



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

HOUSE BILL 664: myFutureNC/Postsecondary Attainment Goal.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	House Education - Universities. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	April 16, 2019
Introduced by:	Rep. Fraley	Prepared by:	Drupti Chauhan
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H664-CSRQ-6		Committee Counsel

OVERVIEW: House Bill 664 would establish a postsecondary educational attainment goal for the State and would create a Joint Legislative Task Force on Postsecondary Attainment (Task Force).

The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) would: (i) clarify that the Task Force members would elect a chair and vice chair; (ii) provide that the first meeting would be called by either the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives; (iii) require the final report be submitted by December 31, 2020; and (iv) provide that the Task Force would terminate on December 31, 2020, or upon the filing of the final report, whichever comes first.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS for House Bill 664 would establish a postsecondary educational attainment goal for the State in order to ensure that the State remains economically competitive now and into the future. The State is to make significant efforts to increase access to learning so that by 2030, at least 2,000,000 residents between the ages of 25 and 44 will have completed a high-quality credential or postsecondary degree.

Beginning September 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, the myFutureNC Commission must report to the General Assembly on the progress of the State reaching the postsecondary attainment goal and the activities of the Commission to further the State towards the goal.

The PCS also creates the Task Force which would have 9 members: 3 members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore; 3 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and 3 public members appointed by the Governor. The members of the Task Force must elect a chair and vice chair from among its membership. The first meeting of the Task Force may be called by either the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives with subsequent meetings at the call of the chair of the Task Force.

The Task Force must create an inventory of existing education programs and policies to assess the effectiveness of those programs and policies in order to facilitate the progress of the State in reaching its postsecondary educational attainment goal. This study must be done in consultation with the Department of Public Instruction, the Community Colleges System Office, The University of North Carolina System Office, and the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities. Also as a part of the study, the Task Force must consider the work and recommendations of the myFutureNC Commission and the Postsecondary Education Credentials Commission, as well as any other issues the Task Force considers relevant.

The Task Force must submit an interim report by March 1, 2020, and a final report by December 31, 2020, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee. The Task Force terminates on December 31, 2020, or upon the filing of its final report, whichever comes first.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective when it becomes law.

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