

# Out Of Order



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
AMENDMENT  
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Amends Title [NO]  
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Senator Adcock

1 moves to amend the bill on page 110, lines 11-12, by inserting between the lines the following  
2 new section to read:

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4 **"A NURSE IN EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

5 **SECTION 7.41.(a)** G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

6 "(70) To Provide at Least One School Nurse in Every School. – Local boards of  
7 education shall ensure that each school within the local school administrative  
8 unit is staffed by at least one full-time, permanent school nurse."

9 **SECTION 7.41.(b)** G.S. 115C-150.12C is amended by adding a new subdivision to

10 read:

11 "(37) To provide at least one school nurse in every school. – The board of trustees  
12 shall ensure that each school is staffed by at least one full-time, permanent  
13 school nurse."

14 **SECTION 7.41.(c)** G.S. 115C-218.75 is amended by adding a new subsection to

15 read:

16 "(p) At Least One School Nurse. – A charter school shall ensure that the school is staffed  
17 by at least one full-time, permanent school nurse."

18 **SECTION 7.41.(d)** G.S. 115C-238.66 is amended by adding a new subdivision to

19 read:

20 "(23) At least one school nurse required. – A regional school shall ensure that the  
21 school is staffed by at least one full-time, permanent school nurse."

22 **SECTION 7.41.(e)** G.S. 116-239.8(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to

23 read:

24 "(26) At least one school nurse required. – A laboratory school shall ensure that the  
25 school is staffed by at least one full-time, permanent school nurse."

26 **SECTION 7.41.(f)** Notwithstanding any provision of this act or the Committee

27 Report described in Section 45.2 of this act to the contrary, the funds appropriated in this act to  
28 the Department of Public Instruction shall be increased by ninety-five million dollars  
29 (\$95,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to be allocated to public school  
30 units to hire a full-time, permanent school nurse as required by this section."; and

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32 on page 159, lines 5-6, by inserting between the lines the following new section to read:



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2 **"ELIMINATE THIRD AND FOURTH INCOME ELIGIBILITY TIERS FOR**  
3 **OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS**

4 **SECTION 8A.11.(a)** G.S. 115C-562.1 reads as rewritten:

5 **"§ 115C-562.1. Definitions.**

6 The following definitions apply in this Part:

7 ...

8 (3a) Eligible student. – A student residing in North Carolina who has not yet  
9 received a high school diploma and who meets all of the following  
10 requirements:

- 11 a. Is eligible to attend a North Carolina public school pursuant to Article  
12 25 of this Chapter. A child who is the age of 4 on or before April 16 is  
13 eligible to attend the following school year if the principal, or  
14 equivalent, of the school in which the child seeks to enroll finds that  
15 the student meets the requirements established by the Authority  
16 pursuant to G.S. 115C-562.2(d) and those findings are submitted to the  
17 Authority.
- 18 b. Has not been enrolled in a postsecondary institution as a full-time  
19 student taking at least 12 hours of academic credit.
- 20 c. Has not been placed in a nonpublic school or facility by a public  
21 agency at public expense.
- 22 d. Resides in a household with an income level between the amount  
23 required for the student to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price  
24 lunch program and not in excess of two hundred percent (200%) of  
25 that amount.

26 ...."

27 **SECTION 8A.11.(b)** G.S. 115C-562.2 reads as rewritten:

28 **"§ 115C-562.2. Scholarship grants.**

29 (a) The Authority shall make available no later than February 1 annually applications to  
30 eligible students for the award of scholarship grants to attend any nonpublic school on a full- or  
31 part-time basis. Information about scholarship grants and the application process shall be made  
32 available on the Authority's ~~Web site.~~ website. Beginning March 15, the Authority shall begin  
33 awarding scholarship grants to students who have applied by March 1 in the following order:

- 34 (1) Eligible students who received a scholarship grant for the school year prior to  
35 the school year for which the students are applying.
- 36 (2) Eligible students qualifying for a scholarship grant in the amount provided  
37 under subdivision (1) of subsection (b2) of this section.
- 38 (3) Eligible students qualifying for a scholarship grant in the amount provided  
39 under subdivision (2) of subsection (b2) of this section.
- 40 (4) ~~Eligible students qualifying for a scholarship grant in the amount provided~~  
41 ~~under subdivision (3) of subsection (b2) of this section.~~
- 42 (5) ~~All other students.~~

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1 (b2) Scholarship grants shall be awarded to eligible students as follows:

2 (1) For students residing in households with an income level not in excess of the  
3 amount required for the student to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price  
4 lunch program, per year per eligible student, an amount of up to one hundred  
5 percent (100%) of the average State per pupil allocation for average daily  
6 membership in the prior fiscal year.

7 (2) For students residing in households with an income level between the amount  
8 required for the student to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price lunch  
9 program and not in excess of two hundred percent (200%) of that amount, per  
10 year per eligible student, an amount of up to ninety percent (90%) of the  
11 average State per pupil allocation for average daily membership in the prior  
12 fiscal year.

13 ~~(3) For students residing in households with an income level of between two~~  
14 ~~hundred percent (200%) of the amount required for the student to qualify for~~  
15 ~~the federal free or reduced price lunch program and not in excess of four~~  
16 ~~hundred fifty percent (450%) of that amount, per year per eligible student, an~~  
17 ~~amount of up to sixty percent (60%) of the average State per pupil allocation~~  
18 ~~for average daily membership in the prior fiscal year.~~

19 (4) ~~For all students, per year per eligible student, an amount of up to forty five~~  
20 ~~percent (45%) of the average State per pupil allocation for average daily~~  
21 ~~membership in the prior fiscal year, unless the student qualifies for a higher~~  
22 ~~amount under this subsection.~~

23 (b3) Tuition and fees for a nonpublic school may include tuition and fees for books,  
24 transportation, equipment, or other items required by the nonpublic school.

25 (b4) No scholarship grant shall exceed, per year per eligible student, an amount equal to  
26 one hundred percent (100%) of the average State per pupil allocation for average daily  
27 membership in the prior fiscal year, and no scholarship grant shall exceed the required tuition  
28 and fees for the nonpublic school the eligible student will attend.

29 (b5) In addition to the amount of the scholarship grant, for any student receiving a  
30 scholarship grant in grades three, eight, or 11, the Authority shall provide to the nonpublic school  
31 an amount equal to the cost of the nationally standardized test required to be administered as  
32 provided in G.S. 115C-562.5.

33 ...."

34 **SECTION 8A.11.(c)** G.S. 115C-562.8 reads as rewritten:

35 "**§ 115C-562.8. The Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve.**

36 ...

37 ~~(b) The General Assembly finds that, due to the critical need in this State to provide~~  
38 ~~opportunity for school choice for North Carolina students, it is imperative that the State provide~~  
39 ~~an increase of funds for 15 years to the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve. Therefore,~~  
40 ~~there~~ There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Reserve the following amounts for each  
41 fiscal year to be used for the purposes set forth in this section:

42 **Fiscal Year**

**Appropriation**

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1	2027-2028	<del>\$700,000,000</del>	<u>\$605,000,000</u>
2	2028-2029	<del>\$725,000,000</del>	<u>\$630,000,000</u>
3	2029-2030	<del>\$750,000,000</del>	<u>\$655,000,000</u>
4	2030-2031	<del>\$775,000,000</del>	<u>\$680,000,000</u>
5	2031-2032	<del>\$800,000,000</del>	<u>\$705,000,000</u>

6 For the 2032-2033 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, there is appropriated from the  
7 General Fund to the Reserve the sum of ~~eight hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$825,000,000)~~  
8 seven hundred thirty million dollars (\$730,000,000) to be used for the purposes set forth in this  
9 section. When developing the base budget, as defined by G.S. 143C-1-1, for each fiscal year  
10 specified in this subsection, the Director of the Budget shall include the appropriated amount  
11 specified in this subsection for that fiscal year.

12 ...."

13 **SECTION 8A.11.(d)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law or of the  
14 Committee Report referenced in Section 45.2 of this act to the contrary, the funds appropriated  
15 to the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve for the award of opportunity scholarship  
16 grants pursuant to Part 2A of Article 39 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes for the 2025-  
17 2026 fiscal year are reduced by the sum of ninety-five million dollars (\$95,000,000) in recurring  
18 funds.

19 **SECTION 8A.11.(e)** This section applies beginning with the 2025-2026 school  
20 year."; and

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22 by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.  
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SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Amendment Sponsor

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

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ FAILED \_\_\_\_\_ TABLED \_\_\_\_\_