GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2013

S SENATE BILL 424

| Short Title: | UNC School of Arts/Student Fees. | (Public) |
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| Sponsors: | Senators Parmon and Brunstetter (Primary Sponsors). | |
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March 27, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT IN-STATE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS MAY BE CHARGED FEES TO ASSIST WITH THE EXPENSES OF THE INSTITUTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. In-State high school students enrolled at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts are not charged tuition or fees. Prior appropriations bills enacted by the General Assembly have included appropriations to the University of North Carolina School of the Arts to cover the cost of tuition and fees for in-State high school students; however, as costs have increased, it has become more difficult to continue funding at the level required to cover the cost of attendance. Therefore, the General Assembly intends to authorize the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina and the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts to recommend and establish fees for in-State high school students in the same manner as is done for other constituent institutions, provided those fees are not inconsistent with the actions of the General Assembly. The General Assembly further intends to authorize the University of North Carolina School of the Arts to charge and collect fees, including those already established or approved for the 2014-2015 academic year, from in-State high school students enrolled at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

The General Assembly does not intend that in-State high school students be charged any fees for the 2013-2014 academic year. The General Assembly does not intend to authorize the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina or the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts to impose any tuition for in-State students enrolled at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts without approval by the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. Article 4 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"<u>§ 116-68.1</u>. Fees.

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The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina may set fees, not inconsistent with the actions of the General Assembly, to be paid by in-State high school students enrolled at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts to assist with expenses of the institution. The Board of Trustees may recommend to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina that fees be set, not inconsistent with actions of the General Assembly, to be paid by in-State high school students enrolled at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts to assist with expenses of the institution. The University of North Carolina School of the Arts may charge and collect fees established as provided by this section from in-State high school students enrolled at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts."



SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2013, and applies to the 2 014-2015 academic year and each subsequent academic year.

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