



HOUSE BILL 668: Various Higher Education Changes.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2019-139 makes the following changes to higher education laws:*

- *Authorizes community colleges to use adequate insurance coverage in place of bonds for employees handling institutional funds and property.*
- *Renames the University Of North Carolina Center For Public Television as The University Of North Carolina Center For Public Media.*
- *Authorizes the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina to establish policies that allow certain lease purchase agreements.*
- *Allows evidence of North Carolina high school graduation for students to rebut the presumption that the student's residence is the parent's residence for establishing residency for in state tuition purposes for North Carolina community colleges and universities.*

The act became effective July 19, 2019.

PART I: NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM

BILL ANALYSIS: Part I of the act allows the State Board of Community Colleges and local boards of trustees to determine and use adequate insurance coverage in place of bonds for employees handling institutional funds and property.

PART II: THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

BILL ANALYSIS: Part II of the act changes the name of the Center for Public Television to the Center for Public Media, and broadens its mission to include noncommercial educational media programming. This Part also gives the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the authority to establish policies to purchase or finance the purchase of computers, computer hardware, computer software, and emergency management equipment such as power generators through lease purchase or installment purchase contracts. Those contracts will be subject to State appropriations and will not pledge the taxing power of the State. No deficiency judgment can be rendered against the Board of Governors or the State for breach of a contractual obligation pursuant to those contracts.

PART III: RESIDENCY STATUS FOR TUITION PURPOSES

BILL ANALYSIS: Part III of the act allows evidence of North Carolina high school graduation for students to reinforce or rebut the presumption that the student's residence is the parent's residence for establishing residency for in-State tuition purposes for North Carolina community colleges and universities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act became effective July 19, 2019.

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