

SECTION 9.13. The Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University, the Dean of the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, and the Commissioner of Agriculture shall jointly study and develop a comprehensive strategic plan for the management of both: (i) the agriculture research stations that are currently jointly managed by North Carolina State University and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and (ii) the university research farm managed by North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. The plan shall identify ways to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the research stations and university research farm. The plan shall be submitted to the Chairs of the House Agriculture Committee, the Senate Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, and the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Natural and Economic Resources no later than May 1, 2009.

STUDY OF STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

SECTION 9.14. The Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee shall include in the 2008-2009 Work Plan for the Program Evaluation Division of the General Assembly a review and study of the structure and organization of the Department of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education. The Program Evaluation Division shall submit the study to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee, the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, the Chairs of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and the Fiscal Research Division by December 31, 2008.

BIENNIAL PROJECTION OF UNC ENROLLMENT GROWTH

SECTION 9.15. Part 2A of Article 1 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 116-30.7. Biennial projection of enrollment growth for The University of North Carolina.

By September 1 of each even-numbered year, the General Administration of The University of North Carolina shall provide to the Joint Education Legislative Oversight Committee and to the Office of State Budget and Management a projection of the total student enrollment in The University of North Carolina that is anticipated for the next biennium. The enrollment projection shall be divided into the following categories and shall include the projected growth for each year of the biennium in each category at each of the constituent institutions: undergraduate students, graduate students (students earning master's and doctoral degrees), first year professional students, and any other categories deemed appropriate by General Administration. The projection shall also distinguish between on-campus and distance education students. The projections shall be considered by the Director of the Budget when determining the amount the Director proposes to fund as the continuation requirement for the enrollment increase in the university system pursuant to G.S. 143C-3-5(b)."

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO STUDY PLASTICS USE

SECTION 9.17. The University of North Carolina, in collaboration with the Division of Waste Management of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall study the current state, usage, and recycling of plastics (including, but not limited to, beverage bottles and plastic bags) in North Carolina. The study shall include an analysis of the following:

- (1) The impact of plastics on the environment and particularly on solid waste management in the State;