

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 812

Short Title: Student Tax Reduction (STAR) Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Smith and Grafstein (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

May 6, 2024

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE TAX BURDEN ON STUDENT DEBT RELIEF.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 105-153.5(c2) reads as rewritten:

5 "(c2) Decoupling Adjustments. – In calculating North Carolina taxable income, a taxpayer
6 must make the following adjustments to the taxpayer's adjusted gross income:

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8 ~~(22) For taxable years 2021 through 2025, a taxpayer must add an amount equal to~~
9 ~~the amount by which the taxpayer's exclusion from the taxpayer's gross~~
10 ~~income for the discharge of a student loan under section 108(f)(5) of the Code~~
11 ~~exceeds the exclusion that would have been allowed under the Internal~~
12 ~~Revenue Code as enacted as of May 1, 2020. The purpose of this subdivision~~
13 ~~is to decouple from the exclusion from income for the discharge of a student~~
14 ~~loan under section 9675 of the American Reseue Plan Act of 2021. If the~~
15 ~~taxpayer is insolvent, as defined in section 108(d)(3) of the Code, then the~~
16 ~~addition required under this subdivision is limited to the amount of discharge~~
17 ~~of student loan indebtedness excluded from adjusted gross income under~~
18 ~~section 108(f)(5) of the Code that exceeds the amount of discharge of~~
19 ~~indebtedness that would have been excluded under section 108(a)(1)(B) of the~~
20 ~~Code.~~

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22 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1,
23 2025.



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