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SENATE BILL 615

Short Title:	DACA Recipients/In-State Tuition.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Nickel, Waddell, and Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:	Rules and Operations of the Senate	

April 4, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN BENEFICIARIES OF THE FEDERAL DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS INITIATIVE TO RECEIVE IN-STATE TUITION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN THIS STATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 116-143.1 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

"(n) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a person who meets all of the following qualifications shall be accorded resident tuition status:

(1) The person received a high school diploma from a secondary school or high school within North Carolina or received a high school equivalency diploma within North Carolina.

(2) The person attended North Carolina schools for a minimum of two consecutive years immediately prior to completing high school.

(3) The person is a beneficiary of the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) initiative and provides documentation to the constituent institution or community college to which the person is enrolled demonstrating that the person is a DACA beneficiary.

(4) The person satisfies the admission standards for the constituent institution or community college to which the person applied and has secured admission and enrolled as a student at the constituent institution or community college.

(o) Any information obtained as part of the process of applying for in-State tuition pursuant to subsection (n) of this section shall be confidential and is not a public record."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2019, and applies beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year.