

HOUSE BILL 372: UNC AP Scores & Funds/NCSSM-Morganton Campus.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee: House Appropriations. If favorable, re-refer to **Date:** July 24, 2019

Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

Introduced by: Reps. Murphy, Humphrey, K. Smith, Bell Prepared by: Drupti Chauhan Analysis of: Second Edition Committee Counsel

OVERVIEW: House Bill 372 does the following:

- Commends the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina for standardizing Advanced Placement credit policies; and
- Appropriates funds for the Morganton campus of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics.

Part I: UNC Advanced Placement Credit Policies

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 372 commends the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina for adopting a policy and regulations that standardize Advanced Placement credit policies across all of the constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina so that undergraduate students will get appropriate course credit for a score of 3 or higher on an Advanced Placement exam.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section is effective when it becomes law.

BACKGROUND: The new Advanced Placement course credit policy adopted by the Board of Governors directs all of the constituent institutions to award appropriate credit to all undergraduates who have earned a score of 3 or higher on an Advanced Placement exam. Exceptions to this policy are only allowed if a constituent institution petitions its Board of Trustees with compelling reasons for needing an exception and the institution must report any exceptions granted and the reason and evidence for the exception to the President of The University of North Carolina. The policy is effective with the 2019-2020 academic year for freshmen undergraduate students entering constituent institutions for the 2019 fall semester. Other undergraduate students (such as sophomores, juniors, and seniors) may benefit from this policy by opting into the standards documented in an institution's catalog for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Part II: Funds for the Morganton Campus of the North Carolina School of Science and Math

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill appropriates monies to provide funds for staff, operating expenses, and equipment for the Morganton campus of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. The bill appropriates \$1,408,632 from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina in recurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and the sum of \$5,150 in nonrecurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The bill also appropriates \$\$3,389,820 from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina in recurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and the sum of \$792,369 in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section becomes effective July 1, 2019.

OVERALL BILL EFFECTIVE DATE: Except as otherwise provided, the act becomes effective when it becomes law.

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