deposit may be waived by the institution in its discretion. If the applicant, after remitting his deposit, decides not to attend the institution and gives notice of this decision by May 1, in the case of application for the fall term, or at least one month prior to the beginning of the term, in the case of application for the spring or winter term, the deposit shall be refunded. Deposits made by students who fail to give notice of withdrawal to the institution as provided above shall be forfeited to the institution and shall be used to supplement appropriations for scholarships; provided, however, that any deposit shall be refundable if in the judgment of the institution the withdrawal of an applicant is the result of illness, a call to military duty or other circumstances which are beyond the student's control and which the institution deems adequate.

Each board of trustees shall require that an advance deposit of fifty dollars (\$50.00) be made by each student enrolled for the regular academic year who intends to return for the succeeding academic year. The fee shall be paid during the last regular term of the academic year preceding the academic year for which the deposit is being paid. In the event of hardship, the deposit may be waived by the institution in its discretion. The deposit shall be applied against the student's tuition and fees in the event he returns. If he decides not to return to the institution and gives notice of his decision within 30 days after the last day of the term in which

he made the deposit, or if the institution determines that he is not eligible to return, the deposit shall be refunded. Deposits made by students who fail to give notice of withdrawal as provided above shall be forfeited to the institution and shall be used to supplement appropriations for scholarships; provided, however, that any deposit shall be refundable if in the judgment of the institution the withdrawal of an applicant is the result of illness, a call to military duty or other circumstances which are beyond the student's control and which the institution deems adequate.

Each board of trustees shall require that a nonrefundable application fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) accompany each application for admission."

Sec. 3. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund the amount of \$25,000 for the 1971-1973 biennium in order to enable the Board of Higher Education to establish the Educational Opportunities Information Center.

Sec. 4. This act shall become effective October 1, 1971.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 21st day of July, 1971.