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SENATE BILL DRS45097-MKa-114

Short Title: Repeal Tuition Surcharge. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Perry, Tillman, and Horner (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE TUITION SURCHARGE IMPOSED BY THE BOARD OF
3 GOVERNORS ON STUDENTS WHO TAKE MORE THAN 140 DEGREE CREDIT
4 HOURS TO COMPLETE A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE IN A FOUR-YEAR
5 PROGRAM OR MORE THAN 110% OF THE CREDIT HOURS TO COMPLETE A
6 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE IN A FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 SECTION 1. G.S. 116-143.7 is repealed.

9 SECTION 2. G.S. 116-143.9 reads as rewritten:

10 "§ 116-143.9. Fixed tuition payment.

11 (a) There is established the fixed tuition payment program. The rate of tuition of any
12 freshman or transfer undergraduate student who is admitted to any constituent institution of The
13 University of North Carolina and deemed to be a North Carolina resident for purposes of tuition
14 shall be guaranteed as provided by this section. The program shall have the following
15 components:

16 (1) A guarantee that the rate of tuition approved by either the Board of Governors
17 or the Board of Trustees of the constituent institution will remain constant or
18 decrease during the tuition period.

19 (2) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the tuition period shall be
20 (i) eight consecutive academic semesters for a student seeking a baccalaureate
21 degree in a four-year program or 10 consecutive academic semesters for a
22 student seeking a baccalaureate degree in a program officially designated by
23 the Board of Governors as a five-year program, not including any summer
24 sessions, or (ii) the appropriate balance of a designated program length after
25 making the proper adjustments for a student who transfers to the constituent
26 institution.

27 (3) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the student must remain
28 enrolled continuously at the constituent institution during the entire tuition
29 period.

30 (4) At the end of the tuition period, the cost of tuition for any additional academic
31 semesters reverts to the amount of the current tuition for that constituent
32 institution and a tuition surcharge imposed under G.S. 116-143.7, if
33 applicable institution.

34 (b) The tuition period may be tolled if the student is able to demonstrate a substantial
35 disruption or interruption in that any of the following have substantially disrupted or interrupted
36 the student's pursuit of a degree as provided in G.S. 116-143.7(e). degree: (i) a military service



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1 obligation, (ii) serious medical debilitation, (iii) a short-term or long-term disability, or (iv) other
2 extraordinary hardship. The Board of Governors shall establish the appropriate procedures to
3 implement this subsection.

4 (c) The Board of Governors shall adopt the policies needed to implement this section and
5 shall also determine what the fixed tuition rates and the tuition periods shall be for undergraduate
6 transfer students who are North Carolina residents for purposes of tuition."

7 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019, and applies beginning with
8 the 2019-2020 academic year.