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HOUSE BILL 1068

Short Title: CC Tuition Waiver/Military Firefighters & EMS. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Cleveland.

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Appropriations

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO WAIVE
2 TUITION AND REGISTRATION FEES FOR CERTAIN FIREFIGHTERS, EMS
3 PERSONNEL, AND RESCUE AND LIFESAVING PERSONNEL WHOSE PERMANENT
4 DUTY STATION IS WITHIN NORTH CAROLINA, FOR COURSES THAT SUPPORT
5 THEIR ORGANIZATIONS' TRAINING NEEDS AND ARE APPROVED FOR THIS
6 PURPOSE BY THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES.
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8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115D-5(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

10 "(b) In order to make instruction as accessible as possible to all citizens, the teaching of
11 curricular courses and of noncurricular extension courses at convenient locations away from
12 institution campuses as well as on campuses is authorized and shall be encouraged. A pro rata
13 portion of the established regular tuition rate charged a full-time student shall be charged a
14 part-time student taking any curriculum course. In lieu of any tuition charge, the State Board of
15 Community Colleges shall establish a uniform registration fee, or a schedule of uniform
16 registration fees, to be charged students enrolling in extension courses for which instruction is
17 financed primarily from State funds. The State Board of Community Colleges may provide by
18 general and uniform regulations for waiver of tuition and registration fees for the following:

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20 (2a) Firefighters, EMS personnel, and rescue and lifesaving personnel whose
21 permanent duty station is within North Carolina and whose departments have
22 mutual aid agreements with one or more surrounding areas, for courses that
23 support their organizations' training needs and are approved for this purpose by
24 the State Board of Community Colleges.

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26 The State Board of Community Colleges shall not waive tuition and registration fees for other
27 individuals."

28 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115D-39(a1) reads as rewritten:

29 "(a1) In addition, federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMS personnel, and rescue
30 and lifesaving personnel whose permanent duty station is within North Carolina and who do not
31 otherwise qualify for tuition waivers under G.S. 115D-5(b)(2a) shall also be eligible for the State
32 resident community college tuition rate for courses that support their organizations' training needs
33 and are approved for this purpose by the State Board of Community Colleges."

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

