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H 1552. STUDY CONSOLIDATION OF STATE SCHOLARSHIPS. Filed 4/23/09. TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATION OF STATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND TO ALLOCATE FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO IMPLEMENT THE STUDY.

Creates the 10-member Joint Legislative Study Committee on Consolidation of State Scholarships (Committee). States that the purpose of the Committee is to study the feasibility of consolidating the scholarships available for students who attend any institutions of higher education that are part of UNC. Designates the composition of the Committee to include five members each appointed by the House of Representatives and the Senate. Makes provisions for the operation of the Committee, including the filling of vacancies; staffing, subsistence and travel expenses for members; and contracting for professional, clerical, or consultant services. Directs the Committee to consider consolidating income-based scholarships and consolidating merit based scholarships. Specifies criteria and other issues to include in its study. Provides that the Committee may make an interim report to the 2009 General Assembly, 2010 Regular Session. Allows the Committee to make its final report to the 2011 General Assembly, with the Committee terminating upon filing the final report or upon the convening of the 2011 General Assembly, whichever is earlier. Directs the Legislative Services Commission to allocate funds available to the General Assembly for the work of the Committee. Effective July 1, 2009.

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