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HOUSE BILL 988

Short Title: Help FSU Assist Military Personnel. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Lucas, E. Floyd, Dickson, Glazier (Primary Sponsors); Hughes and Pierce.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 2, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ENHANCE FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY'S ABILITY TO ASSIST BRAC PERSONNEL, REDEPLOYING SOLDIERS, AND MILITARY PERSONNEL IN GENERAL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of two hundred fifty-one thousand dollars (\$251,000) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year and the sum of three hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$355,000) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. These funds shall be used by Fayetteville State University to enhance its ability to assist BRAC personnel, redeploying soldiers, and military personnel in general. Specifically, these funds shall be used for the following:

- (1) To establish and support three additional counselor positions at the university's Fort Bragg Center to provide counseling to prospective and current students about admissions, financial aid, degree planning, transfer equivalencies, and higher education options in general. These counselors shall also advise the university about ways the university can serve military personnel and their families more effectively.
- (2) To contract with an instructional designer to develop a distributed learning pilot program that can meet the demands of soldiers deployed or relocated while enrolled in university courses by combining different learning modalities, such as online delivery, video streaming, and two-way interactive television, with traditional face-to-face learning. The instructional designer shall also train faculty in the use of the pilot program.
- (3) To prevent reduction of faculty salaries for low enrollment courses in Servicemembers' Opportunity College approved programs such as criminal justice and computer science by making up the difference between tuition receipts and faculty salaries in these programs at the university's Fort Bragg Center that have low enrollment.
- (4) To establish Project START (Spouse Tuition Assistance Reduction Term) to allow free tuition for up to six semester credit hours to the first 10 eligible active duty military spouses to sign up during each of five eight-week terms.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.

