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HOUSE BILL 260
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H260-PCS30177-TCa-11

Short Title: Fees for Advanced Placement Courses/UNC.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 11, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO EXEMPT STUDENTS ENROLLED IN
3 SECONDARY SCHOOLS OPERATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
4 FROM PAYING FEES RELATED TO ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Part 5 of Article 1 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended
7 by adding a new section to read:

8 "**§ 116-43.30. Advanced Placement courses for secondary school students.**

9 (a) It is the intent of the State to enhance accessibility and encourage secondary school
10 students to enroll in and successfully complete more rigorous Advanced Placement courses to
11 enable success in postsecondary education for all students. To attain this goal, to the extent funds
12 are made available for this purpose, secondary school students enrolled in the North Carolina
13 School of Science and Mathematics and the University of North Carolina School of the Arts shall
14 be exempt from paying any fees for registration and administration of examinations for Advanced
15 Placement courses in which the student is enrolled, regardless of the score the student achieves
16 on an examination.

17 (b) The University of North Carolina System Office shall report annually by December
18 15 to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on Advanced Placement course
19 information for the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics and the University of
20 North Carolina School of the Arts. The report shall include, at a minimum, the following
21 information from the prior fiscal year:

22 (1) Number of students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses and participating
23 in Advanced Placement course examinations, including demographic
24 information by gender and race.

25 (2) Student performance on Advanced Placement course examinations, including
26 information by course and school.

27 (3) Amount of State funds expended for fees for Advanced Placement courses by
28 school."

29 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors
30 of The University of North Carolina the sum of ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) in recurring
31 funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to be used to pay for the fees for registration and
32 administration of examinations for Advanced Placement courses for students enrolled in the
33 North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics and the University of North Carolina School
34 of the Arts, as provided in G.S. 116-43.30, as enacted by this act.

35 **SECTION 3.** The initial report required pursuant to G.S. 116-43.30(b) shall be
36 submitted to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by December 15, 2022.



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SECTION 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.