

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1952

Short Title: Add Wesleyan College to UNC System/Study. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Daughtridge, Ed Jones, L. Allen, Tolson (Primary Sponsors); Pate, Farmer-Butterfield, and Wray.

Referred to: Education, if favorable, Appropriations.

May 15, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
3 NORTH CAROLINA TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF MAKING NORTH
4 CAROLINA WESLEYAN COLLEGE A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OF
5 THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina
8 shall study the feasibility of making North Carolina Wesleyan College a constituent
9 institution of The University of North Carolina. The study shall include all of the
10 following:

11 (1) Mission. – The Board of Governors shall evaluate the potential
12 missions of the campus that would meet the academic and economic
13 needs of the region, the State, and of the University System. The Board
14 of Governors shall take into account the need to avoid duplication of
15 curriculum and programs at other campuses, particularly those within
16 the same geographic area, unless the need for duplication is warranted.
17 The Board of Governors shall seek recommendations, suggestions, and
18 comments from community leaders, educational experts, and business
19 leaders in defining the mission of the new campus. Particular focus
20 shall be placed on utilizing the campus in a manner that addresses both
21 the economic and educational challenges of the region in a unique and
22 focused manner, such as in the areas of science, technology, education,
23 and economic development.

24 (2) Cost. – The Board of Governors shall analyze the potential operating
25 costs of the campus. Factors such as the mission, staff and faculty
26 salaries, benefits, total faculty and staff levels, total projected student
27 enrollment, facility needs, and tuition rates shall be taken into account.

- 1 (3) Facility Needs. – The Board of Governors shall consider what
2 additional facility needs there may be taking into account the proposed
3 mission of the campus. Examples of those needs may be lab facility
4 upgrades, new buildings to house an expanded student population, and
5 associated infrastructure expansion.
- 6 (4) Asset Transfer. – The Board of Governors shall obtain legal and
7 financial analyses to determine if there are any restrictions attached to
8 any of the College's assets (title to property, gifts to endowment, assets
9 purchased with restricted grant funds, etc.) that would prohibit the
10 transfer of the assets to the State. If there are restrictions, then the
11 analyses shall also include the steps necessary to lift the restrictions
12 and the costs of obtaining a clear title.
- 13 (5) Liability Analysis. – The Board of Governors shall also obtain a legal
14 analysis to determine whether there are pending liabilities against the
15 campus or reasonably foreseeable future liabilities against the campus.
16 If there are such liabilities, the legal analysis shall also address the
17 action needed to avoid transfer of any liability to the State.
- 18 (6) Transition of Current Students/Programs. – The Board of Governors
19 shall consider how best to handle the transition of the currently
20 enrolled student population, both on and off campus, into continuing
21 or new curriculum programs during the conversion period.
- 22 (7) Personnel. – The Board of Governors shall assess the employment
23 status of current personnel to determine what, if any, contractual and
24 other employment issues may arise in the conversion.
- 25 (8) Legislative Action. – The Board of Governors shall determine the
26 legislative action and statutory amendments needed to authorize and
27 implement the conversion.

28 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
29 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of fifty thousand dollars
30 (\$50,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to be used to conduct the study required by this
31 act.

32 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.