



HOUSE BILL 965: UNC Intrastate Athletic Competition.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee:	House Education - Universities. If favorable, re-refer to Appropriations. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	June 4, 2024
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OVERVIEW: *The 1st edition of HB 965 would require certain constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina to regularly play against each other in football, men's basketball, and women's basketball. The PCS would allow home games to be played at a neutral site selected by the hosting constituent institutions and make other technical changes.*

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS would require constituent institutions with a full-time equivalent enrollment of at least 30,000 students in the fall semester of the 2023-2024 academic year (high enrollment institutions) to do the following in football, men's basketball, and women's basketball:

- Every year:
 - Play each other at least once (either home or away).
 - Play another constituent institution that fields a high-level football team (eligible constituent institution) at least once (either home or away).
- At least once every six years:
 - Play at least one home and one away game against other eligible constituent institutions that are not high enrollment institutions.
- Alternate home and away games scheduled against the same eligible constituent institution that is not a high-enrollment institution.

Home games could be played at a neutral location if the hosting institution chooses. A high-level football team would be defined as one that competes in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) of Division I competition of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) or a successor group.

One million dollars would be appropriated to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina to inform eligible constituent institutions and the general public about these intrastate games.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The PCS would become effective July 1, 2024, and would apply beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year.

BACKGROUND: According to [The University of North Carolina System Office](#), two constituent institutions had full-time equivalent enrollments of more than 30,000 students in the fall semester of the 2023-2024 academic year: The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH)(30,127) and North Carolina State University (NCSU)(34,169).

According to the [NCAA](#), the following constituent institutions have football teams at the FBS Division I level: Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, NCSU, UNC-CH, and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

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