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Short Title: Ed. Oversight Study/Student-Athlete Stipends.

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Sponsors: Representative Pierce.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT
3 COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF WHETHER STUDENT-ATHLETES
4 SHOULD BE PAID STIPENDS OR OTHERWISE BE ALLOWED TO SHARE IN
5 SPORTS REVENUES COLLECTED BY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee may study the
8 issue of whether student-athletes should be paid stipends or otherwise be allowed to share in
9 the various types of sports revenues generated by institutions of higher education, including
10 revenues generated through all of the following: commercialization of a student-athlete's name,
11 image, or likeness; ticket sales; television rights; merchandise; and licensing agreements. In its
12 study the Committee may consider all of the following:

- 13 (1) The amount and type of revenue generated by intercollegiate sports and how
14 those revenues are used by the institutions of higher education.
- 15 (2) The current policies regarding the recruitment and retention of
16 student-athletes.
- 17 (3) The academic eligibility requirements for and the quality of educational
18 services provided to student-athletes.
- 19 (4) The opportunities provided by collegiate sports for student-athletes to
20 become professional athletes and the number of students-athletes that
21 successfully take advantage of those opportunities.
- 22 (5) The recent decision of *Edward O'Bannon v. NCAA* and any appellate
23 decisions rendered regarding that case.
- 24 (6) Any other issue the Committee deems relevant to the study.

25 **SECTION 2.** The Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee may report on
26 its findings, including any recommended legislation, to the 2016 Session of the 2015 General
27 Assembly.

28 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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