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HOUSE BILL 247

Short Title: Limit Soldiers' Community College Tuition. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hanes, Horn, Floyd, and Blackwell (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Education - Community Colleges

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO LIMIT COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION FOR REENROLLING ACTIVE
DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS SO THAT THE MAXIMUM RATE SHALL NOT EXCEED
AVAILABLE FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 116-143.3 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(b3) Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-5(b), if the amount of the out-of-state tuition rate for a community college exceeds the amount of tuition assistance available from the federal government, as set forth in the U.S. Department of Defense Directive, 1322.08E, promulgated pursuant to 10 U.S.C. §§ 2005 and 2007, for active duty members of the Armed Forces, the amount by which the out-of-state tuition rate exceeds the amount of the federal tuition assistance available to the institution or active duty member of the Armed Forces shall be waived, provided all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The active duty member of the Armed Forces was enrolled in a degree or other program at a North Carolina community college and charged the in-State tuition rate at the time of deployment or reassignment.
- (2) The active duty member of the Armed Forces was not able to remain continuously enrolled in the degree or other program at the North Carolina community college due to deployment or reassignment.
- (3) The active duty member of the Armed Forces reenrolls in the degree or other program at the North Carolina community college in which the member was enrolled at the time the member was deployed or reassigned within 18 months of deployment or reassignment.
- (4) The active duty member of the Armed Forces does not otherwise qualify for the in-State tuition rate.

The amount of tuition charged to an active duty member of the Armed Forces eligible to receive this waiver shall not be lower than the in-State tuition rate."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2017, and applies beginning with the 2017-2018 academic year.



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