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Short Title: UNC & CC Credit/National Gd on SAD.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 28, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM AND THE  
3 STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A  
4 UNIFORM POLICY TO REQUIRE THAT A STUDENT WHO IS A NATIONAL  
5 GUARD SERVICE MEMBER PLACED ON ACTIVE DUTY STATUS BE GIVEN AN  
6 EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME THE STUDENT IS ON ACTIVE  
7 DUTY AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OPTIONS TO THE STUDENT FOR  
8 COMPLETION OR WITHDRAWAL FROM CLASSES THAT WILL NOT PENALIZE  
9 THE STUDENT ACADEMICALLY.

10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 116-11 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

12 "(3b) The Board of Governors shall adopt a policy to be applied uniformly  
13 throughout The University of North Carolina to provide that any student  
14 enrolled in a constituent institution who is a National Guard Service Member  
15 placed onto State active duty status during an academic term shall be given  
16 an excused absence for the period of time the student is on active duty. The  
17 policy shall further provide all of the following:

- 18 a. The student shall be given the opportunity to make up any test or  
19 other work missed during the excused absence.  
20 b. The student shall be given the option, when feasible, to continue  
21 classes and coursework during the academic term through online  
22 participation for the period of time the student is placed on active  
23 duty.  
24 c. The student shall be given the option of receiving a temporary grade  
25 of "incomplete (IN)" or "absent from the final exam (AB)" for any  
26 course that the student was unable to complete as a result of being  
27 placed on State active duty status; however, the student must  
28 complete the course requirements within the period of time specified  
29 by the constituent institution to avoid receiving a failing grade for the  
30 course.  
31 d. The student shall be permitted to drop, with no penalty, any course  
32 that the student was unable to complete as a result of being placed on  
33 State active duty status."

34 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Board of Governors shall adopt the policies set out in  
35 G.S. 116-11(3b) as enacted by subsection (a) of this section by July 1, 2017, and shall direct



1 each constituent institution to implement those policies beginning with the 2017 fall academic  
2 term.

3 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 115D-5 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 "(x) The State Board of Community Colleges shall adopt a policy to be applied  
5 uniformly throughout the Community College System to provide that any student enrolled in a  
6 community college who is a National Guard Service Member placed onto State active duty  
7 status during an academic term shall be given an excused absence for the period of time the  
8 student is on active duty. The policy shall further provide all of the following:

9 (1) The student shall be given the opportunity to make up any test or other work  
10 missed during the excused absence.

11 (2) The student shall be given the option, when feasible, to continue classes and  
12 coursework during the academic term through online participation for the  
13 period of time the student is placed on active duty.

14 (3) The student shall be given the option of receiving a temporary grade of  
15 "incomplete (IN)" or "absent from the final exam (AB)" for any course that  
16 the student was unable to complete as a result of being placed on State active  
17 duty status; however, the student must complete the course requirements  
18 within the period of time specified by the community college to avoid  
19 receiving a failing grade for the course.

20 (4) The student shall be permitted to drop, with no penalty, any course that the  
21 student was unable to complete as a result of being placed on State active  
22 duty status."

23 **SECTION 2.(b)** The State Board of Community Colleges shall adopt the policies  
24 set out in G.S. 115D-5(x) as enacted by subsection (a) of this section by July 1, 2017, and shall  
25 direct each community college to implement those policies beginning with the 2017 fall  
26 academic term.

27 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.