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HOUSE BILL DRH10509-MQa-128A

Short Title: Expand Scholarship for WSSU Students. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Montgomery, Terry, and Conrad (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE CHEATHAM-WHITE
3 SCHOLARSHIPS FUND AND TO ALLOW STUDENTS FROM WINSTON-SALEM
4 STATE UNIVERSITY TO RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE FUND.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Cheatham-White
7 Scholarships Fund the sum of one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000) in recurring
8 funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to be used to administer the scholarship in accordance with
9 Article 35 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes.

10 SECTION 2. Article 35 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes reads as rewritten:
11 "Article 35.

12 "Cheatham-White Scholarships.

13 "§ 116-290. Cheatham-White Scholarships; establishment and purpose; benefits.

14 (a) Scholarships Established; Purpose. – The Cheatham-White Scholarships are
15 established as a merit scholarship program at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State
16 ~~University~~ University, at Winston-Salem State University, and at North Carolina Central
17 University. The purpose of the scholarships is to provide an outstanding educational experience
18 for students who are exceptional scholars, versatile and well-rounded individuals with a broad
19 range of interests, and who are accomplished and proficient in areas of both the arts and the
20 sciences. They must also demonstrate leadership potential and a strong commitment to service.

21 (b) Scholarship Benefits. – Each scholarship is a fully funded four-year scholarship that
22 covers the cost of all of the following: full tuition, student fees, housing, meals, textbooks, a
23 laptop, supplies, travel, and personal expenses. Each scholarship also provides four summers of
24 fully funded enrichment and networking opportunities that may include international travel and
25 study.

26 (c) Number of Scholarships Awarded. – Up to 50 scholarships, 40 for resident students
27 and 10 for nonresident students, may be awarded each academic year to students admitted to
28 North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. Up to 50 scholarships, 40 for
29 resident students and 10 for nonresident students, may be awarded each academic year to students
30 admitted to North Carolina Central University. Up to 50 scholarships, 40 for resident students
31 and 10 for nonresident students, may be awarded each academic year to students admitted to
32 Winston-Salem State University.

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34 "§ 116-292. Cheatham-White Scholarships; eligibility and selection criteria.

35 (a) Eligibility. – To be eligible to be nominated as a potential candidate for a
36 Cheatham-White Scholarship, a person must satisfy all of the following criteria:



- 1 (1) Be a competitive applicant for admission as a freshman in the fall semester
2 into a baccalaureate program at ~~either~~ North Carolina Agricultural and
3 Technical State ~~University~~ University, Winston-Salem State University, or
4 North Carolina Central University.
5 (2) Be a United States citizen or permanent resident.
6 (3) Be on course to graduate from high school in the spring semester prior to
7 college admission.

8 (b) Selection Criteria. – Candidates for Cheatham-White Scholarships shall be selected
9 on the basis of academic merit, honorable character, outstanding leadership potential, and a
10 demonstrable commitment to service. Financial need shall not be a consideration.

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12 **"§ 116-294. Cheatham-White Scholarships; administration of scholarships.**

13 The University of North Carolina System Office shall administer the Cheatham-White
14 Scholarships, in consultation and collaboration with North Carolina Agricultural and Technical
15 State ~~University~~ University, Winston-Salem State University, and North Carolina Central
16 University, pursuant to policies adopted by the Board of Trustees of ~~both~~ those constituent
17 institutions. As part of its administrative responsibilities, The University of North Carolina
18 System Office, in consultation and collaboration with North Carolina Agricultural and Technical
19 State ~~University~~ University, Winston-Salem State University, and North Carolina Central
20 University, shall do all of the following:

- 21 (1) Design and implement an application and school nomination process to be
22 used to identify potential scholarship candidates and a process for awarding
23 the scholarships.
24 (2) Develop a direct nomination process, in addition to the school nomination
25 process, that allows a student to nominate himself or herself to be considered
26 as a candidate for the scholarship in certain circumstances.
27 (3) Define and describe more fully the selection criteria to be considered when
28 choosing a scholarship candidate and recipient.
29 (4) Identify the parties that will (i) evaluate scholarship applications and
30 nominations and (ii) determine which candidates shall be awarded
31 scholarships.
32 (5) Design the framework and add the necessary substantive detail for the
33 scholarship program, including courses of study that will be available,
34 summer enrichment programs, and other extraordinary educational
35 opportunities, and oversee its implementation.
36 (6) Establish a mentoring and networking system for scholarship recipients.
37 (7) Administer the Cheatham-White Scholarships Fund.
38 (8) Establish a Cheatham-White Scholarships alumni association and network.
39 (9) Any other function necessary for the successful implementation of the
40 Cheatham-White Scholarships program and administration of the
41 Cheatham-White Scholarships Fund."

42 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019, and applies beginning with
43 the nomination of candidates during the 2019-2020 school year to be awarded scholarships for
44 the 2020 fall academic term.