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SENATE BILL 866

Short Title: School of Science Math/College Scholarships.

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Sponsors: Senator Hagan.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FULL FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TUITION GRANTS TO
3 GRADUATES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND
4 MATHEMATICS WHO ATTEND A STATE UNIVERSITY.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Article 29 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended
7 by adding a new section to read:

8 "**§ 116-238.1. Full tuition grant for graduates who attend a State university.**

9 (a) There is granted to each State resident who graduates from the North Carolina
10 School of Science and Mathematics and who enrolls as a full-time student in a
11 constituent institution of The University of North Carolina a sum, to be determined by
12 the General Assembly, as a tuition grant. The tuition grant shall be for four consecutive
13 academic years and shall cover the tuition cost at the constituent institution in which the
14 student is enrolled. The tuition grant shall be distributed to the student as provided by
15 this section.

16 (b) The tuition grants provided for in this section shall be administered by the
17 State Education Assistance Authority pursuant to rules adopted by the State Education
18 Assistance Authority not inconsistent with this section. The State Education Assistance
19 Authority shall not approve any grant until it receives proper certification from the
20 appropriate constituent institution that the student applying for the grant is an eligible
21 student. Upon receipt of the certification, the State Education Assistance Authority shall
22 remit at the times it prescribes the grant to the constituent institution on behalf, and to
23 the credit, of the student.

24 (c) In the event a student on whose behalf a grant has been paid is not enrolled
25 and carrying a minimum academic load as of the tenth classroom day following the
26 beginning of the school term for which the grant was paid, the institution shall refund
27 the full amount of the grant to the State Education Assistance Authority.

28 (d) In the event there are not sufficient funds to provide each eligible student
29 with a full grant:

- 1 (1) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, with the
2 approval of the Office of State Budget and Management, may transfer
3 available funds to meet the needs of the programs provided by
4 subsections (a) and (b) of this section; and
5 (2) Each eligible student shall receive a pro rata share of funds then
6 available for the remainder of the academic year within the fiscal
7 period covered by the current appropriation.
8 (e) Any remaining funds shall revert to the General Fund."
9 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2003, and applies to
10 students graduating in the 2004-2005 academic year and each subsequent academic
11 year.