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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
AMENDMENT  
House Bill 259

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Senator Smith

1 moves to amend the bill on page 59, line 44, to page 66, line 48, by deleting the lines;

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3 and on page 128, line 12, through page 129, line 28, by rewriting the lines to read:

4 "SECTION 8A.6.(k) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or of the Committee  
5 Report referenced in Section 43.2 of this act to the contrary, the funds appropriated in this act to  
6 the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve shall be decreased by three hundred thousand  
7 dollars (\$300,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and by two hundred  
8 million dollars (\$200,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.";

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10 and 138, lines 47-48, by inserting the following between the lines:

11 "SECTION 8A.15.(a) Article 23 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended  
12 by adding a new Part to read:

13 "Part 7. Community College Promise Scholarship Program.

14 "§ 116-209.95. Community College Promise Scholarship Program.

15 (a) Program Purpose. – There is established the Community College Promise Scholarship  
16 Program (Program) to be administered by the Authority. The purposes of the Community College  
17 Promise Scholarship Program include the following:

- 18 (1) Utilize the State's educational resources to the fullest.
- 19 (2) Create more educational and career options for students.
- 20 (3) Realize significant cost-savings to the State.
- 21 (4) Develop a more competitive workforce.

22 (b) Award of Scholarships. – Within the funds made available for the Program, the  
23 Authority shall annually award Community College Promise Scholarships to eligible students at  
24 a North Carolina community college for each academic year up to the rate of tuition for one  
25 full-time student for that year. Scholarships shall be awarded for a maximum of four academic  
26 semesters per student. The Authority shall require eligible students to complete a Free  
27 Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to apply for a scholarship award and shall reduce  
28 the amount of the scholarship award for any student by the amount of grants or scholarships  
29 received by that student from other State or federal sources. The Authority shall award  
30 scholarships to eligible students in the order in which applications are received.



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1       (c) Student Eligibility. – A student shall be considered an eligible student in order to  
2 receive a Community College Promise Scholarship under the Program if the student meets all of  
3 the following requirements:

4           (1) In the academic semester prior to enrolling in a community college, the  
5 student graduates with at least a 2.0 unweighted grade point average from  
6 either a (i) public high school located in this State or (ii) nonpublic high school  
7 or home school, as defined in Article 39 of Chapter 115C of the General  
8 Statutes, located in this State.

9           (2) Qualify as a resident for tuition purposes under the criteria set forth in  
10 G.S. 116-143.1 and in accordance with the coordinated and centralized  
11 residency determination process administered by the Authority.

12           (3) The student gains admission as a student at a North Carolina community  
13 college in a curriculum program.

14       (d) Scholarship Renewal. – A scholarship awarded to an eligible student shall be annually  
15 renewed if the student demonstrates all of the following:

16           (1) A cumulative 2.3 grade point average.

17           (2) Maintenance of satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the  
18 community college.

19       (e) Administration; Funds. – The Authority shall adopt rules for administration of the  
20 Community College Promise Scholarship Program in accordance with the requirements of this  
21 Part. The Authority may use up to five percent (5%) of the funds appropriated each fiscal year  
22 for the Program for administrative costs associated with the Program. Any unexpended funds for  
23 the Program at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund but shall remain  
24 available to award scholarships to eligible students in accordance with this Part.

25 **"§ 116-209.96. Financial aid counseling program.**

26 Within the funds available, the Authority shall partner with the Community Colleges System  
27 Office and local school administrative units to place higher education advisers in secondary  
28 public schools throughout the State to provide outreach to high school students on the  
29 Community College Promise Scholarship Program and other financial aid assistance programs.  
30 The Authority shall ensure that the higher education advisers provide information to students on  
31 college affordability to students, FAFSA assistance, and scholarship options.

32 **"§ 116-209.97. Reporting requirements.**

33 The Authority shall report annually on or before November 1, beginning in 2024, to the Joint  
34 Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the implementation of the Community College  
35 Promise Scholarship Program. The report shall include at least the following information:

36           (1) Number of students applying for the scholarship, including information about  
37 student demographics and geographic location.

38           (2) Number of students awarded the scholarship, including information about  
39 student demographics and geographic location, and community college  
40 attended.

41           (3) Amount of funds expended for scholarships.

42           (4) Other relevant information as determined by the Authority."

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1           **SECTION 8A.15.(b)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law or of the  
2 Committee Report referenced in Section 43.2 of this act to the contrary, the funds appropriated  
3 in this act to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina to be allocated to the  
4 State Education Assistance Authority for the Community College Promise Scholarship Program  
5 shall be increased by the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) in nonrecurring funds  
6 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year or administrative costs in establishing the Community College  
7 Promise Scholarship Program and the financial aid counseling program pursuant to Part 7 of  
8 Article 23 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes, as enacted by this section and by the sum of  
9 two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year for  
10 the purpose of awarding scholarships and for the financial aid counseling program under the  
11 Community College Promise Scholarship Program pursuant to Part 7 of Article 23 of Chapter  
12 116 of the General Statutes, as enacted by this section, beginning with the 2024-2025 academic  
13 year. The Authority shall use the funds appropriated under this section to hire up to 100 full-time  
14 higher education advisers to be assigned, at the discretion of the Authority, in partnership with  
15 local school administrative units in accordance with G.S. 116-209.96, as enacted by this section.  
16           **SECTION 8A.15.(c)** This section applies beginning with the 2023-2024 academic  
17 year.";  
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19 and by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Amendment Sponsor

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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