

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 880
SENATE BILL 1028

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND THE STATE'S PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO COOPERATE IN AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 500, Section 37 of the 1989 Session Laws, is repealed.

Sec. 2. G.S. 116-11 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(10a) The Board of Governors, the State Board of Community Colleges, and the State Board of Education, in consultation with private higher education institutions defined in G.S. 116-22(1), shall plan a system to provide an exchange of information among the public schools and institutions of higher education to be implemented no later than June 30, 1995. As used in this section, 'institutions of higher education' shall mean public higher education institutions defined in G.S. 116-143.1(a)(3), and those private higher education institutions defined in G.S. 116-22(1) that choose to participate in the information exchange. The information shall include:

- a. The number of high school graduates who apply to, are admitted to, and enroll in institutions of higher education;
- b. College performance of high school graduates for the year immediately following high school graduation including each student's: need for remedial coursework at the institution of higher education that the student attends; performance in standard freshmen courses; and continued enrollment in a subsequent year in the same or another institution of higher education in the State;
- c. The progress of students from one institution of higher education to another; and
- d. Consistent and uniform public school course information including course code, name, and description.

The Department of Public Instruction shall generate and the local school administrative units shall use standardized transcripts in an automated format for applicants to higher education institutions. The standardized transcript shall include grade point average, class rank, end-of-course test scores, and uniform course information including course

code, name, units earned toward graduation, and credits earned for admission from an institution of higher education. The grade point average and class rank shall be calculated by a standard method to be devised by the institutions of higher education."

Sec. 3. G.S. 115C-12(18) is amended by adding a new sub-subdivision to read:

"c. The State Board of Education shall comply with the provisions of G.S. 116-11(10a) to plan and implement an exchange of information between the public schools and the institutions of higher education in the State."

Sec. 4. G.S. 115D-5 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(a2) The State Board of Community Colleges shall comply with the provisions of G.S. 116-11(10a) to plan and implement an exchange of information between the public schools and the institutions of higher education in the State."

Sec. 5. The State Board of Education shall plan how to include the information described in G.S. 116-11(10a)a. and b. in the annual report card described in G.S. 115C-12(9)c1. The State Board of Education shall make an interim report on progress made to include this information in the annual report card prior to December 1, 1992, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee. A final report shall be submitted to the General Assembly prior to May 1, 1993.

Sec. 6. A joint report of progress made to develop a system to provide an exchange of information shall be made to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee no later than February 15, 1993, and annually thereafter.

Sec. 7. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 8th day of July, 1992.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives