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SENATE BILL DRS35168-MM-66 (03/16)

Short Title: UNC Funding Model Study. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Curtis, McInnis, and Tillman (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF
3 GOVERNORS TO DEVELOP A PERFORMANCE-BASED FUNDING MODEL.
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5 **SECTION 1.** Legislative Findings. – The General Assembly finds:
6 (1) Graduation rates within The University of North Carolina System (UNC
7 System) are lower than what should be an acceptable standard.
8 (2) Professors are disproportionately relying on teaching assistants, some with
9 inadequate teaching or communication skills, to instruct their classes when
10 the primary focus of the UNC System should be teaching with research and
11 public service being secondary.
12 (3) The 20-year-old, 12-cell matrix funding model currently being used is
13 outdated and flawed. It funds the UNC System based only on projected
14 number of enrolled students, academically prepared or not, with no incentive
15 to reduce drop outs, produce graduates, or mold students with marketable
16 degrees.
17 **SECTION 2.** Directive. – The University of North Carolina Board of Governors
18 (BOG) is instructed to do a comprehensive study of other performance funding models and
19 campus-level spending flexibility. No later than January 1, 2018, the BOG shall report its
20 findings and recommendations to the chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on
21 Education/Higher Education and the chairs of the House Education/Higher Education
22 Appropriations Committee. The report shall include specific, detailed recommendations for a
23 new funding model which addresses the Legislative Findings set out in Section 1 of this act.
24 **SECTION 3.** Effective Date. – This act is effective when it becomes law.

