



# HOUSE BILL 260: Fees for Advanced Placement Courses/UNC.

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<b>Committee:</b>	House Education - Universities. If favorable, re-refer to Appropriations. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	March 18, 2021
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**OVERVIEW:** *HB 260 would provide funding for registration and examination administration fees of Advanced Placement courses for high school students attending the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) and the University of North Carolina School of the Arts (UNC-SA).*

*The PCS for HB 260 would remove references to examinations not offered by the NCSSM and UNC-SA, and references to demographic information not collected by those schools.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Currently, there are two high school programs offered by The University of North Carolina – the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (Article 29 of Chapter 116), and the University of North Carolina School of the Arts High School Academic Program (Article 4 of Chapter 116). These schools use a selective admission process and are not included in the definition of a public school unit.

G.S. 115C-174.26 provides funding for registration and examination administration fees for advanced courses, including Advanced Placement courses, for students enrolled in public schools, regardless of the score students achieve on an examination. The State Board of Education is required to report annually on enrollment and examination outcomes on advanced courses to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS for HB 260 would provide \$90,000 in recurring funds to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina to pay for registration and examination administration fees for Advanced Placement courses for high school students enrolled in the NCSSM and the UNC-SA, regardless of the scores students achieve on an examination.

The University of North Carolina System Office would be required to report annually by December 15 to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on certain information related to Advanced Placement courses, including student enrollment and performance, and the amount of State funding expended for fees.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** HB 260 would become effective July 1, 2021.

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