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SENATE DRS35527-MGz-132B (02/11)

Short Title: Study Establishment of New Optometry Schools. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hise and Curtis (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT REQUIRING THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, AND ENCOURAGING THE NORTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, INC., TO STUDY AND REPORT TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ON THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN AFFILIATED SCHOOL OF OPTOMETRY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION STUDY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PRACTICE SUSTAINABILITY AND TRAINING/ADDITIONAL TRANSPARENCY IN HEALTH CARE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** By December 1, 2014, the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall evaluate and report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division on the feasibility of establishing a school of optometry at one or more of the following constituent institutions:

- (1) The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- (2) East Carolina University.
- (3) Elizabeth City State University.
- (4) Fayetteville State University.
- (5) North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.
- (6) North Carolina Central University.
- (7) Winston-Salem State University.

**SECTION 1.(b)** The report shall include at least all of the following:

- (1) A breakdown of any projected capital, operational, or other expenditures necessary for establishing and operating a school of optometry affiliated with the institution.
- (2) A breakdown of all funds available to assist the institution with these expenses.
- (3) A projected number of applicants for the affiliated school of optometry.

**SECTION 2.** The North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, Inc., (NCICU) is encouraged to examine and report by December 1, 2014, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division on the feasibility of establishing a school of optometry affiliated with an NCICU college or university. The report should include at least all of the following:



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- 1           (1)    A breakdown of any projected capital, operational, or other expenditures  
2                    necessary for establishing and operating a school of optometry affiliated  
3                    with the institution.  
4           (2)    A breakdown of all funds available to assist the institution with these  
5                    expenses.  
6           (3)    A projected number of applicants for the affiliated school of optometry.  
7           **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.