

April 8, 2009

**H 1225. UNC BD OF GOVERNORS STUDY TRIMESTERS.** Filed 4/8/09. *TO DIRECT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A TRIMESTER SYSTEM FOR MOST OF THE STATE'S PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES AND TO DESIGN A PILOT PROGRAM TO BE IMPLEMENTED AT SELECTED PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES TO HELP DETERMINE WHETHER SUCH A CONVERSION WOULD BE BENEFICIAL.*

As title indicates. Specifies universities to be included in the study. Prohibits inclusion of either the UNC School of Arts or the constituent high school, the NC School of Science and Mathematics. Provides that the goal of the study is to evaluate whether switching to a trimester system would enable a university to use its campus facilities more fully during the summer while maintaining academic and programmatic integrity of the institution. Sets forth factors to be considered by the UNC Board of Governors (Board). Requires four universities identified in the study as having different types of campuses to participate in the pilot program designed by the Board. Prohibits implementation of the pilot program until the Board reports to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, by October 1, 2009, and funds are appropriated to implement the program.

Appropriates \$25,000 for 2009-10 from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors to conduct the study. Prohibits those funds from being used to implement the pilot program.

**Intro. by Haire.**

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