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HOUSE BILL 274

Short Title: Academic Fraud/Grade Changes.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Stam; Kimsey, Wood, and Privette.

Referred to: Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO GIVE OR CHANGE A
STUDENT'S GRADE IN EXCHANGE FOR AN ITEM OF VALUE OR MONEY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-118.2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-118.2. Assisting, etc., in obtaining academic credit by fraudulent means.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association to assist any student, or advertise, offer or attempt to assist any student, in obtaining or in attempting to obtain, by fraudulent means, any academic credit, or any diploma, certificate or other instrument purporting to confer any literary, scientific, professional, technical or other degree in any course of study in any university, college, academy or other educational institution. The activity prohibited by this subsection includes, but is not limited to, preparing or advertising, offering, or attempting to prepare a term paper, thesis, or dissertation for ~~another and another~~; impersonating or advertising, offering or attempting to impersonate another in taking or attempting to take an ~~examination~~ examination; and the giving or changing of a grade or offering to give or change a grade in exchange for an article of value or money.

(b) Any person, firm, corporation or association violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. ~~Provided, This section includes the acts of a student, teacher or other school official;~~ however, the provisions of this section shall not apply to the acts of one student in assisting another student as herein defined if the former is duly registered in an educational institution and is subject to the disciplinary authority thereof."

1 Sec. 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 1989, and shall apply to
2 offenses occurring on or after that date.