

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 462

Short Title: UNC/UTEACH Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Barefoot, Curtis, and Daniel (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 30, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE PRESIDENT, OR THE PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE, AND THE
3 BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO
4 CONSIDER AND EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF APPLYING FOR AND
5 IMPLEMENTING THE UTEACH PROGRAM AS PART OF THE CURRICULA
6 OFFERED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.(a)** The President, or the President's designee, and the Board of
9 Governors of The University of North Carolina shall jointly consider and evaluate the
10 feasibility of applying for and implementing the UTEACH program as part of the curricula
11 offered by The University of North Carolina System.

12 UTEACH is a model program originally developed by the University of Texas at
13 Austin. It is designed as a secondary STEM (science, technology, engineering, and
14 mathematics) teacher preparation program with the goal of attracting high-caliber students,
15 experienced and successful master teachers, and tenure-track faculty who are interested in
16 STEM education. The UTEACH program is a course of study that combines the requirements
17 for rigorous STEM degrees and for secondary teaching certification without adding time or cost
18 to four-year degrees.

19 **SECTION 1.(b)** In their evaluation of the UTEACH program, the President, or the
20 President's designee, and the Board of Governors may consider the following:

- 21 (1) How the UTEACH program would match up with the curricula currently
22 offered through The University of North Carolina System and what
23 adjustments, if any, would be required for implementation of the UTEACH
24 program.
- 25 (2) Which constituent institutions and which departments and programs at those
26 institutions would participate and collaborate in the UTEACH program if it
27 was implemented.
- 28 (3) The application process and time frame required to develop a UTEACH
29 program tailored to fit within the curricula of The University of North
30 Carolina System.
- 31 (4) The cost of implementing and maintaining a UTEACH program and the
32 alternatives for financing the program.
- 33 (5) Any statutory amendments or other legislative action that would be needed
34 for the implementation of a UTEACH program.
- 35 (6) Any other issues the President, or the President's designee, and the Board of
36 Governors deem relevant in their evaluation of the UTEACH program.



1 **SECTION 2.** The President, or the President's designee, and the Board of
2 Governors of The University of North Carolina shall report to the Joint Legislative Education
3 Oversight Committee by April 1, 2018, their findings and recommendations regarding the
4 feasibility of applying for and implementing the UTEACH program as part of the curricula
5 offered through The University of North Carolina System.

6 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.