



SENATE BILL 257:

2026 Appropriations Act, Sec. 8.12:

Increase NC Promise Tuition for Nonresidents

2025-2026 General Assembly

Analysis of: S.L. 2026-41, Sec. 8.12

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Section 8.12 of S.L. 2026-41 (Senate Bill 257) increases the rate of tuition for nonresident students at NC Promise institutions from \$3,500 to \$4,000 per academic semester. NC Promise institutions include all of the following:

- Elizabeth City State University
- The University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- Fayetteville State University
- Western Carolina University

This section applies beginning in the 2027-2028 academic year to nonresident students matriculating at NC Promise institutions. Nonresident students enrolled in the 2026-2027 academic year who remain continuously enrolled in that NC Promise institutions can continue to receive that student's prior rate of tuition.

This section became effective July 1, 2026.

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