

2004 Short Session Non-Budget Legislative Initiatives

HIGHEST PRIORITY

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| 1 | Bond Project Modifications
Campus Requests | <p>The following projects listed in Chapter 3 of the 2000 Session Laws and authorized by voter referendum in November 2000 have been recommended for scope modifications by the campuses. These suggested changes are consistent with the initial intent of the listed projects. However, these alterations are due to changed conditions or discovery of a more efficient means to accomplish the same end result.</p> <p>1a) <u>NC A&T</u>. Cancellation of Central Cooling Plant Phase I (\$9,430,700) and transfer to a New School of Education.</p> <p>1b) <u>UNCW</u>. Reduce the scope of Alderman Hall Classroom Building (-\$2,204,652) and Kenan Auditorium (-\$1,173,325). Apply the reduced funds (\$3,377,977) to King Hall Classroom Building, Hinton James Hall Classroom Building and Kenan Hall Classroom Building.</p> <p>1c) <u>FSU</u>. Alter the scope of Comprehensive Renovation and Conversion of Spaulding for Public Safety Facilities (\$1,420,845) to reflect occupancy of the complete facility by Student Health Services and student counseling.</p> <p>1d) <u>FSU</u>. Transfer unused funds (\$300,000) from William Collins Building Renovation to a renovation of the Mitchell Building. The Mitchell Building will house the Public Safety Facilities.</p> <p>1e) <u>NCSU</u>. Change scope of Harrelson Hall Higher Education Bond Project from a renovation to a replacement project. A replacement classroom facility will be constructed to meet the current needs of the campus (\$13,608,500)</p> <p>1f) <u>UNC-CH</u>. Alter the scope of a project for constructing a stand-alone community health building to allow the campus to add space to the Medical Science Research Building and renovate space within that building. The programmatic scope of the project is unchanged and savings would be transferred to other health affairs related bond projects.</p> |
| 2 | Special Obligation Bonds For
Acquisition of Equipment and
Renovation or Repair of Existing
Facilities | Amend GS 116 and GS 116D to provide low-cost financing for major equipment purchases and repairs and renovations to facilities for smaller-scale projects that are not considered to be Capital Improvement projects. |
| 3 | Authority For One-Time
Expenditures | Amend GS 116-30.2(b) to authorize NC School of Science and Mathematics to carry over 2 ½% of its general fund appropriations for one time expenditures. |
| 4 | Contributions To Parental Savings
Trust Fund Tax Deductible. | Amend GS 105-134.6 & GS 116-209.25 to allow taxpayers who make contributions to the Parental Savings Trust Fund to deduct all, or a portion of, their total contributions in calculating NC taxable income for any given tax year beginning in 2004. |

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| 5 | Retain Proceeds From Sale of Chancellor's Residence | Allow for a one-time exemption from GS 146-30 to allow FSU and NCSA to retain the proceeds from the sale of the existing chancellor's residence and apply the proceeds toward the cost of a new residence. |
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| 6 | UNC Internal Mediation Documents | Seek to protect documents and discussion generated by UNC internal mediation from discovery in litigation and/or use at trial; and to clarify that a mediator preparing a mediation settlement agreement is not engaged in the practice of law. |
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Academic Affairs

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| 7 | Military Tuition | <p>Amend the NC Military Tuition Statutes (GS 116-143.3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Add "abiding in this state" to relevant sentences of GS 116-143.3 (b1) and (b2) b) Work to improve military tuition benefits for active duty members of the armed services abiding in the state. c) Grandfather in-state tuition for dependents of active military personnel upon permanent reassignment outside of the state. Such dependents would retain in-state tuition rate for the remainder of any degree program in which they are enrolled at the time of transfer. d) Grandfather in-state tuition for active duty transferees upon permanent reassignment outside of the state. Such personnel would retain in-state tuition rate for the remainder of any degree program in which they are enrolled at the time of transfer out of the state. |
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| 8 | Amend N.C. Disability Income Plan | Repeal changes to G.S. 135 legislation enacted last session that rewrote the definitions of disability under the N.C. Disability Income Plan. |
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| 9 | Dual Office Holding | Eliminate the prohibition against spouses of members of the Board of Governors' and of members of Boards of Trustees' being employees or officers of the State, so long as the spouse is not an officer or employee of UNC, for BOG members, or of the relevant campus, for BOT members. |
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| 10 | Lead-Time For Acquisition Of Real Property | The acquisition of real property valued \$25,000 or greater by the UNC System requires approval by the respective Board of Trustees, UNC Board of Governors, Jt. Commission on Governmental Operations (Gov. Ops) and the Council of State. Only Gov. Ops does not have a regular, year round meeting time thereby creating delays. It is recommended that GS 146-22 be rewritten in a manner requiring the purchase of land by reporting to Gov. Ops thirty (30) days prior to the sale. |
| 11 | Construction Specifications | Modify GS 133-3 to allow campuses of the University to establish campus standards for building components by conducting public evaluation and selection processes and thereafter specifying said components by brand when writing construction specifications. |
| 12 | NC Rehabilitation Pilot Building Code | Adoption of the NC Rehabilitation Pilot Building Code as the NC Existing Building Code. |

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| 13 | Paid Time Off Program | Amend GS 126 to allow a Paid Time Off program to State and University employees. If not enacted, allow the University to offer a Paid Time Off program to employees. A Paid Time Off program merges all the kinds of leave instead of keeping track of annual leave, sick leave, etc. separately. |
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| 14 | Revenue Anticipation Notes | Permit use of revenue anticipation notes to borrow money for the purpose of paying expenses budgeted or incurred for the current fiscal year in anticipation of the receipt of revenues estimated to be realized during such fiscal year. |
| 15 | Property Insurance Program | Seek exemption from the NC Department of Insurance's State Property Fire Insurance Fund and establish our own property insurance program. |
| 16 | Amend Contract Requirements | Abolish the requirement to only allow for 3-year contracts without prior written permission from the State Purchasing Officer. |

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| 17 | University Personnel System | Provide the authority for the University of North Carolina to create a separate university personnel system that would better reflect the needs of a multi-campus, multi-mission, higher education system. |
| 18 | Optional Retirement Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Allow all EPA employees who were never given an opportunity a one-time option to switch from TSERS to ORP. These are employees who were actively employed prior to August 1, 2003. b) Decrease vesting period for the ORP to one year. |

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| 19 | Tuition Status of Undocumented NC High School Graduates | If the federal DREAM act passes, which will return to the states the right to decide the tuition status of undocumented students who graduate from state high schools, UNC should support legislation to study and make recommendations concerning resident tuition status for undocumented students who graduate from NC high schools. |
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