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**S 2079. EVE CARSON/ABHIJIT MAHATO COMM. SERVICE PROG.** Filed 5/27/08. *TO ESTABLISH THE EVE CARSON/ABHIJIT MAHATO COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS AT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.*

Amends GS 116-11 by adding new subsection (15) to require that the Board of Governors of the UNC System establish a community service program for all baccalaureate candidates enrolled in the University System. Participation in the program is a requirement for any baccalaureate degree awarded after January 1, 2012. The program is to be known as the "Eve Carson/Abhijit Mahato Community Service Program." Students in the program are required to provide mentoring and tutoring services for a minimum of 20 hours per semester to public school aged children across the state. Also amends GS 116-21.1(a) to provide that funds are to be distributed to institutions that require their students to participate in the service program as a requirement for baccalaureate degrees awarded after January 1, 2012. Appropriates \$230,000 for 2008-09 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to be allocated to local school administrative units to be used to coordinate the community service program.

**Intro. by Rand.**

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