

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1498

Short Title: Study Disabled Access to UNC Facilities.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Atwater.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 27, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
2 NORTH CAROLINA TO STUDY THE ACCESSIBILITY OF ITS FACILITIES
3 TO SEVERELY PHYSICALLY DISABLED INDIVIDUALS SEEKING BASIC
4 ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN THE STATE UNIVERSITY
5 SYSTEM.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina
9 shall study the accessibility of its facilities to severely physically disabled individuals
10 seeking basic access to higher education at constituent institutions within the State
11 University System. In its study, the Board of Governors may consider all of the
12 following:

- 13 (1) What specific educational assistance the State has funded that would
14 be available to severely physically disabled individuals.
- 15 (2) What specific educational assistance the State currently funds that
16 would be available to severely physically disabled individuals.
- 17 (3) The role of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the
18 Department of Health and Human Services in providing educational
19 assistance at public and private universities or secondary schools that
20 was, or currently is, available to severely physically disabled
21 individuals.
- 22 (4) Whether the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Department
23 of Health and Human Services could provide for the personal care of
24 severely physically disabled students at one or more constituent
25 institutions within the State University System.
- 26 (5) The desirability and feasibility of making the facilities of one
27 constituent institution accessible to severely physically disabled
28 students.

1 (6) The estimated costs of making the facilities of one constituent
2 institution accessible to severely physically disabled students and
3 providing for the personal care of severely physically disabled students
4 at this institution.

5 (7) Whether the Illinois program to support its physically disabled
6 population at its state universities offers any guidance to North
7 Carolina.

8 (8) Any other issues the Board of Governors deems pertinent to its study
9 under this section.

10 **SECTION 2.** No later than May 1, 2008, the Board of Governors of The
11 University of North Carolina shall submit a report of its study to the Fiscal Research
12 Division and to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, including its
13 findings, recommendations, and any legislative proposals.

14 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.