



SENATE BILL 229: College Sports Updates.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee:	House Higher Education. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	May 6, 2026
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Analysis of:	PCS to Second Edition S229-CSCW-20		Committee Co-Counsel

OVERVIEW: *The PCS to Senate Bill 229 would remove the contents of the 2nd Edition and make the following changes:*

- *Create a public records exception for records relating to constituent institution revenue sharing information.*
- *Allow constituent institutions to consider graduate students who receive full scholarships from entities recognized by the institution as residents of the State.*
- *Allow for permitted sale of alcoholic beverages in designated satellite areas on the campus or property of the public college or university in connection with sports events.*
- *Remove certain restrictions on the conduct of raffles by constituent institutions and affiliated nonprofit organizations.*

Part I. Exempt Records Containing Revenue Sharing Information from Public Records Requirements.

CURRENT LAW: Chapter 132 of the General Statutes requires, with some exceptions, that records held by the State and political subdivisions of the State are public and that copies must be provided to individuals upon request. Exceptions are provided for confidential information, including records that reveal information about a student-athlete's name, image, and likeness contract from public records requirements.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS would create a new public records exception for constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina that would exempt from the requirements of Chapter 132 records containing information about the institution's (i) overall revenue sharing budget, (ii) allocations of its revenue sharing budget by team or program, and (iii) allocations of its revenue sharing budget to individual student-athletes. For the purposes of the exception, "revenue sharing budget" would mean the revenue that a constituent institution has authorized to be paid to student-athletes.

Part II. Classify Graduate Student-Athletes Receiving Full Scholarships as North Carolina Residents.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 116-143.6 authorizes the Board of Trustees of a constituent institution of The University of North Carolina to adopt a resolution to consider all undergraduate students who receive a full scholarship to the institution from entities recognized by institution as residents of North Carolina for all purposes.

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BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS would authorize the Board of Trustees of a constituent institution to adopt a resolution to also consider as residents of North Carolina all graduate students who receive a full scholarship to the institution from entities recognized by the institution.

Part III. Expand Permitted Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in Connection with College Sports Events.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 18B-1006 prohibits permits for the sale of alcoholic beverages for a business on the campus or property of a public school, college, or university, with certain exceptions. G.S. 18B-1006(a)(10) allows permits to be issued at a stadium, athletic facility, or arena on the campus or property of a public college or university if the Board of Trustees votes to allow the issuance of permits at such facilities. The premises of the stadium, athletic facility, or arena include areas within 500 feet of the furthest exterior building wall, perimeter fence, or permanent fixed perimeter, provided that the area is (i) defined in a written description or map included in the permit application and (ii) designated in a manner that enables the stadium, athletic facility, or arena to ensure compliance with Chapter 18B of the General Statutes (Regulation of Alcoholic Beverages).

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS would additionally allow a public college or university to designate satellite areas on the campus or property to be considered part of the premises of the stadium, athletic facility, or arena. The designated satellite areas could operate during the period of time beginning six hours before a sports event in the stadium, athletic facility, or arena and ending three hours after the conclusion of the sports event.

Part IV. Remove Limitations on Certain Raffles.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 14-309.15 prohibits raffles except those conducted by nonprofit organizations, candidates, political committees, and governmental entities that meet certain requirements, including the following:

- G.S. 14-309.15(c) prohibits an organization from holding more than five raffles annually.
- G.S. 14-309.15(d) provides that the maximum value of an individual raffle prize cannot exceed \$125,000 and that the total value of all raffle prizes offered by an organization cannot exceed \$250,000 in any calendar year, except as allowed by the real property provision.
- G.S. 14-309.15(e) prohibits raffles in conjunction with bingo.
- G.S. 14-309.15(f) requires that at least 90% of the net proceeds of a raffle be used for a charitable, religious, educational, civic, or other nonprofit purpose and that none of the net proceeds can be used to pay a person to conduct the raffle or rent a building where tickets are received or sold or the drawing is conducted.
- G.S. 14-309.15(g) sets certain conditions on the offering of real property as a prize in a raffle and limits the total value of all real estate prizes offered by an organization to \$2,250,000 in a calendar year.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS would exempt constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina and nonprofit organizations affiliated with constituent institutions from the restrictions in subsections (c) through (g) of G.S. 14-309.15.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year.