



Josh Stein, Governor

*State of North
Carolina*

GOVERNOR JOSH STEIN OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

House Bill 87: AN ACT TO ELECT THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS TO CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY TO PUBLISH AND MAINTAIN AN ANNUAL LIST OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS.

School choice is good for students and parents, and I have long supported magnet and accountable charter schools because public schools open doors of opportunity for kids in every county of the state. Congress and the Administration should strengthen our public schools, not hollow them out. Cutting public education funding by billions of dollars while providing billions in tax giveaways to wealthy parents already sending their kids to private schools is the wrong choice.

However, I see opportunities for the federal scholarship donation tax credit program to benefit North Carolina's public school kids. Once the federal government issues sound guidance, I intend to opt North Carolina in so we can invest in the public school students most in need of after school programs, tutoring, and other resources. Therefore, HB 87 is unnecessary, and I veto it.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Josh Stein".

Josh Stein
Governor

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Date: 8.6.2025

Time: 4:02 PM

Signed: James White

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 6th day of August 2025, at 4:02 PM for reconsideration by that body.

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