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HOUSE BILL 151

Short Title: Amend Leg. Tuition Grants.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Owens.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A LEGISLATIVE TUITION GRANT MAY BE PAID
TO A STUDENT WHO ATTENDS A BIBLE COLLEGE THAT MEETS THE
SAME CRITERIA AS OTHER PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 116-22 reads as rewritten:

"§ 116-22. Definitions applicable to §§ ~~116-19~~ G.S. 116-19 through G.S. 116-22.

As used in G.S. 116-19 through ~~116-22~~: G.S. 116-22:

- (1) 'Institution' shall mean an educational institution with its main campus located in this State that is not owned or operated by the State of North Carolina or by an agency or political subdivision of the State or by any combination thereof, that is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools under the standards of the College Delegate Assembly of said Association and that is not a seminary, Bible school, ~~Bible college~~ or similar religious institution.
- (2) 'Student' shall mean a resident of North Carolina in accordance with definitions of residency that may from time to time be adopted by the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina and published in the residency manual of said Board; and a person who has not received a bachelor's degree, or qualified therefor, and who is otherwise classified as an undergraduate under such regulations as the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina may promulgate. The enrollment figures required by G.S. 116-19 through 116-22 shall be the number of full-time equivalent students as computed under regulations prescribed by the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina. Qualification for in-State tuition under G.S. 116-143.3 makes a person a 'student' as defined in this subdivision."

1 **SECTION 2.** Article 1 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by
2 adding a new section to read:

3 **"§ 116-21A. Contract terms and payment of funds if the institution is a Bible**
4 **college.**

5 If the institution receiving funds under G.S. 116-19 through G.S. 116-22 is a Bible
6 college, then the State Education Assistance Authority shall enter into a contract with
7 the Bible college that includes the following terms:

8 (1) Payments under G.S. 116-19 and G.S. 116-20 shall be made only at
9 the end of that institution's academic year.

10 (2) At the end of each academic year, the institution shall certify the
11 number of North Carolina students enrolled at the institution for that
12 year and shall submit to the State Education Assistance Authority the
13 list of eligible students who completed their academic course of study
14 for that year.

15 (3) After receiving the list of eligible students, the State Education
16 Assistance Authority shall pay to each eligible student on the list the
17 fixed sum of money for that regular academic year based on the
18 appropriation made by the General Assembly."

19 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.