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SENATE BILL 1475*

Short Title: Amend Future Teachers' Scholarship Loan. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Swindell, Lucas, Atwater, Cowell, Hagan, Malone, Nesbitt, Garwood, Hartsell, Stevens, Apodaca; Albertson, Bland, Boseman, Brown, Dalton, Dannelly, Dorsett, Forrester, Jacumin, Jenkins, Miller, Rand, Snow, Soles, Tillman, and Weinstein.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 17, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AMEND THE FUTURE TEACHERS OF NORTH CAROLINA
2 SCHOLARSHIP LOAN FUND BY ADDING FIFTY SCHOLARSHIP LOANS
3 FOR STUDENTS WHO AGREE TO BECOME CERTIFIED IN MATH OR
4 SCIENCE, TEACH FULL-TIME IN THAT AREA IN A NORTH CAROLINA
5 PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR THREE YEARS WITHIN FIVE YEARS AFTER
6 GRADUATION AND MEET CERTAIN OTHER REQUIREMENTS.
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8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 116-209.38 reads as rewritten:

10 "**§ 116-209.38. Future Teachers of North Carolina Scholarship Loan Fund.**

11 (a) There is established the Future Teachers of North Carolina Scholarship Loan
12 Fund. The purpose of the Fund is to provide a two-year scholarship loan of six thousand
13 five hundred dollars (\$6,500) per year for any North Carolina student pursuing a college
14 degree to teach in the public schools of the State. The scholarship loan shall be paid
15 only for the student's junior and senior years. The scholarship loan is available if the
16 student is enrolled in a State institution of higher education or a private institution of
17 higher education located in this State that has an accredited teacher preparation program
18 for students planning to become certified teachers in North Carolina. The State
19 Education Assistance Authority shall administer the Fund and shall award ~~100-150~~
20 scholarship loans annually.

21 (b) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, in consultation
22 with the State Board of Education and the State Board of Community Colleges, shall
23 develop the criteria for awarding the scholarship loans under this section and shall adopt
24 very stringent standards for awarding these scholarship loans to ensure that only the best
25 students receive them. ~~Additional criteria for awarding a scholarship loan under this~~
26 ~~section shall include all of the following:~~

- 1 (1) ~~The student is one who either: (i) maintained a "B" or better average in~~
2 ~~college and is enrolled as a junior or senior in a teacher preparation~~
3 ~~program at any of the institutions described by subsection (a) of this~~
4 ~~section; or (ii) completed a college transfer curriculum at a community~~
5 ~~college in the State's Community Colleges System, maintained a "B"~~
6 ~~or better average in the community college courses, and is accepted~~
7 ~~and enrolled in a teacher preparation program at one of the institutions~~
8 ~~described by subsection (a) of this section.~~
- 9 (2) ~~The student agrees to become certified in math, science, special~~
10 ~~education, or English as a Second Language and teach full-time in that~~
11 ~~subject area in a North Carolina public school for three years within~~
12 ~~five years after graduation.~~
- 13 (3) ~~Any additional criteria that the Board of Governors of The University~~
14 ~~of North Carolina, in consultation with the State Board of Education~~
15 ~~and the State Board of Community Colleges, considers necessary to~~
16 ~~administer the Fund effectively.~~

17 (b1) Additional criteria for awarding the first 100 scholarship loans under this
18 section shall include all of the following:

- 19 (1) The student is one who either: (i) maintained a "B" or better average in
20 college and is enrolled as a junior or senior in a teacher preparation
21 program at any of the institutions described by subsection (a) of this
22 section; or (ii) completed a college transfer curriculum at a community
23 college in the State's Community Colleges System, maintained a "B"
24 or better average in the community college courses, and is accepted
25 and enrolled in a teacher preparation program at one of the institutions
26 described by subsection (a) of this section.
- 27 (2) The student agrees to become certified in math, science, special
28 education, or English as a Second Language and teach full-time in that
29 subject area in a North Carolina public school for three years within
30 five years after graduation.
- 31 (3) Any additional criteria that the Board of Governors of The University
32 of North Carolina, in consultation with the State Board of Education
33 and the State Board of Community Colleges, considers necessary to
34 administer the Fund effectively.

35 (b2) Additional criteria for awarding the remaining 50 scholarship loans under this
36 section shall include all of the following:

- 37 (1) The student is one who either: (i) maintained a "B" or better average in
38 college and is enrolled as a junior or senior in a teacher preparation
39 program at any of the institutions described by subsection (a) of this
40 section; or (ii) completed a college transfer curriculum at a community
41 college in the State's Community Colleges System, maintained a "B"
42 or better average in the community college courses, and is accepted
43 and enrolled in a teacher preparation program at one of the institutions
44 described by subsection (a) of this section.

1 (2) The student agrees to become certified in math or science and teach
2 full-time in that subject area in a North Carolina public school for
3 three years within five years after graduation.

4 (3) Any additional criteria that the Board of Governors of The University
5 of North Carolina, in consultation with the State Board of Education
6 and the State Board of Community Colleges, considers necessary to
7 administer the Fund effectively.

8 (c) If a student who is awarded a scholarship loan under this section fails to
9 comply with the provisions of this section or the terms of the agreement awarding the
10 scholarship loan, then the student shall repay the full amount of the scholarship loan
11 provided to the student and the appropriate amount of interest as determined by the
12 State Education Assistance Authority.

13 (d) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, the State Board
14 of Education, and the State Board of Community Colleges shall: (i) prepare a clear
15 written explanation of the Future Teachers of North Carolina Scholarship Fund and the
16 information regarding the availability and criteria for awarding the scholarship loans,
17 and (ii) shall provide that information to the appropriate counselors in each local school
18 system and the appropriate institutions of higher education and shall charge those
19 counselors to inform students about the scholarship loans and to encourage them to
20 apply for the scholarship loans.

21 (e) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall adopt
22 rules to implement this section.

23 (f) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall report to
24 the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by March 1 each year regarding
25 the Fund and scholarship loans awarded from the Fund. (2005-276, s. 9.11(a).)"

26 **SECTION 2.** Section 9.11(b) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

27 **"SECTION 9.11.(b)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the State Education
28 Assistance Authority the sum of six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000) for the
29 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of ~~one million three hundred thousand dollars~~
30 ~~(\$1,300,000)~~one million six hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$1,625,000) for the
31 2006-2007 fiscal year shall be used to implement this act."

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